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Special Town Meeting coverage

Andover held a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road, after the Townsman's midday presstime.

The meeting was called to balance the town budget. Among the

eight articles was a private article asking again if residents wanted to impose a local-option meals tax. The tax would add 75 cents to each \$100 spent at Andover restaurants.

For coverage of the Special Town

Meeting votes, visit the Townsman Web site at www.andovertownsman.com. Then, pick up next week's print edition for more coverage, including where the town goes from here to get its future budgets under control.

Week at nature camps rite of passage for town 5th-graders



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Bancroft Elementary fifth-graders were greeted by sign-waving parents Friday afternoon as they returned from a week of "outdoor education" camp. Martha Fenton greets her daughter, Jordy, with a hug.

HOME FROM THE OUTDOORS

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday afternoon, two large coach buses pulled into the traffic circle in front of Bancroft Elementary. Students looked eagerly out the bus windows, finding a large group of parents cheering and holding signs that read "welcome home, we missed you" and "our fifth-graders rock!"

Bancroft fifth-graders were returning home after four days away at Outdoor Education – a districtwide rite of passage, of sorts, as students spend time away from parents, bonding with classmates at nature camp in their last year before middle school.

After getting a quick hug from mom or dad – and a few kisses from pet dogs that were brought along – the Bancroft fifth-graders, many clad in hiking boots with bandannas tied in their hair, began pulling duffel bags, pillows and sleeping bags out from bins under the buses.

Ten-year-old Laura Zavri said she had a great time with her Bancroft classmates, and was "not at all" homesick, having been away to camp before.

Her favorite part of the week, she said, was taking hikes with her field group. They took a class on thunderstorms, wilderness survival and built a geodesic dome as part of another lesson, said Laura.

The only things she missed of home, said Laura: "the showers and food."

Fifth-graders at Andover's five elementary schools have the opportunity to spend four days and three nights at Nature's Classroom, a nonprofit with 13 camp-like educational centers through New England

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Parents wave their signs as the buses roll up to Bancroft Elementary School with the fifth-graders returning from a week away with classmates.

Options for town yard to be revealed

Forums to help decide what to do with area

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

GET INVOLVED

Andover will know where it could move its town yard by next week.

This summer, the town requested bids for a new town yard site, and has seen interest from three different parties, said Hooks Johnston, town yard task force chairman. The deadline to submit land for consideration is Monday, Oct. 12.

Over the next year, Andover will carefully choreograph the relocation of the town yard from a roughly three-acre site off Lewis Street, near downtown.

In the meantime, plans are underway to change the zoning surrounding the Lewis Street site, opening it up to redevelopment such as condominiums, shops or even a parking garage once the town yard is relocated. Meetings to garner public input on the new zoning are planned throughout the fall, the first on Oct. 28.

The town yard is where Andover repairs and houses some vehicles, and stores its road sand and salt. The small Lewis Street lot is woefully inadequate, say many town leaders, and buildings on the property have structural issues.

Town Yard Task Force meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 a.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room

For more information, visit www.andoverma.gov/planning/townyard/

'COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS' ON THE TOWN YARD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

■ Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

■ Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

■ Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

"The town yard is in terrible condition. We're spending money to make sure it doesn't fall down on someone, and that's a waste of money. We've got to get out of there," said Johnston. "The other bit of urgency, in my mind, is because (building) costs are running 20 to 50 percent less than they used to be (because of the economy). Contractors are very aggressive in their bidding right now."

The invitation for bids on a new town yard site was written with very general language,

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Familiar designer for new school

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

GET INVOLVED

The same architect that designed the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools will design the replacement for the 40-year-old Bancroft Elementary School.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority design selection panel has selected the Cambridge firm Symmes, Maini and McKee Associates, which designed Andover's two newest schools at the beginning of this decade. This is considered good news by Andover officials, who established a positive working relationship with the firm.

"We were fortunate that our first choice, which was Symmes, Maini and McKee, turned out to be the first choice of the design panel as well," said Attorney Mark Johnson, chairman of Andover's school building committee.

Bancroft was built in 1969 in an

School Building Committee meeting: Thursday, Oct. 8, 8 a.m. in the selectmen's (third-floor) conference room, Town Offices, Bartlet Street

Open meeting to get residents feedback and input tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19 (check www.apsl.net)

open classroom style, and now has structural problems.

As part of its open design, Bancroft's library is in the center of the school, surrounded by classrooms without walls. Symmes, Maini and McKee has indicated it wants to replicate some of that design – with the media center again as "the heart of the school," said Annie Gilbert, School Committee liaison to the building committee.

One thing is

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Rain pushes Andover Day to Oct. 17

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Residents will wait two weeks for the downtown party called Andover Day to be rescheduled – a long wait that is a necessary evil, according to the president of the downtown business group hosting the event.

"We've got the holiday weekend (Columbus Day) this weekend and some people already had plans," said Betsy Powers, president of the Andover Business Community Center. Plus, the stage for the musical performers from sponsor radio station 92.5 The River was not available, she said.

So when town officials announced the postponement of Andover Day last Thursday morning, Oct. 1, the date of Saturday, Oct. 17 was selected. The Oct. 3 event, planned to celebrate downtown businesses and the end of the Main Street construction project, was rained out.

Powers said just one dance group has withdrawn, from Nancy Chippendale studio in North Andover. Otherwise, the planned program of numerous events, live entertainment and food, remains in tact and will be available for residents downtown on Oct. 17.

"We're ready! And just praying for good weather," she said.



FILE PHOTO

Jerry Chu, 5, of Andover led his mother, Susan Chu, during a road race that was part of last year's Andover Day.

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SCHOOL: Designer of High Plain/Wood Hill rehired

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s for sure – Bancroft’s new design will not have open classrooms. The state will not fund that type of design any more, said Gilbert.

“If we’re seeking reimbursement from the state, we can’t go that route,” she said. “What we can look at is having flexible use of space.”

In May, Town Meeting voters approved \$525,000 for a feasibility study and schematic design for Bancroft’s replacement, possibly combining the school with all or part of Shawsheen Primary, a magnet K-2 school that is overcrowded and does not meet Americans with Disability Act requirements.

As the school building committee begins to work with the architect, it should become clear what the new school site can accommodate, and whether some or all Shawsheen classrooms can be combined into the project, said Gilbert.

The School Committee will have to vote to approve the new

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Contact email: sbc@apst.net

Members:

- Mark B. Johnson, Esq., chairman
- Francine Goldstein, Bancroft Elementary School principal
- Dr. Claudia Bach, superintendent
- Joseph Piantedosi, Plant & Facilities director
- Annie Gilbert, School Committee liaison
- Thomas Deso
- Joseph Reilly

school’s educational configuration by December, said Gilbert.

“Parents are understandably very anxious to know what the options could look like,” said Gilbert. “(Figuring out) what the site accommodates will rule in or out certain options.”

Symmes, Maini and McKee and Andover’s school building committee reportedly hope to gather community input, starting with an open meeting tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19. The committee will also introduce the firm at its 8 a.m. meeting on Thursday.

Symmes, Maini and McKee has

built 22 elementary schools in 15 towns in Massachusetts.

“One thing I really responded to was, not only do they have a great track record, but they understand that we don’t want a High Plain/Wood Hill replica, but a school to fit a different school community,” said Gilbert, whose three children all attended Bancroft. “We are now potentially bringing in two pieces of very strong school communities. This will require a high level of communication with the community, and they recognize that.”

Johnson noted the firm has a good record of community

involvement and responsiveness, especially in towns where an original school remained in operation as a new building was in construction on site.

Joe Piantedosi, Andover’s Plant and Facilities department director, will be owner’s project manager for the Bancroft building project. He also oversaw the High Plain/Wood Hill building project, working with Symmes, Maini and McKee.

The architect will begin to draft a design through this school year. Once finished, the design will have to be approved by the MSBA, and then by Andover Town Meeting voters.

Both Johnson and Gilbert agreed it’s too early to tell if a design would be ready by Annual Town Meeting in the spring. If needed, a Special Town Meeting could be called later in 2010 to vote on a Bancroft design, said Johnson.

“We would rather make sure the (design) process is a good process, than try and make spring Town Meeting,” said Johnson.

40th birthday bash for over-the-hill Bancroft School

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Just as plans are underway to replace Bancroft Elementary, the school’s Parent Teacher Organization is throwing an over-the-hill birthday bash for the school, which was built in 1969.

“It’s kind of like celebrating the actual building, because it will be gone soon. There a lot of parents (of current students) that went to Bancroft themselves. It’s sad for them. It’s such a different, unique building, and a lot of people are sad to see it go,” said Jeri Carr, one of the PTO members planning the soiree. “It will be a bittersweet evening.”

Bancroft’s 40th birthday bash, planned for Friday, Oct. 16 at Salvatore’s in Lawrence, will be

an evening for parents with dinner, dancing and silent auctions. Every attendee is being asked to bring a bottle of wine, which will be raffled off throughout the evening.

The Bancroft PTO’s annual autumn social is the organization’s biggest fundraiser. This year, the event will have birthday-themed decor and a cake frosted with the image of the school.

Funds raised through the event will go towards the enrichment programs the PTO funds for students throughout the year, said Carr, who has a first-, second- and fifth-grader at Bancroft.

Birthday-party activities for later this year are also in the works for Bancroft students to enjoy.

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HOME: ‘When else do you have lessons at night?’

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and New York. Each Andover school goes to a different location on a different week, but the core experience is the same: long hikes, family-style communal meals, unusual lessons and plenty of fresh air.

“It’s nature-based, they learn about the environment in a hands-on way. They self-select the courses they want to do, such as dissections or bridge-building. It’s things that involve teamwork, problem-solving,” said Sanborn Elementary Principal Patty Barrett, whose fifth-graders go to a camp in Charlton, Mass. every February.

“Parents often report their children come back a little different, a little more grown up, with a greater sense of responsibility,” she said. “They also come closer as a class, become more confident and self-disciplined.”

Fifth-grade classes travel to Nature’s Classroom accompanied by their classroom teachers and school staff. Their only contact with their parents during the trip by letter, except in cases of emergency.

Parents often mail letters and notes of encouragement the week before their child goes away, timing it so the mail arrives while their child is at camp.

For some fifth-graders, it’s their first time away from family for an extended period of time. After decades of sending fifth-graders to camp, each Andover school has stories of students coming home with unused bars of soap or suitcases full of clean, unworn clothes.

“A lot of the children, before they go are a little apprehensive. For many of them it’s their first time away from home. Once they get there, they don’t want to come back, they love it,” said Francine Goldstein, Bancroft Elementary principal. “The experience of being independent, knowing they can do it, is so empowering. The relationships they build there, you just can’t put a price tag on something like that ... After this experience, they go onto middle school, but have a certain bond with their Bancroft friends that is very special, very strong. I think all of the elementary schools experience that.”

While at camp, students get small lessons in leadership and responsibility as they divvy up mealtime chores, setting tables and clearing dishes.

“It’s a great way for kids to learn in the field, and do studies with someone that is an environmentalist,” said Liz Roos, principal of West Elementary. “The staff are so passionate about what they teach, and the kids come back meeting new

kids (outside their class) that they might have not otherwise associated with. For some kids, it’s the only experience they have for camp.”

Roos, who participated for years as a classroom teacher, now has the experience as a parent – her daughter, a Bancroft fifth-grader, was at Nature’s Classroom last week.

“They’re getting the social skills, the bonding and small-group attention,” said Roos. “It’s a great opportunity, and it’s fun as well – when else do you have lessons from 7 to 9 at night?”

Before each trip, representatives from Nature’s Classroom visit Andover schools, prepping parents about what to expect. Each Nature’s Classroom site has a nurse, and staff are able to accommodate students with special needs, severe allergies or medical needs, said Roos.

West Elementary mom Caryl Barry said the trip can be as educational for parents and children – both grow a little during the four-day separation. Barry’s son, John, is now at Doherty Middle School, and her daughter, Jessica, will go to Outdoor Education in Connecticut with her fifth-grade classmates next week.

Jessica is looking forward to her trip, said Barry, and they’ve been going over her list of what

to pack. John had a great time seeing his friends and teachers in a different setting, without parents, said Barry. She sent him on the trip with a disposable camera, and he came back with it loaded with photos. As part of the trip, students climbed Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire.

“It’s a big step into middle school,” said Barry, whose husband, John Barry, grew up in Andover and has memories of his fifth-grade trip.

The trip to Outdoor Education is paid for by fifth-grade parents; families that are unable to pay are aided through PTOs or private, anonymous scholarships.

At Bancroft, fifth-grade teachers who spent last week away at Outdoor Education were thanked with a home-cooked meal made by Bancroft parents, packed to take home to their families on Friday.

Each elementary principal usually pays a visit to their fifth-graders at their camp, reporting back to parents of their adventures.

Barrett remembers joining Sanborn fifth-graders for a winter hike several years ago. Despite the snow, the group was having a great time.

“You see things (qualities) in the kids that you don’t see in a school setting,” said Barrett. “They’re so focused on working with each other.”

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The process takes about 90

minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover’s history up close.

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Abbot Furniture store was owned by Herman and Joseph Abbot before it was destroyed by fire in 1870. It's now the site of Memorial Hall Library, built as a Civil War memorial in 1873.



NOW: The Memorial Hall Library in Elm Square was once the site of the Abbot Furniture store.

Expert gives talk on environmental threats

Melissa LeVangie, arborist and lecturer, will address the issue of environmental threats to the area's urban forest and the trees in our own backyards when she speaks at Memorial Hall Library on Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

LeVangie's talk, entitled "Dealing with Threats to Our Urban Forest" is sponsored by Andover's newly formed Friends of Andover Community Trees, an offshoot of the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters, and by Andover's three garden clubs, Andover Garden Club, Spade and Trowel Garden Club, and Village Garden Club. The garden clubs are paying for the talk.

LeVangie will show how to look for danger signs of tree problems and what to do if they are found. In fact, audience members are encouraged to bring pictures of troubled trees on their

own property for LeVangie's attention.

LeVangie is owner of Trees of New England, a consulting arborist firm specializing in tree-management planning and educational workshops. She is a native of Kingston, Mass., the deputy tree warden of Duxbury and serves on the tree committee in Petersham.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

Grazing is more of an art than a science. We're just testing this out...They're very selective (about their dinner).

— *High Plain Road resident Lucy McKain, who has raised dairy goats for more than 25 years. The town plans to use her goats to 'mow' conservation land. Story, page 4.*

During the preseason we were talking and someone asked where she was from before here. She said, 'Serbia.' And everyone said, 'Wow.' Being a history teacher, I just told her we had to sit down soon and talk.

— *Andover coach George Sullivan on new Andover High student and volleyball player Tijana Samardzic. Story in Sports, page 16.*

Andover named one of state's Green Communities

The town of Andover has been selected as one of 103 cities and towns across the Commonwealth to receive free consulting services to aid them in qualifying for grants for municipal energy efficiency and renewable power projects under the Patrick-Murray Administration's Green Communities program.

Under the Green Communities program, municipalities are eligible for grants totaling up to \$10 million statewide annually for locally based clean energy projects. Consultants, overseen by the Department of Energy

Resources, will work alongside local officials in Andover to develop action plans for meeting the criteria required for designation as "Green Communities."

"The residents and town leadership in Andover have shown that they are committed to making comprehensive changes in energy use and has demonstrated leadership by advancing energy efficiency measures throughout the town," said Representative Barry Finegold. "The consulting assistance provided by the Department of Energy Resources will allow

Andover to take the next steps necessary to become a Green Community and qualify for additional green energy funds."

To receive official Green Communities designation, Andover must:

- adopt local zoning bylaw or ordinance that allows "as-of-right-siting" of renewable energy projects siting that does not unreasonably regulate these uses.
- adopt an expedited permitting process related to the as-of-right facilities.
- establish a municipal energy use baseline and establish a

program designed to reduce baseline use by 20 percent within five years.

- purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use, whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.
- require all new residential construction over 3,000 square feet and all new commercial and industrial real estate construction to reduce lifecycle energy costs.

With the help of the Department of Energy Resources consultants, Andover plans on achieving these goals within the next year.

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

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 or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

Woodworking with hand tools taught at the Andover Historical Society

Furniture-maker Christopher Nassise will teach a hand-tool woodworking class at the Andover Historical Society.

The class will be held in the 19th century woodworking shop at the Amos Blanchard House, Sunday afternoons, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 11 to Nov. 15.

Using traditional tools and time-honored techniques, students will learn to make a dovetailed tool chest to house a basic set of woodworking

tools. For more information, visit www.greenwoodshop.com/woodworking-class.

"Practicing the techniques used to make this chest, students build confidence in using hand tools, and they leave with a comfortable home for their tools", says instructor Chris Nassise.

To register for the class, call 617-347-1715, or e-mail chris@greenwoodshop.com.

Recycling Drive to be held on Oct. 17 benefits band

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

L'Italian office hours

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien will hold constituent office hours in Andover at the senior center, behind Town Offices. Office hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 16, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. L'Italien represents the 18th Essex District which includes Andover precincts 1, 7 and 8. All are welcome to attend.

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by Bill Buck, Broker/Owner

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Goats to work field for free

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

There will soon be some well-fed goats at the Virginia Hammond Reservation on High Plain Road.

The Conservation Commission has given the green light to a pilot program allowing farm animals to graze on town-owned conservation land, essentially mowing a meadow for free.

The first volunteer to take part in the program is High Plain Road resident Lucy McKain, who has raised dairy goats for more than 25 years. Once she installs some temporary fencing, McKain said she could have her goats grazing in a three-and-a-half-acre meadow in the Virginia Hammond Reservation within the month.

Her plan is to walk her six goats down a wooded path from her home to the reservation, allowing them to graze within a moveable, temporary fence. They would return home every afternoon for milking, and not stay overnight at the reservation.

"There are a lot of ifs, but I am willing to give it a try," McKain told the Conservation Commission on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

"This is a pilot program. We're all going to learn from it," Conservation Commission Chairman Howard Kassler said. "It's a temporary project. We'll see how it goes."

McKain has permission to graze her goats at the Hammond reservation through the fall, and will report back to the commission in the spring.

Besides saving the cost and pollution that goes with using large, commercial mowers, the program keeps the meadow from reverting into forest, said Bob Decelle, conservation commission special project manager.

Goats are excellent grazers, said McKain, and are good for clearing brush and grasses.

The pilot program will not cost the town anything, as McKain will be providing the woven wire fencing and manpower to install it. Her insurance policy will cover her goats while they graze away from home, she said, so the town



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover may use goats – though not this one – to help maintain the grass height on conservation meadows.

will not be liable.

McKain said her goats will leave the field no shorter than 4 inches, which is an agricultural standard, and graze a small paddock of one acre or less at a time. The program will increase biodiversity on the parcel, she said, and enrich the soil with the natural compost the goats leave behind.

It will be trial-and-error at first, figuring out if predators frequent the parcel or if the goats will like what grows in the field.

"Grazing is more of an art than a science. We're just testing this out," she said. "They're very selective (about what they eat). We'll know if they like it or not."

McKain is a certified producer of raw milk, and regular participant in the Topsfield Fair. She is a mother of seven children, who all have gone through the 4H program. The McKain family has lived in Andover for 34 years.

In the long term, if continued by the commission, the program could include a more permanent fence or a sheltered area with a roof, for the livestock to get out of the sun and rain, said McKain.

Commission member Gail Ralston had two requests for McKain, once the program begins: to put up a sign on the fence, explaining the program, and to notify the commission or town conservation department of a rough schedule of when the goats will be grazing on town land.

Commission member Alix Driscoll said two schools, High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle, are very close by, and the program poses a "great educational opportunity" to get students involved.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

Man drowns in pond

Sunday, Oct. 3 – At 3:55 p.m., police received a report of a possible drowning on Pomeroy Road. A male was on shore, not breathing. Eight officers and medical personnel responded. The victim was John Shea III, 44, of North Andover, who died after being taken to the hospital, despite resuscitation efforts at the scene. He fell into Foster's Pond, and when he didn't resurface, some friends pulled him out of the water.

No foul play is suspected in his death. Results of an autopsy were not available before Townsman presstime.

Students brought in from recess during police chase

West Elementary School was put under lockdown for about an hour on Friday, Oct. 2, after a homeless man bolted from a traffic stop on High Plain Road, triggering a three-hour manhunt, police said.

Sgt. Cecelia Blais said police pulled the driver over for an expired inspection sticker about 9:30 a.m., and the man in the passenger seat began fidgeting with his hands between his legs.

When Officer Kyle Kiberd ordered him to show his hands, the man, later identified as Shane Gibson, 23, bolted from the car and ran down Beacon Street in a northerly direction disappearing into the woods, police said. On his seat, Gibson left a cigarette box with a half-smoked marijuana cigarette inside, Blais said.

Officers set up a perimeter, brought in dogs, and called in the state police helicopter based at Lawrence airport. The search included the wooded area around Beacon Street and side streets along High Plain Road.

"The school was placed in lockdown temporarily to bring the kids in from recess so they were not outside," Lt. James Hashem,

who directed the search with Blais, told the Eagle-Tribune.

Blais said officers cleared the area about three hours later, with the exception of the cars normally assigned to patrol.

A neighbor called police to report Gibson walking out of the woods onto High Plain Road, looking disheveled, wet and dirty about 3:15 p.m.

Gibson was wanted on default warrants from Newburyport District Court charging him with breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony and two counts of assault and battery. He was in court there Monday for a pre-trial hearing that was continued until Oct. 28.

The driver of the car, identified as Melody York, 33, of 44 Hayes St., Salisbury, was arrested at the scene and charged with driving without a license.

Resident, 20, charged with arson

A man police said torched a maintenance shed at West Middle School and broke into a building at the town yard across the street posted \$2,500 cash bail at his arraignment Oct. 1, with the aid of his parents.

Daniel Campinell, 20, of 15 Woodhaven Drive, was arrested early Thursday morning at gunpoint by Lt. James Hashem, who found the suspect inside the shed at the ballfield behind West Middle School, according to police reports filed in the case.

According to the reports, an officer making routine checks of the area discovered the shed on fire about 1:25 a.m.

He put out the fire with the extinguisher in his cruiser and firefighters soaked the area to prevent the blaze from reigniting.

While that was going on, officers discovered a broken window and a light on at the town's Plant and Facilities garage at 91 Red Spring Road across the parking lot from the school.

A surveillance video showed a man walking up and smashing the window with a rock before

entering the building. He was wearing blue jeans and a black leather jacket, police said.

Hashem returned to the scene of the shed fire to look it over and discovered Campinell inside and ordered him out at gunpoint, police said.

Campinell was arrested and charged with burning a building, trespassing, two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$250, and two counts of breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony. He was ordered to return to court on Nov. 20.

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – At 10:23 a.m., Jade M. Mason, 35, of 7 1/2 Gardner St., Salem, Mass., was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 11:01 a.m., Louis J. Fagioli, 42, of 120 Faywood Ave., East Boston, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – At 1:24 a.m., a patrolling officer called for backup after finding the shed near the skate park, Shawshen Road, on fire. At 2:54 a.m., Daniel A. Campinell, 20, of 15 Woodhaven Drive, was arrested and charged with trespassing, two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$250, two counts of breaking and entering nighttime for a felony and burning a building.

At 11:48 p.m., Chasity Torres, 20, of 93 Elm St. Apt. 2, North Andover, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license. She was brought to Andover police by the Merrimack College police.

Friday, Oct. 2 – At 11:39 p.m., George P. Borstell, 60, of 2 Juniper Road, was arrested and charged with a red light violation, marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – At 1:14 a.m., a male adult was taken into protective custody from a home.

At 3:09 a.m., Hannah M. Riley, 21, of 360 Church Road, Bangor, Maine, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She

was brought to Andover police by Merrimack College police.

THEFT

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – At 8:36 a.m., a North Main Street company reported they had a piece of equipment stolen overnight.

At 12:40 p.m., a person called from Shawshen Road to report their laptop computer and bag with her wallet and important documents was stolen.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – At 2:54 p.m., CVS, Main Street, reported a shoplifter.

Friday, Oct. 2 – At 9:26 p.m., a person came to the police station to report their backpack had been stolen after an Andover High School volleyball game on Wednesday.

Saturday, Oct. 3 – At 2:49 p.m., an Essex Street resident reported the theft of a plant worth almost \$65.

Monday, Oct. 5 – At 11:48 a.m., report of the theft of two refrigerator evaporators from River Street.

At 2:09 p.m., a resident reported the theft of a check.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – At 2:21 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported the theft of two computers after a break-in through an unlocked door.

Monday, Oct. 5 – At 9:35 a.m., a Red Spring Road business reported vandalism, with some windows broken.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – At 1:06 p.m., a Bowdoin Road resident reported two tires stolen off a car overnight.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 30 – At 4:07 a.m., an officer found graffiti on the back of West Middle School.

At 6:33 p.m., a resident spoke with an officer about a restraining order after he was assaulted by his ex-girlfriend the previous night.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – At 9:18 a.m., a Tewksbury Street resident called police to report two suspicious men picking mushrooms.

YARD: Residents asked to help plan future of town land

Continued from Page 1

said Johnston. The town would be open to consider a site with

blank, undeveloped land or with a building already in operation, he said.

Three parties have expressed interest, but have not yet submitted a formal proposal, said Johnston: the Brockway-Smith company, which owns a 238,000 square-foot warehouse at 146 Dascomb Road; the Gutierrez Company, which owns a 15-acre site at 5 Campanelli Drive; and the owners of the building next to Brockway-Smith, which used to be Smith & Nephew and now is partially used by the Mayo Clinic.

In May, Town Meeting voters gave approval for the town to spend \$47,255 to grant the town "first right of refusal" for

5 Campanelli Drive, which was the town yard task force's first pick at the time. The money put the property on hold, keeping it from being sold to another party, with \$20,000 going toward a site assessment study. The Campanelli Drive site is an empty lot in an industrial zone, with sewer and water access.

After Monday, the task force will begin to compare each site, figuring out how much it would cost to remodel each property to fit the town's needs.

It is possible the task force may have a town yard site proposal to bring to annual Town Meeting in the spring, said Johnston. If not, a Special Town Meeting could be called.

Town Meeting approval would also be needed for the new zoning plan being formed for town yard's existing downtown location. A contract to create a plan for \$30,000, the amount approved by Town Meeting voters in May, was finalized with the Boston-based Cecil Group in September. The firm has begun to meet with the town and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, which owns the Andover commuter rail station directly across the street from town yard.

The new zoning – called a "smart growth overlay district," or 40R project – could encompass shops, offices, homes and parking in the 14.5-acre triangle surrounding the town yard, between Pearson, Railroad and

Lewis streets, said Paul Materazzo, town planning director.

"This is a change in town, expanding the core downtown. We want to make sure we get it right," said Materazzo.

Right now, the area is zoned for business, mixed use and single residences along North Main Street. The new plan – which could even change the street network – would be phased in gradually, said Materazzo, and existing structures would be grandfathered.

Right now, Andover receives no tax revenue from the town yard, MBTA site and town-owned properties on Pearson Street. Moving the town yard and rezoning the area for development would produce new tax revenue, jobs, housing and parking downtown, he said.

"This will provide for more predictable land use, and continuity of development. The community sets the table," said Materazzo. "In a way, the town is acting as developer, controlling our own destiny. The town is saying 'here's what we are looking for.' Without a vision plan, we may not be able to maximize the highest and best use of the property."

Once a zoning plan is in place, and a new site selected for town yard, the Lewis Street property could be sold, earning a sizeable down payment for the new town yard site purchase, said Materazzo.

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Business

Eye doctor closes 50-year career

Dr. H. Jerome Crampton has announced his retirement from Andover Eye Associates after his 50-year career as a board-certified ophthalmologist.

He has been practicing at Andover Eye's office in Doctors Park II since 1996.

Crampton attended Boston University School of Medicine and went on to University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine. He then began a

two-year fellowship at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and a second two-year tour at Boston City Hospital.

In addition to his tenure at Andover Eye Associates, Crampton has served as associate professor of ophthalmology at Boston University School of Medicine, and has been a member of the Lawrence General Hospital and Holy Family Hospital medical staffs.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Mark T. Broth, and Anthony S. Augeri, labor and employment attorneys at Devine Millimet, will present four employment workshops from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Devine Millimet's Andover, office located at 300 Brickstone Square, Ninth Floor, Andover. The following are the scheduled dates:

■ Thursday, Oct. 8, State and Federal Wage and Hour Laws, and Wage Payment Laws: An Overview

■ Thursday, Nov. 12, Fair and Effective Employee Discipline

■ Thursday, Dec. 3, Development and Administration of Leave Policies

■ Thursday, Jan. 21 2010, Responding to Employee Complaints of Harassment or Discrimination

There is no cost to attend the workshops, but space is limited and registration is required. Registration is available on-line at www.devinemillimet.com/news-and-events/seminars-and-events.asp or contact Darnell Filleul at 978-475-9100 or dfilleul@devinemillimet.com

Mark Broth chairs the firm's Labor and Employment and Employee Benefits Practice Group. He has more than 25 years of experience as an employment litigator and in counseling employers. Mark has represented employers in discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, FLSA, whistleblower, wage claim and FMLA matters. He provides in-house training programs to employers and their employees on topics including sexual harassment, employment discrimination, conducting workplace investigations, effective documentation,

employee discipline, union avoidance and union relations.

Anthony Augeri is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment and Employee Benefits Practice Group, with an active practice in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Tony counsels clients with employment law issues and litigation. He assists clients with employment and executive compensation agreements, and company employment policies.

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RiverBank, a community focused bank with a branch in Andover, invites the community to a special fall event on Saturday, Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m., at Methuen Branch YMCA, 129 Haverhill St., Methuen with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 25, to celebrate the bank's xStream Banking promotion. Families are invited to come enjoy free "xStream" hot air balloon and Segway rides, spin art, balloon animals, a unique educational animal presentation by Curious Creatures, and percussion performances by Zach Field Drum Studios.

To kick off RiverBank's new xStream Banking program, the bank will present a \$1,000 donation to the Merrimack Valley YMCA's Reach Out for Youth and Families Program.

RiverBank's new xStream Banking program combines it's existing xStream Savings account with a new checking account that offers a higher interest rate, cash back rewards and ATM rebates. Open either account before or at the event, and go to the head of the line with a "Fast Pass" for a balloon or Segway ride.



Katie Blue Nagy, left, and Elaine Trepicchio, both of Andover, at "metamorphosis," their art, furniture and accessories store in Olde Andover Village, Main Street.

JUDY WAKEFIELD/Staff photo

Wings of metamorphosis Pair open new art and design store

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

There's a new art and design store in town where the artists are happy and willing to leave the design up to the customer.

Customers are encouraged to bring their own color palette and the two local artists simply go to town with their combined creativity, sketching the desired customer look.

Longtime Andover residents Katie Blue Nagy and Elaine Trepicchio quietly opened "metamorphosis" in Olde Andover Village about a year ago, where Bella Beads used to be. The pair took part in local craft fairs and the Andona Society's annual fashion show to get a feel for the market potential. They decided to green light the project, and now this art and design store is stocked with funky, colorful, decorative wall

art; furniture; and accessories, including clocks, lazy susans and coasters.

"Part of the appeal is that it will be one-of-a-kind," Blue Nagy said while sitting on a funky earth-tone bench in the store. "It's all custom."

Pointing out some decorative benches, she said the artistic approach here is not overwhelming. Rather, most art pieces are like the stools in the store. The stools are functional and could tuck under a counter. The wow factor pops when the stools are pulled out for sitting.

The decorative lazy susans are designed and painted to match a kitchen's colors and have been popular items, Trepicchio said. The pieces wipe down easily.

"We'll design any size art piece you need," Trepicchio

said. "Nothing is too small or too big."

From coasters, which cost \$10, to wall mirrors to clocks of all sizes to table tops, the funkiness simply oozes in the store. This artistic duo promises to nail anyone's color scheme.

If you have treasured photographs, they suggest making a clock with them instead of framing them, for about \$30. The women have a wide selection of clock ideas made from photographs.

"It's fun for us," Blue Nagy said. "We really enjoy this."

The two women have been creative friends for years. They met through South Elementary School activities while their kids attended that school. When Trepicchio ran a monthly crafts group in her Abbot Bridge Drive

neighborhood, she called Blue Nagy to run a workshop for the group.

Opening this shop was a dream for both of them.

"Hearing someone say, 'I love it' is what I enjoy the most," said Trepicchio, who is married to Bill Trepicchio and has two teenage sons.

Blue Nagy, a mother of three daughters and married to Lou Nagy, agreed that customer compliments are the best part of the job.

Metamorphosis is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The artists will have a table on Main Street at the upcoming Andover Day event on Oct. 17.



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Next up is "Introduction to Home Energy Savings" on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m.

Most Massachusetts homes could save 20 percent or more on their fuel use, according to the library. Residents can learn how to reduce their home energy costs with affordable, do-it-yourself solutions presented by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

"Chess for Beginners ages 8-108" will be offered Sunday, Oct. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to play the most popular game in the world in one hour, and practice by playing against other beginners. Attendees will learn how to set up the board, special moves, tips for a better game, and how to win a game in four moves. Presented by Glenn Davison, a lifelong chess player and instructor. Since space and chess sets are limited, participants should arrive early. To accommodate more players, participants are welcome to bring their own chess sets.

"Decluttering and Letting Go" on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. Through a lively and entertaining combination of lecture, real-life examples, and group discussion, this workshop will highlight common problems and outline strategies for success. Learn proven decluttering and organizing techniques that can be put to immediate use at home or the office, learn how to decide what to keep and what to let go of, and discuss ideas for daily maintenance. Expect to laugh a bit, think a bit, and leave knowing you can create a positive change in your home or office. Presented by Maxine Gautier of Out from Under Professional Organizing.

"Getting Rid of Anything on the Internet" on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Once you've decluttered your house, learn how to make some money getting rid of your stuff. Cliff McGann returns to share tips and tricks for selling items on eBay, Craigslist, and FreeCycle.

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Books, answers on your iPod

Library staff answers texts, downloads audio books

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

What's the hottest book on reserve at Memorial Hall Library right now? It's Dan Brown's *Lost Symbol*, with 900 people in the Merrimack Valley waiting to read it, according to Andover librarians.

But, before you decide that the wait is way too long, there is another way to get a version of the book. Library staff will load the audio book for you for free if you have an iPod or MP3 player with appropriate capabilities. About three minutes later, Brown's long book – about 18 hours in audio form – will be on the device.

Downloaded audio books are part of a widespread and continuing change toward more technology at the library. The most recent service to be added in Andover is that reference department staffers will now



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Eleanor Sathan, left, coordinator of reference services at Memorial Hall Library, and Community Services Librarian Emily Classon demonstrate how the library takes questions sent by text message.

answer questions that residents text to them.

"We're not the same library that you grew up with," said Eleanor Sathan, coordinator of

reference services. "We don't wait for customers to come to us anymore. We go to them...and, we love that."

The library has not been swamped with text questions yet – but expect to receive more as people become aware of the opportunity.

"We know things take time," Sathan said. "We just want people to know that we have these services."

Texting questions

Patrons can text 66746, type "AskMHL," write a question and a reference librarian will answer it. The library does not charge for the service, but your cellular phone company may. Questions should be brief (less than 160 characters), are accepted 24/7 and answered during regular library hours.

"You're doing errands, you're on the go, and suddenly you want to know what time we close or if we have WiFi or what time that pre-school reading program starts," Community Services Librarian Emily Classon said. "It's for quick questions and for the people who use text in their everyday life."

"People are so busy and we want to help," she said.

Downloading books

Staffers say public libraries

have to embrace technology in these high-tech times.

"That's how you make them (patrons) feel included, and we want them," said Classon.

Overall there are three ways for people to get audio books from Memorial Hall Library, and more information can be found at www.mhl.org/catalog/collections/eaudio.

The three ways are:
■ Playaways – Pre-loaded portable devices people can borrow from the library.

■ Overdrive – Patrons can download audiobooks to their home PC to burn to CD or load onto a compatible device.

■ eAudio through Audible.com – People complete a request form and schedule a time to have the audiobook loaded onto their device.

The Memorial Hall Library Website lists selected offerings, which include *Lost Symbol*, *The Last Lion* by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy and the popular *Twilight* series.

Suggested summer reading titles for Andover High School students were available over the summer, and some local teens did indeed load books to their iPods.

For more information about what devices can be used for audio books see www.mhl.org/catalog/collections/eaudio/faqs.htm?section=7.6.2#own_device.

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■ ON CAMPUS

Andover resident **Paula Bustos**' efforts helped the University of Massachusetts Lowell team win first place for best research paper at this year's Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Conference on Homeland Security Technologies.

The UMass Lowell team not only presented the paper "Mobile System for Fingerprinting and Mapping of Blood Vessels across a Finger" but also demonstrated a prototype of the contactless fingerprinting system, which is designed to be installed in police and border-patrol cruisers.

Bustos was featured on the Web site of the Hispanic Engineer

National Achievement Awards Conference as the Scholar of the Week from April 27 to May 3. She is also a member of Professor Samson Mil'shtein's electrical and computer engineering research group and a dean's list student, according to a release.

The following local students were named to the 2008-09 dean's list at Union College:

■ **Elizabeth A. Fortier**, is a member of the Union College class of 2009. Fortier is a 2005 graduate of Andover High School.

■ **Alexander J. Liu**, is a member of the Union College class of 2011. Liu is a 2007 graduate of Andover High School.

■ **Sarah A. Doucett**, is a member of the Union College class of 2010. Doucett is a 2006 graduate of Andover High School.

■ **Katharine E. Smidt**, is a member of the Union College class of 2010. Smidt is a 2006 graduate of Andover High School.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed three courses during each of the three terms with no fewer than eight courses in the index and must have maintained an overall index of 3.5 or greater.

Founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the Regents of New York, Union was one of the first non-denominational colleges in the country.

There are approximately 2,150 undergraduates.

Westfield State College in Westfield, has recently named the following Andover students to the dean's list of the spring 2009 semester:

■ **Corey Colbert**, majoring in business management.

■ **Brittany Isenhardt**, majoring in business management.

■ **Allison Brown**, majoring in elementary education.

To receive dean's list status, a student must complete a 12 hour semester with a grade-point average of at least 3.3 (B+), have no grade below a 2.0 (C), and have no incomplete grades.

■ LOCAL SCHOLARS

Scoble an AP Scholar

Elizabeth Scoble of Andover, a 2009 graduate of Pingree School in South Hamilton, was recently honored by the college board as an Advanced Placement Scholar for receiving grades of 3 or higher out of 5 on three or more AP exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for

successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

AP distinction at Brooks

A total of 44 current and past students at Brooks School have earned AP scholar awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams, including three Andover students. The three Andover students:

Allison Katz, a freshman at Tufts

University, was named an AP scholar, a distinction granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

SeoYeun Choi, Brooks class of 2010, was named an AP scholar with honor, an award granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Nithyaa Venkataramani, a freshman at Tufts University, and **Robert Whirly**, a freshman at Brown University, were both named

AP scholars with distinction. Their recognition is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams.

REVIEW: Assigned summer reading was a surprising delight

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refreshing, different genre for me. I'm usually a reader of the books that take place in dark lands that need action and heroic rescuing, usually with a few dramatic death scenes along the way.

When I venture into the world of realistic fiction, I usually read books with a troubled antagonist who must fight his demons to survive in the real world. But this book was such a departure - funny, bubbly, light and happy.

And the thing was, I loved it!


The fact that I enjoyed it so much caught me completely by surprise, and opened me up to an entire new genre of writing that I hadn't included in my short list beforehand. Now when I go to the library, I go hunting for at least a couple of books that look like they could share some of the same qualities.

Another great part of the book was the organization and flow. When a book has many different mediums in it, like this one does, it is easy for the plot to get sloppy and confusing, and for readers to lose the gist of the story. But My Most Excellent Year, barring a few minor spots, never has that problem. Kluger does an

admirable job of keeping track of what has been said and making sure that the reader never loses track of what is going on.

Overall, I give this book a 9.5 out of 10. My Most Excellent Year does a wonderful job of blending humor, sports, and romance into an incredible novel that shouldn't be missed. I would say that this book is for people 12 and older, as it does contain some more mature themes. Even though you may not be required by your school to read it, you should definitely give My Most Excellent Year a read as soon as possible.

Harry Wood is a high-school-age resident of Andover who reviews books for young adults.



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Preschool fair planned for Andover hotel

Parents are invited to the 12th Annual Preschool Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the Wyndham hotel on River Road in Andover.

The fair, which is free and open to the public, runs from 7 to 9 p.m. and is hosted by The Mother Connection. "This fun and informative event helps parents meet with local preschool programs in one convenient place," according to the organization.

"Past attendees have found the fair to be an excellent way to evaluate the best early learning options for their children, and program directors appreciate the opportunity to speak one on one with prospective families."

A directory will be available for purchase.

For more information about the preschool fair, contact preschoolfair@themothersconnection.org.

■ SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here is what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, Oct. 12 to 16:

Elementary schools

Monday: No School — Columbus Day

Tuesday: French toast, egg-and-cheese breakfast croissant, bagel and string cheese or yogurt, home fries, turkey bacon, chilled pears and juice.

Wednesday: Rotini with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, cheddar burger, goldfish pretzels, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, steamed squash and zucchini, grapes and juice.

Thursday: Chicken tenders with dips, bread stick, bagel and yogurt or string cheese, veggie chili and crackers, rice pilaf, green beans and apple.

Friday: Pepperoni or cheese french bread pizza, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, garden salad, apple crisp and topping and juice.

turkey sub with the works, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, caesar salad, fresh melon and juice.

Friday: Fish sandwich with cheese, lettuce and tomato, chicken noodle soup with ham-and-cheese panini, oven fries, cole slaw and fresh fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: No School — Columbus Day

Tuesday: Chicken cacciatore over pasta with seasoned veggies, italian bread and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Vegetarian option, Mexican buffet, side salad, fresh fruit salad and juice.

Thursday: Meatball or vegetarian calzone, caesar salad and fresh fruit.

Friday: Chicken stir fry over rice, fortune cookie and pineapple.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100-percent juice, low-fat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season and milk.

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

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Middle schools

Monday: No School — Columbus Day

Tuesday: Pepperoni or cheese pan pizza, American sub, veggie wrap, roasted carrots, goldfish pretzels, fresh fruit and juice.

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Opinion

Goats idea provides something new to chew on

Conservation land is usually reserved for passive recreation. But there's been little passive about the Andover conservation department itself during the past few years. Director Bob Douglas and the commission have been actively promoting use of the open space and thinking proactively about how to make the large tracts of land more beneficial to residents.

The department's latest idea for conservation land is a bit out of the box – or out of the pen, as it were. They will let a local farmer's goats graze for short periods at the Virginia Hammond Reservation, rather than pay to have someone mow the meadow. Goats on Andover-owned land? It's unorthodox. No one, including the goats' owner, knows if the idea will work. High Plain Road resident Lucy McKain, who has raised dairy goats here for nearly three decades, said, "Grazing is more of an art than a science. We're just testing this out." Goats, apparently, are more finicky eaters than many expect. We'll have to wait and see if they will eat the grass and brush that grows in the meadow. There is also a question about whether there are any problems with predators in the area.

But, if this unexpected idea works, the town will not have the expense of using commercial mowers and can still keep the meadow from growing into a forest. There could even be an opportunity for local schoolchildren to learn something from the effort.

As part of a pilot program, McKain will walk six goats down a wooded path from her home to the reservation, allowing them to graze on different parts of the reservation each day within a movable fence she has. It will not cost taxpayers anything, because McKain will provide and install the wire fencing. Her insurance will cover any harm that befalls the goats. The animals will return home every afternoon for milking, and stay there until the next day. Given the economy, let's give the conservation department credit for trying something new. By the time the snow flies, we'll know if this "something new" is "something good" or a bleating bad idea.

The goat project follows several more conventional programs supported by the conservation department in the past couple of years. The department has worked with town Scouts to build boardwalks, clear trails, and create picnic areas, canoe ramps and overnight camping grounds on town land, particularly near the underutilized Shawsheen River. It is working to create something better at the former Reichhold Chemical Co. land along the river, in conjunction with the plan to bring a new Interstate 93 interchange to the area, opening up nearly 700 landlocked acres to development.

Again, the goat idea may or may not work out, but it's encouraging to see a town department and its volunteer board working to bring new ideas and programs to town.

WEB QUESTION

Got goats?

Main Street makeover adds character

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. 17. Last week we asked what you feel is the best thing about the "rebirth" of Main Street. With 199 responses, you said:

"The finished project gives Main Street more character," with 36.68 percent of votes

"Main Street was fine as it was," 15.08 percent

"I am happy the trees returned," 13.57 percent

"Traffic will flow better," 11.06 percent

"Downtown will be more of a gathering place, to meet friends, shop and eat outside," 10.55 percent

"It's easier to cross the street, especially with the new islands in Elm Square," 6.03 percent

"The finished project could revive downtown business, and fill vacant storefronts," 5.03 percent

The response "none of the above" received 2.01 percent.

This week's question: got goats?

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the Conservation Commission approved a pilot program to allow farm animals to graze on town conservation land. A goat farmer on High Plain Road will be the first participant, walking her dairy goats to graze at the Virginia Hammond Reservation. How do you feel about the pilot program?

- It's a great idea.
- It's a bad idea.
- Let's wait and see
- Other.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, send an e-mail to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

DUMPSTER DIVING, FOR THE PLANET



Courtesy photo

As part of its third annual Non Sibi Day (Latin for "not for oneself"), Phillips Academy conducted its first on-campus waste audit on Saturday, Oct. 3. Above, members of the Phillips community, including Head of School Barbara Chase, sort through 1,600 pounds of waste, from about one-third of the canisters on campus. Approximately 1,100 pounds was, in fact, trash, according to the school. The remainder included approximately 300 pounds of recyclables, 150 pounds of reusables (such as clothing that could be donated to local groups) and 50 pounds of compost. The waste audit was one of more than 100 projects meant to improve the community.

You busy? It's all relative

Sue Tabb



time-starved maniacal lunatic.

I would work all day, head over to the mall to shop, meet friends for dinner and go to the gym before arriving home. (I'm just kidding about the gym; it's well documented that I've never actually used a gym membership more than three times ... in my entire life.) But the point is that I was always on the go with a very packed personal agenda. The key word here is personal.

Now "busy" has taken on a whole different meaning and rarely involves anything that I benefit from. If I am not home, it is highly unlikely that I'm out buying myself some new designer duds at the mall, having drinks after work with friends or getting a Parafango body wrap. I actually had to look up

the definition of Parafango – a mix of paraffin and seaweed – whereupon I discovered that people have body wrap parties. Really? I don't have any friends that I want to see in that condition. That's what my 12-year-old daughter would refer to as "awkward platypus." Eck.

In my world, busy means that I have worked all day, driven two kids to five different activities, gone to the grocery store, cooked dinner, helped with homework, paid bills and checked Facebook to see the answer to "What Rock Star Are You Most Like?" That is all before 6 p.m. The evening has its own set of activities, none of which include anything having to do with paraffin or seaweed.

Most nights involve arguing for a minimum of 40 minutes about the 20-minutes-a-night reading rule. There are at least two fights about which daughter will clear and which will load the dishwasher after dinner. This is always followed by a long dissertation – alternating each night between girls – about how we favor one daughter over the other based on who is stuck cleaning the broiler pan.

Once the entertainment portion

of the evening concludes we haggle over showers, making lunches and what to wear the next day. Interspersed between those events is the folding of several loads of laundry and the grim announcement that an email has arrived from the teacher about the spelling test tomorrow. Even though there is a spelling test each and every Friday, my daughters will be shocked at the news and with furious indignation announce they did not bring home their words. I mean, how could they have known? That's when the fun really begins.

By the time my husband and I fall into bed, we are lucky to catch a glimpse of a bad television show. We are definitely not "busy" scheduling our next pub crawl with friends. That ship has sailed.

The saying that youth is wasted on the young is so true. I don't long to relive those early days as much as I wish that I could have just a couple of them back today, knowing what I know now. Imagine the delight in being "busy" texting friends about the great Coach bag you just got on sale, all the while knowing you could be busy quizzing a 10-year old on the tectonic changes of the Mesozoic Era.

But life is definitely cyclical so I understand that this stage too will pass. And there will be a day when I will miss all the activity that comes with a busy young family. When I am old and gray – or rather older and grayer, I will probably wish I understood how lucky I was. (Which is hard to do when you are sitting on a juice-stained seat in your car, racing to school with the flute your kid forgot and having to explain to your boss why you're late for work, again.)

So we are all busy doing whatever it is we do during certain stages of our lives – remember being busy at 17? Yeah, me neither, but I think the point is that we just have to embrace whatever our "now" busy is. In the end, life keeps rolling along, regardless of what's on our list of things to do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senate seat is people's seat, not Democrats'

Editor, Townsman:

An open note to state Reps. Barbara L'Italien and Barry Finegold, and the voters:

Briefly, I just want to thank you both for your vote to accomplish one of the items on our late senator's "bucket list" – specifically to appoint someone of *my* choosing to *my* chair.

You should be embarrassed! Barack Obama (et al), from the fFederal bully pulpit, speaks to influence a clearly state function and you feel compelled to tap dance. That chair you voted to fill with a "temporary" does not belong to you, or Deval Patrick, or Obama or Ted Kennedy! It, subsequent to Aug. 25, became, again, the property of the people of Massachusetts. You and the Democrats got it right four years ago – for the wrong reason. It is an elected seat, not a family heirloom. It should have been then and should be now.

The Constitution seems to be something that a "one-party state" can either ignore or change for political whim. People are watching and catching on – I hope. November 2010 is coming!

CALVIN G. PERRY
25 Timothy Drive

AVIS open space renews us

Editor, Townsman:

I hope the Andover community tuned in to one or all parts of Ken Burns' documentary about our national parks broadcast on PBS last week. Doubters of the belief that one person can make a difference need only look to John Muir, advocate and activist for wilderness preservation, as proof positive of the power of one.

Our town of Andover benefited from like-minded individuals who understood the importance of conservation and preservation

LETTERS POLICY

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to the physical, economic and spiritual health of a community. For almost 120 years the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), one of the oldest conservation groups in the nation, has worked tirelessly to acquire, preserve and protect open spaces, woodlands and wetlands in our town for the enjoyment of all.

This incredible foresight of a few and the continued efforts of countless AVIS volunteers and members over the decades have resulted in the acquisition of 1,100 acres spread over 28 reservations. Thirty miles of trails, boardwalks and bridges (maps of which are available on the Website www.avisandover.org) are open to the public. How wonderful that we are able to enjoy the restorative power of nature in our own backyard!

I invite everyone to head to the woods, meadows and rivers of Andover.

In the words of John Muir: "Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."

Happy Trails.

PAM EATON, AVIS TRUSTEE
20 Lincoln St.

Health director made right call

Editor, Townsman:

This letter is in response to the letters recently run concerning the closing of a local food establishment. As a resident of Andover, and a public health nurse for a neighboring town, I found many discrepancies in Paul Clancy's letter regarding the closing of his shop, the "Main Line Creamery."

First of all he was not forced out of his shop by any means, he was simply held to the same standard as all other permit holders. The state food code states a food establishment "shall employ at least one full-time equivalent (FTE)" who holds a food safety certification. This means one full-time or two part-time people must prove competence in this area by passing a national exam. As the owner he would have had two choices there: hire someone who was certified already, or send someone to a course that is usually eight or 16 hours long, costs no more than \$150 and the certification is good for five years. I'm sure the advertisement that he paid for a couple weeks ago, cost that much.

Secondly, he boasted of his clean record. As all inspection reports are available to the public I know that the inspections on his establishment were not without additional cleanliness violations. Doing a good job on food inspections cannot be political. A health department just does not have the luxury of picking and choosing which regulations to enforce; and food safety training is a cornerstone of the code. Statistics prove that human error and the lack of having trained workers touching your food, is a major cause in outbreaks of foodborne illness.

I personally have been involved in foodborne illness outbreak

investigations, as a result of an eating establishment not following the codes. Illnesses like these can result in complaints of vomiting, diarrhea and worse; and it is not something any health department or resident wants to go through.

We are in this field to protect the public, not to run businesses out. I have had the pleasure of working with Health Director Tom Carbone for many years and know him to be not only very knowledgeable in his field, but also a very decent and fair person.

DEBRA RILLAHAN
12 Stoneybrook Circle

Health-care argument needs accurate numbers

Editor, Townsman:

To elaborate on Jim Edholm's Sept. 17 opinion piece "Change needed, but not public option," the oft-quoted statistic of 47 million uninsured is actually a gross overestimation of the problem, as recent research suggests the number of Americans who cannot currently afford health insurance is much lower.

A new study by Dr. June O'Neill, who served as director of the Congressional Budget Office from 1995-1999, shows that nearly half of those uninsured Americans could likely afford to purchase health coverage. The average "voluntarily uninsured" household makes \$65,000 per year.

We should not rush into the creation of a new, expensive healthcare system without a better understanding of the uninsured population. As long as we continue basing our arguments on inaccurate numbers, it's hard to see how we can make effective policy decisions.

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This dog is a saint



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

The Rev. Peter Gori blesses Waldo, Amy Lacourse's St. Bernard, in the school yard at St. Augustine School during the third annual "blessing of the pets" to honor the feast of Saint Francis.

OBITUARY

Flora A. Thoms, 98



ANDOVER — Flora A. (Griffin) Thoms, 98, of Andover, formerly of New Hampshire and North Reading, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at the Academy

Manor Nursing Home in Andover. Born in Gloucester, on Sept. 19, 1911. She was the daughter of the late Manfred and Ella (Smith) Griffin. She attended Gloucester and Somerville Schools. Flora worked as a saleswoman in Boston and later in Reading. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph H. Thoms, to whom she was married for 53 years.

She enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader. She enjoyed and loved her family and friends. Flora also enjoyed serving others and through the years, was an active leader in Campfire Girls, Pioneer Girls and Vacation Bible School. She was active in her church where ever she lived. She was president of the First Baptist Women's Club in North Reading. She lived 30 years in North Reading, where she was president of

the West Woman's Village Club. Later she moved to Effingham, N.H., where she was active in the South Effingham Baptist Church for over 20 years. Flora moved to Andover in her 80s and joined the First Baptist Church. Although limited in her activities here she thoroughly enjoyed the members and made numerous friends and became known as Mother Flo. Family members include her loving son, Robert G. Thoms and his wife Diane of Northwood, N.H.; and her daughter, Joanne B. Weightman and her husband Willard of Andover; her brother, Howard Griffin and his wife Eleanor of Somerville; and her sister, Helen Ward of North Andover. Also survived by seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Graveside service was held in Riverside Cemetery, North Reading on Monday, Oct. 5. There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover, on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in her memory to, First Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. Arrangements are by Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading.

For more obituaries, see Page 15



Courtesy photo

From left, St. Augustine sixth-grade students from Andover Amy Lacourse, Jaime Bickley and Julia Donovan march in the Hike for Hope.

St. Augustine students walk to bring homeless home

By Karen Landers
ST. AUGUSTINE TEACHER

Hundreds of walkers and joggers gathered at Merrimack College on Sunday to celebrate the 10th annual Hike for Hope, an event that is the principal funding source for Capernaum Place, Lazarus House's transitional housing program, which provides the step between

homelessness and a permanent home. It is a place where people can live while building skills and saving money for permanent, independent housing.

Students from St. Augustine School in Andover collected pledges after weekend Masses to raise money for the hike, and parents, children, and teachers marched together with pride on the day of the walk.

FEMA: New flood-zone map coming

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Changes to the town's flood-zone map are now underway and there's a chance homes that have not been considered in the flood plain could now be, resulting in increased insurance costs for those Andover homeowners.

In a story in last week's Townsman, Andover Conservation Director Bob Douglas warned residents about the change, saying homeowners near the old flood zone need to stay on top of the developing issue and suggesting that the federal government should work harder to alert people.

How do you know if your home is in a flood zone? Federal Emergency Management Agency Outreach Specialist Lauren Pawlik said it's up to residents to check the redesigned flood maps that soon will be on file in Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. to find out.

There is no list of Andover addresses affected by the redesigned flood maps. Rather, FEMA is working with communities around the state, including Andover, to have these new maps available, she said.

Preliminary findings showed Andover's flood map has changed minimally over the years, so few homeowners in this town are expected to be added to the flood zone, according to FEMA officials.

The money for redesigned maps was approved by Congress about six years ago. Large, paper flood maps are no more, as flood maps for communities will be recreated in digital form, like a DVD, Pawlik said.

Preliminary redesigned flood

maps were presented to community leaders last spring and the final version of Andover's redesigned flood map is expected around May 2010.

"Andover has had changes topographically since the last flood map was done, what, some 30 years ago...Topographic changes are usually the result of development in a community," said Kerry Bogcan, a senior engineer at FEMA who spoke in a conference call with Pawlik.

"We're letting people know about this so they can be aware. They need to go down to Town Offices (when the flood map is complete) and check it out," Pawlik said.

Financially, it will be a worthwhile trip for anyone whose house is added to a flood zone. Banks require homes in designated flood zones to have flood insurance, which is separate from homeowner's insurance. FEMA has a "grandfather" program for those homeowners who are newcomers to a flood zone. Pawlik said the flood insurance cost is about \$388 a year for the life of the house through this program.

But if that same homeowner does not sign up for the FEMA flood insurance program, a bank will eventually write a letter and require flood insurance. Such insurance will cost the homeowner about \$1,800 a year, Pawlik said.

"It's a huge difference," she said. "People need to be aware of these changes."

For more information, call the National Flood Insurance Program Call-In Center at 1-800-427-4661; floodsmart.com also has information.

EVENTS AT OUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Italian Night of food at West Parish Church

West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover, will host "Italian Night" on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. This yearly event showcases the culinary skills of the West Parish women and the meal is delicious. Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, eggplant parmesan, lasagna, chicken cacciatore, salad and bread, dessert and beverage. The cost for adults is \$10, and children 12 and under is \$5.

a three-session program sponsored and prepared by the Reform Jewish Outreach of the Union for Reform Judaism.

As is indicated by the name, the course is designed to show people what is 'delicious' about Judaism; our faith, our customs and our community, noting that the course is geared for adults who would like to explore Reform Judaism's relevance in today's world.

Rabbi Goldstein is teaching the course as part of the congregation's 2009 adult educational series. The course content is not dependent upon any previous knowledge of Judaism.

The course will be held at the Temple Emanuel in Andover on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Registration is necessary by Joyce Schwartz at jschwartz@urj.org or 781-449-0404. Visit us at www.reformjewishoutreach-boston.org.

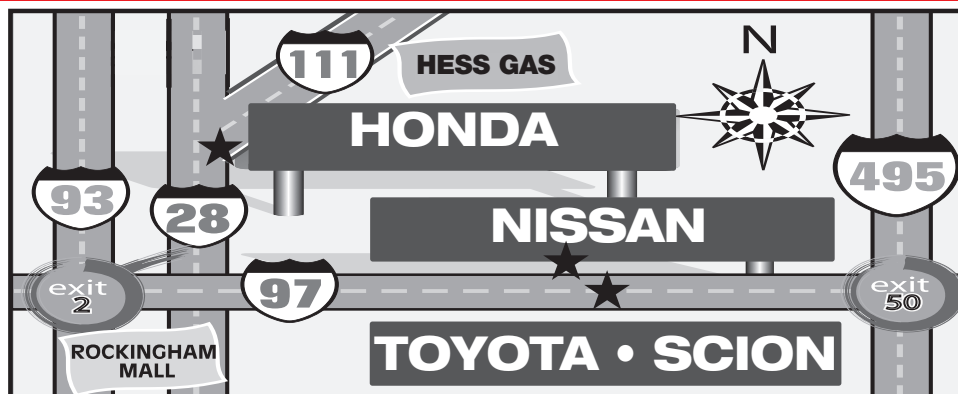
Taste of Judaism

On Oct. 18, Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel in Andover will teach a course on Judaism designed for people of all religious backgrounds.

Called A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?, the course, which is free and open to the public, is

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Townspeople

Joining the fight against Alzheimer's



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Hundreds of walkers head out from Brickstone Square for the Memory Walk, a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association, on Sunday. Walkers looped around Andover and ended back at Brickstone Square.



Nichol Hannaford and Trevor Gagnon, 11, cheer as Hailey Hannaford, 2, stretches before participating in the Memory Walk, a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association, on Sunday.



Diane Mannell of Pelham, N.H., and Bill Johns of Salem, N.H., walk for Elinor Lee Davis. The two have not missed a walk in the 15 years since Davis passed away, they said.



Charlie the dog shows his support for the fight against Alzheimer's while walking with Kyle and Samantha Turner in the Memory Walk. The Townsman is a media sponsor for the event..



Mac Deschene, 8, hands out water outside the Old Town Hall to participants in the Memory Walk.



Hundreds of people walk down North Main Street during the Memory Walk on Sunday.

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Residents signing up for town offerings online

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Finally! Andover residents can sign up for town-organized activities for adults and kids online, saving course-takers from waiting in long registration lines. Until recently residents would wait in line, usually in the auditorium at Doherty Middle School, to sign up for courses offered through the Department of Community Services. Some course takers would get to the front of that line only to learn a program was filled.

But those days are gone, as DCS has joined the Web era.

"It's what we call a soft unveiling," DCS Director Mary Donohue said of the new online registration option that went into effect last month with this fall's DCS programs. "Here in the office we are still getting familiar with the software so we're taking this one step at a time."

Donohue said about 23 percent of registrations have been done online so far this fall. While the long lines are "so yesterday," she said, the fall course favorites have stayed much the same over the past several years.

Ballroom dancing is still a favorite for Andover adults, while soccer is hands down, the most popular DCS program for young kids this fall, Donohue said. One soccer program filled up quickly and has 197 kids and 30 more on a wait list.

Donohue said what's good about online registration is that people can see if a class is full. Registration numbers can be viewed online.

"People can still come into the DCS office if they want. They register online with our computer on the counter," Donohue said.

Donohue expects the online registration to save her department some money.

"We will see the savings in office supplies, like paper, because we just won't have to use as much," she said.

With more people registering online, DCS staffers also will be freed to catch up on office tasks.

"It's been great so far," Donohue said. "A lot of people like the online option. It's so much more convenient for people."

To register for a DCS class, go to www.andoverma.gov/dcs.

WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE

Your wisdom: Lessons from a father

Bill Dalton



In answer to my request for your wisdom and insight, Catherine Wojtkun wrote this about the wisdom learned from her father:

Your column about wisdom brings back memories of my dad, Dr. Bruno Wojtkun. He had nine kids, lived across from the Andover High

School football field for over 30 years, and was a father to many beyond his own children. He grew up in Lawrence, worked his way through Villanova and Tufts Dental School, and expected much of us. Behind the scenes he tended many a dental patient without any payment, and even purchased a trailer for some college kids to live in while they went to school, because they couldn't afford housing. He never expected anything in return and didn't tell anyone about what he did to help others. He was wise enough to know that his deeds were enough; he didn't need

recognition. Dad's words to me were not always poetic, but simple and to the point. When I brought home my report card, I had to show it to him, no matter what grade we were in. He would look at the report card, then look straight at us and ask, "Did you do your best?" He expected our honesty in return. No other choice. Parents always find out, one way or another, but that expectation that I would be honest in return was there, clearly established. I did answer him honestly. Those C's might have stayed C's, but I did try my best. That respect for honesty stays

with me today. When I went through a bad time, I was allowed a few minutes of crying or being upset. My father would then stop me, and ask me, again looking directly at me, "OK, you've cried for a few minutes, now what are you going to do about it?" He expected us to come up with solutions; to face the truth; and get on with what needed attention or change. The best wisdom my father left me was "It's not what life gives you that is important, it's what you do with what life gives you that is important." I have no idea if these are his words or he

shared these from another; but these words are with me every day. My father was a wise man, not perfect, but wise in many ways. He made mistakes just as we all do, but to me he shared his wisdom much more than he ever knew. Wisdom comes with hard times and good times; wisdom given is not always taken by one's children. My father's way of sharing wisdom sometimes came through his difficult times; but he was a wise man. A few days before my dad passed away, I was with him in the hospital, and he looked me right in

the eyes and said, "I love you, Cathy. I've tried to do my best. I haven't always done the right thing, so it's up to you to be better." Isn't that what the wise men have been telling the next generation for eons? Wisdom comes with hard times and good times. Wisdom given is not always taken by one's children. Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and welcomes your e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

Coloring perfection



Over 350 guests attended American Heart Association's annual Heart of our Mission Awards Reception on Sept. 23 at the Taj in Boston. The event is designed to celebrate key volunteers and their dedication to the AHA mission of building healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare honored the winners of their employee coloring contest. Pictured, from left, are Bill Chen, Hannah Cady, Andover resident Patrick Haney and Madison Murphy.

TOWNSPEOPLE



Col. Daniel E. Coleman

Andover resident Col. Daniel E. Coleman has been decorated with the United States Air Force Legion of Merit upon the occasion of his retirement from the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The award citation states: "Colonel Daniel E. Coleman distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as State Air Surgeon, Massachusetts Air National Guard Headquarters, Milford.

Coleman retired from the Massachusetts Air National Guard last month after 36 years of military service, that included both Air Force active duty and Air National Guard participation. Coleman is a Critical Care physician who served as Medical Director of Intensive Care at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. from 1982 to 1986. During that time, then Major Coleman often accompanied United States

Senate delegations during missions abroad, and served as personal physician to the late Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Coleman returned to Massachusetts in 1986, settling in Andover with his wife Peggy and their three children. He began a civilian practice of Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine, and continued his reserve military career as a squadron flight surgeon assigned to the 102nd Fighter Wing, Otis Air National Guard Base, Cape Cod, Mass. He was deployed to Europe during the Bosnian conflict of 1995. Coleman became the Massachusetts State Air Surgeon in 1993, serving in that position until Oct. 2008. He departed that role last year, having been the longest serving State Air Surgeon in the nation.

An authority on chemical and biological medical defense, Coleman has instructed those topics to military and civilian audiences over the years. Those contributions led to his award of the Meritorious Service Medal from the Air Force Surgeon General in 2004. Coleman served as medical component director of the National Guard terrorism

response unit in Massachusetts. In 2005, he served as chief physician during the National Guard medical response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Coleman has also received a certificate of appreciation signed by President Barack Obama, and a letter of commendation signed by Gov. Deval Patrick accompanied with award of the Massachusetts Medal of Merit. The Legion of Merit citation closes as follows: "The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Coleman culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of his country and reflect great credit upon himself, the Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force."



On Oct. 11, runners from Andover will run the ninth annual B.A.A. Half Marathon presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, as members of the official Dana-Farber team in the Running the Race Against Cancer program.

As members of the Dana-Farber team, they have committed to raising at least \$500 for cancer

care and research for both children and adults at world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its fundraising arm, the Jimmy Fund. The team goal is to raise \$360,000.

"Dana-Farber runners in the B.A.A. Half Marathon are challenging themselves while helping those facing a much bigger challenge fighting cancer," says Jack Fultz, the 1976 Boston Marathon winner who designs the training program for the Dana-Farber team.

The 13.1-mile, rolling course combines a looped and out-and-back route, beginning and ending on Park Drive near the Boston Park and Recreation's Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens neighborhood of Boston. The event attracts a field of 5,000 runners including world-class athletes.

The B.A.A. Half Marathon is one of three annual events that connect the Boston Athletic Association and Dana-Farber. Other events include the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, held in September; and the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge in the Boston Marathon, which takes place in April.

To support a Andover resident running in the BAA Half Marathon, go to www.RunDanaFarber.org/BAAHalf.

If you have registered to run the B.A.A. Half Marathon and would like to join the Dana-Farber team, call the Dana-Farber Marathon and Running Programs office at 617-632-1970 or 800-551-7036 or send an e-mail to dfrunners@dfci.harvard.edu.



At the Topsfield Fair, 13-year-old Andover resident Connor Batsimm won best of category in the mid-junior division of the amateur art competition. He entered a colored pencil still life.



Connor Batsimm

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

BY SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Fabulous Fall Crafts Fair: Stop by the Andover Senior Center between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to purchase crafts made by our Knit Wits and crafting volunteers. Mark your calendar now for our Holly Jolly Holiday Fair on Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are accepting donations now of gently used jewelry and holiday craft materials.

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

Letters, Literary and Literally: Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History: Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. This trip will complete our celebration of the art of letter writing. Cost is \$20 includes transportation, museum admission, lunch with museum curator and course instructor on campus lunch cost of \$6 payable that day. Pre-registration required for all three parts of this series. Priority given to course participants for Spellman trip.

Facing Fear: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Take on the Depression Mondays, Oct. 5, 19 and 26 and Nov. 2, 9 and 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m., cost is \$15. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal initiated programs designed to combat unemployment, repair a broken economic system, and restore the nation's confidence in itself. Mrs. Roosevelt, dubbed "Eleanor Everywhere" by the press, traveled the country and reported to the president what she had observed. Join Don Robb in an interactive exploration of the Roosevelt's and their campaign on behalf of the "forgotten man". Pre-registration necessary.

Men's Breakfast: Oct. 16, 8:30 a.m., \$4, "The History of Stamps." Henry Lukas, Education Director from the Spellman Museum of Stamps will be on hand to describe the fascinating facts behind the history of stamps.

Outdoor Adventures for Women: Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, Harold Parker State Forest Hike, difficulty level 4. Meet

at the center for a vigorous hike level 4 of 3.5 miles. Enjoy seeing a variety of water birds and hemlock forests. Call to hold a spot.

Ward Hill and Elephant Rock Hike: Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to noon, difficulty level 5. We will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. return by noon. This hike includes some strenuous uphill and downhill geared to the conditioned hiker. The hike will go to Holt Hill and Ward Hill. It includes a climb to Elephant Rock. Call to hold a spot.

Bakers Meadow Hike: Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to noon. Difficulty Level 3. Carpool from the Senior Center, leaving at 9 a.m. and returning by noon. Enjoy a three to four mile hike through Andover woodlands, ponds and meadows while viewing bird life and beaver activity. We will connect three Avis properties. Bakers Meadow, West Parish Meadow and Indian Ridge. This is a moderate hike with some uphill and uneven footing. Call to hold a spot

Lunch Box Café: Our deli-style café is open for lunch Monday through Friday for reasonably priced wraps, hot Panini, freshly made salads, and daily specials. All priced under \$5. all ahead and we'll have it ready. Thanksgiving pies available, \$10 per pie. Homemade must be pre-ordered by Nov. 13. Ask us about catering as well.

Birding and Nature Walks: Fridays through Oct. 30. Explore and enjoy birds, wildflowers, nature and history of AVIS and local conservation areas. Pre-registration required. Meet at the Center at 8 a.m.

Bereavement Support Group: A monthly support group is offered at the center for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Lois Marra, grief counselor and educator with Merrimack Valley Hospice facilitates this group which offers a place to share your thoughts and concerns. This is an open group and all are welcome.

Free blood pressure clinic: The Andover Board of Health holds a free blood pressure and wellness clinic at the center every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to all Andover seniors on a first come, first served basis.

BOOMERVENTURE OFFERINGS

BoomerVenture, a group of programs geared to Baby Boomers, is beginning a new series of classes, now offered on three afternoons per week. Call to register: 978-623-8321.

The BoomerVenture Campus is at 30 Whittier Court in Andover. BoomerVenture fall semester will return to Thursday evenings after Labor Day.

Information is available for the following classes upcoming in the fall semester:

The Times, They Are A-Changin'! BoomerVenture Campus will expand its days and times beginning in September.

Boomer Zumba: Cardio fitness with a Latin flair. Dance to Afro-Caribbean music and Latin beats, with flamenco, belly dance, rock and hip hop thrown in to mix it up. You'll party instead of working out. Licensed Zumba instructor Katie Pina, Andover High

School teacher. Program runs to Nov. 19 on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. and costs \$60 per 11 week session.

Energize with Exercise: Great basic exercise designed for 40+ bodies. Work out hard without going to the gym. High results with low impact floor aerobics and weight training. Through Dec. 14, Mondays 3:25 to 4:25 p.m., \$65 for 12 week session, will pro-rate to end of series, instructor Denise Boucher.

Boomer Bridge: If you ever thought about learning to play bridge then now's the time. This introductory course is both for first-timers and those who are returning to the game. Bridge is a partnership card game with three elements: bidding, playing, and defending. Each lesson will consist of one hour of lecture and demos and one hour of play. Oct. 26 to Dec. 14. Mondays 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., \$125 per eight-week session.

Boomer Bash: Saturday, Oct. 24 from 7 to 11 p.m., Old Town Hall. Dance the night away and support the Friends of Andover Senior Center and BoomerVenture. Food, fun and cash bar. Dance the night away with DJ and dance instructors Lind and Steve White. Cost is \$20, \$15 for seniors. Tickets on sale now at the Senior Center.

Pre-registration required. Call 978-623-8321 or visit www.boomerventure.com to download registration form.

BIRTH

REILLY — A daughter, Madeline Grace, born to Sean and Winnie (Leammukda) Reilly of Stoneham on Sept. 2 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are Jane and Jim Reilly of Andover, and Li Leammukda of Texas.

Taste of the Andovers rolls Oct. 28, \$25

Celebrating its second year of combining the restaurants of Andover and North Andover, the Taste of the Andovers is ready to roll to raise funds for scholarships. The event — Wednesday, October 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover Hotel — showcases the culinary talents of many of the finest restaurants in Andover and North Andover. Call 978-686-0900 for tickets.

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ple, journalists keep people informed about the H1N1 flu. Some governments might want to keep information about potential health risks secret.

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3. Discuss with your class why you selected that important fact.
4. Discuss what might have happened if the press had been told to censor that fact.
5. Discuss why you feel it is important for newspapers to continue to carry the torch of freedom.



Arts & Entertainment

Mr. AHS now MTV music man Giordano provides music for new 'Popzilla'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A piano-playing songwriter crowned Mr. Andover High School in 2001 is now the man behind the music for "Popzilla," a new television show airing on MTV.

Eric Giordano, who graduated from Andover High in 2002 and now lives in Los Angeles, Calif., called it "an interesting process" when asked how his music and audio expertise brought him to an animated show that proudly spoofs celebrities of all ages.

Show creators boast "no celebrity is safe" and MTV has agreed to air 12 episodes.

Lil' Wayne, Miley Cyrus, Jessica Simpson, Yankee Alex Rodriguez and even Oprah Winfrey are among those mercilessly spoofed on the show. "Popzilla" uses photos of traditional and reality-TV celebrities' heads superimposed onto animated figures to create animated sketches that make fun

of the week's top celebrity stories.

It's MTV after all, so this show is not exactly G-rated. With a target audience of older teens and young 20-somethings, the language can be foul and the spoofing crass. The theme music is less in-your-face when compared to the rest of the show.

Giordano said it's all about demographics for television ratings, and he wrote his music with that in mind.

He received the chance to have his music on MTV because his roommate is a writer for the show. When "Popzilla" needed some assistance with its audio and music, that roommate turned to Giordano.

"It's a fun show to work on and it's experience with Animax (Entertainment) and that's really good," he said.

With a bachelor degree in music engineering from the University of Miami in Florida, the former Mr. AHS went to work. He plays piano and other instruments,

including guitar, and of course knows how to work a mixing board.

"It's just me playing the piano and I add the sounds of other instruments, like the trumpet sound, through the computer," he explained of his theme music. "I had a wide range of experience on the mixing board when I was in college. (Miami) a great place to go for music."

Giordano is not sure how long his MTV gig will last or what it might lead to. Popzilla is airing its initial 12 episodes very quickly – over three weeks, ending Thursday, Oct. 15, Giordano said. He has not learned whether the show will get picked up for a more extended run. He just knows he's now working a music job at a large, established company and he will keep his ears in tune with other job opportunities.

Giordano said he gets back to Andover fairly often as his parents, Peggy and Joseph Giordano, live on Durham Drive.



What: POPZILLA, a new show on MTV
When: Airst Monday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Who: Eric Giordano, AHS Class of 2002, created theme music, audio for 12 episodes ending Oct.15
NOTE: Not for younger children



EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

AUTHOR READING, David Uppike 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 Colliton 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

HALLOWEEN AT THE CASTLE, has opened, Winnekenni Castle's annual Halloween attraction with four haunted venues: The Dreaded Dragons Lair, The Killer Klown Lazer Katastrophe, The Howling Hayride of Horror and the Castle itself, Castle of Fear. Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night during October, including Halloween Night, \$15, \$10 under age 12, not recommended for those under age 8, food & refreshments will be available, Kenoza Ave., Haverhill.

TRUNK SHOW, clothes by New York designer Deibe Rondon, 3 to 8 p.m., dress-code, 2 Elm Square Andover; 978.470.030, www.dresscodestyle.com.

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.

LIVE MUSIC, Tricia Boscho, Singer and Entertainer, 2:30 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110

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.

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.

DANCE, American Legion, Main St., Rte. 121, Haverhill, 8 pm, DJ, Refreshments, Snack, Coffee, Door Prizes, sponsored by The Social Life of Greater Haverhill; John at 978-441-2765.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

LOCAL HIKE, AVIS Skug River Reservation, co-sponsored by AVIS and the

Andover Historical Society, Park at Skug entrance on Salem Street. Led by Fred Snell, 978-686-3647.

CHOATE (HOG) ISLAND DAY, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Crane Estate, Ipswich. Take a boat ride back in time during the annual celebration of Hog Island and the Crane Wildlife Refuge, bring a picnic, explore the historic Choate House, or join a volunteer led hike to the summit and the grave of Cornelius Crane. Shuttle boat runs all day (last boat returns at 3 p.m.). Recommended for families. Meet at the Crane Beach Gate, Ipswich. Members: \$10 adult/\$5 child. Nonmembers: \$15/\$10. Call 978.921.1944 or www.thetrustees.org.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

INTRODUCTION TO HOME ENERGY SAVINGS, 7 p.m. Learn how to reduce your home energy costs with affordable, do-it-yourself solutions. Presented by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Memorial Hall Library, Andover.

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES TALK, with Barbara Levin Kravetz, 3:30 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

DJ JOEY, 7 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

LEARNING TO READ VOLUNTEER TRAINING, for reading to elementary school students in Andover, 9-11 a.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover; Sherry Comerchero At (978) 374-3151 During School Hours.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

PRESERVING FAMILY TREASURES TALK, with Donya Conn, of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, in Andover. She will explain how to take care of photographs, letters and other family keepsakes so future generations can appreciate their ancestors' experiences, heritage and history. Participants are encouraged to bring items that can be transported safely for examination and discussion, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, Flint Memorial Library, North Reading; 978-664-4942.

LIVE THEATER, The Seafarer opens, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell, 7:30 p.m., through Nov. 8.

EVIL IN YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE, lecture with Francisco X. Stork, a writer of young adult novels, Northern Essex Community College's Lawrence campus, part of the White Fund Lecture Series, 12:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, the program will be held in the college's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78-82 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

LIVE THEATER, The Seafarer opens, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell, 7:30 p.m., through Nov. 8.

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FILE PHOTO

This fall, the Andover Historical Society will offer monthly programs telling people about Andover's unusual history regarding townspeople's work, and holidays in town. Above, volunteers Emily Stidsen, left, and Emma Hauer, dress in period clothing and remind people of Andover Historical Society offerings during the Holiday Happenings last December.

Andover's (mostly) untold stories Historical Society offers obscure Andover history each month

Join the Andover Historical Society this fall as it launches its newest program, "Andover Stories: Presentations on interesting and obscure Andover history."

This monthly program will introduce unique insights into the people, traditions and events that impacted the town, according to the organization located at 97 Main St. in downtown Andover. Talks will be

presented each month by local historians, writers, authors and researchers, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m.

Upcoming topics include, "Andover at Work," a hands-on look at daily life in 1820s Andover, presented by Museum Educator Sarah Sycz; "Thanksgiving in Andover, Traditions and Meals that Brought Us Together," presented by Gail Ralston;

and "Harriet Beecher Stowe, Christmas in Andover," presented by Susan Leno.

The society offers a variety of educational programs to individuals and groups of all ages. For further information call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org. New history stories are added weekly to the group's blog at www.andoverhistorical.org/blog.

NECC chamber players celebrate German's 200th

The Essex Chamber Music Players, in residence at Northern Essex Community College, will celebrate the 200th anniversary of German composer Felix Mendelssohn's birth year in a concert on Sunday, Oct. 18, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Technology Center on the college's Haverhill Campus, 100 Elliott St.

ECMP will honor Mendelssohn who was born in 1809 and died in 1847 with a performance of the composer's "Trio in D minor for Flute, Cello and Piano." Other pieces on the program include

"Trio for Flute, Cello and Piano," by Norman Dello Joio, Boston University's composer and former dean of the School of Fine and Applied Arts, and "Assobio A Jato The Jet Whistle for Flute and Cello" by Heitor Villa-Lobos, Brazil's foremost composer.

Performers include flutist and ECMP Artistic Director Michael G. Finegold of Andover, cellist Emmanuel Feldman of West Newton, and pianist David A. Pihl of Worcester.

"We are happy to be participating in celebrating the 200 years

since Felix Mendelssohn's birth by playing his wonderful Trio in D minor. We are also pleased to be performing the not as often heard music of Norman Dello Joio. He was a 20th century composer known for his beautiful melodic writing. In addition, the audience will enjoy the exciting Brazilian style music of Heitor Villa-Lobos," said Finegold.

The Essex Chamber Music Players were established in the Merrimack Valley in 1999. Its motto is "Music for the 21st Century, Musical Treasures of the

Past, New Music Premieres." The musicians are in residence at Northern Essex Community College and tour throughout Essex County.

The NECC Technology Center is handicap-accessible. Tickets for general admission are \$10 and \$5 for students. NECC students with a college ID are admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.mvarts.info. For more information contact ECMP314@comcast.net, call 978-470-1584 or see www.essexchambermusicplayers.org.

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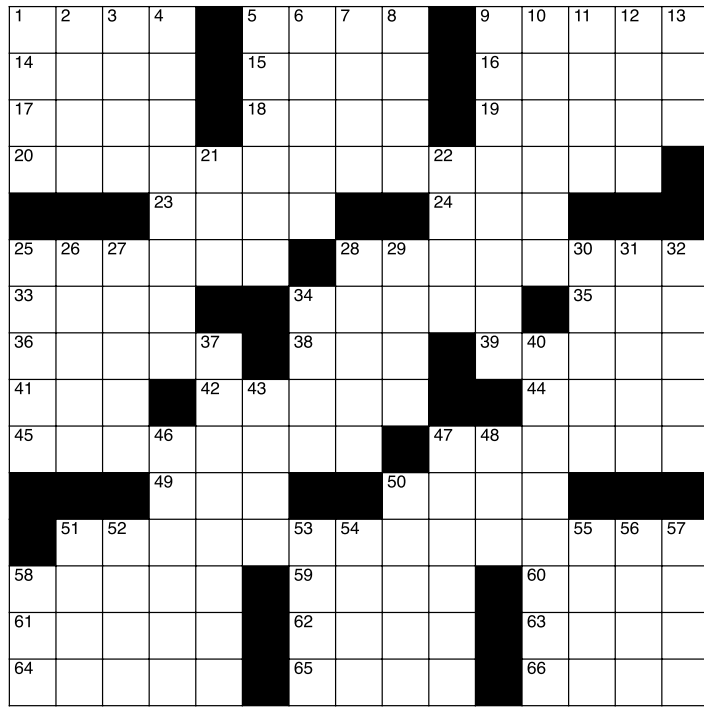
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 - Walks with a cane
 - Ancient Greek marketplace
 - Mimic
 - From a distance
 - Rutilus
 - Filled with melancholy
 - Pesetas
 - Emmet
 - Older in years
 - Misleads
 - S___e: apoplexy
 - Gives off a strong smell
 - Black tropical American cuckoo
 - Am. composer Ned
 - Hole punching tool
 - Wrap
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 - Goidelic language
 - 36th president
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 - Leopold & ___
 - German car
 - An abundant supply
 - Food grain
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 - Things considered
- CLUES DOWN**
- Street or highway
 - Organized crime head
 - Stinks!
 - Toll road
 - Two-dimensional
 - Floating structures
 - An Indian wet nurse
 - Nothing more than specified
 - Wife of a baron
 - Genus Dasyprocta
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FRIDAY, OCT. 16

THE SERVICE CLUB OF ANDOVER AUCTION, 6 p.m., Andover Country Club, honoring Andover's Deb and Steve Rusckowski with the 2009 Make a Difference Award.

LIVE THEATER, "She Loves Me," with AnneMarie Alvarez of Andover, Wakefield Repertory Theatre, Wakefield Lynnfield Methodist Church, 273 Vernon St., Wakefield, 8 p.m., \$16 adults, \$14 students and seniors; www.wakefieldrep.org, 781-245-1173, will also be presented on Oct. 16, 17, 24 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

FALL FAIR, St. Gregory Armenian-Apostolic Church, Jaffarian Hall, 158 Main St., North Andover, a number of tables containing crafts, gifts, jewelry and white elephant. Raffles will be conducted throughout the day; (978) 685-5038

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

ANDOVER DAYS, a celebration of Andover and its downtown, 9-5, downtown.

LOCAL HIKE, AVIS Peggy Keck Reservation, 9 a.m. Meet at Goldsmith Woodlands, 491 S. Main St. Led by David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

ANTIQUES SHOW, dealers from 10 states assemble, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington, \$8, ages 16 and under free, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 781-862-4039, www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS, (ages 8 and up). Attendees will learn how to set up the board, special moves, tips for a better game, and how to win a game in 4 moves! Presented by Glenn Davison, a lifelong chess player and instructor. Space and chess sets are limited, so arrive early. To accommodate more players, participants are welcome to bring their own chess sets; sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, free and open to the public.

public. For more information, visit Memorial Hall Library's web site at www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, x31 or 32.

"A TASTE OF JUDAISM: ARE YOU CURIOUS?," free, three-session class, for adults who would like to explore Reform Judaism's relevance in today's world, Temple Emanuel in Andover with Rabbi Robert Goldstein, 1 to 5 p.m., no enrollment fee, but pre-registration is required; Joyce Schwartz, 781-449-0404, jschwartz@urj.org.

ANTIQUES SHOW, dealers from 10 states will assemble, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington, \$8, ages 16 and under free, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 781-862-4039, www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL, New England Wild Flower Society, Framingham, a scavenger hunt, leaf rubbing, create a do-it-yourself mini dish garden. Enjoy one of the many guided walking tours scheduled at 2 p.m. Adult admission is \$8; seniors and students with identification \$6; and youths 3-18 \$4.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

DECLUTTERING AND LETTING GO, with Maxine Gautier of Out From Under Professional Organizing, 7 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, free and open to the public. For more information, visit Memorial Hall Library's web site at www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, x31 or 32.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

BENEFIT DINNER, auction, for Esperanza Academy, a tuition-free school for girls in grades 5-8 in Lawrence, 6:30 p.m., Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel; Sara Turner at sara.turner@esperanzaacademy.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

TOMBSTONES AND TROWELS, try your hand at traditional archaeological skills like cross mending and cleaning archaeological

artifacts. A mock dig and spooky craft will prepare you for an exploration of above ground archaeology at the nearby Pentucket Burial Ground, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water St., Haverhill, \$5 per family; Stacey Fraser (978) 374-4626, www.haverhillhistory.org. Sponsored by The Social Life of Greater Haverhill.

DANCE, American Legion, Main St., Route. 121, Haverhill, 8 pm, DJ, refreshments, door prizes. Sponsored by The Social Life of Greater Haverhill; John at 978-441-2765.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

GETTING RID OF ANYTHING ON THE INTERNET, 7 p.m., learn how to make some money getting rid of your stuff! Cliff McGann returns to share tips and tricks for selling items on eBay, Craigslist, and FreeCycle.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

TASTE OF THE ANDOVERS, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Wyndham Andover Hotel on River Road, 123 Old River Road, Andover. \$25, cash bar; tickets available by contacting the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment and must be presented at the door.

FRIDAY, OCT 30

CAPTAIN STEVE GARRITY '74 OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD (RETIRED), shares his reflections about U.S. ports and waterways, responses to incidents, and service life based on his 29-year career as a military officer serving throughout the country. Noon to 1:30 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College. Garrity now works as a Coast Guard civilian Port Security Specialist at CG Sector, Boston. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and coffee will be served. Convenient parking available, and seating is limited. Reserve space by calling 978-837-5207 or email Catherine.harding@merrimack.edu.

Women can join MV Chorus for Andover show

The Merrimack Valley Chorus will host a "Performance Opportunity Program" for females during four consecutive Thursdays beginning Oct. 29, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at the Wilmington Arts Council Building on Route 62 in Wilmington.

Women and girls of any age are invited to learn four holiday songs in four-part a cappella harmony, then perform with the group at the Wilmington Congregational Church on Nov. 30, and again in the chorus's annual show in Andover, on Dec. 6.

Participants in the POP program will learn "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," a carol medley combining "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Silent Night" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

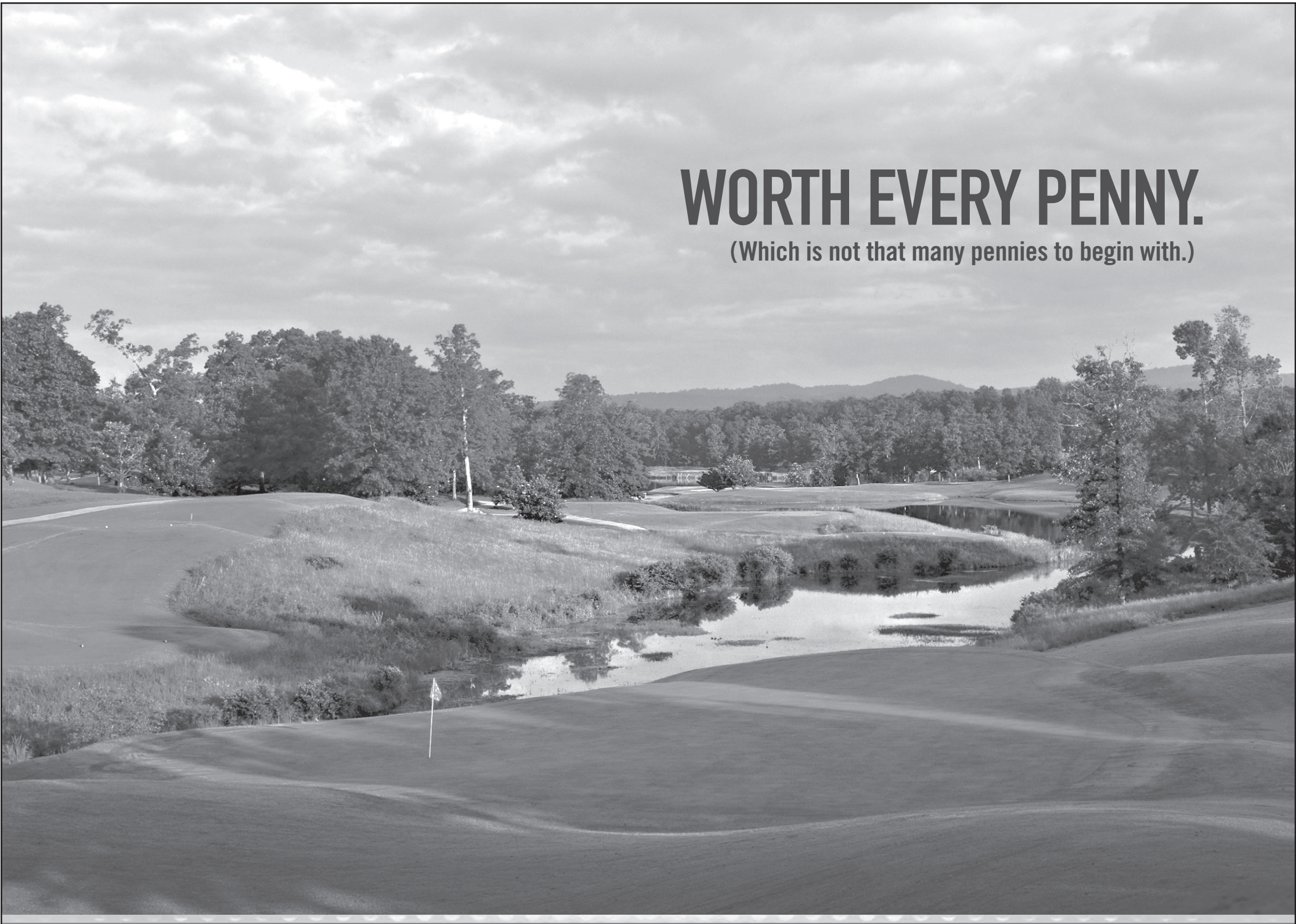
No prior singing experience is necessary, and there is no audition involved. Those who attend will be voice placed depending on how high or low they sing.

"It's a chance for someone to try something new or simply revive her holiday spirits in a supportive and joyful environment," said Eileen Goe, director of MVC, in a release.

"It's fun having new people singing with us for the season," said longtime Merrimack Valley Chorus member Mary Kriener of Lexington. "We love entertaining and sharing our harmony, not only with the public, but with women and girls who enjoy singing, but haven't tried a cappella music yet. Singing has always added joy to my holiday season, and I imagine other women feel the same."

The Merrimack Valley Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, has 50 women from more than 20 communities in Greater Boston and southern New Hampshire. The chorus holds weekly open rehearsals on Thursday at the Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave., (Route 62), Wilmington. The Merrimack Valley Chorus is the regional Second Place Chorus and First Place Mid-Size Chorus medalist for Sweet Adelines International. For more information, visit www.merrimackvalley-chorus.org or call 781-821-1619.

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Obituaries

For more obituaries, see Page 10

Lisa M. Tremblay, 41



ANDOVER — Lisa M. Tremblay, 41, of Andover, passed away Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers with her family at her

side. She was born in North Reading and was the daughter of Lorraine (Bourgeois) Davis of North Andover and Donald Tremblay of Florida.

Lisa was raised and educated in North Reading and was a graduate of North Reading High School and Endicott College. She was a hard worker and was the owner and operator of Abbey Bridal Shoppe in Andover. She also en-

joyed cooking.

Besides her parents, Lisa is survived by two brothers, Gary Tremblay of North Reading and Mark Tremblay of Rhode Island; and her step father, Stan Davis of North Andover. She is also survived by two nieces.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Funeral services were on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 in the funeral home chapel. Burial followed in Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover. Memorial donations may be made in Lisa's memory to Thoracic Cancer Research, c/o Bruce Johnson, MD, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St. Dana 1234, Boston, MA 02115. For directions and condolences, please visit our online website at www.cataudella.com.

Estelle M. Billings, 78



BRADENTON, Fla. — Estelle M. (Powers) Billings, 78, died on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 after a short illness. Estelle, formerly of Andover, was living in Bradenton with her

husband Robert when she passed.

Her passion was spending time with her family, always available to laugh, comfort, and advise. She enjoyed life to the fullest when spending time with her grandchildren. She could often be found at various sporting events and activities in which her grandchildren were involved. In recent years, she was miles away from her family but remained the golden thread in the tapestry of their lives.

During the years of her retirement, Estelle was an avid golfer and played often with her husband, extended family and friends. She was also an active member of St. Augustine parish serving as a hospitality minister.

Estelle received her RN from Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, in 1953, where she worked in the recovery room until her marriage to Robert Billings in 1955. Over the years, she worked in vari-

ous hospitals in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania, until finally settling in Andover in 1969. While raising her family, she worked at a number of hospitals in the Merrimack Valley area. She went on complete her BS in Sociology from New England College in 1983.

Estelle is survived by her husband, Robert and her six children, Karen Toland and her husband Michael Stukowski, Daniel Billings, Matthew Billings and his wife Elizabeth, Thomas Billings, Andrew Billings and Jane Billings. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Jonathan and Kendall Toland, Brett and Makenzie Billings, Christopher and Jeffery Billings, Andrew Joseph Billings, Jordan and Benjamin Billings, and David Hopwood. She is further survived by siblings, nieces, nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her much loved grandson, Alexander Matthew Billings.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish, 43 Essex St., Andover. A celebration of life will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

Julie Anne Swan

ANDOVER — Julie Anne (Klimas) Swan, wife of the late Dean Russell Swan, of Andover, died on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009 after a long illness.

The youngest daughter of Anne (Zukas) and Valerian Klimas, she was born in 1925 and raised in Lawrence; older siblings are Freda Panto of Dover, the late Claude Klimas of Reading, and Eleanor Kancavicus of Haverhill.

Upon graduation from the University of New Hampshire in 1945 with a degree in mathematics, Mrs. Swan was recruited by United Aircraft in Stratford, Conn. to work on statistical analysis of the Corsair aircraft. In 1947, she joined the Cruft Laboratory at Harvard University as a 'computer,' doing the mathematical calculations for research in atomic physics. While at the Electromagnetic Radiation Laboratory, she worked on antennas and microwave radiation with numerous physicists including Nobel Prize winners Julian Schwinger and Edward Purcell. One of few women participating in the emerging fields of operations research and computer science, she was known for both her viva-

cious personality and the rigorous accuracy of her mathematical work. In 1953, she became one of the first statisticians recruited for the newly founded Quartermaster Research & Development Center (Natick Labs) in Natick.

More recently, Mrs. Swan was a member of both the Andover Garden Club and the Massachusetts Flower Show Judges' Council.

In 1953, she married Dean Swan, an engineer and businessman. Their four children are Judith A. Swan and her husband Michael Hecht of New Jersey, Dean L. Swan of Andover, Laurel M. Swan and her husband Olivier Hequet of London, and the late Russell C. Swan of Amherst. In addition to her children and their spouses, Julie was the mother-in-law of Deborah K. Swan of Amherst. Mrs. Swan also is survived by five grandchildren, Shira, Jonathan, Jillian, Chloe, and Imogen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral arrangements are private; the family plans a public memorial service at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Clara Maynard, 101



ANDOVER — Clara (Minsinger) Maynard, 101, of 10 Apple-tree Lane, an Andover resident since 1934 and a Wolfeboro, N.H. summer resident since

1949, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009.

Mrs. Maynard was born in the historical area of Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, where she spent her early years. Mrs. Maynard graduated from and later taught at the famous Mather School, the first public school in the country. She graduated from Boston Girls' High and Boston Teachers' College and taught in the Boston School System from 1928 to 1934.

Mrs. Maynard was a charter member of the Order of Rainbow Girls, Boston Assembly 1, the First Order of Rainbow Girls in the East; the Order of Eastern Star, the Ladies Benevolent Society for faculty wives of Phillips

Academy, the November Club and an over 60 year member of the Andover Garden Club. In 1934 Mrs. Maynard began her 40 years of service as a faculty wife at Phillips Academy, when she married Robert Edward Maynard, an Instructor in Mathematics. She became a widow in 1980.

Mrs. Maynard is survived by a daughter, C. Christine Maynard of Andover and Wolfeboro, N.H., an early retired teacher in the Andover School System; and several nieces and nephews; two sisters, Marie C. Trey of Vero Beach, Fla. and Magdalene R. Williamson of Milton; and a brother, Oscar J. Minsinger of Milton, died several years ago.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services will be private. Burial will be in the Phillips Academy Cemetery, Andover. Donations may be made to the Memorial Fund for Youth from Every Quarter at Phillips Academy, Andover. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810.

Margaret Royce Porter, 83

PEABODY — Margaret "Margot" Royce Porter, 83, formerly of Andover, passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 2, 2009. She was the wife of the late Alan Kimball Porter who died in 1988.

Born in Dedham on July 10, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Frank Ames and Margaret (Newlin) Royce of Millis and Dover. She attended Milton Academy and Leslie College.

Margot married Alan Kimball Porter of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1946. They shared 42 years of marriage. Margot and Kim lived with their four children in Lexington until 1960 before moving to Andover.

She was active in a variety of community activities including The American Field Service and Samaritans. She was a beloved after-school art teacher over the years for many Andover children in her Imagination Studio overlooking Haggett's Pond.

Her interest were many and varied, including spiritualism and dowsing. In her later years, Margot was a resident of the intentional community Sirius in Shrewsbury, Newburyport and most recently of Brooksby Village in Peabody. She will be missed by her many dear friends and especially by her family.

She is survived by her daughter; Shilo Porter of Peterborough, N.H.; two sons, Alan and his wife Lois Porter of Haverhill and Whit and his wife Molly Porter of Moraga, Calif.;

four grandchildren, Katy Porter of Brooklyn, N.Y., Kyle Frederick Porter of Haverhill, Max Porter-Elliott of Sonoma, Calif. and Ives Kimball Porter of Peterborough, N.H.; three loving sisters, Jan Royce Conant of Old Lyme, Conn., Barbara Rice of Freeport, Maine and Duffy Schade of Glastonbury, Conn. She was predeceased by her husband, Alan Kimball Porter and her son, Christopher Ames Porter.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. Arrangements are under the direction of the Linnehan-Grondin Funeral Home, 129 Kenzoa Ave., Haverhill. For complete obituary and to send online condolences, please visit www.linnehanfuneralhomes.com.

John M. Asoian, 74



METHUEN — John M. "Sonny" Asoian, 74, of Methuen, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

Born and educated in Andover, son of John and Rose (Loosigian) Asoian, he was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover. He was the proprietor of Pleasant View Farms on River Road in Andover, and also worked at Market Basket and Buther Boy prior to his retirement. He also enjoyed gardening.

He leaves his wife of 39 years, Eileen M. (Frey) Asoian of Methuen; son, Michael K. Asoian

and his wife Sara of Wichita, Kan.; brother, Richard G. Asoian and his wife Margaret of Andover; sister, Sandra Goldman and her husband Gerald of Methuen; sister-in-law, Janet L. Courtemanche and her husband Roger of Salisbury; one grandson, Brady A. Asoian of Wichita; several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Funeral services are being held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at the families convenience. For directions or condolences, visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

Sandra L. Foley, 55



MERRIMACK — Sandra L. (Conway) Foley, 55, of Merrimack, formerly of Lawrence, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 at her home.

She was born in Lawrence, on Sept. 28, 1953, daughter to Frederick F. Jr. and Mary (Marchand) Conway. Sandra was an attendant of Saint Mary's Church in Lawrence.

She loved spending time with her family and would always lend a helping hand to others in need. Sandra had a big heart and loved music.

She is survived by her daughter, Karlene and her husband Rick Post of Whitensville; her son, Andrew F. Conway and Nizette Alayon of Lawrence; her grandson, Jack Post, also of Whitensville; her father, Frederick F. Conway, Jr. of Lawrence; her brothers, George

and his wife Donna Conway of Salem, N.H., Fred III and his wife Brenda Conway of Methuen, Thomas and his wife Judy Conway of Dracut, Bernard Conway of Lawrence; her sisters, Denise Goujon and her husband James of Methuen, Sara Conway of Lawrence, Lisa and her husband James Hudson of Andover; her aunt, Marguerite Corliss of Lawrence; her significant other, Bruce Cooper of Merrimack; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. Daughter of the late Mary (Marchand) Conway; sister to the late Colleen Birch.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, in the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. Burial will be private. Family and friends called on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. For online condolences and other information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.

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Sports

Long road to success

Born in Serbia, Samardzic now excelling at Andover

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

SAMARDZIC'S TRAVELS

Here's a look at the distance Samardzic and her family have moved since she was born in Serbia

- Serbia to Germany - 776 miles
- Germany to United States - 4,850 miles
- Everett to Williamstown - 158.5 miles
- Williamstown to Andover - 133.33 miles

ANDOVER — While the memories have faded with the passing of time, Tijana Samardzic has a few reminders of how far her family has traveled to reach Andover.

"We don't remember much," said brother Andrej Samardzic. "But we have some home videos of when we were very young that we watch at times."

This fall, Tijana was asked to leave her high school just as she was entering her senior year as co-captain of the volleyball team to move 133 miles across the state to Andover. But that transition paled in comparison to the moves that Samardzic has made in her lifetime.

"My dad likes to talk to me about Bosnia a lot," said Tijana. "It's really strange that I was born there. I don't know if I can connect the two. I couldn't imagine going through what my parents had to do."

Tijana was born in Bosnia during the country's civil war in the 1990s. Fearing for the safety of their family, parents Danka and Nenab Samardzic, both natives of Bosnia, decided to move with eight-month-old Tijana out of the war-torn country.

"My parents had lived there their whole lives so it was very difficult on them," said

Samardzic. "But it was such a good decision to move."

The Samardzic family moved to Germany, but were not finished with change. When Tijana was 7-years-old, the family made the decision to move to the United States and initially settled in Everett.

"From what I remember, Germany was a great place to live," she said. "There was great culture surrounding us. It was very hard to move to the United States because the children are so different. It was hard to make friends right away."

The greatest challenge for Samardzic was the language barrier, since she was fluent in German and Serbo-Croatian, but spoke no English. She picked up the language quickly — and now speaks English without the hint of an accent — but that was just one of the difficulties of the new country.



Tijana Samardzic returns a shot for Andover High. Born in Serbia before moving to Germany, Samardzic is adjusting to life at Andover High after moving in just before her senior year.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

"It was the little things," she said. "My family ate dinner at an earlier time. School lunch is at 11 (a.m.). We never ate at 11. We have breakfast, then we eat at 3 p.m., which is called 'dinner.' Then at night we have a bowl of cereal or something like that."

Those transitions, however, did not hold Samardzic back. She ranked in the top of her class in elementary school, and continued to excel when her family moved to Williamstown, Mass.,

in 2004.

While starring academically, she also became a standout on the volleyball court at Mount Greylock. At the end of her junior season, she was named a co-captain for the 2009 season.

But, during the summer, Samardzic's doctor mother accepted a job in Lowell. So the family was once again on the move, now setting in Andover.

"Senior year is all about keeping your old friends and having

experiences with them," said Tijana. "All the stress of finishing high school and looking for college isn't all on you, it's on your friends too. So moving here and not knowing anyone was really tough."

But, as the school year approached, she began to warm to her new surroundings.

"She was very scared," said Andrej. "At first, she was very stressed out. But as the summer went on, she got used to the fact

we were coming here. Once she started playing volleyball, she got used to the situation.

"We prefer it here. There's more of a connection to Boston. Williamstown is very isolated. We have more of a connection here."

While she was no longer a captain or star player, Samardzic's love for volleyball was not gone. So she made the decision to join the powerhouse Andover team.

"I loved my old team," she said. "They were the best. But I am so happy I joined this team. It's been really good. The girls have been really nice, and the coach has a great way of teaching. This has been a great way for me to make friends again."

The story of her background was a fascination to her new teammates and coaches.

"During the preseason we were talking and someone asked where she was from before here," remembered Andover coach George Sullivan. "She said, 'Serbia.' And everyone said *wow*. Being a history teacher, I just told her we had to sit down soon and talk."

Samardzic was also member of the National Honor Society at Mount Greylock, took Advanced Placement biology and physics last year and this year is taking AP Spanish. She is now exploring college options and hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps of becoming a doctor.

"She's a great kid," said Sullivan. "It's tough coming from a small school where you're going to be one of the big dogs to a big school like this. But she is working very hard and her parents have been very supportive."

Lebowitz provides spark

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — The turn of momentum could be felt throughout the stadium.

"That was huge," said Andover running back Nick Enxing. "I really feel like that's when the game shifted."

Through most of the first half, it was Haverhill that held the momentum. But, with a play that left onlookers asking, *how did that happen?* defensive lineman Jake Lebowitz turned the game on a play.

"The quarterback kind of juggled the ball," said Lebowitz. "I pushed him out of the way, caught it and tried to get into the end zone. I didn't (score) but I feel like that kind of turned the game around."

Lebowitz recovered the fumble, and a play later Nick Enxing pounded in for the touchdown with 47 seconds left before halftime. That gave the Golden Warriors the lead to stay as they rolled to a 34-6 victory over the Hillies on Friday.

Haverhill dictated play early, marching in for a touchdown after the opening kickoff. Then, the Hillies delivered a goal-line stand at their own 3-yard line and halted another drive at their 40-yard line.

But, as they started a drive at the Andover 12-yard line, nose guard Lebowitz burst through the middle and stole the ball out of QB Connor Tufts' hands. After that point, the Warriors scored on four of their next five possessions.

Quarterback John Hennessy hit



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Andover's John Hennessy breaks through the line for a run during the Warriors' win over Haverhill last weekend. Hennessy threw for 185 yards and two touchdowns and delivered a 43-yard run later in the game for a score.

on 12 of 18 throws for 185 yards and two scores and added a third touchdown on an eye-popping 43-yard run.

Hennessy's favorite target was junior Brian Miller. The 6-foot-4, 220-pounder caught eight passes for 149 yards and two scores.

"I think Brian is starting to realize the type of player he can be," said interim Andover coach John Rex. "That big catch against Tewksbury really got him going. Now he's feeling good. He's a raw talent, but he's got great ability. And Enxing is really running hard."

Enxing, a senior first-year starter at running back, continues to shine. He carried 18 times for 170 yards

and a pair of touchdowns.

The defense also excelled. In the first half, Malcolm Novello torched the Warriors to the tune of 116 yards on just 11 carries. However, after the break, Novella was limited to just 23 yards on nine carries.

"After that first couple drives we said we weren't going to let that happen again," said Lebowitz. "We made a few changes. We switched to four linebackers (from their normal 3-5 defense) because the kid kept bouncing outside."

Ned Deane led Andover with a team-high eight tackles, while Lebowitz notched six stops and Craig Hornung (interception) and Peter Theodorou each had five tackles.

Clutch play gives Warriors 2 straight wins

GIRLS SOCCER

Natalie Gibson's blast into the upper corner of the net midway through the second half gave Andover a 3-2 win over MVC rival Lowell last Thursday. Jenn Caro added a goal and an assist and Gabby Cappello chipped in the other Warriors (3-2-4) tally. Maddy Baldwin made five saves in her time in net.

Jody Pollack's goal helped spark Andover to a 2-0 win over Methuen last Tuesday. Jenn Caro added the other goal while Natalie Gibson had an assist for the winners. Olivia Biles and Maddy Baldwin combined for the win in net.

SWIMMING

Rachel Moore won the 200 IM and teamed with Melissa Ragonese, Sheila Cremin and Emma Cammann on the 200 freestyle relay and Anna Millar, Ragonese and Monica Patterson to win the 400 freestyle relay as Andover downed Lowell 98-74 on Friday. Patterson chipped in with a win in the 500 freestyle.

Sam Hall won the 500 freestyle and was joined by Genna Denny, Nina Mazarelli and Liv Eisenbach on the winning 400 freestyle relay and Jess Mancini, Kate Sullivan and Emma Cammann on the 200 medley relay that was victorious as Andover cruised past Belmont 85-77 last Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

Kirsten Arvidson tallied team-highs in kills (17) and blocks (12) as Andover bested North Reading 27-25, 25-13, 22-25, 25-18 on Friday. Annie Ye chipped in a team-high 31 assists and 12 service points for the winners.

Andover continued to roll, easing past Methuen 25-18, 25-15, 25-14 last Wednesday. Annie Ye led the way with 22 assists and Elise Brogan had seven kills for the winners.

BOYS SOCCER

Cecchi MacNaughton scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover bested Chelmsford 2-1 last Tuesday. Kaelan Crawford continued his hot start to the year with the other goal and Andrew Osborne turned in four saves.

Despite four stellar saves from Andrew Osborne, Andover fell to St. John's Prep 1-0 last Thursday.

FIELD HOCKEY

Elise Krekorian scored a pair of goals as Andover rolled over Lawrence 7-0 last Thursday. Sarah Oteri added a goal and three assists and Laura Cahill, Kate Farnham, Vanessa Kelly and Jaclyn Torres each added a single tally for the winners.

GOLF

Donnie Hunt was the medalist with a stellar 33 as Andover drubbed Haverhill 20-0 last Tuesday. Mike Levenson (36) and Dave Gilbert (37) also stood out for the winners.

Dave Gilbert (38) and Steve Manozzi (39) each excelled, but Andover fell to Billerica 12-7 last Thursday.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Scott Waller placed fourth overall in 15:00 and Simon Voorhees was sixth in 15:03 as Andover edged archrival Central Catholic 28-29 but fell to Lowell 18-41 last Wednesday. Nick Schumacher added a ninth-place finish for the Warriors.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Paced by Molly Van Doren, who was sixth overall in 19:08, Andover crushed Notre Dame 15-50 but lost to Lowell 22-35 last Wednesday. Danielle Slauzis chipped in a 10th for the Warriors.

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TOWN TALK

Kindergartner, teacher walk together to cure diabetes

Five-year-old William Hughes walked with a team of friends and family, including Debbie Nichols, his kindergarten teacher at Bancroft Elementary, in the Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes in Boston on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The team, dubbed "William's Walkers," raised more than \$5,000 for the cause. A mother of one of William's classmates designed the bright green T-shirts the team wore for the walk.

On Oct. 2, William's mother, Susan, visited Nichols' classroom to give a brief lesson on diabetes, healthy eating and to explain why William goes to the nurse



Bancroft Elementary School kindergarten teacher Debra Nichols and her student William Hughes wear their "William's Walkers" T-shirts.

for diabetes care, she said. For more information, or to donate, visit www.walk.jdrf.org.

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— Bethany Bray

Message on meals tax

Prior to Wednesday night's Town Meeting, Superintendent Claudia Bach sent out an electronic message to parents on every school list-serv, telling parents news from the state indicates local school districts will need to reduce their budgets further.

"For Andover, this could mean more staffing reductions," she wrote, in part. "One reasonable way blunt the impact of further reductions is for Andover to approve a Meals Excise Tax. More than 30 other communities have done so. This item will be on the Town Meeting agenda tomorrow night [Wednesday,

Oct. 7] as Article 5...I urge you to come to Town Meeting and have your vote count."

Special Olympics in town

Special Olympics Massachusetts will host over 60 Special Olympics athletes at the 2009 Fall Equestrian Tournament in Andover and Boxford on Oct. 17 and 18. Events start at 9:30 a.m.

The tournament will take place at Challenge Unlimited/Ironstone Farms on Route 133 in Andover on Oct. 18 and Windrush Farms in Boxford the previous day, and will host both English and Western Style events.

"What many do not realize is the horse has a very good sense of who is riding and what they are doing," said Robert

Johnson, president and CEO of Special Olympics Massachusetts. "This type of therapy has been used for hundreds of years as a tool to help individuals with disabilities become healthier and more conducive to physical activity."

Betsy's beads

Rosary beads hung on Betsy Powers' Andover Day sign in her front yard last week. The Andover Business Center Association president said she was praying for the skies to be clear. But when it appeared her Hail Marys wouldn't stop the clouds from rolling in, the association wisely rescheduled Andover Day for Saturday, Oct. 17. (The rain did come.)

— Judy Wakefield

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