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## Town considers using goats to trim land

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to go green, Andover may soon go goat.

The town's Conservation Commission is considering using goats to "mow" a three-and-a-half-acre meadow in the Virginia Hammond Reservation on High Plain Road. The idea, to be discussed at the commission's Oct. 6 meeting, is to have an Andover farmer graze her goats in the meadow – "mowing" it, the natural way.

"At the end of the day, we'll have a bunch of fat, happy goats, and a

nice clean field," said Bob Douglas, conservation director.

The plan would save the cost, man hours and pollution that goes with keeping the area up with large, commercial mowers, said Bob Decelle, conservation commission special project manager, and could be the start of a bigger program, encompassing other types of animals and additional conservation properties in town.

"It's really a win-win for everybody with these situations. Farms have done this for centuries. It's really nothing new, in that regard," said Decelle, whose wife, Gail

Ralston, is on the Conservation Commission.

The new mowers don't ask for much – just an all-you-can-eat buffet of the lush greens that grows on the conservation property. Keeping the parcel's plant life trimmed, also keeps it as a meadow, said Douglas.

"We're losing our fields as Massachusetts becomes more and more wooded," said Douglas. "We're losing the habitat for nesting birds."

"It's really good land management to maintain a certain amount of fields in town, he said. "(The Virginia Hammond Reservation)

is one of the largest conservation reservations in town, and links to a large AVIS holding. The whole area is really a gem for the town, and we've made it a priority to make it user-friendly."

Decelle has been talking with a local woman who has six goats, and lives close enough to the High Plain Road meadow that she could walk the herd to graze. If approved by the Conservation Commission, a semi-permanent fence would go up around the meadow's perimeter, with smaller, moveable fences

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## 'Band aid' budget being cobbled

Residents vote Oct. 7

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

A six-member group of town officials have created a list to balance the budget by next week's Special Town Meeting. It avoids noticeable cuts to service, but comes with financial risk, members say.

A subcommittee comprised of two members each from the selectmen, Finance and School Committees met on Sept. 23 and Sept. 29, hashing out a list of possible ways to close the town's budget deficit. Among the items are savings in employee health insurance costs, school technology and out of state travel expenses, and reductions in special education contingency and the Finance Committee's contingency account – money set aside for emergencies.

"The road we are going down is not a good road. It's a band-aid road to get us through this year to the next

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

When: Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.  
Where: Collins Field House, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road

## Feds' new map could quadruple insurance

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The federal government is redrawing the map of the flood plain in Andover and other communities, which is expected to cause the insurance payments of some local homeowners to skyrocket.

Conservation chairman Bob Douglas said the revised map puts "some people in the flood zone for the first time."

"While their actual home and land have not changed the fact that lines on the map have changed will cause their insurance to quadruple," he said.

The state has redone the flood zones along the water courses around town, including Skug and Shawsheen rivers. Douglas said few residents know that their home has been added to this flood map, which he expects will cause their home-insurance coverage to increase.

Douglas does not know how many Andover homeowners will be affected. A map of affected Andover homes was not included with two letters about the flood map changes recently sent to town officials. The Federal Emergency Management Agency placed a legal advertisement in various newspapers as several cities and towns are affected by the flood map redesign.

Richard Zingarelli of FEMA's Flood Hazard Management office in Boston could not be reached before Townsman presstime.

Douglas suggested FEMA should work harder to alert Andover homeowners to any changes.

"There are steps the homeowners can take to protect themselves from this huge increase, but their time is limited," he said.

Dottie Winn, a longtime first-floor homeowner at Washington Park Condominiums on North Main Street, agreed local residents should be alerted about changes to the town's flood map. She knows all too well how important flood insurance is during a flooding crisis. Winn was flooded out of her condo in the Mother's Day Flood of 2006 and displaced for eight months.

"People who border marshes in town should find out if they are in the flood zone," she said.

Her condominium complex, located across the Shawsheen River from Shawsheen Plaza, is already in the town's flood zone. The association that runs the complex has flood insurance. In addition, homeowners carry their own insurance for their inside valuables.

Some condo owners were evacuated by the fire department for the 2006 floods. Winn said some Washington Park residents were displaced for six to eight months.

A FEMA legal notice appeared in the Sept. 11 edition of the Eagle-Tribune. Readers were directed to a Web site or to call the FEMA Map Assistance Center, 1-800-FEMA-MAP.

## THE GREAT PUMPKIN SEED



ROGER DARRIGRANO/Staff photo

Justina Ritucci, 7, brought a small pumpkin vine home from school in a Dixie cup only to have it overtake the entire garden and grow 22 pumpkins thus far.

### 7-year-old's single seed sprouts 22 gourds

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Like so many first-graders in town, Justina Ritucci came home from school one day last spring clutching a Dixie cup with a single pumpkin seed.

Let's face it, such seeds often never sprout, leaving disappointed young planters.

Not so with Justina.

Her pumpkin seed has grown into a thriving vine in her mom's garden at the family home on 1 Arcadia Road, at the intersection with Ballardvale Road. Nearly two

dozen pumpkins are growing. It's a pretty change-of-season scene and passersby have taken notice. When teachers and classmates drive by and comment, Justina said it makes her feel happy.

"People go by and they notice the pumpkins and can't believe it was just that one seed," said Justina's mom, Julie Ritucci, a serious gardener who helped her daughter plant that pumpkin seed last May.

Now a second-grader at South School, Justina said it's all about watering and sun.

"I watered it a lot," said the 7-year-old. "I think it's awesome."

Her dad, Steve Ritucci, made a sign asking passersby not to touch the pumpkins as they are part of a school project. Justina said people have been respectful and that also helps the pumpkin growing.

Julie Ritucci said the seed was planted in a spot close to where the town removed a large tree, so it gets a lot of sun.

Pumpkin growers may be talking about a bad crop this year due to the unusually wet and cold summer. But it's not the case on Arcadia Road. Justina's patch is up to 22 pumpkins – so far.

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## Home sale, meals tax also on warrant

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting voters will decide whether they support a plan to sell and move a 154-year-old home at 16 Pearson St., clearing the property to make way for a municipal parking lot.

Warrant article 4, which would allow selectmen to sell the Pearson Street home but not the land it sits on, is one of eight articles that will go before residents at an Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting.

In June, selectmen voted to deem town-owned lots at 16 and 18 Pearson St. as "surplus," or no longer needed for municipal purposes, setting in motion plans to clear the properties for a parking lot for the public safety

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## Saturday is Andover Day

Photo by JUDY WAKEFIELD

**EYES ON THE PIES:** Carrie Midura of the Andover Historical Society gets her apple-pie ingredients ready. She'll be an apple pie baking contestants at Saturday's Andover Day. Main Street will be closed for a variety of activities including music and other entertainment, food, games, prizes and a fashion show by downtown shops. See story, page 6.





# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** City Cleaners and the Snack Shoppe were housed in the first floor of homes along Main Street in 1957. They were next to the Michael Jays Dress Shop and the W.R. Hill Hardware Store at 45 Main St.



**NOW:** J.L. Coombs shoe store at 45 Main St. was once home to Daher's Shoes, Thompson's Stationer and before that it was Michael Jays Dress Shop.

## Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation to host renowned journalist, author and scholar

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation is pleased to announce that David Makovsky, Director of the Washington Institute's Project on the Middle East, will speak at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Makovsky will speak about "Middle East Challenges for the Obama Administration and Israel". He is the co-author with Dennis Ross, special adviser for the Persian Gulf and Southwest Asia including Iran to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, of a recently published book, *Myths, Illusions, and Peace Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East*. The book has been lauded as "two experts weigh in on finding sustainable peace in the Middle East." Makovsky is an adjunct

lecturer in Middle Eastern studies at Johns Hopkins University, a member of both the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. His commentary on the peace process has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. He appears frequently on PBS' *Newshour* with Jim Lehrer. The mission of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation is to support the needs of Jews locally, in Israel and throughout the world and to enable the development of Jewish identity and continuity. To purchase tickets visit [www.mvjf.org](http://www.mvjf.org). For further information, contact Michelle Soll at: [michelle@mvjf.org](mailto:michelle@mvjf.org) or 978-688-0466. Makovsky's book will be available for sale that evening.

### Public Notice

In accordance with Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, the Andover Public School District is making every effort to identify children who may be entitled to an evaluation and specialized educational services. Children are eligible for such services until they receive a high school diploma or turn 22. Students who have received a GED or who have dropped out of school are also eligible to participate in a publicly funded special education evaluation. The child's town of residence (Andover) is responsible for conducting evaluations.

Should parents or children themselves (age 18 or above) have concerns about a child's ability to learn and suspect that a disability is interfering with the child's learning process, please contact the Pupil Personnel Administration Office, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810, or call the office (978-623-8540).

### NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 1	FRIDAY, OCT. 2	SATURDAY, OCT. 3	SUNDAY, OCT. 4
School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m. executive session followed by tri-board meeting Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. Tri-board meeting between selectmen, Finance and School Committees, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.	West Elementary School Council, West Elementary School conference room, 8:15 a.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m. Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.	Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.
			WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7
			Special Town Meeting, Andover High School field house, 80 Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.
			THURSDAY, OCT. 8
			Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m. TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 9:30 a.m.
			FRIDAY, OCT. 9
			Tri-town Task Force/Interstate 93 project listening session, Public Safety Center first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

## Know Your Town Fair part of Andover Days this weekend

"Welcome Back to Main Street" will be the theme of the League of Women Voters' Know Your Town Fair and the sixth annual Andover Days. Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., over 40 non-profit organizations will participate in this year's event with

many local volunteers staffing tables. The League will be selling Pearl's Premium grass seed at its table, alongside the newly formed Friends of Andover Community Trees, an offshoot of the League. As part of the day's events, a ribbon cutting ceremony will

celebrate the completion of the extensive renovations to downtown sidewalks and streets. Additionally, the day-long celebration will feature plenty of live entertainment on two stages, one from River 92.5 and the other from Andover Cultural Council. There will be glass blowing and a

psychic fair, plus a variety of fun food and games for children. Advertising for this year's event and support for the participation of professional bands is possible through generous corporate sponsorships, solicited by the Andover Business Center Associations.

## Statewide waitlist now in place for seniors seeking home 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% 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.

## Coat, snowsuit drive to be held on Oct. 18 in Shawsheen Village

Sunday, Oct. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, and the Southern Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah will hold a community coat drive at the Dunkin' Donuts, Shawsheen Village, 249 Main St., Andover.

Local residents are invited to drop off coats, jackets and snowsuits. Over the past six years, more than 5,000 coats and snowsuits have been distributed to local families in need through the Family Continuity Programs of Lawrence, the North Andover

Housing Authority, Lawrence General Hospital, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children of Lawrence, the Department of Social Services Lawrence Branch, the Pregnancy Support Center, Weed and Seed Program of Methuen, Bread and Roses,

and Lazarus House. Siagel Productions will provide entertainment and Dunkin' Donuts will provide hot chocolate and donuts. For more information contact Beverly Birnbach at [b.birnbach@verizon.net](mailto:b.birnbach@verizon.net) or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

## Candidate sponsors pizza party on Oct. 6

Democratic candidate for Essex County Sheriff Damian Anketell is sponsoring a campaign pizza party at Chateau Restaurant, 131 River Road, Andover on Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. to reach out to the families of Essex County. Damian is "dedicated to the protection of our children and communities and will work to ensure that their protection is never endangered." Join them for pizza, salad, soda and fun for the entire family and get an identity card with fingerprints and photo for each of your children. The cost of the event is \$20 per person and \$5 for children

under 12. Please contact David Howard at [DaveRHoward@Hotmail.com](mailto:DaveRHoward@Hotmail.com) or 617-820-0683 for more information. To learn more about Damian and his campaign please visit the campaign Web site at [www.anketell-forsheriff.com](http://www.anketell-forsheriff.com). To be involved with the campaign please email [anketell-forsheriff@gmail.com](mailto:anketell-forsheriff@gmail.com) or call 978-335-7897.

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## Recycling Drive is Oct. 18 in new location

Andover High School Marching Band Recyclable Bottle and Can Drive will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind West Middle School. This is a new location.

All recyclable bottles and cans accepted. Proceeds will benefit Andover High School's Marching Band

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# Skate-a-thon planned for Saturday

This Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., The Andover Community Skate Park will host the 7th annual Paul King Memorial Skate-a-thon. The goal of the skate-a-thon has always been to raise money for new ramps and for the maintenance of existing structures, "but more importantly, to share with everyone, the energy with which Paul lived his life," according to Andover Youth Services.



Paul King

opportunity to skate, compete in skateboarding and rollerblading contests, listen to live music, play in basketball and street hockey games, enter the multi-product raffles, hang out with friends, meet new ones, and much more.

Paul King was a successful businessman and an avid supporter of many organizations in his life. When he began skating at the Andover Skate Park at the age of 37, his fundraising vision for the Park was a 24 Hour Skate-A-Thon. Sadly he passed away in 2003 in a skydiving accident before this vision could become a reality.

The featured event of the day will be the "Battle of the Shops Contest", where the top skateboard shops in the area, each form a team of four or more and compete for top prize, a home-made trophy, hand crafted by the skaters of the Andover Community Skate Park. As night turns to day on Saturday, AYS will light up the park for one last skate contest and a concert from 7 to 9 p.m.

With the help of sponsors, the community and skaters, organizers raised \$61,000 from last year's Skate-a-thon. This year, they hope to raise \$90,000 for a new concrete section, a fantastic new skate ramp in King's memory. Participants have the

For more information or to make a donation, contact Andover Youth Services at 978.623.8241 or ays@andoverma.



Staff file photo

Alex Cole of Andover participates in the Paul King Memorial Skate-A-Thon last year.

# FinComm adds a Citizen Who Cares

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER



Peggy Kruse

Argilla Road resident Margaret "Peggy" Kruse has been appointed as the newest member of the Finance Committee by Moderator Sheila Doherty.

Kruse attended her first Finance Committee on Sept. 16 and a tri-board meeting later that week, during which selectmen, Finance and School Committee members hashed out options to close a budget deficit before the Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting.

Kruse replaces outgoing board member Timothy Felter, whose term expired over the summer.

"Certainly with a Special Town Meeting coming up, it's been fast and furious," said Kruse of her first few weeks on the board. "I have been learning from the people on the Finance Committee, and from the discussion and debate that goes on."

With a doctorate in neurophysiology, Kruse adds to the variety of backgrounds on the Finance Committee.

She and her husband, Richard Cloutier, have two children, Theresa Cloutier, a junior at Andover High School and Joseph Cloutier,

who attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

She has served on the town's Board of Health, stepping down from her second term to join the Finance Committee, and ran unsuccessfully for School Committee in 2002.

Kruse is past president of the League of Women Voters and also a past trustee of the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS). In 2007, Kruse was named one of the Rotary club's "Citizens Who Care."

She has also served on the Sanborn Elementary School Improvement Council, Sanborn PTO and West Middle School Parent Advisory Council.

For several years, Kruse sat in on Finance Committee meetings to observe and do write-ups for the League of Women Voters.

"I have a lot of respect for the group," she said. "They have nice, thoughtful discussion of the issues."

# DCS offers many programs for kids, adults this fall

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. There is always a selection of programs beginning each week. 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 the webpage at [www.andoverma.gov/dcs](http://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, "Meg Batcheller" of the DCS staff. "If you prefer to register in the more traditional way of phone call, fax (978-623-8275) or mail or office visit, you are welcomed to continue to register how your most comfortable."

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:

Karate, Knitting, Advanced Knitting, Drawing, German Conversation, French Conversation, Wine, Italian Cooking, Picture Framing, Ballroom Dancing, Stained Glass, Italian Conversation, Spanish Conversation, Zumba, Crochet,

Necklace Workshop, Psychology of Winning.

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](http://andoverma.gov/dcs) or contact the Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274 to register.

# Flags to be placed on graves Oct. 18

On Sunday morning, Oct. 18, Andover veterans, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Park to replace 3,600 flags on the graves of deceased Andover veterans. The process takes about

90 minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover's history up close. In case of inclement weather, the flags will be placed on flags at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. For more information, call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

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**Vaccination Comparison: H1N1 vs. Seasonal Flu**

Flu immunization provides protection against specific strains of the many different flu viruses. This year there are **two different flu vaccines** that can help to protect against the flu, the **seasonal flu** is different from the **H1N1** (swine flu). The seasonal flu vaccine is distributed routinely each fall. The formulation is based upon what the CDC considers to be the three most virulent flu strains for that year. The H1N1 flu vaccine protects against a different virus than the seasonal flu vaccine. The most effective strategies to prevent the transmission of any type of flu remain; good hand washing and respiratory etiquette, as well as staying home if one is sick with the flu.

The H1N1 flu is different from the seasonal flu. The concern is the rapid and widespread nature of the flu not the severity of the virus. Most affected by H1N1 are younger people between 6 months of age to 24 years. The elder population has been relatively spared, most likely due to exposure to strains years ago.

It is recommended that individuals in the following categories get vaccinated for the seasonal flu as early as the **seasonal flu** vaccine becomes available at their doctors' office or a local community clinic:

- Pregnant women
- Those 50 yrs old and older
- People with chronic medical conditions
- 6mos. - 19 yrs
- Contacts with children < 6 mos. (these are children too young to vaccinate)
- Health care workers
- Caregivers of those at high risk

The federal government is overseeing the release and distribution of the H1N1 vaccine. The H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine was developed in early fall of 2009, and has not yet been released. Vaccine manufacturers are nearing completion of the H1N1 vaccine production. This vaccine is anticipated to begin release in mid-October; with priority groups targeted for the initial available doses. This information changes week to week as to anticipated delivery date and quantity of available doses. However, it is expected that an adequate supply of vaccine will be available to all groups after Thanksgiving. Priority Target groups for the first release of H1N1 includes:

- Pregnant women
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## ANDOVER DAY: SATURDAY, OCT. 3

### MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

#### LIVE PERFORMANCES ON RIVER STAGE, ELM SQUARE:

- 11-11:30 a.m. is the Dance Showcase:
- Nancy Chippendales Dance Studio;
- Karla Pattavina Dance Academy;
- Center for the Performing Arts Andover
- Just Dance
- 11:30-noon: Celtics Cheerleaders
- 12-12:30 p.m., the band, One Step Away

#### MUSIC FROM THE RIVER

- 1:30 p.m. LIVE MUSIC with 92.5 The River Bands: Magnus, Pretending, Matt Hires, Entrain

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT DANVERS BANK STAGE:

- Located at House of Clean building
- 9-9:20 a.m., Monument Square Brass
- 9:25-9:45 a.m., Sunrise Singers
- 9:50-10:10 a.m., Paige Conservatory
- 9:15-10:35 a.m., The Rhythm Aires and Geri Jingles
- 10:40-10:55 a.m., T-Fort Poetry for Children
- 11-11:30 a.m., Scott Nichols Band



The band One Step Away is one of many local and regional groups performing at Andover Day. It includes bass player Michael Nuzzolo and lead singer Adam Carrington, both Andover High School juniors, and guitar player Terence Healy and drummer Alex Kwmuntis, both juniors at St. John's Prep.

- 11:30 to noon, Casey McQuillan
- 12-12:30 p.m., Zumba demonstration from Kismet Wellness
- 12:35 to 12:55 p.m., Bila Band
- 1-1:20 p.m., Saxophone
- 1:25-1:45 p.m., Rambling Boys

### Celebration in the downtown

#### ONGOING EVENTS

The long downtown reconstruction and beautification project is over and what better reason to party?

The town is including the ribbon-cutting to signify the end of the state highway project as part of its annual Andover Day celebration.

Main Street in the heart of downtown Andover will be closed Saturday, Oct. 3 to allow for the townwide festival. Residents can enjoy food, games, live music and dancing and arts demonstrations, and special deals at some stores, among other activities.

People may also find a new club or organization to join thanks to the Know Your Town Fair. The fair boasts a string of tables staffed by local groups who can tell residents about what they do. The Townsman will have a table, and people are invited to stop by, suggest a story and talk.

- Know Your Town Fair, Sponsored by the League of Women Voters: Visit the booths of clubs and non profit organizations, as well as several service businesses in the area, 9 A.M. -2 P.M.
- Raytheon Math Whiz, in front of the Town House, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Word Clouds, sponsored by the Andover Historical Society, in front of the Town House, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Andover Cultural Council performances on the Danversbank Stage in front of the House of Clean, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Andover Glassblower Sandy Duke-shire will be exhibiting in front of Flowers by Steve on the Danversbank Stage in front of the House of Clean, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Essex Art Center has paintings on display in many of the shops on Main
- Face Painting and Games, sponsored by the Andona Society, Punchard and Main
- Prize Wheel by the UMass Lowell

- Hockey, Punchard and Main
- Bellydancing, during Psychic Fair and Readings, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St.
- Zumba and Karate demonstration by Kismet Wellness in front of The Savings Bank



Face painting and games will be offered by the Andona Society.

### FOOD



Nicole Sikora, then 7, takes a big bite out of a Brian's Father's Famous Hot Dog offering while attending Andover Days last year.

Those offering food will include:

- Stop & Shop Pavilion Tent
- Brian's Fathers Hot Dogs
- Dish (pulled pork sliders)
- Depot House of Pizza
- Howetown Seafood (chowder and lobster rolls)
- Sandrino's Chili
- My Brothers Pizza
- Kettle Boys Kettle Corn
- Cronin's Ice Cream
- Hendy's Hot Dogs
- GK&K pushcart (fried dough, pretzels, slush, cotton candy)

### APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST



Who is Andover's best baker? Judges will sample all comers to see who makes Andover's best apple pie.

#### 2-3 P.M. APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

■ 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 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

### SHOPPING AND FASHION

People will have the chance to see what downtown Andover shops have to offer, and also enjoy a fashion show.

#### FASHION ON MAIN:

12:30 -1 p.m. Catch a glimpse of the latest fall fashions as models descend on Main Street! Presented by Andover boutiques:

- First Date Boutique
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### IT'S OVER! RIBBON CUTTING AT 1 P.M.



Officials will have a ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the more than \$2 million Main Street redesign. The ceremony takes place in front of the Town House, 20 Main St. Above, Steve Rice, of S.P. Rice Excavation, poured water onto his face to keep cool last summer while working on the project.

**Parking:** There will be parking at Brickstone Square for the event. Brickstone is donating its shuttle bus to bring people downtown. The shuttle will run every 15 minutes, and drop off riders at Free Christian Church on Elm Street. The shuttle bus will run from noon-5:30 p.m.

### 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 Shawshen Road on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

Seven headline comics will appear for one night only, with proceeds benefiting 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 Mastrangelo, 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.

#### 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, off-beat mystery is the seventh book by Peffer, who teaches writing and literature at Phillips Academy.

**EXHIBIT OPENS,** Insights and Observations: 3D Painting by David Barton and Drawings by Jessica Cohen, through Oct. 25, The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 2

**STORYTELLER AL BOSTICK,** at Northern Essex Community College, presents "Fabulous Fibs, Fables and Folklore," 7:30 p.m. in the Top Notch Theater located on the third floor of the Spurk building on the Haverhill campus, no admission fee, donations will be accepted; Susan Sanders at ssanders@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3374.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 3

**ANDOVER DAY,** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 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.

**ANDOVER DAY PSYCHIC FAIR,** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover, many readers to choose from, both inside and outside, bellydance performances by Zehara at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; 978-474-8010

**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.

**ATTIC TREASURES YARD SALE,** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover.

**AUTHOR READING,** Jill McCorkle will read and sign her new collection of short stories,

"Going Away Shoes." She is the winner of the New England Book Award and writes with wit and wisdom. 1 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143.

**LIVE IRISH MUSIC,** with Boston-based Matt and Shannon Heaton on flute/guitar/bouzouki/accordion, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover, 8 p.m., \$12; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org via PayPal, at the "Shoppes on the Common" in North Andover's Old Center and at Paisley Farm in Boxford; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org, 978-687-3960 or 978-687-7948 after 5 p.m. on concert evening.

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

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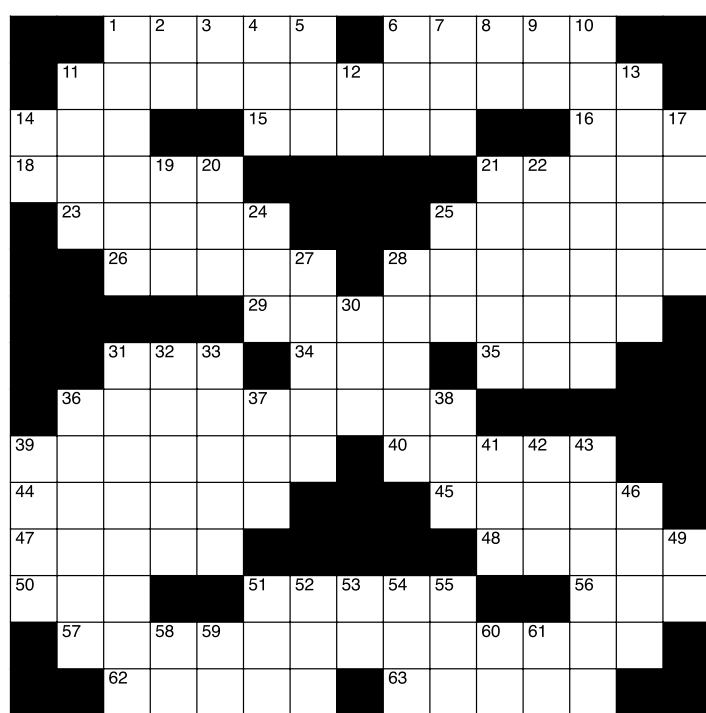
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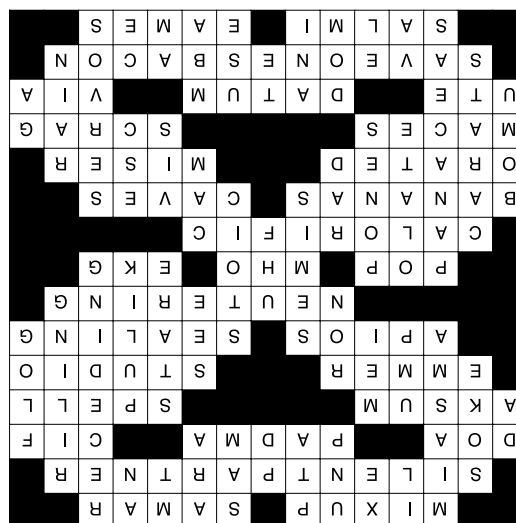
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# Crossword puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- State of confusion
  - \_\_\_\_ itan; benefactor
  - Behind the scenes backer
  - Arrived extinct
  - "Top Chef's" Lakshmi
  - Cost, insurance and freight, (abbr.)
  - Ancient Ethiopian capital
  - A bewitched state
  - Eurasian wheat
  - A place to practice art
  - Groundnut vine
  - Letter wax
  - Degendering an animal
  - Soda
  - Siemens
  - Electrocardiogram
  - Heat-generating
  - Yellow fruits
  - Rock hollows
  - Talked pompously
  - Money hoarder
  - Staffs
  - Lean end of the neck
  - Shoshonean people of Utah
  - Data point
  - By way of
  - Rescue from disaster
  - Ragout
  - He designed chairs
- CLUES DOWN**
- Unwholesome atmosphere
  - Lincoln's state
  - One of the six noble gasses
  - Element 105 (abbr.)
  - School organization
  - Every citizen's uncle
  - Macaws
  - Metric ton
  - Article
  - Aging hairline
  - Lordship's jurisdiction
  - Palladium
  - Making angry
  - Algerian dinar
  - Beat with a cane
  - Ref
  - Japanese apricot tree
  - Look at with fixed eyes
  - Hungarian sheep dog
  - Director Howard
  - Date regularly
  - Slang for trucks with trailers
  - Calm acceptance of fate
  - Ultrahigh frequency
  - Cure-alls
  - Choc\_\_\_\_: cacao
  - candy
  - Cornbreads
  - Gem weights
  - Radioactivity unit
  - Computer aided mfg.
  - Central African river
  - Croatian island VS006
  - 100 centavos (abbr.)
  - Hitec robot motors
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  - The 4th state (abbr.)
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  - Morning
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**Solution**



# Andover singers help give spark to cabaret

A father-daughter duo from Andover and a local quartet are among the performers in the first ever Spotlight Cabaret to be presented as dinner theater at Maria's Restaurant in Haverhill on Oct. 2, 3, 16 and 17.

Julie and Scott Helmers last appeared on stage together in 2006 as Dorothy and Scarecrow in the South Church Players' production of The Wizard of Oz. In addition to multiple shows with South Church Players, both have performed with other community theater groups including

Pentucket Players, Andover Summer Theater Ensemble and Colonial Chorus Players.

The quartet Harmonic Regression – with Andover residents Ron Dann, Jonathan Drury, Tom Harvey and Scott Helmers– will perform "Lida Rose" from The Music Man and "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables, during an evening that will feature two dozen songs from Broadway shows. You will also hear "For Good" from Wicked, "Seasons of Love" from Rent, "Sit Down You're Rocking the

Boat" from Guys and Dolls, and many more.

The Cabaret will feature other notable performers from both community theater and professional venues.

The steak and chicken dinner, which will also feature desserts from the Enchanted Bake Shoppe in Haverhill, will begin at 7 p.m. each of the four evenings. Dinner will be accompanied by professional pianist Ken Holmes, followed by the cabaret at 8.

The Spotlight Cabaret is the

third production from Spotlight Playhouse in Haverhill. The cabaret is a fundraiser to support the organization's mission to provide professional quality theater, educational endeavors, creative outlets, and an artistic voice for the community within an inclusive environment.

Tickets for dinner and the show are \$30 and are available by calling 978-380-8509 or emailing rachel@spotlightplayhouse.org. Tickets are also available at Maria's Restaurant, 83 Essex St., Haverhill.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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**LAMB SHANK DINNER**, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport, 6 p.m., \$20 per person. To reserve tickets, call 978-270-6477.

**SKATE-A-THON**, annual Paul King Memorial Skate-a-thon, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., compete in skateboarding and rollerblading contests, listen to live music, play in basketball and street hockey games, raffle and more, Andover Community Skate Park, behind West Middle School; Andover Youth Services at 978.623.8241 or ays@andoverma.gov.

**LIVE IRISH MUSIC**, with Boston-based Matt and Shannon Heaton on flute/guitar/bouzouki/accordion, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover, 8 p.m., \$12; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org via PayPal, at the 'Shoppe on the Common' in North Andover's Old Center and at Paisley Farm in Boxford; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org, 978-687-3960 or 978-687-7948 after 5 p.m. on concert evening.

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**SUNDAY, OCT. 4**

**LOCAL HIKE**, AVIS Hammond and Skug River Reservations, meet on Korinthian Way off of Gray Road, Andover, 1:30 p.m. Led by Dennis Crispo, 978-858-0394, hightp@cliff-hanger.com.

**LIVE JAZZ**, Lance Bryant and the Lyricalia Quintet, free, The Chapel at West Parish, Andover, 4 p.m. opening reception, for "Queen Slipper City Haverhill" exhibit, 2 to 4 p.m., Buttonwoods Museum at Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St., Haverhill, free admission.

**ROPIN' RIDIN' 'N ROCKIN' FUND-RAISER**, for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies, 1 to 4 p.m., Ironstone Farm, Andover, \$12 or \$40 per family. Each ticket holder will have

a chance to win two New England Patriots tickets. For more information log onto http://funforfarber.info.

**COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY**, benefits Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, the Riverwalk Complex, Lawrence, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a variety of activities for all ages and hosted outside; Bonnie Sisson of the Development Office, 978.946.1433 or bssisson@esmv.org.

**MONDAY, OCT. 5**

**FREE MEDIATION CLASSES**, Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill, noon, with Rev. Margaret Travers, on the first three Mondays in October: Oct. 5, 12 and 19, in the hospital Boardroom.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 6**

**ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB MEETS**, kicks off its 82nd year with a welcome-back brunch and overview of activities, 10 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover; membership chairman Anne Feeney 978-

475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 8**

**AUTHOR READING**, David Updike will be reading and signing his new book of short stories, "Old Girlfriends," a thoughtful work from a writer clearly not intimidated by the family name, Andover Bookstore 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143.

**LORETTA LAROCHE**, "Lighten Up! The Authentic and Fun Way to Lose Your Worries," Rogers Center, Merrimack College, advance tickets \$30, \$35 door, reservations and information 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**LIVE COMEDY**, with Mike Donovan, Jim Colleton and Steve Guilmette, \$25, benefits Community VOICES (Voices of Involved Citizens Encouraging Safety), 7 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

**TRUNK SHOW**, clothes by New York designer Deibe Rondon, 3 to 8 p.m., dresscode, 2 Elm

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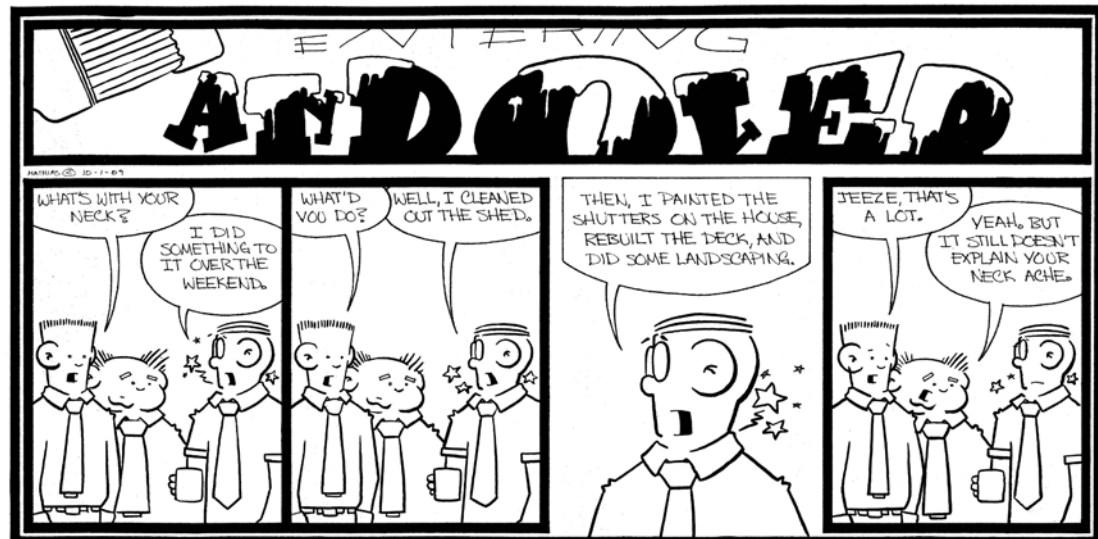
**MUSICIAN-TURNED-PROFESSOR**, Livingston Taylor talks about his book, "Stage Performances," which he uses as a text in his role as a professor at Boston's Berklee School of Music, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, \$32; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org. Call for time.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 10**

**LUIS BRAVO'S FOREVER TANGO**, internationally celebrated entertainment event, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell, 8 p.m.; 800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

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# Education



Courtesy photo  
High Plain Elementary second-graders, from left, Tyler Anastasi, Allison Gasperoni and Greyson Wainwright drop some pennies in the Pennies for Peace fundraiser jar. Tyler is holding the book "Listen to the Wind," which inspired the fundraiser.

## High Plain students work for peace, one cent at a time

Youngsters at High Plain Elementary have joined hands with tens of thousands of other school children around the world to use education to empower communities in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The High Plain students are joining the Pennies for Peace campaign.

"I believe that this helps teach our children the value of education and helps them feel appreciative towards the education they receive in Andover. All the classes have collection jars and the kids feel good when they contribute," said High Plain Elementary Principal Pam Lathrop.

The goal of Pennies for Peace

is to encourage children, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

How can a penny bring peace? It doesn't buy much in Andover. But in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, it can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, that pencil can empower a child to read, write and learn.

High Plain Elementary students will have an opportunity to study the cultures of Afghanistan and Pakistan, and come to understand

their capacity as philanthropists — one penny at a time.

The Pennies for Peace campaign at the school, lead by the Student Council's Community Service Committee, launched on Sept. 21, International Peace Day, and will run through December. Collection jars are located in the school office and in classrooms.

Children in more than 400 mountain villages in remote northern Pakistan and Afghanistan are on a waiting list, hoping to learn in a new school. The Pennies for Peace campaign is a program of Central Asia Institute, founded by Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea."

### PENNIES OF DIFFERENCE

- 1 penny = a pencil
- 2-3 pennies = an eraser
- 15 pennies = one notebook
- \$20 = one child's school supplies for one year
- \$50 = one treadle sewing machine and supplies
- \$100 = maternal healthcare supplies for one year
- \$300 = one advanced student's annual scholarship
- \$600 = one teacher's annual salary
- \$5,000 = support for existing school for one year
- \$50,000 = one school building and support for up to five years

## Andover MCAS scores still shine

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

### AT A GLANCE: ANDOVER'S SPRING 2009 MCAS RESULTS

Results of last year's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test were released this month, and Andover's scores remained in the top echelon.

Individual student MCAS scores were mailed to Andover homes last week, and Superintendent Claudia Bach said the district is just beginning to look over test data.

"We're pleased, but what we don't know yet is how these scores compare to last year's. It looks like none of the middle schools have failed to make AYP (adequate yearly progress standards), which has happened in the past," said Superintendent Claudia Bach. "We haven't had a chance to really look at the figures."

Students in third- through 10th-grades sat for the standardized test last spring. Students must pass the MCAS to receive a public high school diploma; students who do not pass their sophomore year can take the test again in following years.

After taking a preliminary look, Bach said the district has the "most work to do" in the area of open-response questions.

"(Those are) the hardest to master," she said. "We'll be putting together a plan with our principals to attack that."

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not rank school districts by MCAS scores; any media reports comparing one district to another are compiled by that media outlet.

This fall, Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson will study Andover's results and meet with principals. In a month or so, Nicholson will provide an in-depth MCAS presentation to the School Committee.

The presentation will include

- To see a complete breakdown of Andover's MCAS results, visit [www.doe.mass.edu/mcas](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas)
- Third-grade reading: 25 percent advanced (statewide percentage is 12); 54 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 45); 19 percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 33); 2 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 10)
- Third-grade math: 35 percent advanced (statewide percentage is 20); 48 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 40); 12 percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 25); 5 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 15)
- Eighth-grade English/language arts: 42 percent advanced (statewide percentage is 15); 53 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 63); four percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 15); 2 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 6)
- Eighth-grade math: 38 percent advanced (statewide percentage is 20); 36 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 28); 18 percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 28); 8 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 23)
- Eighth-grade science and technology: 11 percent advanced (statewide percentage is four); 53 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 35); 30 percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 40); 6 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 21)
- Tenth-grade English/language arts: 40 percent advanced (statewide percentage is 29); 55 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 52); 4 percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 15); 1 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 4)
- Tenth-grade math: 78 percent advanced (statewide percentage is 47); 14 percent proficient (statewide percentage is 28); 6 percent needs improvement (statewide percentage is 18); 2 percent warning/failing (statewide percentage is 8)

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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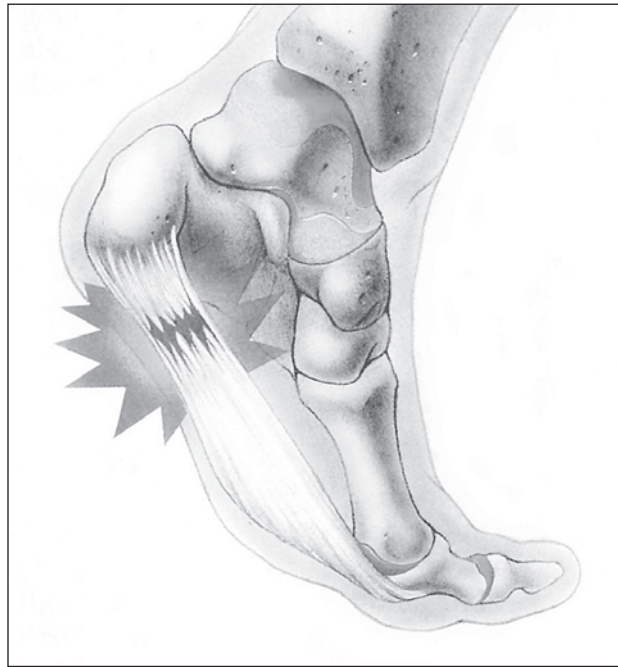


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**ON CAMPUS**

Kevin Kropiwnick, graduated with a bachelor of science in criminal justice from Westfield State College last spring, the college recently announced.

Technology celebrated the graduation of 502 students during its commencement convocation on Aug. 23.

Brian Burns of Andover was among the graduates of the class of 2009.

**MCAS: Results released**

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multi-year trends and why Andover's results "are the way they are," said Bach. "She's very in-depth, very honest."

"we are just starting to analyze the data," said Nicholson on Tuesday, Sept. 29, "but I can state that we are pleased with the overall performance of our students. Additionally, we are very pleased to see an increase in the number of special education students who are scoring

in the proficient and advanced categories."

Bach said Andover is part of a state pilot program, receiving a grant for computer software that analyzes MCAS data. The program tracks each student, compiling their MCAS scores as they go through the Andover schools. From there, school administration can compare individual scores against a number of parameters, from gender and classroom to grade level or school, she said.

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS**

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools, Oct. 5-9:

**Elementary schools**

Monday: Grilled hotdog, grilled cheese, bagel and string cheese or yogurt, baked beans, carrot sticks, dip and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Barbecue ribs on a roll, chef's salad and pita bread, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, baked potato wedges, cinnamon apple-sauce and juice.

Wednesday: Nachos topped with meat and cheese sauce, grab and go turkey or tuna sandwich, bagel and string cheese or yogurt, spanish rice, side salad and chilled pineapple.

Thursday: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, black bean fiesta wrap, manager's choice, whipped potatoes, hot seasoned veggie, fruit of the season and juice.

Friday: Vegetable, pepperoni or cheese pizza, ham-and-cheese sub, bagel and yogurt or string

cheese, goldfish pretzels, broccoli salad and apple.

**Middle schools**

Monday: Boxed picnic lunch, meatball sub, manager's choice, goldfish pretzels, carrot sticks, dip and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Pepperoni or vegetable pan pizza, Italian sub with the works, tuna pocket with lettuce and tomato, garden salad, broccoli salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: American chop suey, garlic bread, mini chicken sliders, grilled cheese panini and chips, italian summer squash and zucchini, jello and topping and juice.

Thursday: Calzone, cheese, pepperoni or steak and cheese, chicken tenders, dips and dinner roll, veggie wrap, italian macaroni salad, minestrone soup and crackers and fresh fruit.

Friday: Cheeseburger and

toppings, grilled hotdogs and toppings, macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, side of macaroni and cheese, veggie sticks, dip and fresh fruit.

**Andover High School**

Monday: Nachos topped with meat and cheese sauce, spanish rice, garden salad, char broiled burger, chicken teriyaki sub, warrior panini roast turkey, ham and provolone and chilled fruit.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese topped with bread crumbs, steamed fresh broccoli, dinner roll, steak and cheese sub, bowl of chili with cheese and biscuit, grilled sausage, peppers and onions sub and chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Vegetarian option, mexican buffet, side salad, meatball sub, grilled chicken, peppers and onions sub, bacon burger deluxe, chilled fruit and fresh fruit salad.

Thursday: Chicken tender basket served with french fries, cole slaw, dinner roll, steak and cheese sub, fish sandwich with lettuce and tomato, italian panini and fresh fruit.

Friday: Barbecue ribs on a roll with baked veggie beans, carrot sticks with dip and apple crisp with topping.

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.

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# Opinion

## Week to build community

A week for civic pride and involvement approaches, with the town celebration called Andover Day on Saturday and a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Main Street will be closed for much of Saturday, to allow residents to enjoy a variety of Andover Day activities – from an apple-pie baking contest to a belly dancing lesson. Shops will display the best that downtown has to offer, live bands will play, Boston Celtics cheerleaders and many local groups will perform, and plenty of food will be available. Residents may also find a new activity to try or group to join by stopping by the organizations introducing themselves to others at the Know Your Town Fair.

The day will also host a ribbon-cutting to mark the completion of the more than \$2 million Main Street redesign and beautification project. Downtown shops have struggled through the necessary street closings, noise and parking issues during a recession, and we hope the completion of this project will mark increased support for deserving local shops. Andover Day is an opportunity to see both what today's shops have to offer and what Andover as a community is all about.

A few days later, on Oct. 7, residents can come together again for a more serious gathering, a Special Town Meeting to balance the budget, vote again on whether to create a new meals tax, decide whether to sell a town-owned home and address a few other issues.

A few months ago, town officials believed they would need to cut more than \$2 million from the town budget. Since then, several favorable estimates and new data have helped decrease the budget gap without requiring more painful cuts to current services or staffing levels. Officials are also talking about reducing the amounts set aside for emergencies rather than making service cuts such as eliminating curbside leaf pickup or reducing library hours.

The selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee will meet today, Thursday, in hopes of agreeing on a final plan to bring to Special Town Meeting. It appears that regardless of the specific budget changes they present to voters at Andover High School on Oct. 7, the toughest decisions about contractual changes, layoffs or service cuts will be pushed down the road another year. We encourage town leaders to make these tough decisions sooner rather than later.

Looking at the immediate future, we also encourage residents to take part in both events this coming week. Andover Days is a fun activity that can help people feel a greater part of the community. Special Town Meeting will shape what kind of community Andover remains by setting its taxes, services and budgetary approach. They are the type of dessert, meat and potatoes that build the body of a community.

### WEB QUESTION

#### Rebirth of Main Street: What do you find most appealing about project?

**This week's question: Main Street rebirth**

Andover's Main Street construction, a multi-year project that brought new paving, curbing, lights, sidewalks and other "streetscape" items downtown, is finally finished. The town will celebrate with a ribbon cutting as part of Andover Day on Saturday, Oct. 3. In your opinion, what is the best thing about the "rebirth" of Main Street?

- Traffic will flow better.
- The finished project gives Main Street more character.
- The finished project could revive downtown business, and

fill vacant storefronts.

■ I am happy the trees returned.

■ Downtown will be more of a gathering place, to meet friends, shop and eat outside.

■ It's easier to cross the street, especially with the new islands in Elm Square.

■ Main Street was fine as it was.

■ None of the above.

To cast your vote, go to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com)

### ROUND 'EM UP, COWBOY!



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Isaac Schreiber, 14, left, shows his sister, Ruth Schreiber, 9, both of Andover, how to lasso cattle from the saddle during the Andover Rotary Club and Atria Marland Place Pancakes on the Bowling Green event Saturday morning to raise money for the Lazarus House, Ironstone Farm, and the Rotary Club's Stop Teasing Other People program at West Elementary.

## Powerful plan could make town national champs again

### Ken Seifert



From time to time people ask me what I miss about the schools, my answer has always been the same. I miss the daily contact with staff, students and conscientious parents. I do not miss the politics of administering such a complex organization as public schools.

I was part of an exciting time in Andover's history. In the early '70s the School Committee was unanimous in the concept of continuous progress and accepted a strategic plan to achieve it. Basically it meant more individualization of instruction and the construction of a system kindergarten to grade 12. The journey of 13 years should be well understood by all the stakeholders and compatible with growth and development. The major strategy was a strong emphasis on curriculum and instruction. The key component was a staff development program. It involved every

school and every subject.

Probably the most extensive effort was the three to five year plan we devised for language arts. It would eventually be called AIRS. It was all done in house, from start to finish. It made us National Champs, was done within the operating budget, produced a financial profit and made national news. There were many stars on the team, but the most valuable players had to be Terry Murphy, reading supervisor; Annetta Freedman, director of library services, and Sheila Lamontagne, reading specialist. The reading specialists and librarians gave unselfishly of their time throughout the process. They were invaluable.

Two rooms in the Jackson School were the Research and Development Center. This was an outdated school just behind the present Doherty Middle School. The reading specialists and Mrs. Murphy worked on the development of the program half time and the other half conducted their regular duties in the schools. As plans were developed, they were shared with volunteer classroom teachers to field test the materials. When the prototype was

organized, elementary teachers, aides and administrators were trained. We had modifications along the way.

The biggest criticism was that changes were too frequent. It was a valid point and we adjusted. We had education town meetings to explain what was happening. The program did not work for all students. We tried to accommodate, but to be objective, unique learning styles were a problem. We assessed student achievement with internal and external measurements. The results told us how well the students were achieving essential skills and how well they were doing nationally and locally compared to similar social and economic communities.

In 1975 the Andover language arts program, AIRS, was selected by the United States Office of Education as one of the dozen most outstanding language arts programs in the country. Publishing companies and school systems were allowed to submit entries. We were national academic champs. The United States Office of Education gave us funding to share our program throughout the country. We stopped counting at 250 districts

that were using our program. From the profits, we were able to pay the salaries of half a dozen staff members.

During the process, our achievement scores went from the 65th percentile to the 95th percentile. We helped our students develop into some of the best readers and writers in the country. For parents and educators there is no greater thrill than to see students learn valuable tools for life long learning. One of my regrets is, we should have documented the process and shared our experience with universities and other communities.

As I have stated previously, Andover is undertaking a strategic plan. Its potential is greater than what we achieved in the '70s. Technology can dramatically change the education landscape.

It might be interesting to have a reunion of the '70s. I am sure the staff could tell you of the frustrations and successes of the good old days. They still have much to offer.

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

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Health director: Ice-cream shop had options

Editor, Townsman:

Normally, I would not respond to newspaper letters critical of the Health Division, but Paul Clancy's letter in the Sept. 23 edition tells only half of the story concerning his decision to close. The Andover Health Division and Board of Health are sorry he has chosen to close his store instead of seeking other options available.

The facility's most recent inspection revealed food-handling issues and repeat cleanliness violations that caused concern to the Health Division staff, and resulted in my decision to hold an administrative hearing to discuss the violations and to help the store develop a plan to correct them. We hold administrative hearings as a way to seek compliance without bringing it to the public eye at a Board of Health hearing, and only after we have cited a business several times for the same violations. During that meeting, we discussed that Mr. Clancy is the only Certified Food Handler on staff, and that he is there for only a few hours each day prior to the opening of the store. Compliance with the federal and state requirement dictates that a full-time equivalent Certified Food Handler be on site. I suggested he send one or two trusted employees to be trained (at a cost of approximately \$160 each) as this would help ensure his employees were handling food service and cleaning operations in an appropriate manner. I also suggested that since the Greater Lawrence Technical School trains its culinary arts students in Serve Safe, one

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of the approved certification courses, he contact them to see if he might be able to hire one of them. He has rejected those options, which would have given more opportunity to students in the community and allowed him to comply easily with the certification requirement. Mr. Clancy asked about the possibility of the Board of Health granting him a variance to this certification requirement, and I informed him that I would not recommend that the Board grant the variance, since I believed the lack of compliance with this requirement was the reason for the repeat violations. This issue was discussed with the Board of Health at its August meeting, and I was asked to encourage him to meet with the board to provide him an opportunity to present his case. The offer was declined as he did not want to formally request a variance hearing. Mr. Clancy's decision to close his store is his to make, but to blame the Health Division for

its enforcement of minimum standards of fitness is wrong. He opened his store under the same rules being enforced now, and agreed to them when he sought his operating permits. These standards are statewide, and were developed by the food service industry to protect the public from food borne illness, which in the right circumstances can be deadly. The public trusts that the establishments licensed by the Board of Health comply with those minimum standards, and the professional staff of the Health Division work to assist owners in meeting those standards. The division is still a law enforcement agency, and must exercise its responsibilities when establishments endanger the public.

THOMAS G. CARBONE  
Director of Public Health

#### Tsongas explains stance on money for ACORN

Editor, Townsman:

Last Thursday, the House of Representatives took a remarkable step to pass a bill that will provide the largest increase in student aid, early education and community college funding in history. During consideration of this bill, a last-minute procedural motion was used to prevent the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) from receiving federal funds in response to the inexcusable behavior that was displayed by several of their employees. Unfortunately, in the haste to respond to the disgraceful conduct demonstrated by ACORN employees, the motion was written in such a broad manner that it would potentially deny

federal funding to any organization accused of wrongdoing, not just ACORN or organizations affiliated with ACORN. It was also introduced a mere 15 minutes before it was voted on, and because of the way it was introduced, there was no opportunity to change or amend the motion. This is akin to legislating with a meat cleaver and not an approach to legislating that I can support.

While I fully support holding ACORN responsible for its employee's actions, the motion we were asked to vote on would also potentially apply to any organization, school, nonprofit group, or defense contractor that had been accused of misconduct anywhere in America. As a result of such a broad characterization, and with no opportunity to amend or change the language in the motion, I felt compelled to vote against it.

As actions taken by the House and Senate are reconciled, ACORN will likely no longer receive federal funds, and several federal agencies are appropriately investigating any grants or other forms of assistance that ACORN may have received. Furthermore, ACORN recently announced that former Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger would immediately lead an independent inquiry into the management of the services the organization provides to low- and moderate-income communities. I have great confidence in Scott Harshbarger, and believe these actions are entirely appropriate.

I encourage people to read the entire motion by visiting [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov) or calling my office for more information.

REP. NIKI TSONGAS  
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**Bill Dalton**



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Here is Rosemary's wisdom in her words.

*Nestled among the many pictures of nieces and nephews on my fridge are two quotes that have not only changed my life, but the lives of friends, family and even strangers.*

*"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." - Mother Teresa*

*"Giving, whether it be of time, labor, affection, advice, gifts or whatever, is one of life's greatest pleasures. - Rebecca Russell (poet and author).*

*You'll never see a hospital wing or library named after me as a result of my donations of millions. I realized many years ago, that any donating is not coming from my wallet, but my heart.*

*There are so many people who just need a little bit of help. The needy are all around us, even in Andover!*

*My grandmother, Alice Brennan, was a kind and compassionate woman, always ready to help with taking care of the altar at Saint Augustine's, helping her neighbors on Brook Street, or helping strangers. I remember going with her and my mother to drop off a meal or a bread she had made to some of her "old friends." Her heart was always open, even when her wallet was empty. If she could not "fix" the situation with food or a simple act of kindness, then she prayed for them.*

*We ALL have the ability to give something. Our lives become richer when our hearts are open.*

*There are many elderly people who wait every day for the mailman. They hope to catch them at their door, just to have a few moments of contact with another person. For many, the mailman is their only visitor. Imagine how happy they are when they see a card or note that is not a bill, but good wishes and thoughts from a caring person. It makes their day, and*

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Mitch Keamy of Andover gets up close with a chinchilla, a type of rodent, as his sister, Ali, looks on during a Curious Creatures demonstration at the Greek Festival at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday.

KATE GLASS/Staff photos

## GREEK FESTIVAL: A DAY OF FUN, FOOD



Paul Janos, 12, stands very still as a snake is placed around his neck during a Curious Creatures demonstration at the weekend festival, which was Saturday and Sunday.



Jeanette Alexandrou, left, and Helen Zavas Munroe give a demonstration on how to make spanakopita at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Chandler Road.



Denise Stefanopoulos spreads melted butter on a piece of phyllo dough while making spanakopita triangles at the Greek Festival at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.



Dimitri Nikitas makes loukoumades, a Greek fried dough that is dipped in honey and then sprinkled with cinnamon and nuts.

## Weekend of the Walk

### ▶ TO FIGHT ALZHEIMER'S

Andover residents and others from around the area will be taking steps to end Alzheimer's at the Northeastern Mass Memory Walk through Andover on Sunday, Oct. 3.

The Memory Walk's 3-mile and 1.5-mile routes begin and end at Brickstone Square, Andover. Registration at Brickstone Square begins at 9 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to set up for the day, distribute food, cheer on walkers, and help along the walk route for the Northeastern Mass Memory Walk.

The walk benefits programs of the Alzheimer's Association that provide care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease.

For more information call 617-393-2050 or email debra.katt-lloyd@alz.org, or visit www.memory-walkmanh.org.

Honorary Chair is Bruce Arnold, Radio Host, WCCM. Media partners are Andover Townsman, The Senior Times, WCCM AM 1110, and WBOQ 104.9 FM. The Alzheimer's Association is considered the world leader in Alzheimer's disease research and support, and is a voluntary health organization dedicated to finding preventions, treatments and eventually a cure.



Pam Dunn and her children Grace, 8, Emma, 6 and Brady, 4, will be taking part in a walk-a-thon for diabetes.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

### ▶ TO FIGHT DIABETES

#### Ace in hole in campaign against juvenile diabetes

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

No one is surprised to hear that Pam Dunn of Andover has nearly reached her \$5,000 pledge for juvenile diabetes research.

This married mother of three

young children is perhaps best known around town for successfully fighting a cell tower that seemed a lock for her neighborhood. The Dunns live on Prospect Road.

"Pam approached the cell tower issue as a nearly full-time job.

Thankfully, that dedication paid off," said her partner in the cell-tower fight, Aileen Peters.

Now, friends are rallying around the Dunns once more as the family is dedicating itself to another

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### ▶ TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS

#### 10th annual Hike for Hope benefits Lazarus House

BY COURTNEY CASPER  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

During these rough economic times, both Lazarus House staff and volunteers continue to push to give the homeless a place where they can find dignity in getting

back on their own feet. On Sunday, Andover residents can help them do that.

The 10th Annual Lazarus House Hike for Hope will take place this Sunday, Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m. at the Merrimack College campus on the Andover/North Andover line. The

Hike for Hope raises funds for the Lazarus House Transitional Housing Program. Thanks to the efforts of walkers, sponsors and volunteers, the Hike for Hope has raised more than \$1.2 million and has

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WEDDING



Nicole Vanderheiden and Andrew DeBenedictis

Nicole Lynn Vanderheiden and Andrew James DeBenedictis were married July 25, 2009 at Wychmere Harbor Resort in Harwichport, where Pastor George Woodward officiated. A reception followed at the Wychmere Harbor Resort. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderheiden of Wolfeboro, N.H., formerly of Andover. She received a bachelor's degree from San Diego

State University and is a special needs teacher in Boston. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth DeBenedictis of Andover. He received a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University in communications. He is a self-employed custom painter. The couple traveled to Kenya for an African safari, and live in Cambridge.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Resident builds homes

Tessa Landau-Viano is an inaugural member of the Southern Region Campus located in Vicksburg, Miss. Landau-Viano will spend the next nine months in a team of 10 to 12 national service members intent on getting things done for America in Mississippi and three other projects located within the southern region, several of which support the rebuilding efforts of those communities destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Gustav.

Landau-Viano is serving an eight-week project in Biloxi, Miss., with Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Habitat for Humanity of the Gulf Coast strives to eliminate poverty housing along the Gulf

Coast by serving three coastal counties: Harrison, Jackson, and Stone by helping families move out of substandard housing into simple, decent, affordable homes. Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast has a goal of building 500 homes by the year 2012 utilizing the support of families, volunteers, and donors. The team will assist the organizations through sheetrock and insulation installation, flooring, roofing, landscaping, and other construction tasks as well as the coordination of volunteer groups. Most of the construction completed on a Habitat house uses volunteer labor. Completion of these tasks will allow families to move into safe and affordable housing, increase the organizations ability to capacity build, and support Habitat's mission

ENGAGEMENT

Alyssa Sourifman and John Percival

Kathy and Stuart Sourifman of Livingston, N.J. and Lisa and Marvin Percival of Andover, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Alyssa Sourifman and John Percival.

Alyssa is a graduate of Livingston High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree in 2004 from the University of Vermont. She is employed by Kekst and Company Inc. in New York as a public relations analyst.

John is a graduate of Andover High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in 2004 from the University of Vermont. He is employed by KPMG in New York as a senior associate.

The couple plan a November 2009 wedding.



DIABETES: Mom and team Grace's Aces walk for kids

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issue. This time, it's much more personal.

It's juvenile diabetes. Dunn said her daughter, Grace, now 8, was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes last Jan. 26. The diagnosis shocked the Dunns because there is no history of diabetes in the family.

"Grace was 7 and was in the hospital for three days," said Dunn who sprung into action when she heard about the annual benefit walk for juvenile diabetes. Money raised goes to research for a cure.

Just months after Grace's diagnosis, the Dunn team of walkers — dubbed Grace's Aces — was formed and donation requests were mailed. Dunn pledged to raise \$5,000 and as of Monday, Sept. 28, she already had \$4,300.

"People have been so

generous," said the cell tower and now diabetes crusader. "Family, friends and generous co-workers of my husband responded so generously."

The three-mile walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 3. It steps off from the Hatch Shell in Boston at 10:30 a.m. Grace, now a third-grader at Bancroft Elementary School who wears an insulin pump, will join her parents, Pam and Chris. Her siblings, Emma, 6, and Brady, 4, are also taking part along with several other family members.

Pam Dunn said there are four students at Bancroft Elementary wearing insulin pumps, including her daughter. Each one has juvenile diabetes.

"We've got to find the cure," she said.

If you would like to donate, go to [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org); link to donate; go to the Grace's Aces team of Massachusetts.

HIKE: Lazarus House walk helps fight homelessness

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made the dream of constructing and maintaining a transitional home a tangible reality. Capernaum Place, a Lazarus House transitional home located in Lawrence that houses 18 families and two individuals at any one time, was finally opened in 2007.

This 20-unit complex serves as the bridge between homelessness and permanent housing, where those who have grown positively and flourished in a shelter program can enjoy safe, secure housing while they learn and practice the skills essential to leading productive and self-sufficient lives. Each family or individual is entitled to four consecutive six-month period leases at Capernaum Place, and all are assigned caseworkers. In addition, it is mandatory that the residents contribute about 30 percent of the rent on each of their individual housing units, and attend classes on life skills education, budgeting/economic training, and life planning.


Lisa McEvoy, director of communications and special events at Lazarus House, emphasizes

the high demand on transitional housing in Massachusetts. "More than 1,000 families are on the list for affordable housing with an average waiting period of two to six years. Transitional housing is a vital service in Lawrence," McEvoy explains.

Although McEvoy says the recession has affected the process, she reminds others that recessionary times are when people need food and housing services the most.

"It's not about just simply giving things to people. It's about how we can help them help themselves," she said. Hikers can take either a 1- or 5-mile route, and the event is followed by a celebration cook-out and other fun activities at Merrimack College. Individuals or teams may register online at [www.HikeForHope.org](http://www.HikeForHope.org) or stop in at the Lazarus House in Lawrence at 410 Hampshire St. Online registration ends tomorrow, Oct. 2, at noon. The event-day registration fee is \$20.


For more information on Lazarus House, its services, or wish to make a donation of any kind, visit [www.LazarusHouse.org](http://www.LazarusHouse.org).



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## Migration: animals are on the move

It's moving time for many birds, animals and fish that migrate to a different location with the seasons. Some move north with warmer days during the spring and move back south as the days cool during autumn.

This year the migration of the cownose sting ray (*Rhinoptera bonasus*) was captured on film by photographer Sandra Critelli. Her photos have given people around the world a unique view via the internet of the rays' movement.

Critelli was looking for sharks when she saw the rays migrating in the Gulf of



Mexico.

Cownose rays are golden in color and can measure up to 6 feet 6 inches across. They have a distinctive domed head, giving them a bovine appearance. That is how they got the name cownose.

The beautiful golden ray may look harmless but it has a poisonous stinger that can be deadly to humans. The sharp stinger grows from the ray's whip-like tail. The stinger can be almost 15 inches in length.

A similar sting ray killed popular Australian naturalist Steve Irwin in 2006.

The rays are shy and don't usually threaten people. They attack only when they are cornered or feel like they are in danger.

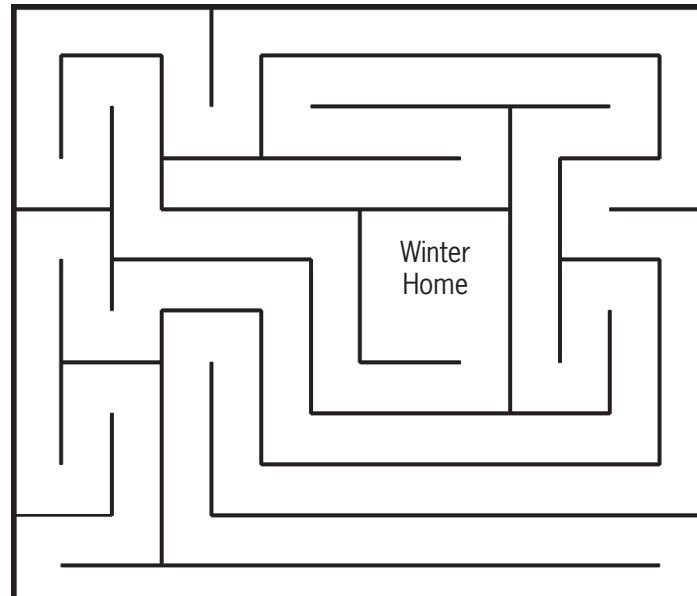
Unlike some other sting-ray species that rest on the seabed, the cownose prefer to move around.

Cownose rays migrate in groups or "fevers" of up to 10,000 and travel long distances. They can be found from the Caribbean in the south to New England in the north.

The rays can even swim upside down.


When they look for food they flap their fins over the seabed. That stirs up sand and uncovers crabs, oysters, and shellfish. They have powerful teeth that allow them to eat their food.

During the next couple of months you may be lucky enough to see something migrating. It might be a butterfly, hummingbirds or geese. Watch the world around you for something on the move.



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# 'It's a girl thing' program launched at Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel in Andover has joined hundreds of Jewish organizations across the country in offering Merrimack Valley-area girls "Rosh Hodesh: it's a girl thing!"

The program draws on Jewish teachings to help girls in grade 6 of all affiliations navigate the complexities of adolescent life. A contemporary celebration of the ancient New Moon holiday, Rosh Hodesh builds girls' self-esteem, leadership skills, and Jewish identity. The program works on an intimate model, bringing together small groups of girls for monthly Rosh Hodesh (new moon) celebrations. The program meets girls where they are, with engaging discussion, crafts and drama that integrate Jewish teachings to help girls grapple with the issues they care about most - such as body image, friendship, relationships, competition, stress and family.

Temple Emanuel reports that it is pleased to announce that popular local educator Rebecca Hellmann is leading the group. Hellmann attended the intensive two-day Moving Traditions Training Institute this summer, and will use the



Former Union for Reform Judaism Northeast Regional Educator Rebecca Hellmann is leading the girls' group at Temple Emanuel, Andover.

nationally tested materials provided by Moving Traditions to lead the group of sixth graders.

Rosh Hodesh is the first Jewish communal program to proactively address

two well-documented trends: many girls drop out of organized Jewish experiences after bat-mitzvah and girls' self-esteem plummets during adolescence, according to a release.

Rosh Hodesh works on an intimate model, with girls meeting in small groups of 7 to 15 participants.

"The informal setting, small group size, and carefully designed activities together create an enjoyable and meaningful experience, which, when repeated monthly throughout girls' teen years, strengthen their Jewish identity and sense of self," according to a release from organizers.

The program fits in well with Temple Emanuel's efforts to reach out to teenagers in innovative ways, and has been funded by the Temple Sisterhood. The synagogue's religious school is at present studying similar curricula for boys.

Since Rosh Hodesh: it's a girl thing! was launched nationally in 2002 with 40 groups, it has inspired 6,000 Jewish pre-teen and teen age girls.

In 2008-09, about 2,800 girls participate in 285 groups meeting in 26 states and four Canadian provinces, including groups returning for their second through fifth years.

For more information about Rosh Hodesh at Temple Emanuel, contact Judy Matulsky at 978-470-1563.

## DALTON: Insight of giving

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many times you get a phone call from them to thank you!

The smallest things are important. If you see someone in the supermarket looking up at the top shelf, and ready to start the climb, ask if you can reach something for them.

Growing up in a loving and giving family, I always thought the gift of giving was like having straight hair: you were born with it. But now I realize many people don't know how to give. These same people, if given the opportunity, are very generous.

A few years ago, I had heard of a group located in Florida called "Operation Shoebox." These folks were packaging all kinds of donated items in a shoebox and shipping overseas to the brave men and women in our Armed Services. After checking it out, I got a list of the items they were looking for and sent the list, along with a note from me, asking my neighbors, if possible, to drop off items, and I would take it from there. In two days, I had five large boxes of items that I was able to ship to Florida for the shoeboxes. One neighbor gave me money to help in the shipping costs, also. Some that donated said they wanted to do something, but did not know how.

Sometimes, we need to help people, help people.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

## Girl Scouts spruce up seniors' rooftop garden

Girls in Andover Senior Girl Scout Troop 60861 have started a four-part project that they came up with this past summer. Their goal was to make a senior-living center a happier place to live and decided to apply their efforts at Wingate on Andover Street. They met with the director last month to present their ideas and spent a day weeding, cleaning and planting on Wingate's rooftop garden. Members of the troop include

Gabriella Smith, Alex Gaspar, Emily Brownholtz, Annie Green, Hannah Insuik, Olivia Szendey and Samantha Sheppard.

The girls will be back next month to plant bulbs and do some fall decoration. Next spring they plan to return to plant annuals and donate some sort of permanent structure like a bench, according to Heather Gaspar, who serves as troop leader along with Sandi Grasso.

## Dig into Andover Garden Club kickoff Oct. 6

The Andover Garden Club kicks off its 82nd year with a welcome back brunch and an overview of the many activities and educational opportunities offered through its parent organization, the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

The cost is \$5 for non-members and free to members. Leslie Frost, former Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts president, will lead several club members with experience in GCFM activities in a

discussion of the organization's many opportunities for local garden club members.

For more information contact Betty Chapman at 978-470-2627 or at bettychapman@verizon.net.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design, aids in the beautification of the town of Andover and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to

a variety of municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairman Anne Feeney at 978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts operates under the auspices of National Garden Clubs Inc., and is dedicated to education in and appreciation of horticulture, landscape and floral design, gardening and environmental concerns.

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# Business

## Pancakes on the Bowling Green



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Seth Gooby, food service director at Atria Marland Place, flips a pancake filled with sausage during the Andover Rotary Club and Atria Marland Place Pancakes on the Bowling Green event Saturday morning to raise money for the Lazarus House, Ironstone Farm, and the Rotary Club's Stop Teasing Other People program at West Elementary.

## Wellness coach offers 'Biggest Loser' type challenge at bank

If you've ever watched the reality TV show *The Biggest Loser* and thought, I can do that, you now have a chance to step up, drop down in weight and possibly win some cash, says certified personal wellness coach Suzanne Casey.

Casey says she is launching a 12-week, non-profit course that will off tips on nutrition and exercise. Classes will be held at the Butler Bank, 16 North Main St. in Andover.

Her "Holiday Shape Up" allows participants to use any weight loss program they'd like. Program representatives will work with each person to find what works best for them and also offer guidance as needed. Participants will weigh in and

be measured each week, and the three with the highest percentage of weight loss at the end of the program will split the money collected, she said in a release. It is based on percentage of body weight lost, which makes it an equal competition for men and women.

The cost to join is \$50 and the money collected will be paid out to the three biggest weight losers. Specific rules will be in place. Ten percent of the monies collected will be donated to [www.gofitkids.com](http://www.gofitkids.com), she said. The 12-week program starts Monday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m. and classes will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Those interested can call 978-208-1068 to pre-register.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Join the Homebased Businesswomen's Network, Inc. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the Village Green Restaurant, Route 1-North, Newbury St., Danvers to learn how to create a Web site that attracts business. HBN invites members and guests to enjoy this informative luncheon program, with networking opportunities.

Panelists Kathy Chiasson, owner of Northport Web Design Newburyport, and Debra Glabeau, president and design director of Great Island Design Salem, will focus on "Creating Websites That Bring In Business." Glabeau will focus on the importance of your Web site as an expansion of company identity branding and crafting a web presence that communicates the right story to your target audience.

Kathy Chiasson, whose firm designs Web sites with e-commerce solutions, will share tips on what to look for when developing or shopping for a Web-site solution, how to get better results from an existing website, and provide information

on marketing, statistics, hosting, and search engine submission.



Meghan B. Gannon

**Meghan B. (Doyle) Gannon**, MD, former resident of Andover, daughter of Niall K. Doyle and Karen M. Doyle of North Andover, a graduate of Andover High School in 2002; magna cum

graduate of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., with a bachelor of arts in chemistry and Wake Forest University Medical School, Winston-Salem, N.C., in 2006 has completed her residency in family medicine at the Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, Ariz. in June 2009.

Gannon was the recipient of the Resident Educator Award from the Mayo Clinic. Gannon and her husband, Eric, are relocating to Spring Hill, Tenn. to join the Spring Hill Family Health Group and to begin her practice in the specialty of family medicine.

## Andover native COO of John Hancock Funds

John Hancock Funds has named Andover native Andrew G. Arnott as chief operating officer. Arnott, 38, was also named a senior vice president of Manulife Financial Corp., the parent company of John Hancock Financial. Previously, Arnott served as vice president, product management and strategic planning for John Hancock Funds. He joined the company in 1993.

"Andy has made a significant contribution to helping John Hancock Funds grow its business, and we congratulate him on his new role at the company," said Keith F. Hartstein, president and CEO of John Hancock Funds. "Under Andy's leadership, the product management

team played a crucial role in broadening and deepening the mutual fund product line through the creation of new open- and closed-end funds, and the adoption of established four- and five-star funds from institutional asset managers. These efforts have strengthened our business, while the streamlining of our product line-up has resulted in meaningful expense reductions for our fund shareholders."

As COO, Arnott will assume the added responsibility of leading core business support functions, as well as leadership of the finance group. These responsibilities will be in addition to his current role leading strategic planning, product management,

product development and market research.

Arnott served as the point person in negotiations with many of John Hancock Funds' sub-advisers and has been instrumental in the development and maintenance of relationships with Analytic Investors, Epoch Investment Partners, GMO, Pzena Investment Management, Rainier Investment Management, Robeco Boston Partners, Sustainable Growth Advisers, Wellington Management, Western Asset Management, and most recently FMA Advisers.

He is an officer of John Hancock Funds' affiliated advisers: John Hancock Advisers, LLC and John Hancock Investment

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In January of 2008, Arnott was named one of the "Top 20 Rising Stars of Mutual Funds" by Institutional Investor magazine. He was recently nominated as one of the "Top 40 Influencers in Mutual Fund Distribution" by InvestmentWires.com.

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# Sports

## VOICE OF ANDOVER SPORTS STEPS ASIDE

### Beloved Drummond heads into retirement

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

When fans arrive at Eugene V. Lovely Field tomorrow for the home opener of the football season, something will be missing.

For the first time in 37 years, a different voice will tell fans, "I thank everyone for coming."

Following an announcing career that began with a basketball game in 1969 and coined countless memorable catchphrases — or Drummond-isms — in an instantly-recognizable voice, legendary Andover High announcer Bill Drummond will not be behind the microphone when Andover hosts Haverhill. He announced his retirement last season.

"After so many years you want to go out on top," Drummond said. "A lot of people walk to the booth and are not prepared. I always studied for every game."

The man, now remembered for coining so many popular sayings around Andover — his Drummond-ism "The pizza here is delicious" inspired the basketball team to make up T-shirts with the catchphrase — saw humble beginnings to his career in athletics while growing up in Youngstown, Ohio.

"I tried out for basketball and baseball and was cut from both," he said with a chuckle. "Those were the only sports those days."

He may not have been an

athlete, but his love for sports did not end with his playing career.

After enrolling at John Carroll University in Cleveland, he became the football manager for the school. The team's football coach at the time was none other than Don Shula, who would go on to have a Hall of Fame career as head coach of the Baltimore Colts and, most notably, the Miami Dolphins for 25 years.

"I did everything," Drummond said. "I would see who missed practice, run to get water. And, in those days, the hardest thing was helmet problems. I was always working on helmets."

After graduating from John Carroll, Drummond completed his master's degree at Boston College, graduating in 1967. After two years as a teacher at Malden Catholic, he was drawn to an opening in the math department at Andover. And, while pitching himself as a candidate, it was his love of sports that helped him win the job.

"The superintendent asked me," Drummond remembered, "Along with being a math teacher, what else do you bring to the table?"

"I told him I was an all-purpose back. I can pinch hit for just about anyone. You need an equipment manager, you have that. And if you need someone to announce sporting events, I

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### 30 YEARS AS THE VOICE OF ANDOVER

#### MEMORIES OF DRUMMOND

"He was there when I was in high school in 1984. He was the equipment manager and I lost my track sweatpants. He thought I stole them. He harassed me my whole senior year. I dodged him. Then, when I came back coaching, for the first five years I was here he was asking me, 'where are those sweats?' I never found the sweats."

**Current Andover track coach and former football and track star Peter Comeau**

"He is one of the funniest humans I have every met. I had him in class and, he does it in an unorthodox way, but he gets the lessons across. Even when I was on the sidelines, I would always hear him say the same thing when my brother made a tackle. 'Tackle by Andrew LEBOWITZ. Then he started saying it when I make a tackle."

**Current Andover football star Jake Lebowitz**

"Every single halftime for the 21 years I have been here, he would always say the same thing: 'The pizza here is delicious. One year, as a tribute, the kids made T-shirts."

**Andover basketball coach Dave Fazio**

"I still have my 'The pizza here is delicious' T-shirt. And he always had nicknames for every kid. Everyone wanted him in class. The first day, everyone would go around and ask, 'do you have Drummond for math?' I never did."

**Andover basketball all-time leading scorer Chris Vetrano**

"I remember the nicknames for every girl. I was a loud talker, so that was what got me. They always changed, but they still stuck. And I don't think I ever even had the pizza at Andover, but I will never forget that it is 'Delicious."

**Former Andover basketball star Ashley McLaughlin**

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## Hennessey (6 touchdowns), Warriors crush Tewksbury

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

TEWKSBURY — As far as good signs go, Brian Miller delivered a doozy on Saturday.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound receiver lunged to catch a rocket of a pass with one hand, ran over one defender and eluded another. Looking every bit the Division 1 college football prospect he is, he then jetted 32 yards for a touchdown.

"Once Brian Miller made that amazing catch over the middle," said Andover quarterback John Hennessey, "we knew it was going to be a good day."

It was a great day for Hennessey and the rest of the Andover passing attack, as they shredded Tewksbury through the air on the way to a 47-34 win.

"You just look at the team," said Andover senior receiver Jimmy Johnson. "We have Chris McConnell, the fastest guy in the state, a guy that's going to play Division 1 (football) in Brian Miller going over the middle and I'm a guy that runs across the middle. With Hennessey throwing the ball the way he does, it can be amazing."

After two tough weeks, in which the gun-slugging Hennessey had thrown for just 223 total passing

yards and no touchdowns, the senior broke out. He hit on 13-of-21 passes for 235 yards and five touchdowns. He also ran for an eye-popping 60-yard touchdown run during which he appeared to be down at least twice.

Star receiver McConnell, also off to a tough start, caught just two passes. But both went for touchdowns. Miller also caught two touchdowns and Ned Deane caught one. Nick Enxing added 81 yards on the ground.

The Golden Warriors defense was also up to the task. They held the normally run-happy Redmen to just 55 yards on the

ground on 19 attempts. And while Tewksbury QB Sean Connolly did record 246 yards through the air, 191 yards came late in the third

and in the fourth, long after the Warriors had sent in their backups to face the Redmen starters. Deane paced the defense with a

team-high 12 tackles. Jake Lebowitz added six tackles and a sack while linemate Pete Theodorou made four stops.

#### Game statistics

##### First Quarter

T — Mike Fabiano 40 pass from Sean Connolly (kick failed), 7:12  
A — Christopher McConnell 21 pass from John Hennessey (kick failed), 5:24  
Second Quarter  
A — Brian Miller 32 pass from Hennessey (Nick Enxing pass from Hennessey), 9:15  
T — Ryan Vibber 14 pass from Connolly (pass failed), 4:30  
A — Ned Deane 7 pass from Hennessey (Kerrick Stevens kick), 0:33

##### Third Quarter

A — McConnell 70 pass from Hennessey (kick failed), 9:2  
A — Miller 5 pass from Hennessey (kick blocked), 5:55  
A — Hennessey 60 run (Stevens kick), 3:16  
A — Brian Martin 15 fumble recovery return (Stevens kick), 2:59  
T — Vibber 26 pass from Connolly (pass failed), 2:13

##### Fourth Quarter

T — Anthony Altavesta 5 run (Chris Bettano run), 7:56  
T — Connolly 1 run (Bettano run), 2:34

##### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: A (32-152) — Nick Enxing 12-81, John Hennessey 7-50, Michael Galletti 3-29, Nick Price 2-5, Colin Norris 4-0, Greg Calabro 2(-3), Tom Dempsey 2(-10); T (19-55) — Tony Arcari 8-19  
PASSING: A — Hennessey 13-21-0, 235; T — Sean Connolly 15-28-0, 246  
RECEIVING: A — Christopher McConnell 2-91, Jimmy Johnson 3-68, Brian Miller 4-47, Ned Deane 2-20, Christian Lightner 1-7, Brian Martin 1-2; T — Ryan Vibber 6-169

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The Andover High football team salutes longtime announcer Bill Drummond after he announced his retirement after the Thanksgiving Day win last year, his final football game as announcer.

## RETIRED: After 30 years as voice of Andover football games, Drummond shuts off his mic

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He told me I had the job.” That fall, Drummond began his 40 years as a teacher and equipment manager at Andover High. He also became the backup announcer for Ted Boudreau. And it was during basketball season that he was pressed into duty for his first game as head announcer.

“It was December of 1969,” Drummond said. “The regular announcer wasn’t there, and Donald Dunn, the athletic director at the time, asked if anyone there could announce the game. I said I’d give it a shot, and the rest is history.”

Drummond began calling football games part-time in 1972 (Andover vs. Lowell was his first game), and in 1985 he became the full-time announcer for both football and boys and girls basketball. Over that time his popularity grew as he also called sports such as field hockey, boys and girls soccer and

can even do that.

boys and girls lacrosse.

And, at every event, he delivered the same personality and love for nicknames.

“I remember at the games he had nicknames for all the girls,” said former basketball star Ashley McLaughlin. “And he would always be making up new ones. I was at a game last year and he called our point guard now, Natalie go-go Gomez.”

While he is most recognized for his announcing, he was also dedicated to his work as equipment manager.

“I did everything that no one notices until they’re not done,” he said. “Working with the ordering, keeping track of equipment. Doing the rosters. All of that.”

But it will forever be the way he read the roster, always with the names perfectly pronounced — both Andover and its opponents — in his unique way that he will be best remembered.

The 66-year-old Drummond said he hopes to attend a few football games

following a trip to Alaska with his wife Barbara. He also hopes to announce a basketball game in 2010, making it six straight decades he has been behind the microphone.

Drummond’s calling of football games became so popular that fans from a nearby neighborhood would stay home and listen to him announce the games from their backyards.

For them after every score, he would be heard uttering the Drummond-ism: “For all you Red Spring boys, the score is ....”

With Drummond behind the microphone, advertisements became more than advertisements. They became catchphrases for fans.

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For more information and to register go to [www.bradfordskiteam.com](http://www.bradfordskiteam.com).

## Weekly Roundup: Andover swimming cruises past rivals

### SWIMMING

Monica Patterson won the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle, Rachel Moore took the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke and they teamed with Maggie D’Innocenzo and Emma Cammann for victory in the 400 freestyle relay as Andover drubbed archrival Haverhill 108-

70 on Friday. D’Innocenzo added a win in the 500 freestyle and swam with Colleen Hespeler, Moore and Cammann on the winning 200 medley relay.

Maggie D’Innocenzo won the 100 butterfly, Monica Patterson took the 200 IM, Colleen Hespeler won the 100 backstroke and they teamed

with Brittany Ross to take the 200 medley relay as Andover bested Melrose 95-67 last Monday. Ross and D’Innocenzo also teamed with Katie D’Innocenzo and Mikaela Ross to win the 400 medley relay for the winners.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

#### Warriors stay hot

Annie Ye paced Andover with 27 assists, nine service points and nine aces as Andover easily topped Reading 25-11, 25-13, 25-12 on Saturday. Kirsten Arvidson added 13 kills and seven blocks and Sarah Arvidson had seven digs for the winners.

Kirsten Arvidson notched 13 kills and Sarah Arvidson had 20 service points as Andover downed Billerica 21-25, 25-14, 25-21, 26-24. Elise Brogan tallied eight kills for the winners.

Annie Ye notched a team-high 12 assists as Andover crushed Tewksbury 25-16, 25-17, 25-16 last Wednesday. Kirsten Arvidson led the way in kills (10) and service

points (8) while Molly Burke had a team-high 10 digs.

### FIELD HOCKEY

#### Manning’s two tallies lead Warriors

Jill Manning scored two goals, helping Andover remain undefeated with a 5-0 drubbing of Dracut last Monday. Sarah Oteri and Laura Cahill each scored a goal and assisted on another and Ally Long added the final goal for the Warriors (5-0).

### GOLF

#### Levenson, Andover bounce back

Led by Mike Levenson’s 34, Andover bounced back from its first loss of the season with a 16-4 victory over Methuen on Friday.

Mike Levenson was the medalist with a 34 as Andover trounced Lowell 17-3 last Tuesday. Dave Gilbert (37) and Donnie Hunt (38) also excelled for the winners.

Andover saw its 54-game MVC winning streak come to an end, falling to Central Catholic 13-7

last Thursday. Michael Levenson (35) and Alex Driscoll (39) each stood out for the Golden Warriors.

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Burkhard key in win

Bryan Burkhard scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover beat Billerica 2-0 last Thursday. Kaelan Crawford added an assist and Andrew Osborne made four saves for the shutout.

Randy Sartor continued his streak, scoring a goal in each of Andover’s first five games of the season, but the Golden Warriors lost to archrival Central Catholic 3-2 last Tuesday. Kaelan Crawford added a goal and Bryan Burkhard had an assist for the Warriors.

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Warriors break through

Sam Arnold scored in the first half, and that was enough to help Andover break into the win column with a 1-0 victory over Haverhill last Tuesday. Jenn Caro assisted on the goal, and Olivia Biles made nine saves for the shutout in her second career varsity start

Maggie Dillman scored a pair of goals as Andover tallied its fourth tie of the season, a 2-2 draw with North Andover on Saturday. Michaela Van Antwerp had an assist and Danielle Landy made nine saves for the Warriors.

Olivia Biles made 16 saves as Andover played Central Catholic to a 1-1 tie last Thursday. The Golden Warriors’ score was an own-goal.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

#### Van Doren, Andover run to win

Molly Van Doren placed first in 21:15 and Danielle Slauzis was second in 22:34 as Andover cruised past Methuen 20-41 last Wednesday. Leah Totten took fourth in 22:33 for the winners.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

#### Voorhees shines in loss

Simon Voorhees placed fifth overall in 17:24 as Andover fell to Methuen 17-44 last Wednesday. Scott Waller was sixth in 17:26 for the Golden Warriors.

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**Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Clowns David and Cherie David Gregg flank Maia Blake of Andover during the 17th annual Massachusetts Susan G. Komen for the Race for the Cure on Saturday, Sept. 26. They handed out pink noses to the runners and their families. During Oct. 14 to 18 at the TD Garden, Ringling Bros. and Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Mass. Affiliate are working to promote October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Pink Out Night at the Circus.**

### Speak up on I-93 plans

Interstate 93 may have a new exit into Andover in the next five years, and the towns of Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington are planning what exactly could be built in the area that will be opened up to development.

The proposed exit would be between the Route 125 and Dascamb Road exits and open up 700 acres to development where the three towns meet.

Community leaders are looking for resident input at a "listening session" on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Andover's Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St.

This fall, planners will shape

the look of the area – from its streetscape and layout, to its buildings' heights and styles. For additional information about the project and schedule, visit [www.vhb.com/tri-townfbc](http://www.vhb.com/tri-townfbc).

— Bethany Bray

### Main Street eatery closing

As the town is set to celebrate the end of the Main Street construction project on Saturday, Oct. 3, another Main Street business is calling it quits. In an e-mail message to the members of the downtown business group, Sally Fabian, owner of Serene Restaurant on Main Street, announced her business is closing Oct. 3. She cited the troubled

economy as the reason why she is leaving. She is relocating to Florida.

— Judy Wakefield

### Piantedosi honored

Joe Piantedosi, Andover's director of plant and facilities, has been named 2009 "Citizen of the Year" in his hometown of Bedford. Piantedosi, who has worked in Andover since 1996, was guest of honor in the Bedford Days parade on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Piantedosi has lived in Bedford since 1976 and has been involved in a long list of boards, committees and projects in the community, including serving

as a selectman and on its zoning board of appeals.

— Bethany Bray

### Coaches needed

Calling all dribblers. And rebounders, jump shooters and fans of the three-pointer.

Volunteer coaches are needed for the town-run Bob French Basketball League. Players are in grades 3 to 8 and the season starts in November and ends the week before February vacation.

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