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Andover Day just a week away

Music, sales, food on Main Street

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With a look to the future and also some old-fashioned entertainment, this year's Andover Day celebration promises to offer something for the whole family.

"That's what's making this year's event spectacular. There's something for everyone and we're getting wonderful support," said Betsy Powers, president of the Andover Business Center Association.

The downtown business group paired with the town to include as part of the day the official ribbon-cutting that will mark the end of the Main Street makeover. The \$3 million state construction project officially will be just a memory when the Andover Day event steps off on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9 a.m.

"Teaming up was the way to do it," Powers said. "Stores will have their sidewalk sales but we're also celebrating the new look on Main Street."

A future Main Street tenant seems eager to get involved with the Andover Day event as it made a big contribution. Stop & Shop announced last year that it will be moving into the Market Basket space in Shawsheen Plaza on North Main Street. The move is planned for when the Market Basket lease expires next year. Stop & Shop donated \$15,000 to Andover Day, Powers said. The company is the gold sponsor,

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ANDOVER DAY

- Saturday, Oct. 3
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Main Street will be closed to traffic between Elm Square and Punchard Avenue.
- A stage will be set up at Elm Square. Live entertainment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9-10 a.m., Andover Cultural Council
- 10-10:30 a.m., Dance Showcase featuring Nancy Chippendales Dance Studio, Karla Pattavina Dance Academy, Center for the Performing Arts and Just Dance
- 10:30-11 a.m., Merrimack Valley Chorus
- 11-11:30 a.m., Fashion show, presented by Andover Boutiques
- 11:30 a.m.-noon, The Celtics Cheerleaders
- noon-12:45 p.m., live performance by the local band, One Step Away
- 12:45-1:30 p.m., Scott Nichols Band
- 1:30-2 p.m., Ribbon-cutting with town officials
- 2 p.m.-on, Live Performances by River Artists, Magnus, Pretending, Matt Hires, Entrain

DUMP PATROL



Bald Hill compost site volunteer Tim Jackson stands at the entrance to the dump on High Plain Road. The town is cracking down on illegal dumping using volunteers, town workers and even the police.

Town enlists police, workers, cameras to stop off-hours dumping

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Beware the grass police, if you are someone who dumps something inappropriately at the town dump.

The town considers illegal dumping to be such an issue at the compost site on High Plain Road that it has installed a surveillance camera and resorted to police enforcement to quell the problem.

Joe Piantedosi, Plant and Facilities Department director, said the majority of the illegal activity happens after hours, when the site is closed and no longer monitored. People are dumping materials that shouldn't be there, and also tossing bags of grass and leaves over a locked fence or leaving piles right under a "no dumping" sign when the gate is locked. The property is conservation land, with a deed restriction, so only grass and leaves should be brought to the site. Brush, plastic bags and other items must be trucked offsite.

With autumn arriving, the activity at the site typically skyrockets. Through September, the site is open on Saturdays only. Starting Oct. 1, it will be open seven days a week.

"Illegal dumping is costing the taxpayers of Andover a lot of money right now. Not only is it using extra manpower, but we have to properly dispose (of other materials left)," said Piantedosi. "I'm going to do my best to make sure we catch people, and issue fines to them through the police department. They're costing the Andover taxpayer a lot of money, and some of them are just downright inconsiderate."

This month, several people have



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Andover Police have been enforcing the new vehicle sticker policy at the town compost site on High Plain Road. Starting Sept. 1, the town has required residents to purchase a \$25 vehicle sticker to dump their leaves or grass clippings at the site.

COMPOST SITE STICKERS

- \$25 for one year, for Andover residents only
- Stickers can be obtained through the Plant and Facilities office in Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., and applicants must show proof of Andover residency through a car registration.
- Stickers for Andover-based businesses will be available for \$1,000 for the first vehicle and \$100 for each additional vehicle, with a maximum of three.
- Stickers can be obtained through the mail; residents should send a check and a copy of their vehicle registration, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Plant and Facilities.
- For full details, see www.andoverma.gov/facilities/compost.php
- For more information, contact the Plant and Facilities department at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., 978-623-8288 or facilities@andoverma.gov

been caught dumping illegally either by nearby residents, town employees or the site's surveillance camera, and reported to police. Last week, Andover police tracked down two people, issuing

them bylaw citations, which costs \$25 for a first offense and \$50 for a second offense.

Plant and Facilities maintains

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Final cuts remain unknown

Residents vote at Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover leaders have 13 more days to trim \$327,376 from the budget before an Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting.

A balanced budget must be passed by voters to set the town's property tax rate. But where the final money will come from remains to be seen.

On Monday, Sept. 21, both the selectmen and finance committee voted to recommend approval of the town manager's suggested portion of the deficit for the schools, \$920,471. On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the School Committee expressed disappointment in Monday's votes, and voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of the \$920,471 figure.

"We're at a breaking point," said Selectman Jerry Stabile Jr. at a Sept. 21 board meeting, discussing revenue possibilities from a proposed tax increase on restaurant meals. "We're at a point where there's no more nooks and crannies to go to."

The School Committee has balked at Superintendent Claudia Bach's suggestion to close the gap by eliminating 11 teachers: seven elementary, three middle school and one specialist. The committee says reducing class size and laying off teachers are not options.

"It's a very solvable problem," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein of the \$327,376 figure. "It was a consensus of the School Committee at our work session (last week) that we did not want class size on the table at this time."

A six-person subcommittee, comprised of two members each from the selectmen, School and finance committees, was scheduled to meet Wednesday evening, Sept. 23, after Townsman deadline, hoping to make progress toward a balanced budget.

This summer, town leaders faced a \$2 million deficit for fiscal year 2010, which began July 1. The figure was adjusted to \$1.4 million after residents at an Aug. 31 Town Meeting voted to approve a hotel/motel tax increase, bringing in \$320,588 in additional revenue, and a property tax growth deficit estimate changed \$350,000 for the better.

A private article on the Oct. 7 Town Meeting warrant, submitted by Canterbury Street resident

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Selectmen asked to turn on water-rate increase

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Residents may be facing a water rate increase, just one year after the rate jumped for the first time in over a decade.

Andover's water enterprise fund has a \$1 million deficit, and a 10-percent water rate increase has been suggested by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Jack Petkus, director of Public Works, as a way to close the gap.

"It's a direct result of the overabundance of rain, and people using less water for irrigation purposes. Unfortunately, it's a result of mother nature," said

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Greek Festival no Spartan affair this weekend



Elaine Pscatore, left, and Vikky Giannakas joke with each other as they twist koulourakias, a Greek butter cookie, at Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover in preparation for the church's annual Greek Festival this weekend. The festival, complete with meals, music, cooking demonstrations, an exotic creatures show and other activities will be held Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sept. 27, noon to 6 p.m., at the 71 Chandler Road church. A shuttle bus will be available from West Elementary School lot on Beacon Street.

Roger Darrigrand/Staff photo

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DUMP: Residents now required to buy sticker

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the Bald Hill site, processing and turning the compost regularly. It is screened and ground into mulch, which is used by the town or sold.

Starting this month, residents are required to purchase a \$25 vehicle sticker to dump at the site. More than 200 stickers have been sold to dump at the site, said Piantedosi, and the new program has been going well. Only a few people are dumping illegally. Some of the offenders have come from out of town, said Piantedosi, but some are Andover residents who have "purposely and willfully" dumped right under the "No dumping" sign, he said.

While the site is open, monitors check incoming cars for stickers, and make sure they leave only

grass clippings or leaves. Monitors are often senior citizens volunteering for tax credits.

"They've been doing this for a long time, prior to having the permit program. They're very conscientious town residents that really care about the site, and do a great job at making sure things are done properly up there," said Piantedosi.

The few cars that have arrived without a proper sticker have been understanding, he said.

Warren Kearn lives on High Plain Road, less than a mile from the compost site, and said he often sees bags and piles left just outside the fence, making it difficult for others to enter. Kearn volunteered as a monitor at the site for years, before the sticker program was implemented. It's a shame, he said,

BALD HILL COMPOST SITE'S HOURS

- Open Saturdays only through September, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Open seven days a week Oct. 1 through Thanksgiving: Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays noon to 4 p.m.

that some people can't be bothered to use the site properly.

Kearn, who is in his 80s, says he takes wheelbarrows full of grass clippings down to the site when it's open. If he can do it at his age, he said, there's no reason why younger people can't.

After the first year of the sticker program elapses, Piantedosi said he will send a survey to every

person who has purchased a sticker, asking for feedback and suggestions on scheduling.

"We encourage all residents that use the site legally, to report illegal dumping to the police or my department. We want to do everything we can to stop it," said Piantedosi. "Until we make some examples of them, we're going to continue to see this. That's why I'm going to try and put a stop to it."

Piantedosi provided the Townsman with a photo of a man dumping a bag of clippings outside the fence.

Laws pertaining to dumping illegally on public property – especially conservation land – are strict, said Piantedosi. Offenders can be taken to court, and in extreme cases, fined up to \$10,000 or 10 years in jail, he said.

Seat belt study shows increase in use

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has announced the result of its 2009 Statewide Belt Use Observation Survey. The survey, funded by EOPSS using a federal grant, revealed that 74 percent of Massachusetts drivers are wearing their seat belts. This represents an increase of 7 percentage points from 2008 when only 67 percent were buckled up.

EOPSS funds state and local police to conduct extra high-visibility enforcement of the existing seat belt law and encourages them to make belt use a priority.

Following the lead of the Massachusetts State Police, over 100 local police departments have adopted zero-tolerance policies with respect to seat belt violations in 2009.

"We cannot thank our partners in law enforcement enough for stepping up on the issue of seat belts and driving home the message that if you are pulled over and not wearing a seat belt you will get a ticket," said Sheila Burgess, Director of Highway Safety for EOPSS.

EOPSS was awarded a \$600,000 grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2008 to conduct a demonstration project called Click It or Ticket: Next Generation. The project consists of funding extra high-visibility traffic enforcement by state and local police and a public awareness campaign three times per year during 2009 and 2010.

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Staff file photo

A clown entertains a crowd on Main Street during last year's Andover Day.

ANDOVER DAY: Live music, apple pie contest

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along with FM radio station 92.5.

Live music by four bands will play during the event while the vacant Beauty and Main store on Main Street will be the green room. Bruegger's will stock that green room with refreshments, Powers said.

Raytheon, a silver sponsor with its \$3,000 contribution, will be set up alongside the downtown merchants. The defense contractor, located on Lowell Street, plans to stage math games in hopes of

attracting future engineers, Powers said.

For those looking for a more old-fashioned event, there's an apple pie baking contest. Powers said contestants should drop off their entries in the TD Banknorth cubby on Main Street (where the bank puts a Christmas tree for the holidays). A team of four judges, including Health Director Tom Carbone, Powers and representatives from Enterprise Bank and the Andover Senior Center, will select the winner.

"This year has a lot happening," said Powers.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS

- Know Your Town Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., sponsored by the League of Women Voters
- Stop & Shop Pavillion Tent will feature food samples
- Psychic Fair, readings every 20 minutes, live belly dancer, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St.
- Glass blowing by Andover Artist Sandy Dukeshire, sponsored by the Andover Cultural Council, happens throughout the day
- Zumba, Karate demonstrations by Kismet Wellness in front of The Savings Bank
- Raytheon Math games, in front of the Town House
- Word Clouds, sponsored by the Andover Historical Society, in front of

- the Town House
- A smaller stage in front of the former House of Clean will also feature entertainment.
- Apple Pie Baking Contest so drop off your home baked pie, wrapped and labeled to the judges table located in front of the TD Banknorth fountain between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Top three winners announced at 1 p.m.

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Howard Johnson's Restaurant on South Main Street, circa 1950, featured 28 flavors of ice cream. The Ground Round moved into the location in 1976 but closed in 2004.



NOW: The former Howard Johnson's Restaurant is now Tokyo Steakhouse on Route 28.

Brides march against violence

Delamano, Inc., a non-profit organization that raises awareness of domestic violence and provides services to victims, is seeking donations of wedding gowns and dresses for its annual "Brides' March" event. On Sept. 26, in Lawrence, women will gather to march in wedding dresses, or will wear all white, to represent mourning for victims of domestic violence. Men are also encouraged to show their support by marching and wearing black.

The "Brides' March" is held each year in several states, including Massachusetts, in memory of Gladys Ricart, who was murdered on her wedding day by her ex-boyfriend. Donated wedding gowns and white dresses are being collected at: Curves at 577 Chickering Road, North Andover, the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, 38 Lawrence St., Lawrence, and the YWCA of Haverhill Woman's Resource Center, 107 Winter St., Haverhill.

Christmas tree exhibit seeks volunteers

Were you one of the hundreds of visitors to the Historical Society last December to see its history-inspired Christmas tree exhibit? If not, says the group, you missed the opportunity to view creatively decorated Christmas trees inspired by historical treasures from its collection, including antique fire buckets and seashells hand-engraved in tribute to American Presidents. Fortunately, the exhibit will be back again this winter as an American Christmas Story. This year's tree exhibit will feature an entirely new display of historically-inspired decorated trees and the Historical Society wants your help with

the decorations. Sleigh bells, children's costumes, antique mouse traps, and embroidered textiles are just a few of the inspirational pieces that are available for interpretation. Residents and businesses interested in decorating a tree inspired by one of these special objects are invited to help "tell an American Christmas Story." Volunteers are invited to learn more at one of our upcoming meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 6 at noon. Or you can e-mail Carrie Midura at cmidura@andover-historical-society.org for more information.

Register by Oct. 2 for Oct. 17 PSAT

The Counseling Office at Andover High School is now accepting registration of Andover High School sophomores and juniors for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. No walk-ins are accepted. Registration can be made Monday through Friday between 8

a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The cost of the exam is \$23.50, payable by check only at the time of registration. The check should be made payable to Andover High School. No registrations will be accepted after Friday, Oct. 2, 2009. A student bulletin that contains a sample test and answer key will be given to students when they register.

This test is given to understand the contents of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, to estimate a student's chance of getting into and succeeding at the colleges of their choice, to enter the competition for scholarships awarded through the National Merit Scholarship Program, and to participate in the student search and to send the names of individual

students, if the student indicates, to the colleges looking for students of particular ability. The test is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 from 8 a.m. to noon. All registered Andover High School students should report no later than 7:50 a.m. on that day. Bring a calculator and pencils to the exam.

Lt. Gov. Murray to address Rotarians Oct. 2

Bill Buck, president of the Rotary Club of Andover, has announced that Massachusetts Lt. Governor Timothy Murray will be the featured speaker at a lunch meeting Oct. 2. "We're delighted," Buck stated,

"that the Lt. Governor is taking time from his busy schedule to fill us in on what's happening on Beacon Hill, and to listen to the concerns of people living in the Merrimack Valley." The luncheon takes place at

noon, at the Club's usual meeting place, the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. The event is open to the public, but reservations are required. For tickets at \$30 each, contact Bill Buck at bbuck@stonewallre.com.

The Rotary Club of Andover holds regular breakfast meetings Fridays at 7:30 a.m., at the Lanam Club. For more information, visit their Web site www.rotaryandover.org.

PCCD honored with Irving grant

Irving Oil recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Professional Center for Child Development on Osgood Street in Andover as part of its New England Neighbor Initiative, where customers nominated charities to receive grants from the company. The grant was part of a total \$25,000 in prizes awarded to organizations and the Irving customers who nominated them.

On hand at the award presentation were the center's director, Veryl Anderson, Ellen Waddill of Tewksbury, who nominated the organization, and owner of the Brighton Irving, Ardo Garbedian. "We want all of our neighbors to know that we're not just a place to fill up your tank, we're a part of this community, and we want to make things better here, too," said Harry Hadiaris, general

manager for Irving Oil Marketing. The winning organization for the Boston area, PCCD in Andover, works with children of all abilities and their families with a day school, play groups and early intervention programs. "It is exciting to see a child who is blind and in a wheelchair playing next to a typically developing toddler and having a blast," Waddill said in her nomination.

Giant yard sale Saturday

The Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring a Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Park from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. "Support your planet by cleaning your closet and giving someone else the opportunity to use your idle items by your participation as a seller or shopper. Recycle by cleaning out your garage, cellar, and attic. Your trash is someone's treasure," encourages DCS in a release.

To reserve a 10-foot spot in the Park, call Mary Donohue at DCS by noon, Friday, Sept. 25. Cost is \$10 per spot, set-up begins at 7 a.m. Bring your own table. Yard Sale participants will have on sale baby and children's clothing, household and kitchen items, doll accessories, books, knickknacks, toys, sports equipment, decorative pieces and an amazing assortment of treasured recyclables. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 27.

St. John's Prep Homecoming is Sept. 26

It's Homecoming at St. John's Prep on Saturday, Sept. 26. Prep families and alumni are invited for campus tours, family fun events and a complimentary cookout from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by varsity football vs. Everett

High School at 1:30 p.m. in Cronin Memorial Stadium on the Prep campus in Danvers. A Memorial Mass will take place at 4 p.m. in the school chapel in the Administration Building. Game tickets may be purchased at the gate: \$5 for

adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students. Prep students are free with their school ID. For more information, visit www.stjohnsprep.org/homecoming or call 1-978-774-6727, Ext. 417. St. John's Prep is located at 72 Spring St., Danvers.

Blood drive at West Parish Church Saturday

West Parish Church is teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Saturday, Sept. 26, between 9

a.m. and 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road in Andover.

Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-GIVE BLOOD, to make an appointment to donate to this blood drive.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24
Tri-Town Task Force, Andover representatives to the Interstate 93 interchange project, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 8 a.m.
Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.
School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 4 p.m.

Community Access Media Board, Andover High School TV studio, 6 p.m.
Housing Authority public hearing, 100 Morton St., 6:30 p.m.; followed by special monthly meeting.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 25
Note: last day to register to vote for Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting; town clerk's office open until 8 p.m.

Board of Registrars, Town Clerk's Office, 36 Bartlet Street, 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 29
Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30
Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCT. 1
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

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Two-alarm fire leaves family out of home

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

An Andover family has been displaced and their home rendered uninhabitable after a two-alarm fire on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17.

The fire at 1 Worthen Place began near a basement electrical panel, said Fire Chief Michael Mansfield. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

The homeowner, a male, called 911 at 3:49 p.m. after smoke alarms went off in the home,

said Mansfield. First responders arrived at 3:54 p.m. and the fire was under control just after 5 p.m.

No injuries were reported and two cats were rescued.

The fire caused significant damage to the basement and some damage to the first floor, said Mansfield. Water and smoke damage is prevalent throughout the home, he said.

"They won't be living there for quite some time, unfortunately," he said.

"The fire destroyed the

residential wiring inside the house," said Mansfield. "It started in the basement, near an electrical panel, and spread horizontally two-thirds across the ceiling of the basement, extending vertically to other floors. Firefighters were able to get in to the basement rather quickly, even though there was thick, acrid smoke."

After extinguishing the main fire in the basement, firefighters searched for pockets of fire hidden in floors and walls. A fire crew stayed at the home through

the evening to identify hot spots and assist with the investigation, said Mansfield.

Deputy fire Chief Albert Del-dotto is heading the fire investigation. Mansfield said he hopes to have an official cause of the blaze by the end of this week.

Worthen Place is a cul-de-sac off Westminster Roadway, which is between Canterbury Street and Chandler Circle near the Andover Country Club.

The colonial-style home, built in 1984, is assessed by the town at \$934,500 for 2009.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Firefighters finish up at the scene of a house fire at 1 Worthen Place in Andover last week.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - At 3:59 p.m., Jose Lopez, 24, of 178 Pleasant St. Apt. 2, Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, and on two warrants for driving without a license.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - At 2:17 p.m., four officers responded to a drug arrest on William Street. At 3:04 p.m., Ara Nakkashian, 49, of 15 Grand St. Apt. A, Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession of a class E substance. At 4:03 p.m., Linda Fortunati, 49, of 15 Grand St. Apt. A, Lowell, was arrested and charged with possessing a firearm and ammunition without a FID card, possession of a class B substance, subsequent offense, and possession of a class C substance, subsequent offense.

Thursday, Sept. 17 - At 9:38

a.m., Jonathan Romero, 17, of 54 West Dalton St. Apt. 22, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D drug, with intent to distribute.

At 1:25 p.m., Joshua Garcia, 18, of 6 Oakland Road, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, revoked registration and an uninsured vehicle trailer.

At 1:53 p.m., a 16-year-old juvenile was arrested on a child in need of service warrant.

Saturday, Sept. 19 - At 5:58 p.m., Kenneth Lally, 48, of 53 Harold Parker Road, was arrested and charged with driving an unlicensed vehicle with a revoked license.

At 6:07 p.m., officers responded to a rollover accident on Spring Grove Road, with no injuries, with a utility pole split and wires down. At 6:51 p.m., James M. Larose, 26, of 53

Porter Road, was arrested and charged with impeded operation, speeding and operating under the influence of liquor, second offense.

Sunday, Sept. 20 - At 2:01 a.m., police responded to a report of a domestic situation at Staybridge Suites, Tech Drive. At 2:37 a.m., Daniel B. Adams, 31, of 147 Robbin Hill Road, Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 7:17 p.m., Charlene F. Meek, 38, of 83 East Haverhill St. Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for a number plate violation, driving with a suspended registration, and driving an uninsured and unregistered vehicle.

At 7:23 p.m., a 44-year-old Lowell man was taken into protective custody.

Monday, Sept. 21 - At 3:11 p.m., Robert G. Anstiss, 39, of 99 Beech St., Lowell, was arrested and

charged on a warrant for operating after suspension.

THEFT

Thursday, Sept. 17 - At 3:06 p.m., a resident called to report she believes her daughter is taking money from her.

Friday, Sept. 18 - At 2:49 p.m., the Andover Gift Shop, Main Street, reported a shoplifter.

Sunday, Sept. 20 - At 9:03 a.m., a person on River Road reported larceny.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - At 12:16 and 6:53 a.m., vehicle break-ins were reported at LaQuinta hotel, River Road.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - At 12:14 p.m., a vehicle break-in was reported at Comfort Suites, Riverside Drive.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - At 12:39 p.m. a person came into the

police station to report that a dentist had allegedly assaulted her children while in his care.

Starting at 9:10 p.m., a resident called 911 four times to report loud music in her building. The person continued to call throughout the week. Police determined the person has a hearing problem that makes them believe music is playing. Elder services was contacted.

Thursday, Sept. 17 - At 3:49 p.m., police assisted fire personnel at a two-alarm fire on Worthen Place.

At 11:06 p.m., a legally blind resident called police for assistance finding her identification. The resident was traveling on an airplane the next day and would need an ID. A responding officer was able to find the IDs.

Friday, Sept. 18 - At 1:40 p.m., the Andover Spa, Elm Street, called police to report a woman and child sleeping in a vehicle parked in front of the store. A

responding officer found the woman to be waiting for her daughter to get her hair done. The child checked out OK.

Sunday, Sept. 20 - At 8:47 a.m., an Olde Berry Road resident reported vandalism to his lawn from a car driving over it.

At 11:30 a.m. a Harold Parker resident called police reporting 200 or 300 motorcycles causing a traffic problem. Responding officers found six motorcycles that were not hindering traffic in any way.

Monday, Sept. 21 - A caller reported a couch under the railroad bridge on Burnham Road.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Friday, Sept. 18 - At 5:15 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported from the parking lot of Brickstone Square.

Monday, Sept. 21 - At 8:17 a.m., police responded to a two-car crash, with injuries, on North Main Street.

Rotary pancake breakfast Sept. 26

The Rotary Club of Andover and Atria Marland Place will host Pancakes on the Bowling Green, near the intersection of Routes 28 and 133, with proceeds

to benefit Lazarus House, West Elementary's STOP (Stop Teasing Other People) Program, and Ironstone Farm Hippotherapy Program on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Admission is \$5, includes a pancake breakfast and several activities.

Fall activities at Department of Community Services

Fall is here and Andover is teaming with choices for healthy activities for kids and families. The Andover Department of Community Services (DCS) offers week-long programs and mini-courses and workshops to residents of all ages from September through December.

The exciting development at the Town Offices at DCS this fall is the ability for residents to register at home, or during the day at work, online! Check out www.

andoverma.gov/dcs for an online booklet of programs and a link to the registration website. One third of the early registrations have come into DCS through online registrations.

Children have plenty of fun choices this month: Programs starting the week of September 28 include Letterboxing, G.Y.M., Mini Mites, Great Math, Paths to Math, Better Your Letters, Photography Club, Taekwondo, Karate, SAT Verbal & Math, Extreme Sports, Readers

Theater Ensemble, Archery, Side Kicks, Pint Size Picassos, Gymnastics, Kid Fit, Wee Warriors, Hip Hop, Spanish Fun, Polar Pals, Step Into Dance and Cooking and kids online classes in Elementary Engineering and Video Game Making. Adults have a variety of program choices to get involved in too:

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Other DCS programs that have begun registration this month include Chinese School, Keys for Kids, and The Bob French Basketball League. Check the town web site for program information at andoverma.gov/dcs or contact the Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274 to register.

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THE BEST OF TIMES

The present may well be the best of times for first-time homebuyers. Not only are home prices as low as they have been in years, but mortgage rates are at historic lows. In addition, the government is offering first-time homebuyers a tax credit worth \$8000 or 10% of their home's value (whichever is less). First-time buyers, for the purpose of the tax credit, are those who have not owned a home in three years. According to the IRS, the credit does not have to be paid back if the home remains the buyer's primary residence for at least 36 months after the purchase date. The credit phases out for those whose adjusted gross income exceeds \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers).

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HINT: According to the Treasury Department, nearly one out of two homebuyers bought for the first time last year.



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Don't get bugged!

There are a lot of bugs going around this year! We are not talking about the ones that fly or crawl. We are talking about the ones that can make you sick. We call them flu bugs, but they are not really bugs. It's germs that make us sick.

Germs are tiny organisms that can sneak or creep into our bodies without being noticed until they attack. They are so small you would need a microscope to see them.

Germs are found just about everywhere in the world.

Four major types of germs are: viruses, bacteria, fungi, and protozoa.

Some virus can live for a while on objects like doorknobs, handles, desks, chairs and other things people touch, cough or sneeze around. But germs need to be inside a living thing to survive for very long. When they get inside your body they can spread and make you sick.

Virus

Flu is caused by a virus. So are measles and chickenpox. Some of the symptoms of the flu include runny nose, muscle aches, loss of appetite and fever. If you feel that way, you need to tell your mom, dad or teacher.

Some things are nice to share, but not the flu. Cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm, not your hand. Don't drink after someone else and try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth. Those are all ways germs get into your body.

Bacteria

Bacteria are one-cell tiny creatures. Sometimes bacteria can live on your body. They can reproduce outside or inside the body and cause infections. Bacteria can cause ear infec-



tions, cavities, sore throats and strep throat.

Not all bacteria are bad. Good bacteria live in our intestines and help us use the nutrients in the food we eat. Some other good bacteria are used by scientists in labs to produce vaccines and medicines.

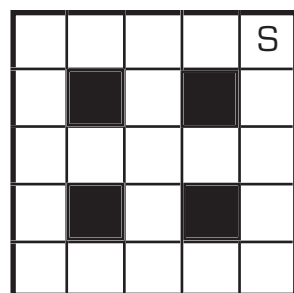
Fungi

Fungi are made up of many cells. Fungi cannot make their own food. Instead, fungi get their nutrition from people, plants, and animals. Fungi like living in warm, damp places. One type of fungi is athlete's foot. That is an itchy rash that some teens and grownups get between their toes. That's why it is important to keep your feet dry and clean.

Protozoa

The last of the major germs is the protozoa. It is a one-cell organism that likes moisture. It is sometimes spread through untreated water. The protozoa can make your belly hurt, and give you diarrhea. In general you'll feel really yucky!

You are going to get tired of hearing, "WASH YOUR HANDS!" This fall, everyone including your mother and teachers will remind you to WASH YOUR HANDS! AND DON'T FORGET THE SOAP!



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BUDGET: Last day to register to vote is Sept. 25

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John Zipeto, asks to impose a local meals tax increase of 0.75 percent, which would amount to an extra 75 cents on a \$100 restaurant tab.

The measure was proposed and defeated by just eight votes at an Aug. 31 Town Meeting.

On Monday, School Committee Member David Birnbach suggested devising a "plan A" and a "plan B" in figuring out the school's remaining \$327,376 — one scenario for if the meals tax passes, and one for if it fails.

"The implications of the reductions the schools have made to date are being felt at every school house. Andover High School classes now have 29 students, basic supplies for students throughout the district are missing and we have 38 less teachers than when schools closed in June," said Silberstein. "When you work hard to keep class size, you cut around the edges. It's all interconnected, and it affects all classrooms, students and teachers."

For non-registered voters, the last day to register to vote in the Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting is Friday, Sept. 25. The town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter registration.

The Finance Committee Report and warrant will be mailed by Sept. 30.

"Rainy day" money won't flow

The preliminary warrant for next month's Town Meeting listed two articles, submitted by the School Committee, asking for sums "up to \$500,000" be transferred from both the stabilization fund and free cash to the school and town department operating budgets, to offset the FY2010 budget deficit.

On Monday, selectmen voted not to insert the articles in the Oct. 7 warrant, killing the idea

TWO BOARDS VOTE AGAINST MEALS TAX - AGAIN

The selectmen and Finance Committee have stuck by their opposition to the meals tax defeated in August, voting again to recommend disapproval of the warrant article.

The tax increase, submitted as a private article on the Oct. 7 Town Meeting warrant by resident John Zipeto, asks to impose a local meals tax increase of 0.75 percent.

Zipeto addressed selectmen on Sept. 21, noting the idea is a way to diversify from the town's reliance on property tax income and would be paid by diners, not restaurant owners.

"I'm representing the beliefs and values of hundreds of voters in support of this article," said Zipeto. "No one likes new taxes. But taxes support the government services we demand."

An increase of an extra 75 cents on a \$100 restaurant tab is not going to

cause restaurants to close, he said.

Selectmen Brian Major, Alex Vispoli and Ted Teichert voted against the meals tax, Mary Lyman voted in favor and Jerry Stabile Jr. abstained from the vote, saying he is "on the fence."

"I am looking at it in a new light. The downtown is getting its second wind," said Lyman.

"I am in favor of getting our labor forces under control. I'm disappointed that leadership in town, including myself, hasn't been aggressive with labor costs, instead of sticking our hands into taxpayer's pockets," said Stabile.

"If the teachers and firefighters came to the table with 1 percent (give-back of part of their raise), that would solve our problem, point blank," said Major. "That's where the focus should be."

before it made it to Town Meeting voters. Board members noted it offers a short-term, one-year fix.

Silberstein said the two \$500,000 warrant articles were not fully developed ideas, and were submitted for the warrant as "placeholders."

"Knowing the warrant was closing, (we submitted them) without having made a decision on any of them. It was early on, when the deficit was a lot larger, and we never dialogued our positions on them," said Silberstein. "We didn't want to eliminate the option at that time."

No progress made with unions

Three labor unions have yet to agree to contract concessions or give-backs: firefighters, the teachers union and town employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

This week, nothing has

changed in negotiations with the three unions, although Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said discussions with AFSCME representatives are coming along well. AFSCME membership includes town Public Works and Plant & Facilities employees.

Talks with the firefighters union are "on hold," said Stapczynski, stalled over a grievance seeking to restore the two-man ladder truck team that was broken up in July to cut down on department overtime costs.

On Sept. 16, Tom Meyers, president of the union representing teachers, instructional assistants, licensed practical nurses and secretaries, sent a letter refusing the School Committee's request for the 900-member union to take 1 percent less of a raise.

"I don't think it will be realistic to expect (anything further from the AEA). But it doesn't mean we won't keep trying," said Silberstein at a Sept. 17 tri-board meeting between selectmen,

DOING THE MATH: SCHOOLS CUTS

The town manager has split a \$1.4 million budget deficit, asking the schools to take 65 percent and town departments to take 35 percent, reflecting their proportion of Andover's operating budget. The schools' 65 percent comes out to \$920,471, with the following known:

- \$160,000 in savings was found after the state froze tuition increases for some out-of-district special education students

- \$433,095 in savings was found by a renegotiated student transportation contract

- A \$327,376 deficit remains; cuts and savings must be found by Oct. 7 Town Meeting.

Source: School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein

and the Finance and School Committees.

On Monday, Sept. 21, Selectman Jerry Stabile Jr. called Meyers the most powerful man in town because he controls the biggest union, which, in turn, draws the biggest portion of Andover's operating budget.

Chief: Fire closure still possible

Part of the town manager's plan to close the budget gap is to not fill three vacant, full-time firefighter positions and two that might open due to retirements.

As an alternate idea, fire Chief Michael Mansfield said he would consider temporary "day-to-day" closure of Andover's two fire substations, at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street in Ballardvale, and on Greenwood Road in West Andover.

The closings would be determined "subject to staffing availability," depending on factors like vacations, sick time and injury leave within the department.

"All the department heads are trying to do the best they can in managing their budgets with the significant decreases that were voted in at last Town Meeting. I'm looking at any and all options, trying to maintain our personnel," said Mansfield. "In that same vein, we're trying to do that and retain the level of service the town of Andover and its citizens have grown to expect. It's a balancing act, at best, day to day, to try and do that."

West Andover resident Bill Wolfendale said he feels other budget cuts should take priority over public safety.

"My father was a fire lieutenant, so I know how critical (response) time is. This alarms me," said Wolfendale, of Furnari Farm Lane. "I know how long it takes me to get downtown to the fire station (from West Andover). My neighbors have had a response time of 10 minutes from the West station, so I can just imagine, you're looking at 20 minutes from downtown, or still almost 30 minutes from another town."

"With a fire, one minute can go from a little fire to a whole room engulfed," he said.

Health savings possible

Due to layoffs and a hiring freeze, the town is operating with fewer employees, which means a smaller number of employees could be signing up for health insurance. Finance and Budget Director Anthony Torrisi said he would have a dollar figure by Oct. 1, once insurance enrollment is finalized.

Curbside leaf collection to stay

One of Stapczynski's proposed cuts to public works was eliminating curbside leaf collection. After facing opposition to the suggestion, especially from Selectman Mary Lyman, the leaf collection will stay.

WATER: Rate would jump to \$2.92 per cubic feet

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Stapczynski. "We've manufactured and pumped less water than the previous year. We had planned a budget on pumping so many gallons, did less than anticipated and have to make up for the shortfall."

Reduced operating hours, cuts to expenses, elimination of two full-time positions and union concessions have also been suggested along with the rate increase. The two full-time positions are not operators at the water treatment plant, said Stapczynski, and the layoffs would not effect water quality.

Andover's water treatment process is operated like a business, selling water to other towns, and its enterprise fund is a separate entity from the town's operating budget.

The proposed increase would be 27 cents per hundred cubic feet, jumping the water rate from \$2.65 to \$2.92 per hundred cubic feet. For the average Andover household, that equates to an extra \$32 per year, Stapczynski said.

On July 1, 2008 Andover's water rate increased from \$2.62 to \$2.65 per hundred cubic feet, after a \$16 million project was completed to expand the water treatment plant. The town's water rate had been at \$2.62 for close to 14 years, said Stapczynski.

The ultimate decision to increase the water rate lies in the hands of selectmen, who are the water and sewer commissioners. Stapczynski said he anticipates seeing it discussed at board meetings through the fall with a possible vote in November. If approved, the water rate increase would go into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

Call for heart and stroke survivors to join walk

Join the American Heart Association and take your heart for a walk with over 2,000 family, friends, co-workers and survivors at the 2009 Merrimack Valley Start! Heart Walk on Sat., Oct.

3 at Sampas Pavilion in Lowell. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Each step raises funds to support lifesaving heart and stroke research with this year's

goal at \$300,000. Walkers that raise \$100 will receive a Heart Walk T-shirt.

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Education

Fitzgerald takes the plunge into tech school committee

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Lifelong resident Marilyn Fitzgerald has been appointed to the Greater Lawrence Technical School Committee, filling a spot vacated this summer after the death of Jerry Silverman.

Fitzgerald, chosen by the School Committee and Board of Selectmen on Sept. 21, has been appointed to replace Silverman until a candidate can run for the term's remaining two years in town elections in March. On Monday night, Fitzgerald said she plans on running for the seat this spring.

Silverman, a former Andover selectman and tireless community volunteer, died in July. He was elected to the GLTS

committee in March 2009 for a three-year term, representing the town of Andover.



Marilyn Fitzgerald

On Monday, Fitzgerald said she was honored to be chosen, and hopes to "do the town, the school and Jerry proud." Three residents had submitted their names to fill Silverman's seat on the GLTS board: Fitzgerald, who retired last winter after 23 years as the school's pool director; Paula Colby-Clements, a professor at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover; and Ben Kellman, who went to a technical high

school himself and now teaches middle school wood shop in Billerica.

Board members praised all three of the candidate's backgrounds and commitment to community, saying it was a hard choice to pick just one.

"(GLTS) Superintendent (Judy Ann) DeLucia would be lucky to have any of the three of you," Selectman Mary Lyman said to the candidates, as they were interviewed by the two boards on Monday night.

"This is harder (to choose) than the budget, I think," joked School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein.

During interviews, the three candidates spoke of improving the school's visibility in town and attracting more Andover

students to attend. Currently, most students at GLTS come from the other communities it serves, Methuen, Lawrence and North Andover.

Colby-Clements, a lawyer who ran for School Committee last March, said the GLTS board spot would "play to her strengths" and background in education.

"I hope to jump in and help. I'm not afraid of the challenges," she said.

As a shop teacher, Kellman said he has seen how vocational education can spark a student's interest in academics, such as a plumbing student wanting to learn the math behind his trade.

It's a shame, Kellman said, that more Andover students don't

take advantage of the opportunities at GLTS.

Fitzgerald has lived in town 56 years, and continues to coach the girls swim and dive team at Andover High School after retiring from GLTS. She joked her wardrobe consists of just four colors - blue and gold for AHS and orange and black for GLTS.

Students graduate from GLTS with two degrees, one academic and one technical diploma, she said.

"As many as 15 percent of AHS graduates are back in town by Christmas (having dropped out of college). If they had gone to GLTS, they would have job skills along with their diploma," she said.

Selectman Brian Major, who

moved the discussion to a vote, nominating Fitzgerald, said she "bleeds 'the Voke,'" has an absolute passion for the school and would take up and carry Silverman's flag.

Fitzgerald was first hired by the Greater Lawrence Technical High School 23 years ago. At that time, the swimming pool used by both Greater Lawrence and Andover High had fallen into disrepair and the GLTS administration was considering closing the facility. Now, two decades later, the pool is considered state-of-the-art and is used by scores of children and adults from all over the Merrimack Valley, from beginners taking swim lessons to those training with an elite private swim club.

Pizza galore!



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

One hundred and fifteen large pizzas were brought in to serve students and their families during the annual Sanborn Pizza Night at Sanborn Elementary in Andover on Sept. 10.

ON CAMPUS

Katrina Veidins, daughter of Austra and Juris Veidins of Andover has received her certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Health and is a certified early intervention specialist. Veidins is a 2008 graduate of Northeastern University with a bachelor of science degree from Bouve College of Health Sciences. She is attending Northeastern University, working towards her masters degree in public health, while

working in Boston as an early intervention specialist.

Gayle Altshuler, a junior majoring in English at the University of Rochester, has been named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the spring 2009 semester.

Altshuler, of Andover is the daughter of Susan and Barry Altshuler, and a graduate of Andover High School.

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in Rochester, N.Y. The university offers a unique undergraduate curriculum, with no required courses, that emphasizes a broad liberal education through majors, minors, and course "cluster" a Rochester innovation in the three main areas of knowledge, humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences/engineering. The university is also home to the world renowned Eastman School of Music as well as graduate professional schools of

business, education, medicine, and nursing.

David John Nader, son of Wayne and Susan Nader of Andover, graduated from Middlesex Community College receiving an Associate in Science -- Engineering Science degree with Honors in May. He was accepted into the Civil/Environmental Engineering College, Honors Program, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, entering as a Junior for Fall 2009.

Future is now: We need a dream, not just cuts

Ken Seifert



How can we save money? How can we spend it wisely? What stays? What goes? These are just a few realities this

fall's Special Town Meeting will address. It certainly is a painful part of a process every community is facing today.

I would suggest it is only a part of the process.

What is our future? What do we want to be? What are the financial projections for the next few years? Do we want to repeat this past year's reality? Sometimes when we are faced with a dilemma, we spend too much of our energies putting out the fire. We will put out the fire, one way or another and breathe a sigh of relief. Most successful organizations realize the immediacy of a problem, solve it the best way they can, but keep their eyes on the future and are prepared when the new dawn appears.

What if we all had the same thought: our future starts today. As a starter, we could state with anticipation that 2010-2020 will be the decade when Andover launched its pursuit of excellence. Andover has the potential to have the best schools in the country. Actually any city or town has such a potential, if the right mix is present. Andover is better off than 85 percent of the world's population. Our streets are relatively safe, we have no gangs, nobody steals the old lady's purse on

Main Street, and our homes are quite safe when we go to sleep at night. Our unemployment rate is low compared to the rest of the country. The high school parking lot is filled with student cars that are the envy of the rest of the students in the Merrimack Valley.

I believe the cup in Andover is three-quarters full. Maybe we do not know it. Some of the most successful, compassionate, and forward-looking people live in our town. We can reinvent ourselves. If the educators, parents, other adults and children each gave a little time we would all gain a lot. Perhaps the remaining quarter of the cup to be filled needs only a dream, a plan and the elbow grease to achieve it. The town does have it all. The significant advantage we have today when compared with years past is the gift of technology in the classroom.

I am very excited about the strategic plan the School Committee will undertake. Those who can contribute should do so. I hope the committee realizes the potential and the significance of the scope, planning, community dialogue, involvement and the time necessary to get us on the road to excellence. Such a journey does not require great sums of money. We have the necessary ingredients. I hope in 10 years we can all look back and say, "Wasn't it great we took time to take greater control of our future?" and look at what we have achieved.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year Andover resident and former superintendent of Andover schools.

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YOUTH BOOK REVIEW: 'EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED'

Foer's spotlight is deserved

By MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

It was during a series of college tours this summer that I learned about the author Jonathan Safran Foer. Though his name was familiar, I had never read any of his works nor seen the motion picture based on one of his novels. Foer piqued my interest because I am inspired by people who achieve great things at young ages.

For his undergraduate senior thesis, Foer had drafted a book, which would evolve into Everything is Illuminated, published when he was only 25 years old. The novel received praise from literary critics, became a New York Times bestseller, and inspired a Hollywood adaptation.

Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer is, at the core, a story of a young man accomplishing a tremendous task, much like the author himself. The protagonist happens to be named Jonathan Safran Foer. Jonathan journeys to Ukraine, with the hopes of finding the woman who saved his Jewish grandfather's life during World War II. There, he is guided by Alexander Perchov, his translator, Alex's grandfather and the man's dog, Sammy Davis, Junior, Junior. The novel is told through the dual perspectives of Jonathan, whose narrative is

beautiful, fluid prose, and Alex, whose unforgettable voice relies on dated and awkward English. Flashbacks to the distant past and letters of the present embellish Jonathan and Alex's journey of discoveries.

Foer's work lives up to the acclaim. Everything is Illuminated is a wonderful synthesis of history, culture and modernity. The novel takes many paths in the start, paths that may at first seem unrelated but eventually beautifully meld together. The reader sees Jonathan not just in his present state of being but as a product of the past. Foer also possesses a great command of dialogue and literary flashbacks, producing a story of both historical significance and a lyrical quality.

I would give Everything is Illuminated a 9 out of 10. Foer succeeds in writing a novel that is captivating and easy to read, but also inventive and fresh. A modern day novelist, he relies on a list of interesting literary devices. I would recommend this for older readers, due to its content and so that they may better understand the historical references.

However, Jonathan, with all his quirks, is universally likable – a man, along with his namesake, who can serve as inspiration to all.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and student at Phillips Academy.

'Davey & Goliath,' the next generation?

St. A hosts claymation workshop

Fifth grade students at St. Augustine School got "animated" recently while participating in a claymation workshop, a hands-on, digital animation experience that had them molding clay figures and learning the art of storyboarding.

Organized by teacher, Karen Landers, students teamed up to design their own claymation cartoons out of modeling clay. Students developed a storyboard of 10 frames and used a camera mounted on a tripod to photograph each stage of their cartoons, making slight adjustments to the clay figures between frames.

"We projected the pictures on the classroom television and clicked through them quickly to watch the characters in action," said Landers, describing the

"flip-book-style" of viewing the final projects.

Landers was inspired to develop the classroom workshop on claymation while teaching a reading story on special effects, which included showing a short video clip of the well known claymation work "Wallace and Gromit." Claymation has also been used for popular shows such as Davey & Goliath, Mr. Bill and Gumby.

"Students were amazed by the patience and hard work that went into developing and designing characters. Taking part in the process of creating their own story was so rewarding for them," said Landers, who said she already has eager students in the fourth grade wanting to try their hand at sculpting.



St. Augustine fifth-grader Stephen Hutchins of Andover consults his storyboard and positions his clay figure during a workshop on claymation.



Amy Lacourse, an Andover fifth-grader, works on her claymation story.

'Getting In' events for college hopefuls

This fall will mark the beginning of the extensive college admissions process for many high school students. To help students and parents start the college search early, and overcome any related anxiety, the Princeton Review says it is offering free "Getting In" events that include a PSAT practice test and college admissions workshops.

Free PSAT practice tests will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26,

from 2 to 5 p.m., at Merrimack College in North Andover.

One of the first steps a student takes to become college-ready is to prepare for the PSAT. It's a great indicator of what it's like to take a high stakes test without the pressure or having to pay registration fees. More importantly, the PSAT will help students understand their strengths and weaknesses for the SAT, which is used by colleges for admissions and

financial aid eligibility. PSAT scores are also used to determine qualification for National Merit Scholarships, according to the Princeton Review.

College Admissions Workshops
This college admissions seminar is offered as a follow up to the PSAT practice test. The session will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Merrimack College in North Andover.

The workshops will offer knowledge needed to get into

college, by revealing the secrets of the admissions process and providing answers to college bound teens burning questions, according to a release. Students will also learn admissions myths, how to crack the SAT and ACT and how to maximize their admissions potential.

Space is limited and reservations are required. To register for either event or learn more, visit www.PrincetonReview.com/GettingIn or call 800-273-8439.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS: WEEK OF SEPT. 28 TO OCT. 2

Here is what's for lunch in the Andover public schools:

Elementary schools

Monday: Yom Kippur, no school
Tuesday: Baked fish sticks and dinner roll, teriyaki chicken breast on roll, bagel and string cheese or yogurt, cole slaw, baked red bliss potatoes with basil, fresh fruit
Wednesday: American chop suey and bread stick, beef and broccoli

stir fry over noodles and dinner roll, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, tossed salad, chilled fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets and bread stick, taco salad with nachos, cheese hamburger and salsa, manager's choice, buttered noodles, seasoned veggie, fresh fruit.

Friday: Pepperoni or cheese pan pizza, teriyaki chicken on bulky with pretzels, bagel and

yogurt, Caesar salad, juice, peach cobbler.

Middle schools

Monday: Yom Kippur, no school
Tuesday: Cheesy flat bread, nachos grande with meat, salsa and veggies, manager's choice, Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Lasagna and garlic bread, ground beef and macaroni with Mexican seasoning and

garlic bread, manager's choice, tossed salad, seasoned veggie, juice.

End of week not available

Andover High School

Monday: Yom Kippur, no school
Tuesday: "Wing bar", choice of buffalo, teriyaki or glazed wings with rice pilaf, seasoned fresh veggies and chilled melon.

Wednesday: Taco pie with lettuce and tomatoes, black bean salad,

refried beans, cheese and chilled pineapple

Thursday: Chicken scampi over pasta, garlic bread, tossed salad, chilled fruit.

Friday: Pasta bar, choice of chicken parmesan or meatballs, bread stick, Caesar salad and fresh fruit.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream

and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

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Arts & Entertainment

Launch fall with an Art Stroll through downtown

In celebration of the re-dedication of the newly renovated downtown Andover area, the Andover Cultural Council, Essex Art Center and several downtown businesses are combining efforts to host an "Art Stroll" on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event begins at "dresscode" where shop owner Amy Finegold will host a reception open to the public, featuring

several art pieces from The Essex Art Center. Dresscode visitors will be treated to beverages and appetizers while invited to take in the artwork. The viewing continues, a few steps away at Beauty & Main's new location, 10 Post Office Ave. Residents can continue to other merchants participating, including Native Sun, Savoir Faire, General Goods, the

Coco Collection, Sotherland Rugs and Danvers Bank. Many have extended hours to accommodate viewers, weather permitting.

Executive Director of EAC Leslie Costello, ACC event coordinator Judith Farzan, and business owner Amy Finegold said in a release they believed the reopening of downtown Andover was an ideal time to collaborate on a project that would emphasize

community spirit through the arts. The coordinators were pleased with the enthusiastic response of the Andover merchants in support of the event. The stroll was designed to start in Elm Square, and finish at Old Village Center by way of Post Office Avenue and Barnard Street. The walk covers a large enough area so the fine art and downtown renovation can be

enjoyed, according to the release. All of the paintings are for sale and will remain on view at the locations throughout the week. Some of the local artists, many of whom are from Andover, include Sandy Dukeshire, Janet Hamlin, Karla Cook, Karen Herman, Mark Hayden, Helen Tory, Catherine Meek, Emily Trespas, and Diane Grieco. Visit www.essexartcenter.org for

artist information. Sandy Dukeshire and Mark Hayden will be giving live demonstrations on Saturday during "Andover Day", courtesy of the ACC. Sponsors include "dresscode", Andover Cultural Council, Essex Art Center and "Dish" caterers. For "Art Stroll" information, e-mail the Andover Cultural Council acc01810@gmail.com.

Art in the Park draws a crowd



Artist Ting Cai, center, of Nashua, talks with Vahey and Dorothy Gulezian, of Andover as the couple look through prints of his art Saturday. Cai was one of the many artists exhibiting at Andover Art in the Park. *JAN SEEGER/Staff photos*



Louise Henderson of Andover is drawn to the brightly colored work of artist Debra Grubb of Salem, N.H., during Andover Art in the Park Saturday.



Community members stroll through the booths of the many exhibits at Andover Art in the Park.

DANCE AND THEATER

Starlight, Sunset groups take center's stage

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Economics Professor Lex Icon is on stage at the Andover Senior Center talking about inflationary language. It's a language all his own.

For example, it's two-derful – not wonderful (as in one-derful) – when he talks, and before (as in be-4) is be-five in his world. This offbeat professor might be a favorite on any college campus, as he is just plain funny with his "+1" take on the English language.

It's comedy time at the Andover Senior Center and residents are gearing up for their supper show on Saturday night. The center's drama troupe, The Starlight Players, will perform three skits, including Prof. Lex Icon's routine, a comical twist on an old Victor Borge monologue called "Inflationary Language."

A skit from Neil Simon's play,

SUPPER SHOW

What: featuring Starlight Players, Sunset Tappers. Includes a spaghetti supper
Where: Andover Senior Center
When: Saturday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.
Cost: \$7; advance tickets only
Tickets, more info: 978-623-8321

TAPPING IN

Also performing at this weekend's Supper Show are the Sunset Tappers, a popular tap dance group of seniors. Director Audrey Nason of Andover said the 16-member group is already booked for holiday events and continues to be a favorite at Red Hat gatherings.

Members range in age from 50 to 84. Seven of them will perform Saturday in three songs.

Plaza Suite, and a skit called "The Olden Girls," based on the television show, The Golden Girls, will

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

LIVE THEATRE, "N Toon Too: Ever Ever After," The Quannapowitt Players of Reading, cast includes Kathy Wackowski of Andover, \$20, through Oct. 3 at Quannapowitt Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; 781-942-2212; <http://www.qpthheater.com/boxoffice.asp>.

AUTHOR VISIT, Juliette Fay reads from "Shelter Me," her book which chronicles the mountains and valleys of the first year of widowhood, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143.

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD, a benefit event for Merrimack Valley Hospice, with international food, wine and beer, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Haverhill Country Club, \$50; ktownshend@homehealthfoundation.org or www.merrimack-valleyhospice.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT, hosted by The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Newburyport, Ould Newbury Golf Club, Rte 1, Newbury. Registration at 11 a.m. and the Shotgun/Scramble at noon, \$100 per player; Rena Monoxelos, 603-635-9330 or rmonox@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

LIVE JAZZ, with Sandi Bedrosian-Hyde and John Hyde on keyboard, SERENE Italian American Restaurant, 12 Main St., Andover, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; 978-475-7711, www.serenerestaurant.com.

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Comedy Extravaganza VII comes to Collins Center Oct. 3

Class clowns won't be the only ones getting laughs at Andover High School next week.

Comedy Extravaganza VII will take over the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

Seven headline comics will appear for one night only, with proceeds benefitting the fight against cancer in conjunction with the IAT Cancer Clinic, according to teacher Joe Spanos. Scheduled to appear are: Gary Valentine from the King of Queens and Don Gavin, "The Godfather of Boston Comedy," along with Rich Ceisler, Paul Nardizzi, Dave Russo, Brad Mastrangello, Tyler Boeh and the host and master of ceremony Captain Leo Dunn.

For advanced general admission tickets, contact Joe Spanos at 978-697-9110 or at Joeyspan@aol.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Last blast of summer Beach rock comes to Collins Center Friday, Sept. 25

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Feel like you missed the summer of 2009 because the rainy June and July cut it short?

There's a way to get one last taste of summer tomorrow night in Andover. It may be the first weekend of fall, but there's a local beach party that just might provide one last blast of summer.

Papa Doo Run Run, a nationally recognized band that plays the California beach sounds of the Beach Boys, Jan & Dean and other surf and rock classics, is playing at the Collins Center at Andover High School.

Formed in 1965, the band toured with the Beach Boys in the 1980s and recorded with members of that band throughout the next two decades. The group's Web site says the band had an unprecedented 15-year run as the "Celebrity House Band" at Disneyland from 1975-90.



The band's song, "Be True To Your School," was a top-40 hit in 1975.

Today, Papa Doo Run Run still averages about 100 dates a year, worldwide.

Their best kept secret, according to the band's Web site, is that the Beach Boys call Papa Doo Run Run when they need someone to fill in with their band.

BEACH PARTY

WHO: Papa Doo Run Run, a nationally recognized band that plays California beach rock

WHERE: Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m.

TICKETS: \$35

BENEFITS: Northern Essex Community College scholarship fund
INFO: 978-556-3870

SHOW: Comedy time at the Senior Center

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also be performed.

Behind the comedy lines and character roles is none other than local director Penny Kohut of Andover. This funny lady can be found in the director's chair for lots of other local shows as she runs Acting Out, a community theater group for kids and adults.

"We have so many great actors here, it's fun to write for them. It's just a great group," she said. "Even though some are nearly 80+, they have more energy than most people I know."

The feeling is mutual as Prof. Lex Icon, who really is Sheldon Chandler, a senior from Tewksbury, raved about the center's drama class held every Monday morning.

"I wouldn't miss it for anything," he said at this week's rehearsal for the Supper Show held last Monday morning.

A snowbird heading south in two weeks, he said he is thrilled to be cast in a skit that suits him well.

"It's inflationary, not inflammatory language," Kohut giggled of his funny but G-rated routine.

The Starlight Players made their debut in town about three years ago and have proven to be an acting outlet for local seniors. Kohut brings her impressive experience and sense of humor when she directs any show.

"Speed it up, speak louder," she says to the actors in the Neil Simon skit, adding "that was really good" when the scene is complete.

Actors Shirley Belisle of Andover and Martin Epstein of Haverhill oblige.

"I enjoy this, although I'm a little bit nervous about knowing all my lines by Saturday," said Belisle, who acted in high school, college and community theater. "It's been 35 years since I did this."

Belisle has two character roles in this show, but Kohut is not the least bit worried about her or any other actor not being ready for the show. Jitters and nervousness are typical be-five any performance.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

HAM & BEAN SUPPER, West Parish Church, Reservation Road, 5 to 6:30 p.m. "Real Spiral Ham," beans, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs and pies, adults \$8, child (12 and under) \$4.

SUPPER SHOW, The Friends of the Andover Senior Center host a Spaghetti Supper Show with entertainment, prizes and give-aways. Featuring dance performances by the Sunset Tappers and comedy scenes by the Starlight Players, 6 p.m., \$7; tickets may be purchased in advance at the Senior Center 978 623-8321.

GREEK FESTIVAL, Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover, Greek specialties, pastries, music, dancing, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., free admission. Shuttle bus available from West Elementary School parking lot.

GATES & GABLES HOUSE TOUR, hosted by Andover Historical Society, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour will treat visitors to an inside look at eight private Andover homes displaying an intriguing diversity of architectural, collecting and decorating styles; 978-475-2236.

HIKE, West Parish Meadow and Baker's Meadow hike, sponsored by AVIS, 9 a.m., meet at West Parish Church, Reservation Road & Rt. 133. Led by Al Retelle, 978-475-4412.

LIVE MUSIC, Northern Essex Community College presents Papa Doo Run Run, a nationally recognized band that plays the California beach sounds of the Beach Boys, Jan & Dean, as well as other surf and rock classics, Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road, Andover, 8 p.m., \$35, proceeds benefit scholarships; 978-556-3870.

GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOP, hosted by Andover Cultural Council, free, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., will assist grant applicants prepare an

effective funding proposal for 2009-2010; acc01810@gmail.com to register.

SINGLES DANCE, sponsored by The Social Life of Greater Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street, Rte. 121, Haverhill, 8 p.m., DJ, refreshments, door prizes; John 978-441-2765, info@thesinglelife.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

LOCAL HIKE, the Andover Trails Committee hosts the final segment of its 4-segment hike series. Series covers Andover's entire 18-mile stretch of the Bay Circuit Trail, 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine, meet at the Horn Bridge on the corner of Red Spring and Reservation roads, Andover. Shuttles will take hikers to the beginning of the hike at the Ward Reservation on Prospect Street, and then hikers will hike back to their cars near the Horn Bridge.

DOGFEST AND WALK FOR THE ANIMALS, Salem Animal Rescue League sponsors, noon to 4 p.m., Windrush Farm, 30 Brookview Road, Boxford. Leashed dogs are welcome, admission and parking are free. For information or pledge sheets for the walk, call Ray Denis at 603-893-3117, or e-mail rksim@comcast.net.

GREEK FESTIVAL, Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover, Greek specialties, pastries, music, dancing, noon-6 p.m., free admission. Shuttle bus available from West Elementary School parking lot.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

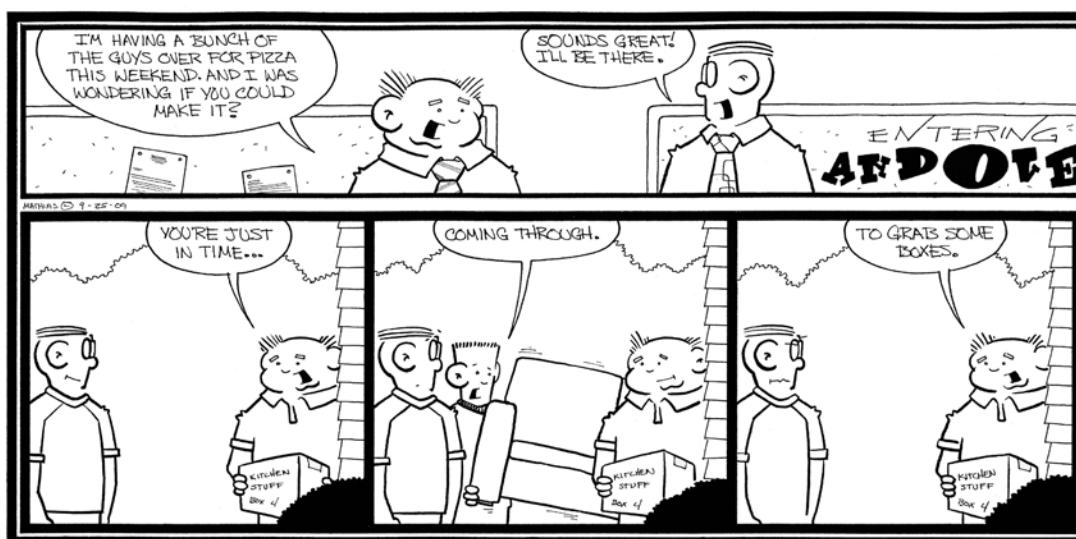
AUTHOR READING, Randall Peffer will read from his newest novel, "Bangkok Dragons, Cape Cod Tears." Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143. This intriguing, offbeat mystery is the 7th book by Peffer, who teaches writing and literature at Phillips Academy.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

ANDOVER DAYS, Main Street is closed to traffic as local businesses host sidewalk sales and the official opening of the madeover Main Street is celebrated. A ribbon-cutting ceremony happens at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Town House, 20 Main St.

NORDIC WALKING, AVIS Goldsmith Woodlands, 9 a.m. Park at 491 S. Main St. Beginners welcome. Bring your Nordic poles or reserve a pair by calling Denise Boucher, 978-470-0243.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



OPEN HOUSE...Saturday, September 26th, 1p.m.-3p.m. High School Sophomore Goes From Size 12 To Size 4 In Jeans!



When I was younger I was always the quiet and shy one. I would call myself as being the stereotypical nerd with the braces and huge glasses and being a little on the heavy side. Being insecure with myself and my body played a big role on how I acted around others. I never even thought of going to gyms before I joined Get In Shape For Women. I would feel intimidated, embarrassed and I would not know how to use anything.

I knew getting healthy and losing weight was definitely something that I wanted to do. Going around town I noticed Get In Shape For Women. I had never heard of them and went online to check it out and it seemed like lots of other people have gotten great results from it. After the first week I felt I belonged.

As time progressed I could see myself being more confident and smiling a lot more. Every time I walk in there they always know how to put a smile on my face. I never thought I would live to see myself walking into a gym and smiling and laughing and having as much fun as I do at Get In Shape. Since July, I went from 155 pounds to 121 pounds. I feel super great. I went from a size 12 to a size 4 in jeans! I used to hate trying things on at stores because things would never fit me right, but now I "love" trying things on and looking in the mirror.

I would like to take the time to thank Get In Shape for all they have done for me and are still doing for me. They have really brought out a different side of me that I never thought I would see and has changed me so dramatically. Now that I have the skills, I can go work out on my own.



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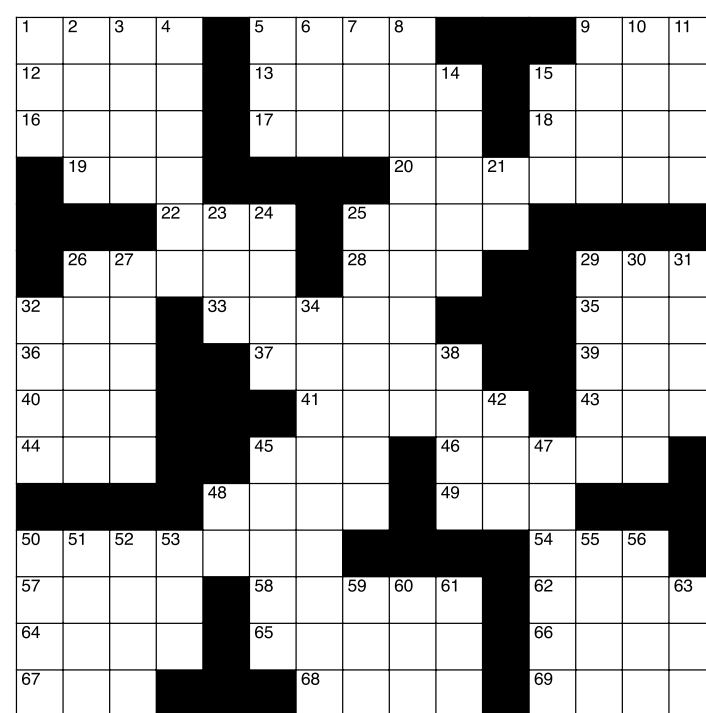
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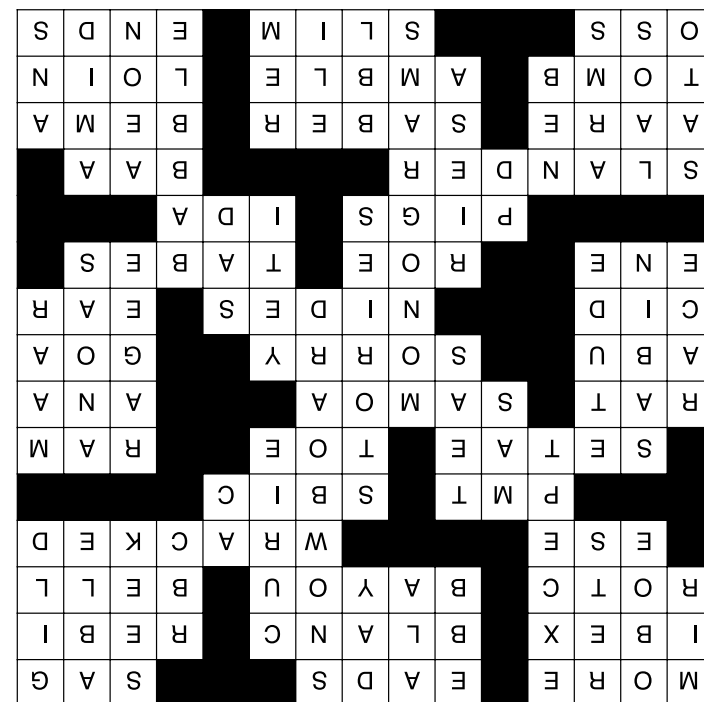
- Greater in number
- Fr. Airbus mfg. Co.
- Droop
- Large horned wild goat
- White (French)
- ___ lion: uprising
- College army
- Swampy plantation inlet
- Telephone inventor
- Point midway between E and SE
- ___ and ruined
- Payment (abbr.)
- Invests in little enterprises
- Podetiums
- Drive obliquely, as of a nail
- Adult male sheep
- Long tailed rodent
- Apia is the capital
- RN organization
- ___ Dhabi, Arabian capital
- Regretful
- Tibetan gazelle
- 1961 Heston movie "El ___"
- Nests of pheasants
- Pinna
- Point midway

CLUES DOWN

- Russian orbital station
- Double-reed instrument
- In a way, drenches
- Demur
- The outward flow of the tide
- An insect wing
- "Pillow Talk" actress Doris
- Sean White glider
- Try and locate
- Competent
- To deprive

- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Atomic #89
- More (Spanish)
- Afternoon receptions
- Building floors
- Oral polio vaccine
- Short solo composition
- Finger millet
- Dwarf buffaloes
- Picasso's mistress
- Competition of speed
- Embroiders initials
- Abominable snowman
- Not happy
- ___: Grossenhain Ger. District
- Muddled speech
- Palladium
- Figure skater Yuka
- A country in SE Asia
- Military weapons
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Obituaries

Mary Philp Bertetti, 100



ANDOVER — Mary (Philp) Bertetti, resident of Gillespie, Ill., died on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 at Wingate Nursing

Home in Andover, just shy of her 101st birthday.

She was born Oct. 6, 1908 in Lumphians, Fifeshire, Scotland, the youngest of six children born to the late David and Agnes (Wood) Philp. Mary emigrated from Cowdenbeath, Scotland, to this country in 1922 at the age of 14 with her sister and her husband. They settled in Benld, Ill. where Mary went to high school, graduating in 1926. She then went to Illinois State Normal School in Bloomington, Ill. and became a third grade teacher in the Benld school district.

She married Louis D. Bertetti on July 4, 1932 in Bunker Hill, Ill. at the height of the Great Depression and was forced to stop teaching because married women were not allowed to hold a teaching position. Mary and her husband bought their first home in Gillespie, Ill. where she resided until 2005, when, at the age of 96, she came to Andover to be closer to her only child, David Dominic Bertetti and his wife Sandra. Mary was a resident at Marland Place for 4 years, until last June, when she

moved to Wingate. Mary was a loving mother, a wonderful grandmother and great grandmother. Her son once described her as "a quintessential homemaker — good cook, and an accomplished seamstress, knitter, and needle-point worker." She was generous to all who knew her and will be sorely missed by her family.

Besides her son and his wife, Mary is survived by three grandsons: Scott Philip Bertetti of Park Ridge, N.J. and his wife Karen, Stephen Metcalf Bertetti of Alexandria, Va. and his wife Chuleekorn and Dr. Richard David Bertetti of New Orleans, and his wife Rebecca. In addition Mary had four beloved great-grandchildren: Duncan, Macallan, and Petra of Park Ridge, N.J. and Natasha of Alexandria, Va. Her nephews, Robert Davidson of Benld, Ill. and his wife Mary; Andrew Philp of Brantford, Canada and his wife Peggy; nieces, Carol Henderson of Toronto, Canada and Nancy Porter of Inverness, Scotland; and several grandnieces/nephews also survive her.

ARRANGEMENTS: There will be no calling hours but there will be two memorial services: one on Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at West Parish Church, Andover, officiated by The Reverend Tom McMillan; and a second one at the Kravanya Funeral Home on Oct. 11 in Gillespie, Ill., again officiated by Rev. Tom McMillan. Burial will be in the Benld Cemetery.

A. Charles Lane, 60

BRUNSWICK, Maine — A. Charles Lane, 60, of Brunswick, Maine, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 at Mid Coast Regional Hospital in Brunswick.

Charlie was born in Winchester on April 15, 1948 to the late Robert and Dorothy (Thoman) Lane. He was a graduate of Andover High School, Class of 1966, where he served as class president.

During his high school years he attended The New England Conservatory of Music where he started to compose music leading to his employment with Columbia Records. In 1970 Charlie graduated from Bowdoin College where he was president of Deke House.

He was the founder of Lane Publishing and Recording. In 1972 he formed a local origination TV station in Brunswick and Bath and served as on-air technical director for WGAN in Portland Maine. He served as President of Medical Education

at American Medical and was Executive Vice President at TravCom of Lexington. In 1999 he served as President of Pharmaceutical Promotions at Henry Shine in Melville, N.Y. After he retired he founded Concert Capture a recording studio in Brunswick, Maine.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Deborah Lane of Andover; his niece, Danielle Solari and her husband Andrew of Falmonth; two nephews, Robert Lane of Plaistow, N.H. and Gregory Laffamme and his wife Jamie of Methuen. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Lane, formerly of Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery also in Andover. Family and friends may call on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. For directions or to offer online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Frances C. Ryan, 97

ANDOVER — Frances Chickering (Rea) Ryan, 97, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 at Academy Manor, Andover.

Born in a simpler time to Frank Orris Rea and Ethel (Cooledge) Rea, Frances grew up in rural North Andover on the Rea Family farm with her sister, Charlotte and brother Gilbert. Frances shared memories of Christmas trees lit with real candles, kerosene lighting and a battery powered radio before electricity came to the farm.

Frances attended local North Andover schools and graduated from Burdett College in Boston. She worked in the payroll offices of C. H. Sprague Co. in Boston until retiring.

Frances and late husband, Raymond Farrell Ryan raised three children in Boston; son, Norman of Edenton, N.C., daughters, Charlotte E. Ryan of Bakersfield, Vt. and Joan B. Houghton of North Andover.

She leaves six grandchildren, Greg Robinson, Kristin Robinson, Gale DiMambro, Scott A. Houghton, Jason A. Houghton, and Joshua N. Houghton; six great-grandchildren, Michael, Olivia and Cameron DiMambro, Jesika, Kaytee and Bailey Houghton; great-great-granddaughter, Haley; and son-in-law, Robert R. Houghton.

In later years Frances and Raymond served as caretakers of the grounds and collections of the North Andover Historical Society from 1963 to 1984.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends visited with the family on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Services were private. For those who wish, Frances may be remembered through donations to the North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, MA 01845. To sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Marie Strandberg

ANDOVER — Marie Strandberg of Andover, formerly of Holden, died peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 at Wingate of Andover surrounded by family and caregivers.

Born in New Haven, Vt., she was the daughter of Frank Gill and Ida (Carlson) Gill. She graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester and worked at Morgan Construction Company in Worcester, starting as a file clerk and retiring as the Secretary to the Head of the Purchasing Department in 1979 She was widow of Harold O. Strandberg, to whom she was married for 54 years. In 1999 she and her husband moved to Lawrence to be closer to her daughter. For seven years she lived at MI Residential before moving to Wingate Nursing Home last year.

She leaves her daughter

Ann and son-in law Michael of Andover; grandchildren Jenna of Andover and TJ of West Covina, Calif., niece and nephews Carlene Emmons of Williston, Vt., Michael Gill of Charlotte, Vt., and Steven Strandberg and his wife Debra of Holden; sisters-in law; Joann Strandberg of Worcester and Punta Gorda, Fla., Elsie Strandberg of Lebanon, N.H. and Georgene Gill of Williston, Vt. She was predeceased by her three brothers Edward, Earl and George Gill of Vermont.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover, on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church or a charity of the donor's choice. To leave an online message of condolence in Marie's guestbook, please visit: NordgrenMemorialChapel.com.

Rita Guerrero Pappalardo



METHUEN — Rita (Zazzo) Guerrero Pappalardo, of Methuen, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Rita was born in Lawrence on Feb. 13, 1918 to Vincenzo and Consantina (Tomaselli) Zazzo, and lived in the Merrimack Valley her entire life. She was educated in the Lawrence School System and was employed by Grieco Brothers, Raytheon Company, Honeywell Corp., and Sutherlands. Rita volunteered many hours of service at the then Bon Secours Hospital in Methuen. She was a communicant of Holy Rosary Church and a member of St. Rita's Sodality of that Parish.

Rita leaves her devoted husband, Joseph Pappalardo of Methuen, to whom she was married for 43 years. She and Joe Papp worked side by side in the "store" Josef's Trophy House, on Newbury Street in Lawrence for many years. Rita loved to cook and was famous for her meatballs and eggplant dishes. Holidays and parties at the beach house will always be remembered fondly. She traveled with her husband to many places, including Florida and Las Vegas, but she especially loved Italy.

Her first husband, Salvatore Guerrero, died at an early age leaving behind three young children who she raised with devotion and love. Mama will be sorely missed by her son, Nicholas Guerrero and wife Virginia of Methuen; her daughter, Constance Napolitano and husband Frank of Lawrence; and son-in-law Clement Wasson of New Hampshire. She was a treasured Nanni to Atty. Nicholas Guerrero

and wife Susan of North Andover, Linda Guerrero and husband Henry Tejada of Methuen, Diane Ladd and husband Stuart of Andover, Mark Wasson and wife Susana of California, Christine Napolitano of Salem, N.H., Cara Green and her husband Kenneth of Lawrence, and Dr. Frank Napolitano and wife Nicole of Virginia. She adored her 13 great-grandchildren, Matthew and Ernest Guerrero, Graciela Tejada, Andrew, Adam and Alexander Ladd, Bryce Ernie and Dylan Wasson, Michael and Allyson Lavoie, Jacob and Lily Green, and Abigail Napolitano.

Auntie Rita will always be lovingly remembered by her numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends. Rita was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Grayce Guerrero Wasson, who died in 1995. She was also the sister of the late Benjamin, James, and Joseph Zazzo, Josephine, Rose Finnocchi, Lydia Santagati and Mary Kapitan. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff at the Mary Immaculate Restorative Center and to the Lawrence General Hospital staff for caring for Rita with compassion during her final days.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Parish at the Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St., Lawrence. Entombment will follow in St. Mary's Mausoleum, Barker Street, Lawrence.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Rita's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472. For directions and condolences, please visit our Web site and online guestbook at www.cataudellaFH.com.

Mary J. Trumbore

ANDOVER — Mary Jane (Faust) Trumbore, of Andover, and beloved wife of the late Lewis C. Trumbore Sr., died at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009. She was 87.

Mary was born in Bethlehem, Pa., on Nov. 25, 1921. She was a World War II Navy veteran. She was a long-time member of the South Church in Andover. She was also a founding member of the Art Critique Group in Andover.

Mary will be very sorely missed by her beloved son, Lewis C. Trumbore Jr. of Andover; one daughter, Suzanne and her husband Robert Lietsch of Thetford, Vt.; three grandchildren, Sarah Trumbore of New York City and Lydia and Jonathan

Lietsch, both of Thetford, Vt.; one brother, William Faust of Tucson, Ariz.; two sisters, Joanna Bees and Helen Louise Woodbridge, both of Bethlehem, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was also the sister of the late Elizabeth Stocker.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at 3 p.m. in the South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be private. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

EVENTS BY ANDOVER HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Yom Kippur Service by Havurat Shalom

Havurat Shalom will hold its Yom Kippur Service on Monday, Sept. 28, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Andover Old Town Hall.

All services are open to the public and offer an open environment, supportive of spirituality and love, according to organizers. The services are led by Rabbi Karen Landy and Chazzan Dave Hastings. The Yom Kippur service will offer the playing of the plaintive, "Kol Nidre" theme, provided by local flautist Judy Braude.

St. Robert Ballarmino offers economic mixer, workshops

The Saint Robert Bellarmine Networking and Resources Group was scheduled to present an "Economic Mixer" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the church's Gathering Space, 198 Haggets Pond Road, Andover. The "Economic Mixer" is free and open to all.

The Saint Robert Bellarmine Networking and Resources Group is dedicated to providing fellowship and support during the current economic crisis by assisting in the development of career contacts and support networks; providing guidance on increasing visibility in the job marketplace; sharing job opportunities; and providing access to economic, financial and legal counseling and resources.

This event will feature three brief (10 to 15 minute) discussions on career coaching, resume and interviewing skills, and a computer tutorial on their web site, their Google group and on LinkedIn. There will be

socializing opportunities following the presentations.

More in-depth workshops on these subjects will be held on Saturday mornings, Oct. 10, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7.

For more information about the group, visit www.saintroberts.net/networking.htm

Free Christian's second campus, on Route 125

Free Christian Church members are also meeting in North Andover at 1600 Osgood Landing (the former Lucent building).

Worship with children's Sunday school is at 10 a.m., featuring contemporary blended worship music.

Alpha begins Thursday, Oct. 1, at Luci's Café in Osgood Landing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Free Church 31 Elm St., Andover.

Join us for supper followed by a relaxed, non-threatening or judgmental 10 week course where questions of faith are discussed together — those exploring faith or those who would like to get to know God better, check it out. www.freechristian.org or call 978-475-0700.

Community picnic

A Community Picnic will be offered Sunday, Sept. 27, at noon at Rolling Ridge Conference Center 600 Great Pond Road.

"Join us as we celebrate the opening of the North Andover Campus. The focus of the picnic is on serving — opportunities to see where you might serve the community with Habitat for Humanity, Lazarus House, Cor Unum, Daybreak Shelter, Youth Services, Emmaus House, Esperanza Academy, Neighbors

SUPPORT GROUPS

Healing our Hearts Transforming our Losses

An eight-week bereavement support group will be held at 112 Lawrence St., Methuen starting Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The group is free and open to the public. Registration is mandatory. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 or email lbonanno@beaconhospice.com for additional information and to register.

Journey Toward Healing

A bereavement support group for individuals coping with grief after the loss of a loved one will be held at the Tewksbury Council on Aging, 175 Chandler Road, Tewksbury. The dates of the meetings are Wednesday, Sept. 23 to Nov. 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The group is free and open to the public. Any individual interested is required to register. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 for additional information and to register.

Coping with Loss

A bereavement support group will be held at the Dracut Council of Aging, Mammoth Rd., Dracut on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is free and open to the public. All interested individuals must register. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 for additional information and to register.

Grief Support

General Bereavement Support Group hosted by Merrimack Valley Hospice on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. running from June 24 until July 29 at Anna Jacques Hospital Library. Facilitated by Terry Holbrook, Chaplain, Ken Gates, Social Worker, both from Merrimack Valley Hospice. Contact 978-552-4040 for more information.

Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax

978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

Chronic disease

Chronic disease self-management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. Call 978-937-6038.

Down syndrome

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents and children of all ages are welcome. Call group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; www.lymesite.com.

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading. Call Dottie at 978-851-7655.

Food Addicts in Recovery

Weekly meetings for anyone suffering from food addiction, food obsession, overeating, obesity, bulimia and under-eating. Meetings are free. There are no weigh-ins; Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Lawrence Elks Club, 652 Andover St. in Lawrence.

The festivities will include an enjoyable mix of Israeli Dancing, Israeli Food and a Mini Shuk (Marketplace).

Hadassah raises money for programs in both America and Israel, including the world-renowned Hadassah Medical Organization.

Reservations for the event may be made by \$18 check, payable to the Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah. The organization is also asking participants to bring kitchen items to be donated to Project Home Again which is located in Lawrence.

For more information, contact Sandra Feingold or Rhonda Saunders, chapter presidents, at HadassahMV@gmail.com.

Temple Emanuel celebration, service

On Friday, Oct. 9, Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold its annual Simchat Torah Celebration. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a falafel dinner available, sponsored by TEMTY. Services will begin at 7 p.m., with singing and dancing with the torahs, Israeli flags will be given to all the children along with sweet treats for everyone.

On Friday evening, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat Unplugged Service, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Assistant Music Director, Idan Irelander, accompanied by a variety of professional musicians. Wine and cheese will be served prior to the service at 6:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggets Pond Road in Andover. Visit the website at www.templeemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

Opinion

Your wallet, your town, your vote

On Oct. 7, Andover residents will get to vote on what town services will be cut and whether a new tax on eating out will be implemented to balance the town budget. The decisions made that night will affect everyone in town, and we encourage people to attend.

The Special Town Meeting to balance the fiscal year 2010 budget will begin at 7 p.m. at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road. The last day to register to vote for non-registered voters is tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 25. The town clerk's office, at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., will be open Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter registration.

After the Aug. 31 Special Town Meeting that approved a new hotel-stay tax, it was expected Andover would need to cut about \$1.8 million from its budget. But a string of better-than-expected estimates and other items have helped to decrease the amount of service cuts needed.

On the school side, Andover saved more than \$433,000 by renegotiating its bus contract. A freeze in tuition for special education has meant the Andover schools will spend \$160,000 less than expected in that area, which had been expected to rise. Still, the School Committee is struggling to decide how it will cut the remaining \$327,000. Resident John Zipeto will again ask residents to support a meals tax that would cover much of this gap. Residents narrowly defeated the idea at the Aug. 31 meeting.

While town leaders have said they will not eliminate teaching positions or curbside leaf pickup, some things must go. By attending Oct. 7, residents can be a big part of the decision.

Pioneer makes being a watchdog easier

Most of us say we want to be informed citizens. But most of us also say we just don't have the time to do the homework required to understand and follow the labyrinthine workings of state government. Well, now somebody has done a big part of the homework for you.

The Pioneer Institute, a Boston-based nonpartisan but conservative-leaning research organization has just launched a new Web site, www.massopenbooks.org, created to provide information to the public on how Massachusetts state government spends the money it collects from you, the citizens.

According to Pioneer, some of the questions the site will answer include: What percent of state employees work 40 hours a week? What is the average salary of someone working for the State Police? How many different unions represent state employees.

The site also carries information on retiree pensions and on payments made by government agencies to businesses and individuals. The information is broken down both by departments and by individuals, and includes data analysis.

It ought to be obvious, but what Pioneer Executive Director Jim Stergios says bears repeating: "An educated citizen is an empowered citizen."

The theme of the site is also worth repeating: It's your money and your government.

So, take a look at the site – access is free – and see where your money is going.

WEB QUESTION

Will you pay more for your water?

Mixed bag on leaf collection

One cost-saving idea proposed to close the town's budget deficit was to eliminate seasonal curbside leaf collection. The idea has now been scratched, and leaf collection will stay for next year. You response:

"Curbside leaf collection is a luxury" and "Curbside leaf collection is a needed service, and should not be taken away" tied for first with 25 percent of votes "No big deal, I don't put leaves out to the curb" received 20.83 percent

"I will buy a vehicle sticker and take my leaves to the compost site on High Plain Road anyway," 12.50 percent

"It will be an inconvenience, but the town has to cut costs somehow," 8.33 percent;

"If curbside collection is eliminated, residents will start putting leaves in with their trash or dumping them illegally" and "None of the above" both received 4.17 percent

Thirsty?
Andover's water enterprise

fund has a \$1 million deficit, and a 10-percent water rate increase has been suggested by Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski and Jack Petkus, director of public works, as a way to close the gap. The rate increase comes out to an extra \$32 per year for the average Andover household, Stapeczynski says. How would you feel about paying more for your H2O?

■ No way! The rate just increased last year.

■ We've got to solve this deficit somehow, and I'm afraid cuts will affect water quality.

■ I can't believe a rainy spring causes a \$1 million shortfall.

■ An increase of \$32 per year seems manageable.

■ If they increase the water rate, what's next? How else will they get their hand in my pocket?

■ I would rather make cuts elsewhere than increase the water rate.

■ Other.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Art judges, from left, Robert Jackson of Newburyport, Vassilios Giavis of Lowell, and Deirdre Gruuwald of Maynard, look carefully at an oil painting by artist Steven Previte Saturday. Previte is one of the many artists exhibiting during Andover Art in the Park.

Zapping my zest for zipping (or don't try this at home)

Sue Tabb



It seemed like a placid enough idea. We decided to take a little family adventure on a recent Saturday afternoon and landed in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. I assumed the day's most memorable events might be eating an ice cream while cruising the Kancamagus Byway or viewing the natural watersides and spectacular views while breathing in the solitude of the crisp, mountain air. Yeah, right.

We have 9- and 11-year-old daughters so that concept quickly went the way of the Old Man of the Mountain. Crashing to the ground.

The girls wanted action – rock climbing, zip lining, or any activity they thought would remove us from the equation. However, my husband and I decided that we were all in it together, regardless of the outcome. If one of us drank the Kool-Aid, we were all going to drink it...and you know

how that ends.

After discovering that my youngest daughter, who weighs 58 pounds soaking wet, was not heavy enough for most of the zip line attractions, we did what any family would do – we stopped to have lunch. We chose a quaint little tavern where we stuffed our faces with cheeseburgers while we perused tourist booklets.

We were dangerously close to giving up on our adventure and heading home, and since the whole trip was my idea, my family was taking great pleasure at mocking my good intentions. "Pack your adventure bag, kids!" they chortled.

But I was quick to respond by asking our waitress for her recommendation on a fun, family activity. I forgot to mention that it should be something that people over 40 – with bones that can easily break – could enjoy, or actually do. She was quick to tell me about a new place that had obstacle courses. It was just up the road a bit.

Score! I felt the soaring glow of instant redemption as I reminded my family what a brilliant idea this whole trip was turning out to be. I was ready for any sort of obstacle course – jumping through a tire, maneuvering over

some rocks – I mean, how hard could it be?

Monkey Trunks (tagline: take adventure to a new height) was waiting with all its manmade vivacity. I did notice that the four-story platforms, high-suspension cables and free-falling "swing" were not the apparatus of your ordinary, run-of-the-mill course. The full-body harnesses, helmets and cables seemed a bit ominous but this was an adventure after all.

So, as promised, we all signed up to participate and chose the Discovery Course. This, according to the young woman issuing our tickets, was supposed to be the "less challenging" option and the one she highly recommended. (Translation: you are old and have no business doing this at all but if you insist, you might be able to do this course... but probably not.)

We had to watch a safety video, which, in retrospect, should have been a big red flag. We also had to participate in a mini demonstration where you gain a false sense of confidence as you navigate a mock course that is approximately three inches off the ground. Piece of cake!

Then you're on your own. Sort of. There were quite a few "safety

squad" personnel in yellow shirts that were combing the area and looking very serious about their role. I know; another red flag to anyone with half a brain. I was brazen enough to dart past them with nary a glance. I'm sure they were signaling each other to convey their collective sentiment: "This oughta be good."

Both our girls were gone in a flash. They were crawling up ropes, across wires, over logs, and up to the highest platform for the chance to throw themselves off and careen down the zip line. My husband and I climbed exactly one set of stairs, one cargo net and onto the first platform before we froze and realized why the yellow-shirt people had jobs. I had to be rescued; it took my husband approximately five minutes longer to concede and come down.

We came to the conclusion that taking pictures of the girls having the time of their lives can in fact be considered a "participatory" action. Not everyone needs to look like they are auditioning for Cirque du Soleil to get that elated feeling. Our kids needed to fall off a 40-foot high platform for the adrenaline rush. We got one with our feet firmly planted on soil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

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had the option of applying for a variance to this requirement he was enforcing, but that he would recommend it be denied by the board, at which time I decided the business is no longer viable in the town of Andover.

I do want to thank everyone who has been our customers and friends over the past six years. I will certainly miss all of you, the school events we have been a part of and am truly saddened to have to leave the town in this manner, but have no other option based upon what the town is requiring. Thank you for your understanding.

PAUL CLANCY
Main Line Creamery
100 School St.

Shop's sprinkles of generosity will be missed

Editor, Townsman:

We are writing in regards to the news that Main Line Creamery will be shutting its doors after six years.

Main Line Creamery has served the town of Andover in so many ways. It's been an employer for many teens in town, and a family run and operated business in these days of restaurant chains.

We think what was most special about Main Line Creamery was the personal greeting you received from Paul Clancy and his employees that made you feel welcomed. This doesn't happen often in a town as large as Andover.

Paul and Merritt Clancy have, over the years, generously donated ice cream and supplies to many of the pre-school and elementary schools in our town, for ice cream socials, educational field trips and other events. They have graciously supplied an alternative environment for birthday parties, Scout meetings, educational field trips and more. Beyond being an ice creamery, it was a place of comfort and fun, especially when searching to entertain a bunch of children.

The Clancys' generosity was unique, and will be greatly missed.

We thank Paul Clancy for all that he's done over the past six years for the town of Andover, and are deeply saddened to say goodbye to such a fine establishment.

KAREN GAFFNEY
Endicott Road
GINA MURRAY
Wescott Road
SUSAN SCHON
Lincoln Circle

Meals tax change will help town

Editor, Townsman:

Let's cowboy up and help out our town. You can make the difference. The local meals tax increase only lost by 8 votes at the September Special Town Meeting. On Oct. 7 you can come to another Special Town Meeting, vote for the meals tax increase and make a real contribution to the Town of Andover.

The town is hurting. It is currently in a \$1.7 million deficit situation. The town has implemented numerous cost-savings

initiatives and strategies and continues to comb through every expense to look for savings. It is receiving accolades for the success of its energy savings initiative, one of its many cost savings strategies.

The citizens of Andover have an opportunity to help. We can lead by example through our willingness to kick in a few cents to help minimize the impact of a difficult economic period. Hopefully more unions will consider taking this cue. If you can still afford to go out to dinner or out for a drink then you can afford the mere 75 cents this tax adds to a \$100 restaurant bill or the mere 3 cents this tax will add to your \$4 beer at the local pub. This change will not impact local businesses. This change will bring revenue to the town, improve the town's bond rating, and diversify our revenue base. We should go to Town Meeting and support this change.

DIANE MCCARRON
1 Napier Road

Challenger questions Tsongas vote

Editor, Townsman:

Dear Congresswoman Niki Tsongas:

On Sept. 17, 2009, you were one of only 75 legislatures who voted against cutting off funding to ACORN. Would you please go on the record and explain the rationale behind your vote to the people of the Fifth Congressional District?

In spite of mounting evidence of alleged wrong doing, such as advising people on how to evade tax and to obtain fraudulent loans to finance a house of prostitution with underage girls, why have you not sponsored a bill in Congress to investigate ACORN and its activities?

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Sign up for statewide waitlist for elder care

For the first time in many years, elders throughout the Merrimack Valley will have to wait to get home care services to help them manage their daily lives at home. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs has mandated a statewide waiting list for senior citizens needing services and assistance from the Home Care program, which began Sept. 8.

Rosanne DiStefano, Executive Director of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. in Lawrence that covers 23 communities including Andover, emphasized that the waitlist policy is not a complete shutdown of the Home Care program. DiStefano said, "Any elder with critical unmet needs will still be able to enroll, including situations involving elder abuse, elders being

discharged from nursing homes or hospitals, some Mass Health program recipients, and elders receiving hospice services. We want to be sure that referrals are still made to the program, as care advisors are available for free assessments and consultation, and some elders may be able to be enrolled and receive services."

Massachusetts spends 39 percent of its long term care

Mass Health dollars on community care, while 61 percent of that funding goes to institutions. For every one person in a state funded nursing home bed, two elders or more, with similar disabilities could be receiving services at home. For more information about the waitlist please contact the Age Information Department at Elder Services at 1-800-892-0890.

Donate your clunker to MAB

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Association for the Blind at 1-888-613-2777. This is a free tow and donations are tax-deductible. Proceeds benefit blind and vision impaired persons.

September health clinics in Andover

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Sept. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-

center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including Sept. 23 and 30. No appointment is necessary.



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Use Coupons and Get Paid to Shop



By Jill Cataldo
CTW Features

It's no secret that I love \$1 sales at the grocery store. They're one of the easiest ways to get items for free - and who doesn't like getting something for free?

For example, when a bag of frozen vegetables is on sale for \$1 and I use a \$1 coupon, the coupon's value essentially "pays" for the vegetables - they're free.

But what if the frozen vegetable happens to be on sale for 75 cents and you use a \$1 coupon?

This is an example of what couponers call overage - and it's one of my favorite aspects of couponing. Overage occurs when the value of your coupon exceeds the cost of the item you're buying.

If I use a \$1 coupon on the 75-cent vegetables, what happens to that extra 25 cents? At checkout, most stores will apply the extra quarter to the rest of the items I purchase that day. So, if during the same shopping trip I also buy some bakery rolls for \$1.25, the extra quarter of coupon overage is automatically applied to the rest of my total. In this example, after giving the cashier my \$1 vegetables coupon I would owe just \$1 in cash for the rolls.

Overage can play a big role in reducing your total grocery bill. If I have many items in the same transaction, each with a coupon that exceeds the value of what I'm buying, I can gain several dollars of overage. That overage can be used to buy anything: fruit, vegetables, dairy or whatever I'd like. With a family of five, I can always find plenty of other items that my household needs.

However, it's important to remember that no store is going to give a shopper cash back for overage. I can't walk into my local grocery store with that \$1 coupon, buy the 75-cent vegetables and then ask for a quarter in change. It just doesn't work that way. But because I'm also buying other items during the same trip, coupon overage helps save money on everything else I take home.

When I explain overage in my coupon classes I'm sometimes asked if this is "ripping off the store." The answer is, No! Remember, the manufacturer that issued my \$1 vegetables coupon will reimburse the store not only \$1 for the full value of my coupon but also an additional 8 to 12 cents per coupon. (Read the fine print on your coupon and you'll find this spelled out.) So, think of your coupons as if they were cash. If I hand the cashier a \$1 bill to pay for my 75-cent vegetables and \$1.25 rolls, the extra 25 cents over the cost of the vegetables isn't lost - it comes off the price of the rolls.

Most stores automatically allow overage. A few reserve the right to "adjust down" the value of your coupon to the point that the item is free, but the shopper does not receive the overage. To determine how your store handles coupon overages, ask your store for a copy of its coupon policy.

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Jill Cataldo, a coupon-workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site, www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your couponing coups and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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Townspeople



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Samanta Turner, owner of Wine Sense, will be walking in Andover's Memory Walk on October 4, along with a team of 12 people she organized.

Local couple runs free workshop on money

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

He's the figures man and has been guiding clients of all financial backgrounds for years.

She's the operations arm of their financial partnership, meeting with clients to get a feel for what will best benefit their portfolio.

When they call it a day, they both head for the same home on Chandler Road and usually talk about their daughter, Meredith, who is attending the University of Chicago, and what's for dinner.

John and Helene Spoto met at work in Philadelphia, Pa. several years ago. The married couple worked together for some 20 years, running a successful computer leasing business and still work side-by-side today running a financial planning business, Sentry Financial Planning in Burlington. They have lived in Andover for 20 years.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., they will be at Memorial Hall Library running a workshop entitled "How to Manage Your Money Between Jobs." Their financial expertise will help them offer attendees advice on weathering the tough money times when someone loses a job. The workshop price will help to - it's free. The discussion, sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, promises to be "relaxed and comfortable," said Helene Spoto, with no pressure to buy anything.

"Our firm does not sell any financial products of any kind," Helene Spoto said. "The information provided is purely educational and objective."

The Spotos are simply doing some community outreach during these tough money times, they said. They're sharing what they know best because they've seen first-hand how the downward spiraling stock market and job losses are affecting local families.

"There's just a real need for something like this," said John Spoto, who wants to offer some tips on how to deal with not having a paycheck until the next job comes along.

The Spotos plan to talk about the importance of an emergency fund, sticking to a budget and available tax deductions, along with other financial topics.

Attendees can look for the Spotos to focus on "what you have," John Spoto said, and to hear him pitch his line, "the sun will come out tomorrow," a favorite of his 89-year-old father.

"We keep it simple," he said of the 90-minute workshop.

"Be organized, don't get off track and don't make emotional decisions (about money) that will haunt you for the rest of your life," he added.

The workshop will be held on the library's second floor. For more information, check out mhl.org or contact Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49 or eclasson@mhl.org to register.

ON THE MOVE

Memory Walk in Andover seeks to help families affected by Alzheimer's

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover native Phyllis DeMerchant, left, and her daughter, Robyn, at the 2008 Memory Walk. The event, a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association, will take place in Andover on Oct. 4 this year. DeMerchant was the primary caregiver to her mother, Ginny Thomes, a lifelong Andover resident who passed away from Alzheimer's in March. The DeMerchant family's Memory Walk team is named the "Mini Ginneys," after her mother, who at a mere 5'2" was nicknamed "Mini Ginny," by her towering 6'5" son.

Each of the hundreds of walkers who will don a purple T-shirt and walk through Andover on Oct. 4 have a personal connection with someone who had or has Alzheimer's disease.

That's not surprising. As many as 5.3 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association. The Memory Walk taking place in Andover next Sunday raises money for the Chicago-based nonprofit, which funds research and education, outreach and support services to families affected by the disease.

Just as the walk's motto claims, participants are "on the move to end Alzheimer's!"

The Andover Memory Walk is one of hundreds taking place across the U.S. this fall. Last year, Andover's first-ever memory walk saw 1,200 participants walk a three mile route through town, all wearing purple T-shirts. The Andover Townsman is media sponsor to the Andover event.

Andover native Phyllis DeMerchant and her family will be walking in memory of her mother, Ginny Thomes.

Thomes, who lived in Andover all her life, passed away from Alzheimer's in March.

"It's a nasty thing, it's something that nobody has any control over," said DeMerchant of the disease. "It's a horrible thing, she didn't know me, or any of my family by the end. She didn't talk but boy, she had a smile, and her blue eyes (sparkled)."

The DeMerchant family will be walking as "the Mini Ginneys" team. Thomes, who stood 5'2", was nicknamed "Mini Ginny" by her towering 6'5" son.

"We were very close, we were like sisters. We had a fantastic relationship, as my daughter (Robyn) and I do now. She was always there for me. We would do anything for each other," said DeMerchant of her mother. "She's done so much for us, we'd like to give a little back to her."

This will be the second year the Mini Ginneys have walked in the Andover Memory Walk. DeMerchant said her mother was at the walk "in spirit" last

ON THE MOVE TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Sunday, Oct. 4; Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk steps off at 10 a.m.

Three- and 1.5-mile routes begin and end at Brickstone Square, Andover (off York Street)

Money raised goes to the Alzheimer's Association

For more information, to preregister or sponsor a walker, visit www.alz.org/memorywalk or www.memorywalkmanh.org

The 24-hour Alzheimer's Association's Helpline provides information, referrals and support in multiple languages to families and caretakers of Alzheimer's patients at 1-800-272-3900

year and she knows she will be looking down on the team again this year.

On the day of the Memory Walk, Brickstone Square will be filled with cheery walkers as well as exhibits with information and resources on Alzheimer's. Besides organizing local support groups and a 24-hour toll-free support hotline, the association is a resource of information on the best way to care for patients and what to look for in doctors and assisted living facilities.

Andover resident Samanta Turner, owner of Wine-Sense on North Main Street has organized a team of friends and clients from her wine boutique to walk in the event. After the walk, the team is going to gather at Wine-Sense for a celebration and wine tasting.

Although she has not seen Alzheimer's in her immediate family, Turner has supported friends affected by the disease.

"I never really grasped the idea, until a friend knocked on my door and asked me to be part of this great cause. I said 'Why not?'," said Turner. "I am doing it because I can. We need more people to do things just because they can. I am a mother of two, and every day I do my best to teach (my kids) what life is around us, lessons of helping and lending a hand."

"It takes so little, but we're all so wrapped up in our lives. It feels so good to simply lend a hand and make a difference," said Turner



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John and Helene Spoto of Sentry Financial Planning, LLC., with speak at the Memorial Hall Library on How to Manage Your Money Between Jobs.

THE WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE

The truth is a sloth, often slow to appear and elusive

Bill Dalton



The truth is a sloth. This is another of my insights. The truth is often slow to appear and elusive. Accepted "facts" are routinely proven wrong over time.

In national and international politics, the truth is particularly slow and elusive, and you could find a hundred examples in no time at all. Here are few that quickly came to my mind.

- Professor Gates and the Cambridge police. Early conclusions were largely false. The truth came out slowly, slothfully.

- Duke Lacrosse team. An unethical district attorney, Duke University, and the media disparaged the boys before the truth was learned.

- Weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Based on incorrect evidence, President Bush persuasively argued that we send in the troops.

- Cuban Missile Crises. Many years after the crises we learned President Kennedy gave up our Jupiter missiles in Turkey in order to end it.

- The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. President Johnson's

exaggerations let to the resolution being passed by Congress, setting in motion our deeper involvement in Vietnam.

One reason the truth is a sloth is that it has no intrinsic value, and incentives can push people away from the truth. For those people who govern, the truth can lead to defeat at the polls or the loss of cherished legislation. Very often, the incentive pushes toward truth avoidance, whatever form that takes. Don't we private individuals sometimes resort to truth avoidance to suit our purposes? When we are trying to accomplish something worthwhile, isn't it easy to skip over a truth that is harmful to our purpose? Don't the ends often justify

the means? In a job interview, when a person is asked to point out his weaknesses, do you think the answer given is ever the full truth? No one expects it to be. In other words, the truth is wonderful if it works in our favor, but not so good when it doesn't.

Am I saying that we all lie all the time? Of course not. I'm simply saying that there are enough incentives to avoid the full truth to make the truth slow and elusive. It the courtroom we have to create a strong negative incentive - perjury - to entice the truth from witnesses. (The oath, "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, under the pains and penalties of perjury?")

requires an audible, affirmative answer.)

If we understand that the truth is slow and elusive, perhaps we will be slower to jump to incorrect conclusions and, in the end, make better decisions. That is the end of my insight.

There is a big place for morality and ethics in this conversation, for wisdom without truth is false wisdom. The truth has no intrinsic value, yet it is priceless and precious, something to be nurtured and encouraged. I know that, and I think most people know that.

"Authority without wisdom is like a heavy ax without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish." (Anne Bradstreet, 1612-1674, America's first poet and one of

Andover's first settlers.)

"Behold, my son, with what little wisdom the world is ruled." (Count Oxenstierna, 1585-1654, Swedish statesman.)

"We thought, because we had power, we had wisdom." (Stephen Vincent Benet, 1898-1943.)

Next week, we'll begin publishing your wisdom and insights.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and his e-mail address is billdalton@andovertownie.com. If you'd like to send in your wisdom and insights, large and small, he's like to see them. Last week's column will remain online this week at www.andovertownsmen.com.

SEPTEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Matthew Foster Horton celebrated his first birthday on Sept. 17. He is the son of Eric and Christine Horton. Grandparents are Reeta Horton of Andover and the late Bruce Horton, and Bob and Marie Caviaasca. Great-grandmother is "G.G." Elizabeth Romano of Plymouth. Matthew is a happy little boy who loves to laugh and giggle. He enjoys looking at books while being read to, walking in the park to ride on the swings, and playing peek-a-boo, especially with Auntie Sara and his cousins.



Tighe David Blake Wisecarver turned 1 on Sept. 15. He is the son of Sarah and Christian Wisecarver of Hampstead, N.H. Grandparents are Cathy and Bob Wisecarver of Atkinson, N.H. and Janice Arnold of Silver Lake, N.H. Great-grandparents are William Tighe Downs and Bernice E. Downs of Andover. Tighe has a 3-year-old sister, Marly.



Chase Sliva Arsenault celebrated his first birthday on Sept. 15. He is the son of Jennifer and Colin Arsenault of Fairfield, Conn. Grandparents are Jay and Martha Sliva of Fairfield, Conn. and Wayne and Daryl Arsenault of Andover. Chase loves to play outside with his twin brothers, Caiden and Landon.

ENGAGEMENT

Marci Mutti and Mark Dlutowski

The Rev. Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Karen Mutti, formerly of Andover, and now of Cape Cod, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marci S. Mutti to Mark J. Dlutowski, son of Dr. Bernard and Mrs. Theresa Dlutowski of Philadelphia.

Ms. Mutti graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover in 1992 and received a bachelor of arts degree with a biology major from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. She received her masters degree in business administration from the University of Maryland. She is director of reimbursement policy for oncology with GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia.

Mr. Dlutowski graduated from Holy Ghost School in Philadelphia in 1987. He received both his bachelor of arts degree with an English literature major, and



Marci S. Mutti and Mark J. Dlutowski will be married in the Poconos.

his masters degree in business administration from Tulane University in New Orleans. He is a vaccine product manager

with GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia.

They couple plan an October wedding in the Poconos.

TOWNSPEOPLE



From left are Andover Sister Towns Association members Nan James, Charlotte Murphy, Diane Huster, Kathy Stevens, Lois Harris, Al Simpson, Laura Simpson, Marjorie Snell, Fred Snell, Jane Vondell, Frank Hopkins and Evelyn Retelle.

Sisterly visit

Members of the **Andover Sister Towns Association (ASTA)** of Andover and North Andover recently visited the Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury, N.H., a National Historic Landmark and Museum. The group toured carefully conserved buildings containing an array of manuscripts, photographs, artifacts, and furniture. Experts on Shaker history provided a "kindly welcome" and a glimpse into the past preserved for posterity in a beautiful pastoral setting. A bountiful dinner at the Shaker Table Restaurant was enjoyed by all at the conclusion of the visit, they said.

Andover Sister Towns Assn. highlighted the tour as one of its cultural and educational program events and trips scheduled throughout the year. The purpose of the Shaker Village trip was to find new and interesting places around New England in preparation for hosting a sister group from Andover, England in June 2010. New members are always welcome and encouraged join ASTA by contacting Diane Huster at

978-687-0806 or via email at husterd@aol.com.

Resident honored for excellence in teaching

This year's winner of the American Philological Association's Pre-Collegiate Teaching Award, 30-year APA member and Andover resident **Paul Properzio**, characterizes his relationship with his students at Boston Latin Academy very simply. "I expect a lot of them," he writes, "and they of me. We treat each other with mutual respect."

As was reported in the APA newsletter: in presenting the award, Lee Pearcy said, Properzio's students at Boston Latin Academy confirm this picture of shared pursuit of excellence and add to it something equally important, joy in learning. One student writes of recommending Dr. Properzio's classes to other students: 'His is a class where they will be required to make full use of their abilities, but one I am confident they will enjoy.'

"Another student adds a third quality. 'Dr. Properzio,' she writes, 'views himself as the messenger for something serious and important.' This sense, which I hope many classicists share, that we are entrusted with something important has led Paul Properzio to serve our profession modestly and effectively for many years. Not only has he taught in both colleges and schools, but he has also served on countless local and national committees. He has been president of both CAAS and CANE, and he now edits the

ACL Newsletter. He has shared his knowledge through publications and conference papers ranging from (Heroic Epithets in Early Greek and Han Chinese Literature) to (North American Classics: An Inner-City Model.) He has given his time beyond the classroom by leading students on study tours of Greece and Italy and By moderating NJCL Certamina."

Pearcy called him, "a teacher who challenges and inspires his students as he leads them to 'something serious and important,' and who has served our profession loyally over three decades."

Riding against cancer

Andover resident **Matthew Laracy** recently completed the American Cancer Society's inaugural bicycles battling cancer as part of a team representing the IT Department of Genzyme. The nearly 73-mile ride began at Clark University in Worcester and ended at Hellenic College in Brookline. The event allows participants to support the Society's mission to save lives and create more birthdays by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back against cancer. Nearly \$31,000 was raised. For more information or to participate in next year's ride, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org/bicyclesbattlingcancer.



Matthew Laracy

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS



Members of the Andover High School Class of 1959 reunion committee have organized a two-day affair, for Oct. 2 and 3.

Class of 1959

Organizers recently held the final wrap up meeting for the 50th reunion of the 100th graduating class of Andover High School. The reunion is Friday Oct. 2, at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury and Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Lawrence Elks Club. Pictured, from right to left: seated, Barbara Hatch Liss, Lois Bennett Estell; and standing Patricia Mottram Roy, William Walsh and Nancy Kaylor Griggs

a DJ playing all '80s music. Tickets are \$75 through Sept. 28, and \$85 after that. Organizers say they will stop selling tickets as soon as the room capacity is reached, and tickets will not be available at the door. Those interested in attending can send a check to AHS Reunion Committee, 4 Wilmor Road, Topsfield, MA 01983.

North Andover 1974

North Andover High School Class of 1974 will host its 35th reunion on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Andover Country Club, 500 Great Pond Road, North Andover

The cost is \$55 per person. Contact: Donna (Scott) Breen 978-685-6028 or Kim (DiSalvo) Sapienza, 978-794-9700, e-mail: mammaklm@aol.com.

Class of 1989

Andover High School Class of 1989 will have its 20th high school reunion on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Andover Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road. The night will include a buffet dinner, slide show and

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Spaghetti Supper: Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., \$7 advance tickets. Come enjoy a great supper with super door prizes trips, gift certificates, etc. hosted by the "Friends of the Andover Senior Center". Entertainment will be provided by our own new theatre group "The Starlite Players" and our talented "Sunset Tappers". Learn about the Friends and how you can be a part of this important group.

Fall Organizing: Helpful hints on getting started and maintaining momentum with our professional organizer Susan Walko as she teaches us to "Lighten our Load" by creating space that embraces you - she will teach a one process de-cluttering on Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m., \$3 and "Attain Equilibrium", by learning routines that save time and keep your organizing on track. Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m., \$3. Pre-registration required.

Estate Planning Forum: Friday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. Features Captain Jason Ebacher, Esq. As the TRIAD Director at the Essex County Sheriff's Department as well as a local attorney. He will discuss estate planning as well as health care proxies and living wills. Pre-registration for this free Forum.

Journey to Alaska: Brown Bag Luncheon: Oct. 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m., \$3 cost includes drink and dessert, bring your own lunch or order ahead from our Lunch Box Café see below. Naturalist, Elderhostel instructor and hiking guide Jerri Roberts will tell us about her life in a two room log cabin where she lives and works year round on the edge of Denali State Park. She will share her knowledge of our northern-most state and survival strategies for life in the wild. Learn about the Alaska oil-based economy, tourism and fishing. Hosted by Andover's Red Hat club find out about joining us.

Short Story Class: Tuesday Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 13 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., \$15. With the Best American Short Stories of 2007 as our source material, join us for a thought provoking discussion of these current writers. Book information available at the Center.

Letters, Literary and Literally: Explore the nearly lost art of letter writing in this unique three part series jointly presented by the Andover Senior Center and Memorial Hall Library. Part I: Sept. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. This free afternoon literary letters workshop starts the six part series, with an examination of letters as living history and compelling current-day communication, held at MHL, call to pre-register at MHL 978-623-8401 Ext. 49. Part II: Insightful Writing Through Letters: Thursdays Oct 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the ASC. \$20/ 4 week course. Delve into the exploration of letters as articles of value both as gifts and bearers of history.

With guidance from instructor Karen Fullerton, participants will learn techniques that can be applied to various aspects of the written word. Part III: Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History: Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. This trip will complete our celebration of the art of letter writing. \$20 includes transportation, museum admission, lunch with museum curator and course instructor on campus lunch cost of \$6 payable that day. Pre-registration required for all three parts of this series. Priority given to course participants for Spellman trip.

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Law-school classroom named for Andoverite

Villanova University School of Law has named an academic classroom in honor of Daniel P. Gibson, in recognition of his generosity and that of his wife, Lynn M. Gibson, to the Campaign for Villanova Law.

The Gibsons are residents of Andover and he is managing partner of the law firm of Gibson & Behman. Daniel Gibson has been an active alumnus since earning his Juris Doctor in 1982 from Villanova School of Law. He has been a member of numerous boards and committees and was an integral part of the Campaign for Villanova Law Steering Committee, charged with the major fundraising effort to construct a new 175,000 square foot law school building, according to a release. The construction of the new building was completed this summer, and a formal dedication ceremony will take place in early October.

"Dan has been very supportive of his alma mater in many ways over the years, not only through his gift of time, but also with monetary contributions," said Samuel McClure, associate dean for development and alumni relations at Villanova University School of Law. "The Law School seeks to gratefully acknowledge those gifts by naming a classroom in Dan's honor."

The Daniel P. Gibson Classroom will be located within the new \$69 million Villanova School of Law building, which includes one large classroom seating 135; three classrooms seating 90; the ceremonial courtroom seating 60; two medium and one small classroom, four small courtrooms and two seminar rooms. The new building also houses faculty offices, a library that occupies nearly one wing, and a 600-car parking garage.

"I credit my career to the education I received at Villanova," said Gibson, who went on to start Gibson & Behman, a mid-sized law firm headquartered in Burlington, and with offices throughout the United States and one in the U.S. Virgin Islands. "It is an honor to be acknowledged in this way; both Lynn and I feel privileged to be able to help see this beautiful building come to fruition."

Doctors Park gets doctor-affiliated day spa

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

GloMD is a new high end suburban day spa in town promising to keep customers' skin glowing. That's OK with the doctor in charge, but the second half of this spa's name is what separates GloMD from the dizzying number of spas cropping up in suburbia, he says.



Dr. Daniel Townsend

"The MD is what matters," said Dr. Daniel Townsend, an oculofacial plastic surgeon for the past 20 years who has

performed over 5,000 blepharoplasties or eyelid surgeries.

"That's what makes this spa different," he said. "It's not a typical spa because there are no doctors (at other spas)."

GloMD is a physician-directed medical spa led by board-certified physicians and surgeons who have been practicing for decades. State-of-the-art aesthetic services are offered in a private and calming spa setting, according to the business.

Townsend is on the teaching faculty at Harvard Medical School and Tufts Medical School, and is the former co-director of the Oculoplastics Service at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary in Boston.

He was at last Thursday's grand opening gala for GloMD, which attracted 200

guests, according to organizers. White tents housed "glo-tini" sipping guests who munched on fancy appetizers while watching skin care demonstrations by Townsend.

Doctors Park II on Haverhill Street is the spa's location, in office space formerly occupied by Andover Eye Associates.

Townsend has worked with Andover Eye for 25 years and knows Andover patients well, he said. He also knows the high-earning demographics of Andover and is optimistic that GloMD will succeed.

Being tucked into Doctors Park among many other doctor offices staffed with pediatricians and dermatologists, makes GloMD comfortable for customers, Townsend said. Patients interested

in a procedure like to quietly arrive for their eyelid lifts, skin injections or wrinkle fillers surrounded by other people also heading to a doctors appointments, Townsend said.

"It's Newbury North here," added Joe Berdetti, the creative director for GloMD, referring to Boston's famed Newbury Street. "You just don't have to go to Boston, and patients will love having Dr. Townsend here... he's also a well known medical author."

Townsend co-authored the medical text "Atlas of Eyelid Surgery," which has sold thousands of copies worldwide.

"I'm happy about this," said Townsend, who is at GloMD seeing customers once a week.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

FirstCall/Insulet Corporation, the leader in tubing-free insulin pump technology with its OmniPodInsulin Management System, has announced the appointment of Peter J. Devlin as Chief Commercial Officer. In this newly created role, Devlin will lead the Company's sales and marketing, business development, clinical research and customer care operations.

"Peter brings a distinguished track record in the diabetes and medical device industries and we are extremely pleased to have him join Insulet's management team," said Duane DeSisto, president and chief executive officer of Insulet. "Peter's proven ability to develop and implement successful commercial strategies globally will be invaluable to Insulet as we continue to grow our core insulin pump business and expand into new opportunities for the easy-to-use OmniPod System."

Devlin spent the last 11 years at Abbott Laboratories, most recently serving as Divisional Vice President of Global Strategic Marketing, Diabetes Care. In this role, he was responsible for the development of commercial strategies, global brand management, market research, area strategic marketing, and business analytics and forecasting. Previously, he served as marketing manager of i-STAT Corporation, a point-



YMCA Gets Lift from Charitable Foundation

The Merrimack Valley YMCA recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Danversbank Charitable Foundation for the purchase of a new PAL 1000 Portable Pool Lift. Part of the Aquatics Mobility project at the Y, the PAL 1000 will help individuals with physical, mental and sensory disabilities, as well as senior citizens, take advantage of the Y's swim programs. Above, left to right, are YMCA member Mary Jo Hayes demonstrating how the lift works for YMCA CEO Stephen Ives, Danversbank's Andover Branch Manager Sonia LaRock and Danversbank Charitable Foundation Director Kevin Noyes while YMCA Aquatics Director Lynn Avila looks on.

of-care blood analysis systems company, which was acquired by Abbott. He spent eight years at C.R. Bard Inc., where he held various product management and engineering roles of

increasing responsibility. Devlin holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Massachusetts.

Deborah Lucci of Prudential Howe and Doherty Realtors was named the state's #3 sales professional, both for Residential GCI for the second quarter of this year by Prudential Real Estate, Inc. This award recognizes the sales professionals who produced the highest residential gross commission income.



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Lucci has consistently achieved the Chairman's Circle, which recognizes the top 2 percent of Prudential Realtors nationally. She is also a Fine Homes Specialist and Certified Buyers Representative. Munick is an Accredited Buyer Representative and a

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Cultural Council workshop Saturday could help you launch arts program

If you have an idea for a special arts, science or humanities projects in Andover, you might want to get in touch with the Andover Cultural Council during the next few weeks.

The council is calling for funding proposals from organizations, schools and individuals. Applications are due by Oct. 15. To help applicants prepare an effective proposal, the ACC will hold a grant-writing workshop on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Andover Historical Society on Main Street, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Light refreshments available.

The session is open to non-profit organizations, artists and residents interested in applying for funding from the Andover Cultural Council.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. The RSVP e-mail is acc01810@gmail.com

The Andover Cultural Council is a division of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Annually, the Massachusetts legislature provides an appropriation to the MCC, which then allocates funds to

each community. This money supports thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. Local cultural councils serve all the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, making it the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation.

Andover Cultural Council previously funded projects include: Delvena Theatre Company performances at Bancroft and Wood Hill elementary schools, North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra concert, Memorial Hall Library youth

poetry program, Treble Chorus of New England spring concert, Sandy Dukeshire glass-making workshop, Ruth Harcovitz Senior Center concert, Applesauce Magazine and many more.

For specific guidelines about applications or the grant-writing workshop please contact the Andover Cultural Council via e-mail acc01810@gmail.com.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.massculture.org/lcc_public.asp.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

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Fine Homes Specialist. She has achieved the President's Circle for being in the top 3 percent of Prudential Realtors nationally for the past two years.

Attorney Robert W. Lavoie of the Devine Millimet law firm in Andover was recently re-elected as chairman of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. This is his second term as chair. Lavoie has practiced in Andover for 30 years and with Devine Millimet's Andover office since its opening there in 1996. He is a senior member of the firm's Corporate Department, and has served on the Commission for several years as the Town of Amesbury Commissioner.

professor in the Department of Civil Construction and Environment at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Johnson had been teaching at Wentworth as an adjunct professor before his full-time appointment.

Jim Moran, regional vice president of relocation services, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, is pleased to recognize the Andover office for its outgoing relocation referral efforts. As a result of these efforts, the Andover office earned the "All Star Outgoing Relocation" honor after placing more relocation referrals than any other Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

The office was awarded a barbeque luncheon and tickets to a Lowell Spinners game by the Relocation Services division.

Todd Johnson of Andover has been hired as an associate

Busy weekend for Memorial Hall Library

Memorial Hall Library offers a number of activities this week:

- The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Fall Book Sale is ongoing through Sept. 27. Stock up on books, movies, and CDs for all ages. Preview Night was Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at a cost of \$20 per person, or free for Friends of Memorial Hall Library members. Book sale hours are Friday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 27, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or visit www.mhl.org.

- Letters, Literary and Literally Workshop will be at Memorial Hall Library on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration required. Call 978-623-8401 Ext. 49. Engage in a discussion of literary letters in collections of correspondence, stories told solely in letters, and pivotal scenes that revolve around this form of communication. The second part of the workshop invites you to draft, develop, and write a letter in celebration of this art form.

- Conversational English Group will meet on Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon

beginning Sept. 28 at Memorial Hall Library. These classes are for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. Contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602 to register.

Sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

- "How to Manage Your Finances Between Jobs" program at Memorial Hall Library on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. This seminar will offer practical and important information to help people plan for an uncertain

future if they have already lost a job or are unsure of the status of their present job. The following topics will be covered: the importance of having an emergency fund, developing a budget/cash flow statement, insurance issues, tax implications of job loss, how to handle retirement plans, and deductions you can take during a job search.

Presented by John Spoto of Sentry Financial Planning, LLC. Please register: Call 978-623-8401, Ext. 49 or email eclason@mhl.org. For more information, visit www.mhl.org.

Elder Services of Merrimack Valley wins national senior media award

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley was a winner in the 18th annual National Mature Media Awards Program. The program, presented by the

Mature Market Resource Center, a national clearinghouse for the senior market, recognizes the nation's finest advertising, marketing and educational materials

designed and produced for older adults.

Two TV ads, one for the Brown Bag Food Program and the other for Medical Advocacy Volunteer Recruitment, received a Merit Award in the Community

Organization division. In a collaborative effort, those involved with the design and production of the TV ads were Eileen Giordano, volunteer manager, and Mark Provost, a volunteer for Jericho Road.

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Overheard at the selectmen meeting

The town and schools are looking to close a \$1.4 million deficit before the Oct. 7 Town Meeting, and the budget continued to be discussed at the Sept. 21 selectmen meeting, this time with the entire School Committee. The budget discussion turned from serious to joking as the exchange wound down. Among the banter, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski

offered to give School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein five red pens so her board could start making cuts.

- Bethany Bray

Outreach anniversaries

On Sunday Sept. 20, Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach celebrated 11 years and the Korean Cultural Outreach celebrated nine years. Dr. Jean Wu of Tufts University will give a presentation/workshop on "Race, Heritage and Family: Finding a

Balance" for parents of children from China and Korea.

Hiking Andover

On Sunday, Sept. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Andover Trails Committee will host the fourth and final segment of its four-part hike series this summer. When added together, these hikes will have covered Andover's entire 18-mile stretch of the 200 mile Bay Circuit Trail. For this fourth hike, hikers are asked to meet at the Tewksbury Pumping Station

on Merrimack Drive in Tewksbury. Shuttles will take hikers to the beginning of the hike, and then hikers will hike back to their cars.

Participation in this hike is not dependent on having completed any prior sections. This fourth leg is approximately 4.5 miles and will be led by experienced hikers.

For more information, contact Jeff LaFountain, Hiking Series Coordinator for the Andover Trails Committee, at 978-470-2980.

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Sports

FALL WARRIORS PART 4

► ROUNDUP



FILE PHOTO

Andover's Randy Sartor fights for the ball last season. Last week, his goal helped lead the Golden Warriors to a win over Tewksbury.

Warriors finish the job

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Following a season-opening loss to Central Catholic, Andover coach **George Sullivan** said his Golden Warriors just had to shut the door. In game No. 2 of the season, the Blue and Gold did just that.

Sophomore **Sarah Arvidson** notched a team-high 10 kills and 10 service points as Andover downed Chelmsford 25-17, 25-21, 25-11 last Monday. **Annie Ye** added 29 assists and **Molly Burke** had 11 digs for the winners

■ ■ ■
Kirsten Arvidson tallied a team-best seven kills and nine blocks while sister **Sarah Arvidson** led the 100 breaststroke (1:20.50) and they teamed with **Anna Ryan** and **Audrey Hanson** to take the 200 medley relay as Andover topped Notre Dame 100-67 on Friday.

SWIMMING

Denny, Andover cruise

Geena Denny won the 100 free-style (1:03.59), **Mikaela Ross** took the 100 breaststroke (1:20.50) and they teamed with **Anna Ryan** and **Audrey Hanson** to take the 200 medley relay as Andover topped Notre Dame 100-67 on Friday.

Melissa Ragonese won the 200 IM and sister **Hannah Ragonese** took the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke for the winners.

FIELD HOCKEY

Dimitruk's goal enough

Andover's **Laura Dimitruk** took a pass from **Sarah Oteri** and fired home a second-half goal. That proved to be enough as the Golden Warriors bested Bishop Fenwick 1-0 last Wednesday. **Tameka Geaslen** made five saves for the shutout.

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Elise Krekorian scored once goal and assisted on another as Andover continued to roll with a 2-1 win over Lowell last Monday. **Laura Cahill** added the other goal and **Laura Dimitruk** added an assist for the winners.

BOYS SOCCER

Crawford paces Warriors

Kaelan Crawford scored twice to vault Andover to a 3-0 win over Tewksbury last Thursday. **Randy Sartor** added the other goal and **Bryan Burkhard** had an assist for the winners. **Andrew Osborne** made six saves in the shutout.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Waller runs to win

Scott Waller earned first place (16:30) and teammate **Simon Voorhees** placed second (16:31) as Andover won its season-opener 24-35 over Haverhill last Wednesday.

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Andover placed 17th at the MSTCA McIntyre Relays on Saturday. **Scott Waller** paces the Warriors, finishing in 18th place.

GOLF

Warriors roll

Andover downed Tewksbury 13-7 in match play. **Dave Gilbert**, **Nicole Boudreau**, **Donnie Hunt**, **Janik Koenig** and **Alex Driscoll** all stood out for the Warriors.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Van Doren shines

Despite a fourth-place finish for **Molly Van Doren** (19:52), Andover fell to Haverhill 17-41 last Wednesday. **Liz Long** chipped in with a seventh for the Warriors.

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Andover finished 15th at the MSTCA McIntyre Relays on Saturday. **Molly Van Doren** led the Warriors, taking 25th overall.

Warriors fall hard to Gloucester

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

There will be better days for Andover football. So the Golden Warriors were anxious to forget game No. 2 of this season.

"I think we need to get back to the basics," said interim Andover head coach John Rex. "We need to work on catching the ball and running with the ball so we don't have the dropped passes we've been having. And we need to tackle."

The Golden Warriors fell behind by 33 points in the third quarter, and despite a late flurry fell to Gloucester 40-21 last Thursday. The game was moved up a day due to Rosh Hashana.

Gloucester made the Eastern Mass 2A Super Bowl each of the last two seasons.

Andover struggled on defense all night, allowing a whopping 323 yards on the ground. Most were to **Conor Ressel**, who rushed for 193 yards on just 17 carries, including four touchdowns — three in the first half.

"We need to get back to tackling," said Rex. "We need to get back to hard-hitting, put your helmet into his chest tackling that we have not done this season."

The Andover offense struggled mightily in the first half, held to negative-12 yards on the ground before halftime.

The Golden Warriors did show some life in the second half. **Nick Enxing**, who had just 8 yards in the first half, tallied 61 on the ground after the break including a 55-yard touchdown scamper and a 10-yard score.

After a tough opening week that saw him throw for just 39 yards, **Andover** quarterback **John Hennessy** completed 15 of 31 passes for 184 yards, but two interceptions. His favorite target was senior receiver **Jimmy Johnson**, who caught four passes for a career-best 77 yards.

Hennessy also rushed for 50 yards and the team's first touchdown on six carries in the second half after being sacked three times in the first half, accounting for negative-20 yards. He also led the team in tackles with eight

and blocked an extra point. **Craig Hornung** added seven tackles and **Enxing** had five.

Gloucester 40, Andover 21

Andover (1-1): 0 0 8 13 — 21
Gloucester (2-0): 6 21 13 0 — 40

First Quarter

G — **Conor Ressel** 5 run (kick blocked), 3:33

Second Quarter

G — **Ressel** 33 run (pass failed), 8:33
G — **Chris Unis** 14 pass from **Brett Cahill** (Gilbert Brown run), 3:15
G — **Ressel** 17 run (Alessandro D'Angelo kick), 0:43

Third Quarter

G — **Cahill** 2 run (kick blocked), 8:28
A — **John Hennessy** 1 run (Ned Deane pass from Hennessy), 5:15
G — **Ressel** 11 run (D'Angelo kick), 2:38

Fourth Quarter

A — **Nick Enxing** 10 run (pass failed), 9:57
A — **Enxing** 55 run (Merrick Stevens kick), 5:58

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: A (22-99) — **Nick Enxing** 8-69, **John Hennessy** 13-28, **Nick Price** 1-2; G (33-323) — **Conor Ressel** 17-193
PASSING: A — **Hennessy** 15-31-2, 184; G — **Brett Cahill** 3-4-0, 46, **Ressel** 1-1-0, 31
RECEIVING: A — **Jimmy Johnson** 4-77, **Chris McConnell** 4-60, **Christian Lightner** 4-29, **Brian Miller** 3-18; G — **Michael Tomaino** 1-31

■ SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Andover Rowing offers introduction to sport

Andover Rowing Association was established to provide Andover high-school athletes with the opportunity to represent the town in scholastic rowing competitions in the absence of a school-sponsored team.

ARA has been representing Andover in statewide high-school regattas since 2007, with its Novice Girls Eight winning the state title and its Novice

Boys Four finishing second in the club's very first year. Athletes that have participated in ARA programs have gone on to row competitively for colleges and universities such as Harvard, Northeastern, Michigan State, University of Alabama, University of Delaware, and Bates with several teens earning athletic scholarships for rowing.

ARA is now accepting students into its two new fall programs. Introductory Rowing is a one-week introduction to the sport

of rowing, providing a foundation for those who are interested in pursuing the sport further. Novice Rowing is an eight-week program that focuses on technical development, strength and fitness, and overall readiness to compete. Novice Rowing is for athletes that have completed Introductory Rowing and/or have experience rowing on a middle-school team.

Both programs begin in late September. To register, go to www.essexrowing.org/

registration.html. Financial assistance is available to qualifying applicants.

Sign up for Feaster Five

Andover/North Andover Branch YMCA will be the host site for runner registration for the 22nd Annual Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day Road Race. The Feaster Five is an event enjoyed by parents, grandparents and children. It's a family tradition for all levels world class

CROSS COUNTRY

Schumacher healthy and primed for big year

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Excited by his performance in spring track, and with a trip to Colorado on the horizon, Andover's **Nick Schumacher** elected to give his weary body time to rest, other than one race.

"Throughout the spring I had no issues with pain or anything," said Schumacher. "I took three weeks off, but decided to run just one race, the Krit Kearns Classic. I ran the race and won it (17:26). But after that race, my foot was really sore. I thought, 'That's funny.'"

After a challenging summer, Schumacher will be a key contributor to the Andover cross country team, which opened with a win over Haverhill last week.

But just months ago, it had become too painful for Schumacher to run at all.

"I took a little more time off (after the Krit Classic)," he said. "I figured the pain was no big deal and went back to running. I kept trying to run, but it got to the point that it was too painful and I just couldn't run anymore. So I went for an MRI."

The Andover High senior-to-be was diagnosed with a bone bruise to his foot. But the injury was not from physical contact to his foot.

"My running mechanics were off," he explained. "My foot was aligned strangely and it was putting too much pressure on my feet and causing a bruise."

The athlete that was rarely far from his running shoes was forced to wait on a slow-healing injury.

"I was devastated," he said. "I was planning to be in top shape by cross country season. I was planning to go train in Colorado with my friends and teammates **Simon Voorhees** and **Scott Waller**. I still went, but couldn't run. And I was going to do a triathlon."

"It took so long for me to feel right again. I was surprised how long it took me to recover."

To make up for his inability to run, Schumacher biked and found a new passion for swimming. And after three months, with new inserts in his shoes, he was cleared to return to running and joined the team late in the pre-season.

"I'm in pretty good shape now," he said. "Give me a couple weeks and I'll be back to top shape pretty quickly."

Running has been a love of Schumacher's since childhood. He joined the track team as a freshman in high school, and as a sophomore joined the cross country team with the urging of coach **Brenda Clark-Warne**.

"I use my time running to think about life," he said. "I think about school, friends, whatever. It just gives me a time to think and reflect."

"I don't want (the run) to end. I want it to keep going. I love new places, whether it's in Colorado or around here. It's fun and I love experiencing new things."

Schumacher broke out last season, taking first in the Golden Warriors' final five dual meets after taking second in their first four. That helped the Golden Warriors finish with an impressive 7-2 record, and he was named MVC Division 2 Runner of the Year and an Eagle-Tribune All-Star.

He ran a career-best 16:37 (over 3.1 miles) on his way to a fourth at the Merrimack Valley Conference meet. And against **Dracut**, he ran a 16:52, breaking Andover High's six-year-old 3.1-



Andover's **Nick Schumacher** runs to a first-place finish at the Krit Classic this summer. Following the race, however, he would experience foot problems that plagued him throughout the summer. He is now back racing.

CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS

2008 record: 7-2, MVC small champions
Returning runners: **Nick Schumacher**, Sr.; **Scott Waller**, Sr.; **Simon Voorhees**, Jr.; **Ryan Cooney**, Soph.; **Adam Vetere**, Sr.; **Connor O'Neill**, Sr.; **Tim Lyman**, Jr.; **Andrew Newcomb**, Jr.
Promising newcomers: **David Daniels**, Sr.; **Mark Waller**, Soph.; **Evan Gaj**, Soph.
Candidates in all grades: 46
Head coach: **Leo Lafond** (19th year)

GIRLS

2008 record: 5-5
Returning runners: **Jess Salley**, Jr.; **Molly Van Doren**, Sr.; **Rebecca Long**, Soph.; **Hannah Chiodo**, Jr.; **Leah Totten**, Jr.; **Danielle Slauzis**, Jr.; **Julia Kasparian**, Jr.
Promising newcomers: **Elizabeth Pugliese**, Soph.; **Jamie Cohen**, Soph.; **Briana Schumacher**, Fresh.; **Eliza Lewis**, Fresh.; **Meghan McPhee**, Fresh.; **Natalie Sousa**, Sr.
Candidates in all grades: 37
Head coach: **Leo Lafond** (22nd year)

mile course record. As of Monday, he had not run in a race this season.

Schumacher has no plans for his running career to end after high school. He has been in touch with college coaches such as **Tufts** about running for them, but said his top choice is **Bucknell University** (Penn.), where former Golden Warriors track star **Christina Muccio** runs.

Renaissance man

While running is a passion, it is not Schumacher's lone love. However, another of his pastimes is a bit less mainstream.

"I work on the 'Clean River Project' on the Merrimack River," he said. "We go out on pontoon boats, bring tools and grab trash and bring it to dumpsters. I am thinking of going into

environmental science."

He has also taken up triathlon. While recovering for his foot injury, he competed in the biking leg of the Mad Dog triathlon, along with teammates **Voohees** and **Liz Carroll**.

While he does not consider himself the smart one in the family — his brother **Kenneth** attends MIT — Schumacher is a star in the classroom. He ranks in the top 20 of his Andover High class of about 420 students, and is currently taking Advanced Placement physics. He regularly has spent three hours a night on homework and studying, and scored a 1,920 on his SATs.

"That work ethic helps me on the track and in the classroom," he said. "I feel great now and I think we are poised for a big season."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Table with columns for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, and Golf, listing dates and locations.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Continued from Page 17

Upcoming Teen Scene nights are: Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, and Dec. 11.

More from the YMCA

The Merrimack Valley YMCA is holding a \$10,000 "Touchdown for Kids" cash bonanza prize raffle.

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Friday night is family night at the YMCA. On Friday, Sept. 18, we have "Fall Festival" as our theme.

For up-to-date information about the YMCA, check out our Web site www.mvymca.org.

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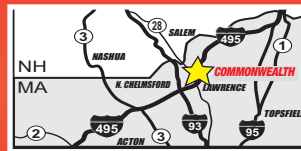


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Art Stroll



Works such as this, by local artist Mark Hayden, will be on view in downtown shops on Thursday, Oct. 1, for an event called Art Stroll. Story, Page 8.

TOWN TALK

Boston sports legends, Hall of Famers visiting town Sunday

Don't be surprised if you spot some Boston sports legends in town this week.

Boston sports notables from the Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots will be on hand Sunday, Sept. 27 for the Holy Family Hospital "Night of Champions" Party at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover.

Throughout the public event, attendees will hear behind-the-scenes stories from these special guests as they reminisce about their playing days. Some will be filmed for "Men In

Green," an upcoming documentary about the Boston Celtics from Sundance winning director Laura Bernieri. Celebrities attending include Celtics coach Doc Rivers; Celtics legends JoJo White, KC Jones, Satch Sanders and Sam Jones; Red Sox stars Jim Lonborg, Rico Petrocelli and Luis Tiant; Bruins greats Ken Hodge and Bob Sweeney, and New England Patriots icon Mosi Tatupu. Guests will have the opportunity for photographs with the legends, and appetizers will be served. There will also be both a live and silent auction. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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In-school student flu shots

Public school students in fifth-grade through high school have the option of being immunized against the seasonal flu in clinics Oct. 4 through 16. More information and a parental consent form, which must be returned by Sept. 25, is available at www.aps1.net.

Immunizations will be given through injection or nasal flu mist by a private company hired by the schools, Maxim Health Services. Injections will cost \$25

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— Bethany Bray

Colorful cause

A group of Andover moms is training for the Tufts Health Plan 10k in Boston on Oct. 12. As a fundraiser for the team and their cause, cancer research, Indra Salon on Elm Street is donating the profits from every colored hair extension it does through the month of September.

The team is participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program.

"Our own 'Mr. Fourth of July,' Jerry Silverman, battled both leukemia and lymphoma, and our team is running

in his memory, as well as (for) other family members and friends who have succumbed to or are currently fighting blood cancer," said team member Jennifer Hoenig in an e-mail.

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Flat out coincidence

The Rotary Club of Andover plans to host a \$5 charity pancake breakfast, complete with other family activities at the Bowling Green, near the intersection of Routes 28 and 133 on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon.

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