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Bach could leave before end of school year

New school leader expected by March

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover may name its next superintendent before the winter is over.

School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein says there is consensus to have a replacement selected "on or about March 1" for Claudia Bach, who announced last week her intention to step down at the end of this school year.

The School Committee wants to use an outside group to conduct the search, and is accepting bids for the job. Whoever is chosen will work in tandem with Andover's human resources department, said Silberstein.

The committee began the process this week, meeting with representatives from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on Monday, Nov. 2. The MASC is "a very strong candidate" to conduct the search, said Silberstein.

"They have tremendous expertise in this area," she said. "The strength they have is in candidate recruitment. Because they are a state school association they have access to the national school board and other associations. I would expect they have an inside track throughout the country of leading candidates."

"We will get a different crop of candidates this way," said Silberstein.

The MASC has proposed a total cost of \$8,500 plus additional costs for advertising and

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Superintendent Claudia Bach will be resigning at the end of the school year, if not sooner.

KATE GLASS/Staff photo

11-year superintendent reflects on time

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Superintendent Claudia Bach could leave Andover before the end of the school year if she finds another job that interests her. The School Committee has given her that ability.

"As part of accepting her resignation, we agreed to release her 120-day notice requirement," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein. "I hope we would have the benefit of her expertise through June 30, but we did agree to release her from that requirement."

After 11 years in Andover, Bach says she feels it's simply her time to go.

"I'm eager for some new challenges, and planning for my succession has been a goal of mine,"



Staff file photo

Claudia Bach walks on the grounds of what would become High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools in this 2001 file photo. The schools opened in 2002.

said Bach. "I feel like I've served the district very well. I've given a lot of my heart, soul and energy. I'm leaving the district in good

shape. It's healthy, flourishing and strong, with good leaders in

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Call for water hikes 4 of 5 years

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover residents will pay more for their water beginning next month. The price of Andover tap water could increase again and again four of the next five years.

Selectmen approved an increase of 27 cents per 100 cubic feet on Monday, Nov. 2, as a way to cover costs and refill depleted water reserves.

The increase will go into effect Dec. 1, and increase the average annual household water bill by \$32. The jump from \$2.65 to \$2.92 per 100 cubic feet is expected to bring in an additional \$700,000 per year.

In May 2009, Jack Petkus, director of Public Works, urged residents to approve money for a new roof at the Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant, saying they would not face a rate increase this fiscal year. By September, Petkus and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski were proposing the rate increase, along with a 14-percent water department budget reduction, as a way to address a water-budget deficit.

The water fund account has been spent down over the last five years on projects, said Stapczynski.

"We used the water reserve to pay for things that we should have, perhaps, been borrowing," he said. "We were paying out of our bank account, instead of running up debt."

Stapczynski also presented selectmen with a five-year budget plan for the water enterprise fund, created by Finance Director Tony Torrisi. The plan projects four rate increases in the next five years, bringing the rate to \$3.22 per hundred cubic feet by fiscal year 2015. Selectmen would need to approve each hike.

"The five-year plan addresses the concerns that we're in now, but also rebuilds our reserves and gives an opportunity for budget planning (for the future)," Stapczynski told selectmen.

Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Brian Major suggested the board revisit the water budget each year, to check on the reserve fund.

Torrisi said the five-year plan is flexible, and can change based on water use and other cost changes. Andover's water treatment plant sells water to

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Five more years?

Town manager wants to remain; selectmen to decide this winter

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski wants to lead Andover another five years.

While discussing the town manager reappointment process on Monday, Nov. 2, selectmen cut to the chase and asked Stapczynski, Andover's manager since 1990, whether he'd like to stay.

"Yes, I am looking for another five years," said Stapczynski. "I enjoy working with the board, and there's a lot ahead of us."

Stapczynski's contract expires June 4, and selectmen are required to let Stapczynski know

if he's reappointed by March 4.

Selectmen approved a plan Monday to collect feedback from residents and make a decision by Feb. 4. In January, Stapczynski will present selectmen with his vision and plan for the next five years, as well as highlights and achievements of his last five years. He did the same thing the last time he was reappointed.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said emphasis will be placed on Stapczynski's plans to control future budgets and costs. A feedback session for public comments will be held at the Jan. 4 selectmen's meeting.

YOUR THOUGHTS?

To offer your opinion on whether the town should continue with Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski or look for someone new send an e-mail to selectmen@andoverma.gov, or mail comments to Town Clerk Randy Hanson, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810. You can also post comments online about this or other issues at the Townsman Web site, andovertownsman.com.

Andover's town charter dictates town managers serve in five-year terms. If reappointed,

Stapczynski would serve his fifth term in Andover, the longest tenure of any Andover manager.

For the 2008 calendar year, Stapczynski made \$128,780 in salary. Travel allowances and other pay bumped his total earnings to \$130,908 for 2008.

Stapczynski, 61, and his wife, Sandy, have two sons who are now in college. The town charter requires Andover's town manager to live in town.

Prior to coming to Andover in June 1990, Stapczynski served in the roles of town manager and assistant town manager in Wilmington.

Veterans memorial's trees to come down

Part of improvements to Elm Green

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The downtown redesign may be complete, but some more trees will come down on Main Street starting as soon as tomorrow.

A makeover is in the works for the Elm Green veterans memorial, across the street from Memorial Hall Library.

Residents will notice changes as soon as Friday, Nov. 6, as trees surrounding the memorial's brick wall are cut down. Although six

feet tall when planted for the memorial's 1995 dedication, pine trees at the site have grown to more than 20 feet, dwarfing the small park and threatening the integrity of the wall, according to town officials.

The town plans to cut down most of the pines, and replace them with different species in the spring. The proposal includes installing a new plaque and repairing some brick and masonry.

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Snow way!



Photo by Neil Evans, courtesy Phillips Academy

Andover saw snow in October earlier this month, and Phillips Academy saw the white stuff descend again - and during a warm spell at that. Above, a worker for the movie "The Social Network" sprays fake snow for a scene filmed on campus Monday. Story, page 12.

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TREES: Town plans to cut down, replace pines

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"The trees that are there are far beyond the size of the site's original intent and design. They block off the brickwork, take away from the flag pole and make it hard to have meaningful ceremonies there," said Michael Burke, director of Andover's Veterans Services. "We are looking forward to freshening it up."

Burke has met with the town's Patriotic Holiday Committee, plant and facilities department and the citizens group Friends of Andover Community Trees, or FACT, about the improvements to Elm Green. A public forum about the project was held on Oct. 6 and about 10 people attended.

"Both Joe (Piantedosi, plant and facilities director) and I feel the wall is in jeopardy from the tree roots. A replant would be a wise idea," said Tree Warden Randy Pickersgill. "The trees are getting very large. Some of the trees have close to 15 years of growth, and are becoming too large for that little corner."

But FACT is opposed to the cutting of mature, healthy trees, said Chris Young, FACT chairwoman. The newly-formed



THEN: Elm Green as it looked in 1995.



NOW: Elm Green as it looks today.

Courtesy photos

group was consulted late in the process, after the Elm Green project was ready to begin.

"It's hard to change a project that has been going on (been planned) for years," said Young. "It's a shock to see an area cut ... That whole corner will look so bare."

After a walk-through of Elm Green with Pickersgill, FACT requested the town spare three trees, two Austrian pines and a little leaf linden tree. Piantedosi

complained and said they will re-evaluate the three trees in the spring.

Elm Green was dedicated Nov. 11, 1995 after gaining approval at 1992 Town Meeting, said Burke. The small space is not a memorial to a specific conflict or war, but to honor every Andover resident who has served in active military duty, including past, present and future veterans.

Right now, the site is used for veterans ceremonies only

in cases of inclement weather, when festivities must be cut short, said Burke.

Burke said he will be taking replanting designs before selectmen for approval in early spring. Young said FACT member Judy Wright has been hired to create the replanting designs.

The overgrowth may not be obvious to residents who pass by Elm Green all the time, said Burke, but a "sharp contrast" is evident when comparing photos

VETERANS DAY EVENTS, WEDNESDAY NOV. 11

Ceremonies will be at West Parish Cemetery at 10 a.m., Spring Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. and Ballardvale Green at noon.
Followed by a luncheon at the Masonic Temple, 7 High St., at 1 p.m.

of the 1995 dedication ceremony to current day.

This summer, selectmen approved the removal of several mature shade trees at Wood Park, a public space at the corner of Routes 28 and 133. Although healthy, the trees were causing a fence to buckle. The board received complaints from several residents about the move, who felt the trees should take precedence over the fence.

Although input from FACT and other stakeholders has been solicited for the Elm Green makeover, the memorial's ultimate authority lies with the Patriotic Holiday Committee, which supports the plans, said Burke.

Trees that will be taken down this fall and winter, starting Friday, have been tagged for about two weeks, said Piantedosi.

Air Force Band to perform concert Dec. 3

The United States Air Force Band of Liberty will play a Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center, 80 Shawsheen Road, Andover.

The director of Veterans' Service Office is hosting a Patriotic Concert. This is a free concert but tickets are required. Stop by the Veterans' Office or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Veterans' Office before Nov. 25.

Indicate how many tickets you need. There is a limit of six tickets per request. For more information call the Veterans' Office at 978-623-8218. Tickets are also available at the Andover Senior Center.

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WATER: Price going up over next 5 years

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other towns and its enterprise fund is a separate entity from the town's operating budget. Monday night's unanimous vote by selectmen (acting as water and sewer commissioners) also increased the rate for out-of-town consumers, from \$3.18 to \$3.50 per hundred cubic feet.

On July 1, 2008 Andover's water rate increased from \$2.52 to \$2.65 per hundred cubic feet, after a \$16 million project was completed to expand the water treatment plant. The town's water rate had been at \$2.52 for 14 years prior to 2008.

The full water budget and five-year rate projection is included in the Capital Improvement Program, beginning on page 90. The CIP is available at www.andoverma.gov, at Town Offices and Memorial Hall Library.

WATER PROJECTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fiscal year 2010 \$500,000 for water main improvements \$250,000 for water instrumentation/chemical feed \$650,000 for water treatment plant roof ■ Fiscal year 2009 \$86,815 for the Fishbrook pumping station ■ Fiscal year 2008 \$500,000 for water main improvements ■ Fiscal year 2007 \$500,000 for water main improvements \$1 million for a remote water meter program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fiscal year 2006 \$250,000 for water main improvements \$6.5 million for water treatment plant expansion \$300,000 for the Fishbrook pumping station \$20,000 for a salt infiltration study ■ Fiscal year 2005 \$900,000 for a remote water meter program \$250,000 for water main improvements \$400,000 for water storage tanks ■ Fiscal year 2004 \$4.8 million for water treatment plant improvements \$80,000 for water storage tanks \$399,810 for water main improvements
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ANDOVER'S WATER RATE HISTORY

- Fiscal year 2010: \$2.92 per 100 cubic feet
- Fiscal year 2009: \$2.65 per 100 cubic feet
- Fiscal years 1995 through 2008: \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet
- Fiscal year 1994: \$2.33 per 100 cubic feet

Andovers Village at Home earns non-profit status

The Andovers Village at Home recently reported he approval of its application as a 501c3 non-profit organization.

This determination will enable TAVAH to seek foundation funding and tax-deductible donations for start-up funds so it can achieve its goal of a fall 2010 operational start.

As a result of the vote taken at the Oct. 19 Board of Selectmen

meeting, TAVAH also received approval to rent office space within Andover's Town House. That office will be opening by December.

TAVAH, which has been in a planning stage since 2007, is being promoted by dedicated members of the Andover and North Andover communities who believe in the concept of helping older adults remain independent in their own homes even as their needs for assistance increase. TAVAH was inspired by Beacon Hill Village in Boston, the first such village, or intentional community in the US, and the catalyst for the over

50 such organizations operating nationally.

The Andovers Village at Home will be the first in the Merrimack Valley, although there are similar villages planned or in operation in 18 other communities across Massachusetts.

TAVAH is a non-profit membership organization providing information and referrals, services and programs for Andover and North Andover residents 50 years of age and older. Through relationships with vetted providers of services and strategic partners and an active corps of volunteers, TAVAH will offer an array of services to members.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Johnny's Super Market used to be at 43 Park St. in Andover.



NOW: The former location of Johnny's Super Market at 43 Park St. is now part of a small mall that includes Night & Day.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



Why can't we have a teachers union that is a responsible partner with the parents and administration whose first priority is striving for excellence in the schools rather than dictating who should be coach, who should speak at Andover High about the middle east, and how much taxes we should be paying.

Resident Sam Washburn, in a letter saying it's time to move on from the hiring of a new football coach. See Letters, page 11

That can go really fast. All it would take is a couple of big snowstorms. Last year, we were looking at a \$1 million special education deficit at this time.

Finance Committee member Joanne Marden on the \$1.6 million the town has in its "Free Cash" emergency account for this fiscal year. See story, page 5.



Veterans Day schedule and lead-in events

■ Andover will honor its veterans with its traditional Veterans Day services and other events in the coming days.

■ On Friday, Nov. 6, there will be an appreciation luncheon for Andover Veterans at noon at the Old Andover Town Hall. This is a free luncheon for Andover veterans but tickets are required because space is limited.

■ On Monday, Nov. 9, at 8:30

a.m. the Andover Veterans Office is sponsoring a program at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St. Breakfast will be provided by Marland Place. The Veterans Office will have a short question-and-answer program.

■ On Tuesday, Nov. 10, schools in town, including West Middle and Wood Hill Middle are planning events to honor town veterans.

■ On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, the theme is "Heroes Among Us," also the name of a book about Andover veterans, produced by volunteers in town.

■ There will be three brief ceremonies on Veterans Day, followed by a luncheon at the Masonic Temple at 7 High St. a 1 p.m. The ceremonies will held at West Parish Cemetery at 10

a.m., Spring Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. and Ballardvale Green at noon. The Veterans Day program will be held even if there is inclement weather. In case of moderate to heavy rain, a brief ceremony will be held at Elm Green at noon, followed by a program at the Masonic Lodge.

High fashion lands on Andover runway

The fall season always steps off in high fashion as the popular women's group in town, The Andona Society, hosts an annual fashion show.

This year's "A Night on the Runway 2" is Friday, Nov. 6 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at the Boston/Andover Wyndham Hotel,

Andover.

The "New York Fashion Week" style Fashion Show is all about the offerings at 15 local retail shops.

Upcoming Holiday and winter fashions are showcased while guests enjoy light fare, drinks and some complimentary

pampering services.

General admission is \$45 which includes a goody bag, complimentary pampering services and a light fare, coffee and dessert.

"VIP" Admission is \$75 which includes an upgraded goody bag, preferred seating during

the fashion show, complimentary pampering services, light fare, coffee, dessert and complimentary glass of champagne. Jen Pulsifer at jennifer.pulsifer@comcast.net or 978-208-1701 or Lisa DiAntonio at diantoniola@comcast.net or 617-293-9749 are the contacts.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

School Building Committee meeting with Bancroft PTO, Bancroft Elementary School, 9 a.m.

Information Technology Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 3 p.m.

Interstate 93/Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals regular monthly meeting, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 9

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

Tri-board subcommittee meeting, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

Bancroft School Improvement Council, Bancroft Elementary media center, 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

School Building Committee, Bancroft Elementary School cafeteria, 9 a.m.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Volunteers wanted: Schools creating committee to find 'new revenue'

The Andover Superintendent of Schools and School Committee invite Andover citizens who would be willing to volunteer their time to serve as a committee member on the New Revenue Strategic Planning Pin Point Committee. This Pin Point Committee is a critical but shorter-term component of the District wide strategic planning process now underway. The Committee's responsibility is to explore and identify new revenue generating opportunities that will be presented to the School Committee and Administration for consideration. The goal is to expand the sources of revenue that support the school budget. The committee will be co-chaired by School Committee Member Dennis Forgue and Dr. Claudia Bach, Superintendent of Schools. It will be the goal of the committee to present its findings to the Administration and School Committee in January 2010. Anyone

interested in volunteering for the New Revenue Strategic Plan Pin Point Committee should email a letter of interest to Dr. Claudia Bach, Superintendent of Schools cbach@aps1.net.

Coffee House to benefit mission trip

Who put the bop in bop-shu-bop-shu-bop? The answer will be found at the Ballard Vale United Church Coffee House on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. with doo-wops and folk songs from the late '50s and early '60s.

All proceeds will benefit a mission trip to Nicaragua planned for February 2011.

Admission will be \$10. Coffee and desserts will be available for purchase. Ballard Vale United Church is located at 23 Clark Road and is fully accessible. For more information, call Noni Yount at 978-470-2921.

Get test, help charity

On Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Align Health will hold an open house at 28 Andover St.,

Andover to benefit Challenge Unlimited.

Challenge Unlimited at the Ironstone Farm provides beneficial therapy for people with a wide range of physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities. The two primary programs are Challenge Unlimited and Ironstone Therapy both using the horse's unique ability to enhance a person's movements and touch a person's heart, inspiring strength, hope and encouragement.

The open house will provide new and existing patients with a variety of services for only a \$10 donation. 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated. For \$10, participants will receive a stress test utilizing NASA technology, a chiropractic adjustment, and a chair massage. Walk-ins are welcome, but due to the time restrictions, we encourage you to schedule in advance!

Align Health hopes to draw awareness to the benefits of the Challenge Unlimited programs. The money raised will go toward operating expenses.

English evening Nov. 7

There's still time to purchase tickets for an English Evening offering an elegant dinner and entertainment, sponsored by the Andover Sister Towns Association of Andover and North Andover. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Parish Church Hall, 129 Reservation Road.

Guests can anticipate a special menu prepared by local chef, Don Robb and his staff, consisting of appetizers, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roasted vegetables, English Trifle, and assorted sweets. There will also be surprises and prizes following a venue of entertaining music, theatrics, and readings to enjoy.

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Cost of potential town yard sites is kept under wraps

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The Town Yard Task Force is ranking each of the four properties the town could buy for a new town yard. Until that process is complete, Hooks Johnston, task force chairman, says he won't reveal how much each site could cost taxpayers.

"We want to make sure it's a viable opportunity before we talk about money. If it's not, then money is irrelevant," said Johnston this week.

The bidding process closed Oct. 12, and four parties submitted properties for consideration

for Andover's next town yard: 146 Dascomb Road, 5 Campanelli Drive, 167 Greenwood Road and 69 North St.

This month, the task force is looking over each property and proposal, determining how much of the acreage is usable, and considering wetlands and existing structures on the sites.

The town yard is where Andover houses some town vehicles and stores sand and road salt.

A new facility would need about seven acres, said Johnston, for a building, parking and storage. Each of the four sites,

on paper, is larger than seven acres. The question is figuring out which of them has seven acres that would work for a town yard, said Johnston.

This should happen in the next two weeks, he said, and the task force will rank the four properties. Cost figures for the properties will then be revealed, said Johnston.

Town yard's move from its existing location off Lewis Street to a new property could take place in 2011, Johnston said.

The prime downtown land that now houses the town yard would then be redeveloped.

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Oct. 29 - At 2:13 p.m., Grant C. Brewer, 23, of 150 Jackson St., Methuen, was arrested and charged on warrants.

Friday, Oct. 30 - At 2:32 p.m., Gary W. Balkan, 39, of 27 Kenmar Drive Apt. 12, Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance and possession of a class E substance.

Sunday, Nov. 1 - At 1:08 a.m., Joseph J. Gilbert, 20, of 34 Quinby Ave., Apt. 1, Westbrook, Maine, was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol. Gilbert was brought to Andover police by Merrimack College police.

At 1:32 a.m., Richard J. LaFlamme, 20, of 123 Frost Road, Tyngsborough, was arrested and charged with having a false/misused liquor ID card/license and underage possession of liquor. LaFlamme was also brought in by Merrimack College police.

At 7:44 p.m., Shawn W. Duncan, 39, of 81 Hawley St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 8:42 p.m., Angel M. Perez, 28, of 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, was arrested and charged with receiving/buying a stolen vehicle, marked lanes violation, driving with a suspended license, operating under the

influence of drugs and use of a motor vehicle without authority.

At 10 p.m., James Hogan, 58, of 67 River St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member, malicious destruction of property over \$250 and intimidating a witness.

Monday, Nov. 2 - At 3:52 p.m., Hans D. Jensen, 44, of 5 Ham-matt St., Apt. 5, Ipswich, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license, subsequent offense.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - At 3:01 p.m., detectives responded to take photographs of Traffic Officer David Cantone's vehicle, which had bumped into another vehicle on Essex Street.

Thursday, Oct. 29 - At 4:57 p.m., an employee at Zwicker and Associates, Minuteman Road, reported finding a tire slashed and his car hit while parked. Because of a previous incident, the caller believed the damage was intentional, said the police log.

Friday, Oct. 30 - At 11:04 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported the hubcaps had been stolen from his vehicle.

Sunday, Nov. 1 - At 8:25 a.m., a Washington Park Drive resident reported overnight vehicle vandalism.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - At 10:49 a.m., a North Main Street business owner reported finding his business broken into.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - At 2:04 p.m., a River Road resident reported theft of a bicycle from her property the previous night.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - At 6:52 p.m., there was a report of the theft of a wallet at the YMCA, Haverhill Street.

Thursday, Oct. 29 - At 5:16 p.m., a Nutmeg Lane resident reported fraud involving her bank account.

Friday, Oct. 30 - At 8:26 p.m., a cell phone was reported stolen on Shawsheen Road.

Monday, Nov. 2 - At 12:51 p.m., a report of fraud was filed from the Andover Federal Credit Union on Lupine Road.

At 5:14 p.m., a Henderson Avenue resident reported the theft of his lawn mower around 3:15. It was left near the edge of the street, so a person may have thought it was left out for the trash, said the police log.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - At 12:27 p.m., police and medical personnel responded to a 20-year-old female who had attempted suicide.

At 3:15 p.m., Phillips Academy,

■ NEWS IN BRIEF

L'Italien posts office hours to meet with residents

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien will hold constituent office hours in Andover at the Senior Center on Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.. Office hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 20, 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.

Board-game night at West Elementary Nov. 18

West Elementary School in Andover, is holding a Gamewright GameNight on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Families and community members will have the opportunity to play a

full selection of Gamewright's fun and educational table-top games, from best sellers such as Slamwich and Rat-a-Tat Cat to its newest titles, which include Ring-O Flamingo and Can You See What I See? Finders Keepers Game. In addition, the school will be selling Gamewright games during the event and 50 percent of the profits will go back to support the school.

The Gamewright GameNight is a community-building event that brings together families for an evening of game playing while also raising needed funds for local schools and organizations.

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percent of the proceeds going back to support the sponsoring organization. Since its inception in 2005, over 140 organizations have held successful GameNights throughout the United States.

To learn more about hosting a GameNight, call 800-638-7568 Ext. 221 or email gamenight@gamewright.com.

November health clinics at Frye Circle, senior center

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Nov. 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons and on Monday, Nov. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Nov. 4, 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

Main Street, filed a report of harassment.

At 5:09 p.m., police and medical personnel responded to a 54-year-old female who had taken pills with alcohol in attempt to commit suicide.

At 5:32 p.m., a Swan Lane resident reported vandalism to his property.

At 11:19 p.m., a Farrwood Drive resident reported hearing gunshots. A responding officer found all to be quiet.

Thursday, Oct. 29 - At 7:59 p.m., a Gradall Lane caller reported a suspicious white vehicle in the area. Officer David Carriere responded and found it to be "a group of guys with a band," said the police log. At 10:01 p.m., police received a noise complaint about the band on Gradall Lane.

At 9:01 p.m., a resident came into the police station to be served a court summons.

Saturday, Oct. 31 - At 3:33 a.m., medical personnel responded to an industrial accident on Federal Street, where a man had a hand laceration. OSHA was notified.

At 11:08 a.m., a motorist called 911 to report a low-flying jet had just flown over 1 Union St.

At 1:03 p.m., a Rattlesnake Hill Road resident called to report the theft of a ladder from under his deck. At 3:09 p.m., he called back to say that a neighbor had borrowed it without telling him.

At 3:27 p.m., a motorist reported a dresser in the road on Haverhill Street. A responding officer moved the dresser out of the roadway.

Throughout Saturday afternoon and evening, police received several reports from around town of fallen branches and downed wires due to high winds.

At 8:23 p.m., an officer spoke to a group of youths on Park Street, advising them to stay out of the road.

At 10:31 p.m., an officer reported finding lights on in a home that recently reported a break-in. Upon investigation, the officer found no one home but a radio on.

At 10:38 p.m. and 11:09 p.m., police and an ambulance responded to Old Campus Road and Inwood Lane, attending to intoxicated teenagers who had to be taken to the hospital.

At 11:21 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle on Lincoln Circle that had several females with alcohol. The officer contacted their parents, and waited with the vehicle for the parents to arrive and pick them up.

At 11:52 p.m., an officer gave a criminal complaint for a liquor violation to an address on Noel Road.

Sunday, Nov. 1 - At 2:46 a.m., a 911 caller reported a fight on Essex Street. Responding

officers broke up a gathering and called cabs to take two subjects to Lawrence.

Monday, Nov. 2 - At 7:10 a.m., a Lowell Street caller reported a transformer blew and the power went out.

At 7:32 a.m., multiple 911 calls reported a table in the middle of Route 125.

At 7:35 a.m., a 911 caller reported a coyote in a yard on Abbot Street. The caller was advised that the animal is wild-life, and that coyotes live in the area, said the police log.


AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - At 11:33 a.m., a County Road resident reported a hit-and-run crash, with a white box truck causing damage to a tree and his property.

At 4:02 p.m., a motorist reported her back windshield shattered as she was pulling into Shawsheen Plaza from North Main Street. A responding officer found the glass shattered for "no apparent reason," said the police log, and said broken glass needed to be swept up from the roadway.

Thursday, Oct. 29 - At 5:16 p.m., Sgt. Patrick Keefe reported cruiser damage on Lupine Road.

Monday, Nov. 2 - At 3:20 p.m., a hit-and-run was reported in a Minuteman Road parking lot.



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More than expected in town's rainy-day fund

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Now that the dust has settled after Town Meetings in May, August and October, Andover's free cash account has \$1.6 million, more than expected. Although the "rainy day" account, officially called Andover's undesignated fund balance, is at

one of the lowest levels in recent history, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said "I'm very pleased, considering everything we had to do to close the fiscal year." Free cash is surplus funds, available for emergencies or unexpected expenses throughout the year. The balance is generated by surplus revenues or budgeted expenditures that are never spent,

said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden. "I'm glad we have that much (\$1.6 million), but it doesn't provide much of a cushion when we're talking about a budget that's around \$40 million," said Marden. "The tighter budgets get, the more difficult it is to handle unforeseen costs." Both Marden and Stapczynski

– and selectmen at an Oct. 19 meeting – agreed it was admirable that free cash's balance was maintained during a difficult budget season. The free cash balance is a "snapshot as of a particular date," said Marden. "One of the reasons you need to have reserves is for unforeseen emergencies, so you don't have to cut your operating

budget to cover those." In the past, free cash has been used for unexpected special education costs, state aid reductions or weather emergencies, paying for extra snow removal and the like, said Marden. "It doesn't take much ... That (\$1.6 million) can go really fast. All it would take is a couple of big snowstorms. Last year, we were

looking at a \$1 million special education deficit at this time," said Marden. Town Meeting voters must approve the move any time free cash is spent, said Marden. Andover's policy is to maintain a combined balance of free cash and stabilization funds that represents 3 to 7 percent of general fund revenues.

BACH: Head of schools could leave before year is out

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place." Bach, 66, announced last Tuesday she will step down at the end of this school year. She began as Andover's superintendent in 1998.

Right now, she has no job offers and anticipates staying through the end of her contract, June 30. But that is not definite, she said.

The School Committee had "preliminary discussions" about the superintendent's contract in executive sessions on Sept. 21 and 29; Bach joined the closed-door discussions on Oct. 5 and 20, said Silberstein.

"It was very preliminary, we met with her two times. As a result of those discussions, this is where we landed," Silberstein said.

No vote was ever taken on whether to extend Bach's contract through next year, Silberstein said. Bach suggested stepping down on Sept. 20 and the committee voted to accept her resignation in executive session on Oct. 27.

Bach, Silberstein and member Dennis Forgue all said the decision was Bach's, and was not the result of any School Committee suggestion.

"For whatever reason, she decided it was time for her to leave this job. It was her call," said Forgue.

On Sept. 23, 2008, a 3-2 vote was taken to extend Bach's contract for another year in a School Committee executive session. The actual contract was signed



Claudia Bach was hired as Andover superintendent of schools in 1998.

File photo

Jan. 6, 2009 and the news was announced that January night. The two votes against the contract extension were cast by Forgue and then-member Tony James. Two new members of the School Committee were voted in this past March. This week, Bach said last year's split vote did not affect her decision to step down.

"I wanted to give the School Committee plenty of time (to look for a new superintendent). In all fairness to the community, I knew it had to happen in the fall," she said of making the decision this month.

The School Committee will discuss the superintendent search process at its Nov. 10 meeting. "We're off and running," said

Forgue of replacing Bach. "We were fortunate to have her leadership for as long as we did. We have a strong school system."

Silberstein says Bach will receive no severance or retirement package upon leaving; all her salary and benefits are prorated in her contract. For the calendar year 2008, Bach made a total of \$185,341: \$159,604 in regular pay plus a benefit package and \$5,000 travel allowance.

For about five years, Bach said she and the School Committee have been working on a plan to replace a series of principals who reached retirement age at the same time. She was the last piece of that puzzle, said Bach. "A good superintendent plans

for his or her succession from the moment they start work," said Bach. "There are some real challenges that make it hard for me to leave, including budget issues and building a new school (Bancroft Elementary)."

LOOKING BACK

In her 11-year tenure, Bach says she is most proud of fostering what she describes as a collaborative and strong leadership team, built on trust.

"When I first came, the principals were silos in their buildings, not really working as a group," she said.

Bach's model gives principals a great deal of authority in their own budget and staffing, she said, but also encourages them to work together, solving problems and meeting in groups.

"It's a really unique model. It's one of the reasons that some of our principals have come here," said Bach. "I very rarely second-guess a principal's hiring decision ... We know a teacher is the single most important item for student achievement. For me, my most important hire is principals, and their most important hire is teachers."

With a lifetime career in education, Bach said she feels she has expertise to offer, and is looking for the right challenge to tackle after leaving Andover.

This week, Bach said she could see herself working on state or federal-level education initiatives to improve student achievement or to attract teachers to the science, technology, engineering

and math areas. "I'm interested in challenges that are going on in school districts, and I feel I may have something to offer, in some capacity, somewhere," she said. "I think that there's interesting work going on out there."

Milestones of Bach's tenure have included the creation of an engineering program in Andover's three middle schools and participating in an exchange program with Chinese educators, where she journeyed to China, touring schools in the spring of 2008 and hosting a group of Chinese principals in Andover, engaging them in school activities.

Debate about school overcrowding resulting in Andover building High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools on the west side of town. The schools, which share space such as a cafeteria, opened in 2002. Bach estimates she went to more than 100 public meetings as she oversaw the building process.

In 11 years, Bach said she's seen the system evolve from principals not knowing how to send an e-mail to using it as a primary source of communication. School libraries have reflected this change as well, becoming "media centers" equipped with Internet access and other technology.

Curriculum has changed to incorporate "21st century skills," she said, preparing students for a global workplace.

"Twelve years ago, no one was thinking that way," said Bach.

Rotary Thanksgiving food drive

The Andover Rotary Club is encouraging residents to help the less fortunate have a hunger-free Thanksgiving this year.

Its Thanksgiving food drive runs through Thursday, Nov. 19. Nonperishable food items can be donated at several businesses in town, including the Andover Townsman office, 33 Chestnut St.

Rotary members package the donated food items into boxes, add turkeys and all the fixings, and give them to Merrimack Valley families through the Andover Housing Authority, Lazarus House, Bread and Roses and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Each year, the Andover Rotary Club delivers more than 200 Thanksgiving boxes with turkeys, said organizer Paula Evans.

"We are always looking to make a holiday a happier one by helping the less fortunate. Any and all donations a appreciated and accepted," said Evans in an e-mail.

—Bethany Bray

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- The Savings Bank, 84 Main St.
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- Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Elm Square
- Merrimack College, Sakowich Campus
- Center Career Services Office, room 370 River Bank, 30 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover
- Danversbank, 18-20 Central St.
- Stone Wall Real Estate, 89 North Main St.

SEARCH: Finding a new superintendent for Andover begins now

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travel expenses, to complete the search, said Silberstein.

When Bach was hired in 1998, Andover's human resources department conducted the

search. Bach applied from her school system in Oregon.

Silberstein said the field is very different now, 11 years later, and there are more than 50 superintendent openings in Massachusetts already this year.

The superintendent search will be discussed further at the Nov. 10 School Committee meeting, and MASC representatives will discuss a possible timeline, said Silberstein.

If hired, the MASC will develop

a "leadership profile," identifying the district's success factors, major issues and expectations, said Silberstein. The search

process would include meeting with focus groups of parents, staff and other stakeholders.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

AUTHOR READING, Brian MacQuarrie will read from his latest book, "The Ride," a shocking murder and a bereaved Massachusetts father's journey from rage to redemption about the 1997 abduction and murder of 10-year-old Jeffrey Curley. We will be joined by Bob Curley, the boy's father who has moved from calling for the death penalty to becoming a powerful voice against capital punishment, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143

LIVE SWING MUSIC, with the legendary Glenn Miller Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., \$35 door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

BLOOD DRIVE, Methuen YMCA, 29 Haverhill St., Methuen, 2-7 p.m.; 978-683-5266.

WINE TASTING EVENT, 6 to 9 p.m., Berkeley Retirement Home, 150 Berkeley St., Lawrence, \$25 per person, hosted by the Lawrence Rotary Club and the Berkeley Retirement Home; Kathy Boshar, kboshar@comcast.net.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

FACULTY PIANO RECITAL, 7:30 p.m., the Phillips Academy Music Department will present Stephen Porter performing music of Handel, Ravel and Liszt, Cochran Chapel, free and open to the public; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

ANDONA SOCIETY FASHION SHOW, 7 to 11 p.m., Wyndham Ballroom, Andover.

LIVE THEATER, Merrimack Junior Theatre, Robin Hood the Musical, 7:30 p.m., North Andover Middle School Auditorium, 495 Main St., North Andover; \$8. Performances on Saturday and Sunday also.

LIVE THEATER, "Bad Seed" by Acting Out!, 56 Island St., Lawrence, 7:30 p.m., \$12; 978-794-0001, actingouttheater@comcast.net. Shows also happening Saturday, Nov. 7 at 2, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

LIVE THEATER, Northern Essex Community College's Top Notch players present former American poet laureate Richard Wilbur's adaptation of "Tartuffe," 7:30 p.m., \$10, Top Notch Theater, third floor, Spurk Building, Haverhill Campus, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill, with Ryan Jennings of Andover as Damis; Shows also happening Nov. 7, 12, 13, and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Susan Sanders at 978 556-3374.

OPENING RECEPTION, for Digital and Gelatin Silver: Hometowns and Beyond, 6:30-8:30 p.m., show is through Nov. 22, Loading Dock Gallery, Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell.

ARMENIAN FOOD & FALL FESTIVAL, Armenian Church At Hye Pointe, 110 Main St., Haverhill, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., featuring Armenian & Middle East cuisine; 978-372-9227.

BOOK SALE, Flint Memorial Library Activity Room, 147 Park St., North Reading, 4-8 p.m.; 978-664-4942.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT, Reading Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Andover resident Roland Vazquez, 8 p.m., Rogers Center at Merrimack College, North Andover, \$15 adults, \$10 students, seniors, children under 12 are free; 978-664-5614.

LIVE THEATER, Theatre III's production of "City of Angels" opens, with Andover resident, Susan Dalton, 250 Central St., West Acton. For tickets visit theatre3.org or call 978-263-9070.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

WORK PARTY, along Merrimack River at Deer Jump Reservation, 9 a.m. to noon. Park past 15 Launching Road. All AVIS trail enthusiasts welcome; David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

ELEGANT ENGLISH DINNER, and entertainment, hosted by Andover Sister Towns Association of Andover and North Andover, 6:30 p.m., \$35 single, \$50 couple, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; Frank Hopkins 978-470-0702, fhopkins02@comcast.net; Marcia O'Donnell 978-470-1136, trachmate@comcast.net.

SAMARITAN VOLUNTEER TRAINING, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also happening Nov. 14, participants must attend all sessions. For more information, call Debbie at 978-327-6671.

LIVE HYPNOTIST, Class of 2012 at Andover High School hosts "ESP Mind Reading and Get Tranced," Collins Center, 7-9 p.m., with Master Comedic Hypnotist Dan Candell, \$8 advance, \$10 door, all ages welcome; Paula Brady, sophomore class adviser, pbrady@aps1.net.

LIVE FOLK MUSIC, Ballard Vale United Church Coffee House, 7:30 p.m. with doo-wops and folk songs from the late 50s and early 60s, \$10, proceeds benefit a mission trip to Nicaragua, coffee and desserts will be available for purchase, 23 Clark Road, Andover; Noni Yount, 978-470-2921.

LIVE THEATER, Colonial Chorus Players presents "Seussical," the musical, 8 p.m., \$15-18, the Parker Middle School, Reading; 781-944-9780; also being staged Nov. 13, 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 8, 15 at 2 p.m.

BOOK SALE, Flint Memorial Library Activity Room, 147 Park St., North Reading, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE, Align Health, 28 Andover St., Andover, hosts open house to benefit Challenge Unlimited, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., new and existing patients will learn about a variety of services for only a \$10 donation; Walk-ins are welcome, advance registration encouraged.

ARMENIAN FOOD & FALL FESTIVAL, see Nov. 6 entry.

LIVE THEATER, Merrimack Junior Theatre, Robin Hood the Musical, 7:30 p.m., see Nov. 6 entry.

COFFEE HOUSE, to benefit mission trip, doo-wop and folk songs, 7:30 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church 23 Clark Road, \$10 at the door, coffee and dessert.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

LIVE MUSIC, Boston Saxophone Quartet, a wind performance featuring music from Swing, Ragtime, Jazz, The Beatles, and music back to the Renaissance, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8401, Ext. 49, eclasson@mhl.org.

LIVE JAZZ, with Faculty Jazz Ensembles, 3 p.m., Phillips Academy Music Department hosts, with Joel Springer, saxophone; Peter Cirelli, trombone;

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Fairy tales and Tchaikovsky

Former WGBH radio host Knisely to narrate ACMS event

FAIRYTALES WITH ANDOVER CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Sunday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m.
West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road
Concert features classical music inspired by legends and fairytales, including Maurice Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite," Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" as well as David Mullikin's "The Emperor and the Nightingale," a Hans Christian Andersen story set to music

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Donald Palma, bass
Julie Scolnik, flute
Richard Knisely, narrator

radio host Richard Knisely - will read Andersen's fairytale. For more information or tickets, visit www.andoverchambermusic.org or call or 978-474-6222 - Bethany Bray



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover resident Kathleen Dalton is among the cast of Theatre III's production of "City of Angels," opening Nov. 6 in West Acton. Pictured, left to right, are Jennifer McCartney (of Maynard), Evan Kelly (of Chelmsford), Corey Jackson (of Lynn), Sarah Jackson (of Lynn), Kathleen Dalton (of Andover) and Tom Ryder (of Acton).

Andover actress part of dual detective drama

Andover resident Kathleen Dalton is among the cast of Theatre III's production of "City of Angels," opening this Friday, Nov. 6 in West Acton.

"If you like noir detective mystery, close-harmony jazz, femmes fatale, witty dialogue, decadent Hollywood and great voices, then you will love City of Angels," according to Theatre III.

Performance dates are Nov. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. For tickets, visit theatre3.org or call 978-263-9070.

Dalton a resident of City of Angels

Theatre III is located at 250 Central St. in West Acton.

"City of Angels" centers around Stine, an author who is preparing a screenplay of his popular novel and his fictional character Stone, a hard-boiled private investigator. The musical weaves back and forth between Stine's

real life in color and the movie scenes in black and white. Most of the actors play dual roles as characters both in Stine's life and in the movie, making this musical a real acting challenge. Throw a radio crooner, a jazz quartet, two thugs and an iron lung into the mix you have the evening's entertainment.

"City of Angels" is directed by Tom Wachtell with music direction by Cindi Silverman and Susie Allen and choreography by Christine Campbell.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover tenor wins Quartet Contest

Andover resident Bob Shapiro, tenor in the Northern Comfort quartet, recently won the Barbershop Harmony Society's Northeastern District Seniors Quartet Contest. Quartet members (left to right) are Bob Shapiro, tenor, Ray DesChamps, lead; Rand Morse, bass, and Gene Anderson, baritone.

The competition was held in Manchester, Conn., on Oct. 23 and 24. The Northern Comfort Quartet is part of the Townsman Chorus, a men's chorus that meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the All Saints Church, on Blaisdell Street in Haverhill. Visitors always are welcome.

Contact Bob at 978-688-5306 for information.

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High school student, principal are remembered through Nov. 8 race

The 9th Annual Larry Robinson 10 Miler and 5K Race and Alex Miliotis 5K Walk, co-sponsored by The Savings Bank and Wyeth Bio Tech, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m. at Andover High School.

Proceeds from the registration fees for the 10-mile and 5K races go directly to the Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in memory of former Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson who passed away in 1999, and Andover High School student athlete Alex Miliotis who lost her battle with cancer in 2002 at

the age of 16. An additional donation will also be made to the Alex Team Foundation in support of pediatric oncology research in Alex's memory.

The 2008 race and walk raised nearly \$20,000 for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, bringing the total amount raised to more than \$180,000 over the past eight years, according to Race Director and a two-time cancer survivor Roy Dennehy.

The success of the annual race and walk is the result of the hard work and commitment of the committee, according to Dennehy. More than 800 runners

participate each year.

Dennehy praised Andover High School teacher Betsey Desfosse, saying, "Without Betsey's support, this event would not be the huge success it has become."

Pre-registration race chips and race numbers can be picked up at Andover High School lobby from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or on the day of the race, from 7 to 8:45 a.m. at Andover High School.

The race/walk begins with post registration and number pick-up starting at 7 to 8:45 a.m. The 10-mile race will start at 9 a.m., with the 5K race/walk at 9:10 a.m.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female open winners, as well as the top three finishers in each age category for both the 5K and 10-mile races. Age categories include: (10 mile and 5K) in the following categories: 13 and under; 14-18; 19-29; 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in the 80+ category in the 5K race. The event begins and ends at Andover High School, 80 Shaw-sheen Road, with the route traveling the scenic neighborhood roads around the Indian Ridge Country Club. Both the 10 mile

and 5K courses are USATF certified/sanctioned with splits each mile. Chip computerized course timing will be provided by Bay State Race services. No roller blades, bikes or skateboards will be allowed.

Entry forms are available at the Andover Office of The Savings Bank, Andover High School, Whirlaway Sports Center, Methuen, and Andover Town Hall.

The cost for the 10-mile race is \$20 for registrations received by mail, \$18 for online entries via www.coolrunning.com/major/09/larryrobinson and \$20 at the race.

The cost for the 5K run is \$15 for registrations received by mail or for online entries, as well as on the race day. And \$20 for online, mail and on the day of the race for the 5K walk. Online registration ends on Nov. 6.

Checks should be made payable to the Larry Robinson Race or the Alex Miliotis Walk and mailed to PO Box 4437, Windham, N.H. 03087. The first 500 runners/walkers will receive a custom designed long-sleeve shirt.

For information, call race director Roy Dennehy at 978-687-2709, or contact him via email at rkd6@msn.com.

Andona supports roots music curriculum



The All-Town Cultural Enrichment Committee welcomed Roots Music Collective, part of Young Audiences of Massachusetts, for the first of its Andover elementary performances "Roots of American Music." Shown accepting a giant check from the Andona Society, which paid for the program in conjunction with the PTOs, are (back row, from left) Cindy Jeffery (Andona Society), trombonist and bassist Dan Fox, drummer Taurus Biskis, banjo and guitarist Crick Diefendorf, Lisa Kole (Andona); and (front row, from left) Donna Robinson (All-Town Cultural Enrichment Committee chair), student Evan Lin, student Ian Jeffery, student Kate O'Neill, Principal Colleen McBride, and Susan Rocca (Andona).

COURTESY PHOTO

YMCA offers 'Membership for All' pricing structure

New Y member rates based on household income

The Andover/North Andover YMCA is offering membership rates based on household income, an effort to make the Y available to struggling families and individuals.

Individuals making less than \$25,000 and families making less than \$55,000 based on household income are eligible for the Y's new "Membership for All" program.

This new pricing structure, which took effect Nov. 1, will not replace the Merrimack Valley YMCA's current financial assistance program, which takes into consideration the members' overall situation, including the number of dependents and monthly income.

"For middle income families,

many of whom are struggling in this difficult economy, our YMCA wants to continue to be accessible to all. Everyone deserves the opportunity to be part of the YMCA, to get healthy, stay physically active, and strengthen family bonds. We can help all people afford that opportunity," said Stephen Ives, Merrimack Valley YMCA president/CEO, in a press release.

"The YMCA is able to offer this sliding fee scale thanks to the generous donors whose contributions to our 'Reach Out for Youth & Families' annual campaign enable us to realize our mission of being open and accessible to all."

Members use the YMCA's wellness centers with cardiovascular

and strength training equipment, group exercise classes (including Zumba, cardio kickboxing, Spinning, Step, Yoga, and more) gymnasiums for organized ball play or individual practice, and monthly family nights and special seasonal and holiday celebrations.

The Andover/North Andover branch also offers indoor swimming pools for swimming lessons, family fun swims, aquatic workouts and opportunities for organized, competitive swim teams.

For information or to apply for YMCA "Membership for All," stop by the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St. or visit www.mvymca.org.

Service Club of Andover honors Ruszkowskis for philanthropy

Andover residents Deb and Steve Ruszkowski were given the Service Club of Andover's "Make a Difference" award recently for their tireless work and philanthropy, including "a commitment to providing quality healthcare and education to the sick and

the poor in the Boston area and in Haiti, Ireland and Kenya," according to a club release.

Kent Wanzek and Enzo Fossella presented the annual award at the club's 15th annual fund raising dinner and auction at the Andover Country

Club. Matt Noyes from NECN served as master of ceremonies and auctioneer for the evening. Favorite causes of the Ruszkowskis include the CRUDEM Foundation, which operates a hospital in Haiti; the Pure In Heart program taught by Deb Ruszkowski;

and the Washington, D.C.-based Project HOPE, providing medical relief and support services to developing countries and those affected by natural disasters. The Ruszkowskis are committed to educating and helping the youth in these areas to reduce

the problems caused by poverty, lack of resources, lack of education and unwelcome foreign influence, according to the club.

The auction raised over \$68,000, according to Chairmen Pete Paglia.

The Service Club of Andover

is a group of business people and residents of Andover who supports the activities of the youth of Andover and developmentally delayed people in the Merrimack Valley. Visit www.serviceclubofandover.org for more information.

Mapping your place in the world

It's time to get ready for Geography Awareness Week.

This year's theme is "Get Lost in Mapping: Find your place in the World".

Geography is more than just maps. It is about cultures, people, environments and weather.

Look at your school. Draw a map of your school building.

Locate your classroom on your map. Also locate all the places you go: library, computer lab, cafeteria, bathroom, music room, gym, school office, and playground.

Make a list of the different jobs people do in your school.

List what activities take place in your school.

Chart the weather for the week.

Now that you know about your school, take a look at the community.

As a class, draw a map of your community. Locate your school.

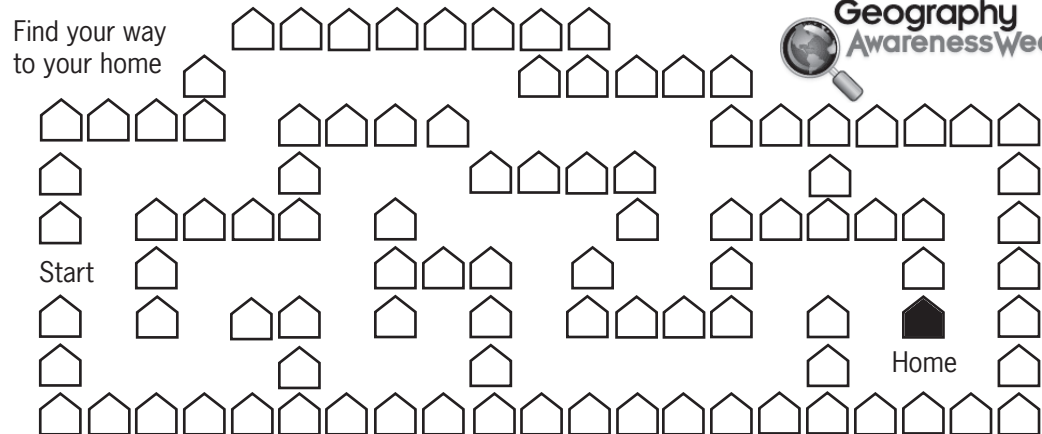
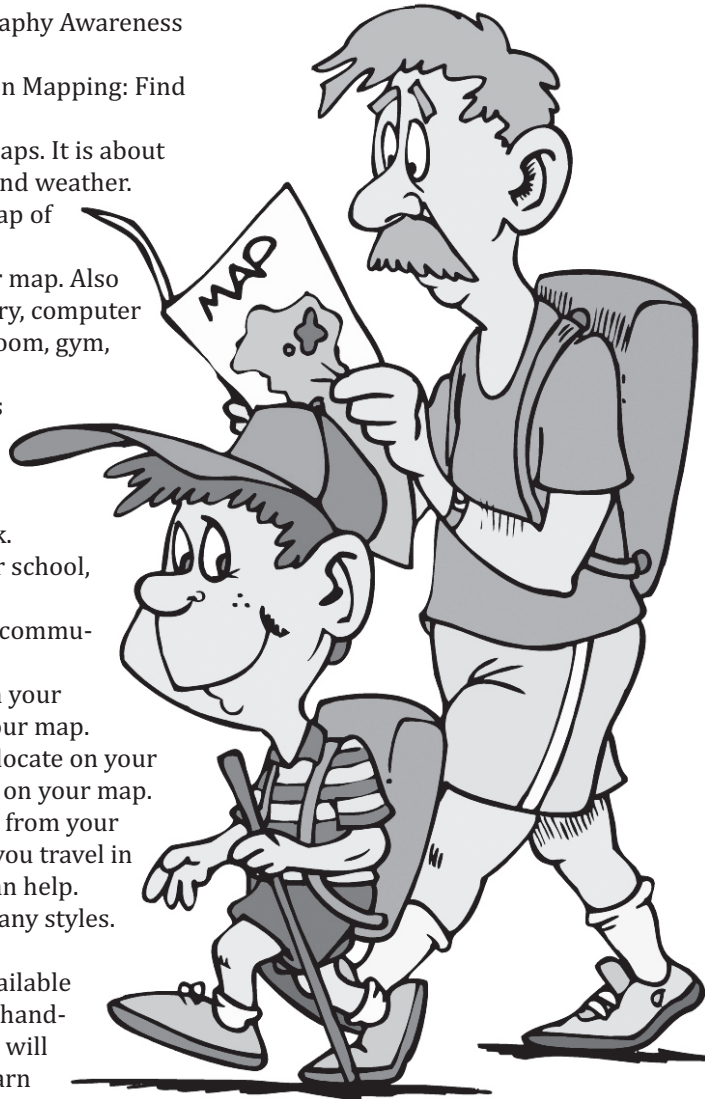
Make a list of the businesses in your area and try to locate them on your map.

What other things should you locate on your map? Make a list and mark them on your map.

You may not need a map to get from your house to the school. However, if you travel in an area you don't know, a map can help.

Today, maps are available in many styles. Paper maps are the old stand-by.

However, GPS technology is available on computers, in vehicles and in hand-held systems. Next week, the Kid will explore GPS technology as we learn about mapping your world.



Newspaper in Education activity
Search your newspaper for names of places. You might find towns or addresses of businesses. Make a list and then try to locate them on the map you made in class.



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William J. Coderre, 77



ANDOVER — William J. Coderre, 77, of Andover, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 at Youville Hospital in Cambridge.

He was born in Southbridge, Feb. 21, 1932. William was a member of St. Augustine Church. He was a graduate of MIT, Class of 1954 and was very involved in local politics.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria P. (Fierro) Coderre of Andover; one son, William H. Coderre and his wife Jennifer of San Jose, Calif.; one daughter, Aline V. Ubbink and her husband Stephen of Clifton Springs, N.Y.;

one granddaughter, Emma Jane Ubbink; one sister, Elisabeth Boyle and her husband George of South Hadley; one brother, John Coderre of Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral Mass on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Calling hours were Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Burial in Spring Grove Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Mass Affiliate Inc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688 or Friends of the Andover Senior Center, P.O. Box 703, Andover, MA 01810. For more information go to www.burkemagliozi.com.

Libby Wheeler Crowell, 91



WEST BARNSTABLE—Libby Wheeler Crowell passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at age 91, at her home in West Barnstable, with her family at her side. She succumbed from a long-term struggle with the multiple effects of Alzheimer's, heart disease and diabetes. Through all she maintained her good humor and strong Yankee positive attitude.

Her mother and father, Elisha and Alice Maud Lewis Wheeler, and brothers Paul, Harry, and Richard, and husband F. Blair Crowell, all predeceased her.

She was a loving and devoted mother to her only child, Susan Latus, and adored her son-in-law, Donald Latus, of West Barnstable. Her friends were many and they meant the world to her and she missed many of them after she moved away from Andover in 1995 to live with her daughter in Elgin, Ill., and then to West Barnstable for the last six years. Libby was born, raised and educated in the Rocky Neck section of Gloucester. Soon thereafter she married F. Blair Crowell and moved to Wakefield and then to Chappaqua, N.Y. for the next 20 years, until her husband retired. Following retirement, they moved to St. Thomas, VI, before moving

back to Massachusetts and settling in Andover. In her youth, Libby was very athletic and loved all sports. She bowled in later years and regaled her friends and family with the poetry she could recite for hours.

She was also a terrific cook, known for her Saturday night baked bean dinners.

As a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Chappaqua Fire Dept. for many years, she hosted numerous picnics and softball games. She was always full of life and fun with a glint in her eye and good humor to all who met her.

Besides her daughter and son-in-law, Donald and Susan Latus, she leaves her niece, Paula Hudson (Calvert) of Moody, Maine; great-nieces and nephews, Alison, Robert and Jamie Gray, Amy and Andrew Hudson. She also leaves sister-in-law, Marge Crowell of South Hamilton and niece, Cindy (Paul) Stelling of Ipswich, Barbara Archibald of Palm City, Fla., Gardner and Richard Crowell of Massachusetts.

ARRANGEMENTS: A visiting hour was held in the John-Lawrence Funeral Home, 3778 Falmouth Road, (Route 28) Marston Mills, on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 from 2 to 3 p.m. A graveside service was conducted Monday at 11 a.m., in Wenham Cemetery, Wenham. In lieu of flowers, Libby would have preferred donations to be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod, 765 Attucks Lane, Hyannis MA 02601.

John W. Flynn, Sr.



ANDOVER — John W. “Jack” Flynn, Sr. of Andover and formerly of Woburn, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at the Holy Family Hospital in

Methuen. Jack was born in Winchester, to the late Edward A. and Sophie (Mostika) Flynn. Jack was a graduate of Woburn High School, Class of 1956 and a graduate of the Mass. College of Pharmacy, Class of 1963. Jack owned and operated several pharmacies in the Billerica and Southern New Hampshire areas with his business partner and close friend Thomas Dolan. Jack was a past president and co-founder of the Billerica Boys and Girls Club and also past president of the Billerica Lions Club. He was an assistant coach of the Billerica High School freshman football team and also coached Andover Church League basketball. Jack enjoyed and traveled extensively and was an avid golfer, skier and boater as well as a huge Patriots

fan. However, his greatest passion was his family.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife, Elinor J. (Finnerty) Flynn of Andover; his children, Cynthia L. Heywood and her husband Christopher of Haverhill, John W. “Jay” Flynn, Jr. and his wife Lydia of Denver, and Terrence P. Flynn and his wife Amy of Haverhill; his grandchildren, Lauren, Zachary, Andrew, Alyssa and Christopher, Jr.; his siblings, Maureen Flynn of Sturbridge, Joseph Flynn of Woburn, Edward Flynn of Woburn and Peter Flynn of Billerica; as well as many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended his funeral service on Monday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. in the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Interment followed in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Calling hours were Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the funeral home. For those who wish, Jack may be remembered through donations to The Holy Family Foundation, 70 East St., Methuen, MA. 01844, or The Methuen MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Florence Wante, 82



METHUEN — Florence “Flo” (Leblanc) Wante, 82, former long-time resident of Methuen, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1926, the daughter of Benjamin and Jenny (Perry) Leblanc, and attended Andover public schools. She worked for Western Electric before retiring after 30 years of service.

She was predeceased by the love of her life, Roland, whom she met in elementary school and together they shared 56 wonderful years of marriage. She was known for her amazing giving spirit, unending devotion to her family, passion for the Red Sox and Celtics, and her love of Foxwoods and bingo. She was an exceptional bowler, having won many candlepin tournaments over the years. Her family loved her dearly and she will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses, including Ronald Wante and his wife Catherine of Hampstead, N.H., Glenn

Wante and his wife Rosalind of Derry, N.H., Mark Wante and his wife Laura of Methuen, Karen Davey and her husband Mark of Andover, and Susan Wante and her partner Elizabeth of Salem, N.H. She also leaves behind her 12 loving grandchildren, Janet, Lori, Ronald, Nicole, Chris, Steve, Schyla, Jennifer, Alison, Cameron, Carson, and Nate and 14 great-grandchildren. Additionally, she is also survived by her sister, Anita Poirier; sister-in-law, Lorraine Thompson; as well as many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 at 9 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Council Parish at St. Theresa's Church, 22 Plymouth St., Methuen. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery, North Lowell St., Methuen. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Florence's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For directions and condolences, please visit our Web site and online guestbook at www.cataudellaFH.com.

Louise M. Peters, 84



METHUEN — Mrs. Louise M. (Lararonda) Peters, 84, of Methuen, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 at the Wingate in Andover.

Louise was born Feb. 1, 1925 in Lawrence, to the late Michael and Antoinette (Mele) Laratonda. She was educated in the local grammar schools of Lawrence and was a graduate of Lawrence High School.

Mrs. Peters was a parishioner of Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church, where she was a member of the Saint Rita's Sodality. Louise worked for many years as a window dresser for various clothing shops on Essex Street in Lawrence.

Louise enjoyed bingo, knitting and crocheting. Her special trademarks were making many afghans and several pair of slipper socks. She especially loved spending time and being involved with all of her grandchildren.

Husband of the late William J. Peters, married in 1948, her family members include her daughter, Christine Sirois and her husband Steven of Salem,

N.H.; sons, Wayne Peters and his wife Julie of Seabrook, N.H., Gary Peters and his wife Darlene of Londonderry, N.H.; her grandchildren, Sean Peters, Garrett Peters, Kristi Peters, Chad Peters, Josh Peters, Jonathan Peters, Briana Peters, Christian Peters, Lauren Sirois and Jason Sirois; her great-grandchildren, Madysen Dane and Jake Dane; as well as several nieces and nephews; and her sister, Rose Messina of Andover; her sister-in-law, Mae Laratonda of Haverhill. Sister of the late Mary Bonenfant, Lena Laratonda, Carmela Tripoli, and Daniel Laratonda. Louise's family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at the Wingate.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Calling hours were Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For online condolences and other information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Alfio's Society Building Fund, 20 Common St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Mary Shiebler, 93

ANDOVER — Mary (Ward) Shiebler, 93, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009 at the Carriage Court Assistant Living Center in Hilliard, Ohio. She had recently moved there to be closer to her daughter and son.

Born in Andover, Dec. 12, 1915, to the late Frank and Rose (Morgan) Ward, she was a graduate of Punchard High School. Mary was a lifelong and active member of Christ Church in Andover.

She served on a number of committees, did many hours of volunteering, and was a long time Sunday School teacher. She enjoyed traveling with husband but the greatest joy came from those times with her family.

Widow of Leo J. Shiebler, she

is survived by a son, Charles and his wife Jackie (Goodway) Shiebler of Hilliard, Ohio; four grandchildren, Blaize, Michael, David, Scott; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Donna Williams.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to funeral services at Christ Church, Central Street, Andover, on Nov. 7, 2009 at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Christ Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Mary's name may be made to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. To place online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Theresa E. Smeltzer, 89

ANDOVER — Theresa E. (Doucette) Smeltzer, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at the Community Healthcare Center in Marion. She was 89-years-old.

Born in Somerville, on Oct. 1, 1920, Theresa was a member of St. Joseph Church in Ballardvale. She was a bookkeeper for Shawshen Rubber Co. for 28 years.

The widow of Alfred Smeltzer, Theresa is survived by her grandson, Michael Smeltzer; her granddaughter, Tina Smeltzer; and her three great-granddaughters, all of Florida; her brother, James Doucette of North Windham, Conn.; and her three sisters, Marguerite Hanson of Seabrook, N.H., Beatrice

Yankowski of Brookridge, Fla., and Bernice Lynch of Tewksbury; along with several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Edward Smeltzer; her brother, Albert Doucette; and her sisters, Mary Monagle and Celeste Lussier.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral service on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 at 1 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Calling hours are Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Arrangements are being handled by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home. Online condolences can be sent through: www.burkemagliozi.com.

John M. Krikorian, 53



METHUEN — John Michael Krikorian, 53, a resident of Methuen, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009.

Born in Methuen, John was educated in the Andover schools and was a 1975 graduate of Andover High School. He was retired as a production supervisor in the Personal Care Division at Gillette.

John was a member of the St. Matthew Lodge of Masons in Andover, as well as a 32nd Degree Shriner.

He loved animals, especially dogs, as well as fishing.

John also loved riding his motorcycles as well as going to NASCAR and car shows. He loved socializing with his friends.

Members of John's family include brothers, Robert G.

Krikorian and his wife Denise of Haverhill and Nicholas C. Krikorian and his wife Tina of Methuen. He is also survived by his lifelong companion, Leslie J. Marston of Stoneham. John is also survived by nieces and nephews, Annette L. Krikorian, Robert M. Brear, Nicholas C. Krikorian II, and Lauren A. Krikorian.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov. 6, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover. Burial will follow in the West Parish Garden Cemetery. Family and friends may call on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. The St. Matthew Lodge of Masons will perform their ritual at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.

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

Coping with Loss

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

Advocates

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

Chronic disease

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

Diabetes

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Down syndrome

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

HIV/AIDS

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

Lyme disease

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

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third

Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

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

Multiple sclerosis

There are three support groups for multiple sclerosis in the area: Dracut — TW'S Pub, 10 a.m., second Wednesday of month, call Lori at 978-441-0515 or Carolyn at 978-459-7531; Atkinson, N.H., at Atkinson Community Center, 10 a.m., third Wednesday of month, call Helen at 603-382-1222; and Methuen at Nevins Nursing Facility, 10 a.m., fourth Monday of month, call Marcia at 978-474-0075.

Food Addicts in Recovery

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

Pacemakers

Pacemaker-Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Support Group is a support group for Pacemaker and ICD recipients, their families and friends in the greater Lowell area. Sponsored by the Lowell General Hospital with the help of device manufacturers, the group offers a forum for education and network for support. Meets the second Thursday evening every other month at Lowell General Hospital at no cost to participants. To register or for more information, call 978-937-6326.

New mothers

LGH New Mothers Support Group is a drop-in support group for new mothers. Provides a place to come with questions and concerns or to meet other new mothers. Meets in the Lowell Room every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Free and registration is not necessary. LGH registered nurses and lactation consultants lead this group. Call Doreen Gallant or Laurie Sanz at 978-937-6334.

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood

The Merrimack Valley chapter meets at the Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St. in Haverhill, on second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

More S.T.E.P.

A follow-up peer support group for those who have completed the S.T.E.P. program, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month, South Church, 41 Central St.; Gretchen Keohane 978-475-5711, or Janice Holden 978-475-8293.

Parents Anonymous

Meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell and Lawrence, no fees or dues; 800-882-1250.

Merrimack Valley Mothers of Twins

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Forest Street Church, Forest Street in Methuen; call Lisa 978-475-4192 or visit www.merrimackvalleymotamota.org.

Mother of Multiples, Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, second Monday of each month, First Parish Church United in Westford; call Mary Johnson 978-256-4111.

Mother of Twins Club, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco 617-245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

Used bike collection to be held on Saturday

South Church held its third used bike drive last year and collected more than 120 bicycles, bringing its three-year total to 588. On Saturday, it will try to add to the total.

Over the last three years and based on BNB yearly averages, Andover area residents have contributed 178 bikes to a youth service programs in Boston, while shipping 410 bikes to economic-development programs in Africa, Central America or the Caribbean.

Organizer Scott Helmers attributes the success of the local drives “to a strong desire on the part of Andover residents to recycle. In addition, people

recognize that this is an excellent cause. They know that by donating to BNB, their bikes will get a second life in places where they can really make a difference in someone's life.”

In the last 25 years, Bikes Not Bombs has collected and distributed more than 37,000 bicycles abroad. In addition, BNB sent hundreds of bikes to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Some of the donated bicycles are used for recreation, but many make it possible for someone to get to work or to bring produce or other goods to market.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, South Church will hold its fourth drive to collect used but serviceable

bicycles. All bikes are welcome: adults or kids; nearly new or needing repair. The collection will be held in front of South Church at 41 Central St., Andover, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Helmers, “The South Church bike drive is BNB's only Massachusetts bicycle collection north of Boston this fall, so this is an excellent opportunity to get those old bikes out of your basement or garage.”

Bikes Not Bombs encourages an optional donation of \$10 per bicycle to defray part of the storage, processing and shipping costs, which average \$20 per bike. Bikes Not Bombs is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit, so donations are

deductible to the extent provided by law.

Andover businesswoman Lillian Montalto has donated her truck again this year to pick up bikes on Thursday and Friday for people who can't drop them at South Church on Saturday. For additional information, contact Scott Helmer at eshelmers@harvardcomputing.com or 978-800-4590, ext. 103.

FOR HOME DELIVERY OF THE ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, CALL 978-475-7000

Opinion

Most important job in town

Citizens of Lawrence, Haverhill and Methuen on Tuesday elected their mayors, the people most responsible for running their communities.

In Andover, residents don't directly pick the town's most powerful office holders, the town manager and superintendent of schools. They elect only the selectmen and School Committee volunteers who, in turn, actually decide who will lead the \$130 million town and its \$60 million education system. Evaluating and selecting the town manager is the most important thing selectmen do. Evaluating and selecting the superintendent is the top job of the School Committee.

Each group, therefore, is in the midst of an important year. Decisions they make will have great effect on each resident, each schoolchild for years.

On the school side, Superintendent Claudia Bach has resigned and could leave the helm before the end of this school year if she finds another position that suits her. The next superintendent and this School Committee are in a rare position to make significant positive change in Andover because there is so much energetic new blood and opportunity in the Andover schools. Since January 2008, seven of Andover's 10 schools have welcomed new principals. The town is looking at building a new school, which will replace Bancroft Elementary and could also accommodate some of the students at antiquated Shawsheen School, a magnet K-2 school. The right superintendent armed with the right plan will create positive new directions in concert with the new leadership team hired by Bach.

On the town side, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has said he would like to enter a third decade as the town's leader. Over the years, Stapczynski has amassed a pile of positive joint reviews from selectmen – when they have chosen to evaluate him – but one area where he has struggled has been in his ability to negotiate timely and reasonable union contracts. Stapczynski needs to show, and selectmen need to determine, that he can do so, especially given the economic times. Employee salaries and benefits make up the bulk of the Andover's budget. As a positive sign, several town unions this year have made significant concessions including a recent agreement by a plant and facilities workers union, AFSCME, which agreed to take eight days of furlough to prevent layoffs. Andover needs such strong leadership to keep its financial ship from running aground.

Inoculate against defensive medicine

Amidst the angry debate on health reform in Washington, there appears to be an increasing determination on all sides to address the malpractice maelstrom that has contributed so significantly to the cost of treatment, driven good doctors out of the system, and discouraged some from seeking careers in medicine.

The Congressional Budget Office recently estimated that medical costs could be reduced by \$54 billion over 10 years by placing reasonable limits on the filing of malpractice suits and the amount of damages that can be awarded.

Such limits have long been advocated by health providers, but President Obama hinted he also favors reform during his recent address to Congress on health care.

For too long this field has been a gold mine for ambitious litigators. We've all seen their TV ads. Not only have these costly suits increased the amount doctors must pay to insure themselves against malpractice claims, they also encourage the practice of "defensive medicine" – the authorization of expensive, but unnecessary, tests in an attempt to demonstrate everything possible has been done to make him or her better.

These costs are ultimately reflected in the insurance premiums we pay – as well as what the government pays to cover care for the elderly and poor.

WEB QUESTION

Should he stay or should he go now?

Public should know on Maglio case

Last week, ousted Andover High School football and baseball coach Ken Maglio hoped to meet publicly with school administration to find out why he was abruptly fired last June. The school department refused to meet with Maglio publicly, stating personnel matters and union grievances are always discussed in executive session.

We asked you how you felt about the Maglio situation last week. With just 21 responses, the top choice was, "The public deserves to know why he was fired," which received 42.86 percent of responses.

"Maglio should just meet with them in private" received 33.33 percent, "Maglio should have taken the \$5,200 coach

stipend and walked away" received 19.05 percent and 4.76 percent picked "none of the above."

On Monday, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski told selectmen he'd like to stay another five years at his job. Stapczynski's contract ends in June. Selectmen will decide over the winter whether they'll reappoint him for another five year term or look for someone new. How do you feel?

- Buzz must stay.
- Andover needs a new town manager.
- I'm not sure.

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, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

HOCKEY WITHOUT ICE



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Audrey Gallacher, 8, works on her shooting skills Sunday afternoon. Gallacher recently started playing ice hockey and took advantage of the nice day to practice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On football-coach change, enough already

Editor, Townsman:

Coach Ken Maglio, Tom Meyers and the teachers union need to move on. Coaches get replaced on short notice all the time. That's life. Nobody owns a job. Coaching is an art. Everybody has their own style and approach.

The owners of a team, in this case the athletic director, superintendent, School Committee and parents have every right to decide that it's time for a new direction. This happens in business, academia, churches, everywhere. Fresh approach, new ideas, new direction. That's why these changes need to happen. Sometimes it is just that the chemistry stops working after a while. It does not diminish the positive contribution Maglio has made over 15 years. Those will endure in the memories of the kids he has positively influenced. But this does not give Maglio or the union the right to dictate that he's the only guy who can coach Andover High football.

I don't know the reasons or events that drove the administration's decision, nor do I expect them to explain it to me. It was well known that at the beginning of the 2008 season, the assistant coaches were in open revolt. Maybe that had something to do with it. Over the past few years, some parents in the bleachers have expressed disappointment with how the team was being coached. Nothing unusual about that, no matter who the coach is. But if those feelings were becoming widespread and being communicated to the administration, it would be normal to factor them into decisions about who should be coaching. Personnel decisions are tough in any field, but that is what administrators are paid to do. If we create a climate where every personnel decision gets second guessed for months, our school system will degrade. The new football coach is well liked and off to a good start, so let's give him a chance.

I went to the "grievance hearing" at the School Committee last week. It was obvious the union was not interested in getting the grievance aired out. The union representatives were rude and confrontational, almost insulting. They seemed to be trying to bully the School Committee. The committee offered to deal with the grievance according to the collective bargaining agreement in a private executive session, but the union only wanted a public circus.

Somehow I wasn't surprised. This arrogance fits right in with union president Meyers' recent comment that homeowners in Andover aren't paying enough taxes based on their income. Why can't we have a teachers union that is a responsible partner with parents and administration, whose priority is striving for excellence in the schools rather than dictating who should be coach, who should speak about the Middle East, and how much taxes we should be paying? Let's move on.

SAM WASHBURN
39 Oriole Drive

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Renting Town House goes against people's vote

Editor, Townsman:

At the Oct. 19 selectmen's meeting, selectmen voted to approve a proposal from The Andovers Village at Home by a vote 3-1-1 to lease part of the Town House ("Senior assistance group to move to Old Town Hall," Oct. 22 *Townsman*, page 1). I do not think that a vote at a selectmen's meeting can supersede a vote of Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee Annual Report from April 30, 2008 says:

"ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease all or a portion of the land and building at the Old Town Hall at 20 Main Street for a period of not more than five years on terms and conditions deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

This article would authorize the Selectmen to lease out the Old Town Hall to a private entity. Presently the Old Town Hall costs approximately \$48,000 annually to operate, not including personnel costs and capital improvements. This is partially offset with revenue the Town receives from the private rentals of the second floor auditorium, which amount to \$31,000 annually. The Town does not charge fees to other Town departments such as the Department of Community Services and Andover Youth Services, who use the auditorium at least 100 times annually for their functions and programs. If this article is approved, these programs would have to seek other space, such as School auditoriums and gymnasiums, and/or private halls. The estimated total net revenue that the Town would realize is \$156,000. The U.S. Post Office would remain in the building due to a long-term lease that was negotiated many years ago. They pay for their utility costs only."

Article 56 was defeated at this Town Meeting. The town manager and the Board of Selectmen are unaware of this vote or are intentionally ignoring its existence.

WILLIAM T. DOWNS
Elm Street
Retired fire chief and former selectman

Maglio should accept decision to retain dignity

Editor, Townsman:

I have neither met nor ever spoken with Andover High School Coach Ken Maglio. His baseball coaching record is very commendable but his football record is, at best, mediocre.

His contract has, as I understand the situation, ended at the moment and the School Committee has indicated the same would not be renewed. This needs no explanation and the School Committee has no obligation to offer the same. I'd suggest that Coach Maglio move on and retain his dignity.

CHARLES F. DALTON JR.
10 High St.

Memorial Day parade deserved note

Editor, Townsman:

I was disappointed that the Townsman's "Town Directory and Newcomers Guide" did not include one of Andover's most patriotic events, the Memorial Day Parade. The annual parade and ceremony attract hundreds of residents and non-residents and features some of the area's best marching and musical units.

JOAN PATRAKIS
35 Chandler Road

3,000 children have benefitted from SHED

Editor, Townsman:

SHED Inc.'s long-planned for and long-anticipated 25th anniversary celebration held on Oct. 24 was a huge success with staff, families and children. It was a time for all to re-connect, share and enjoy.

Through the years, SHED Inc. has touched the lives of over 3,000 children and built strong ties with families and the community. In return, SHED has been rewarded 100-fold with smiles, memories and the knowledge that it has made a difference in the lives of children.

It is with great joy and eagerness that we look forward to our next 25 years. We acknowledge the Townsman, and all our friends, for being a part of our celebration.

SYDNEY BIALO
Executive Director
SHED Inc.

Honoring unsung hero

Editor, Townsman:

Salvatore "Sully" Savinelli will celebrate his 102nd birthday Nov. 6. A native of Lawrence he lived in Andover for over 50 years.

When World War II broke out Sully was too old to be accepted into the armed services. However with a bachelor's degree in engineering from Northwestern University he was able to support the war effort in another way. He went to work as a supervisor at the Hingham Shipyards where landing craft (LST) and destroyer escorts (DES) were assembled. The famous Rosie the Riveter became Rosie the Welder at Hingham. As fabricated ship parts arrived from the steel plants they were distributed and welded together to complete the

assembly. Sully's group consisted of nearly 60 women, both welders and crane operators. The typical day began as Sully left Lawrence at 5 a.m. and returned at 9 p.m.

Although unable to serve in the military, his contributions to the war effort along with the "Rosie the Riveter" women provided necessary essential support to the overall war effort.

Sully will be escorted to Andovers Veterans breakfast by veteran Robert Innes and his daughter Susan Bisbee.

BARBARA INNES
57 Juniper Road

Read, think, ask, vote

Editor, Townsman:

November 9, 2010. Take a look at that date. It's a very important one for everyone to remember and get prepared.

Confused? It's more than a year from today. Why should I be concerned? Let me help you find an answer.

It will be easier for you if you read, even casually, a daily newspaper, something other than the sports page. I have nothing against the sports, I read it top to bottom. It really does nothing to acquaint you with the real "changes" that are going on in your country. If you read and are satisfied with the changes that have occurred and those on the horizon, stop reading here. That not being the case, read on.

If you rob Peter to pay Paul, you can count on Paul to support you, but what does Peter think? Maybe you're not worried about what Peter thinks. I would hope you were, after all, you are Peter.

You had better start thinking about the "Age of Entitlement" that we have voted for or at least allowed. Have you ever thought about the time rapidly approaching when there will be 49 percent of the folks out there paying the way for 51 percent. How long do you think that can be sustained? There is a Scottish history professor who says democracy (I think he means a republic, a democratic republic, not the small "D") as a system of government can not be sustained forever. He states that the average age of a democratic (small "D") again government is about 200 years. 2009 minus 1776 = 233. Remember that. The Scottish professor, goes on to say, and I paraphrase, that the democratic system will fail when it becomes known that the people can raid the public treasury at their discretion. We have done that, are doing that and there are bills now in the Congress that make the borrowing we have done look like your child borrowing against next week's allowance, a.k.a. "punk change." Our debt now is \$4,700 for every man, woman and child in the USA, larger than India's total economy – \$1.42 trillion.

This may have given you something to think about and read about between now and Nov. 10, 2010. That's the date you have your next opportunity to make another "change," maybe this time one you want to live with. Mark the date in your calendar, read, think, ask, vote.

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Facebook movie, no Justin Timberlake, at Phillips

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Just call Andover, Hollywood East – again. This time, Phillips Academy was on the receiving end of a

telephone call from a Hollywood movie-location scout. The scout asked to simulate a winter scene in Harvard Yard at the very Ivy-Leagueish-looking academy. The cameras rolled and fake snow set the scene for

about three hours Monday night, Oct. 26. Harvard University forbids commercial movie filming there. So, the new movie about Facebook and its founder, Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg, came

a bit farther north for this shoot. The movie, “The Social Network,” stars Jesse Eisenberg as Zuckerberg and Justin Timberlake as Facebook cofounder Sean Parker, the Napster co-founder who became Facebook’s founding president. Andrew Garfield will play Eduardo Saverin, the Facebook co-founder who fell out with Zuckerberg as the social network grew and grew and grew. “It was a scene about some initiation ceremony they had (at

an exclusive Harvard club),” said Steve Porter of Phillips Academy communications office. “We got the call in early September asking if they could come.” The lawn in front of Paresky Commons was transformed into Harvard Yard, he said. This scene involved Garfield. Contrary to rumor, Porter reported on the school’s Web site that Justin Timberlake was not on campus for the filming. Screenwriter Aaron Sorkin, famous for his writing of TV show “West Wing,” did make an appearance. It’s not the first time Phillips

has been tapped for a movie. Porter said about 18 months ago, crews from “The Invention of Lying,” starring Ricky Gervais and Jennifer Garner, filmed a scene at Andover Inn, which is owned by Phillips. Andover Inn is currently closed for renovations. That movie also filmed scenes on Regency Ridge. “The Social Network” focuses on the evolution of Facebook, the social network created in 2004 on the Harvard campus and how overnight success and wealth changes the lives of the classmates who created it.

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EVENT REMAINS A TASTER'S CHOICE

Foodies enjoy more room, more samples

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

There was more room to mingle, plenty of chairs and tables and, this year, water on the tables.

Taste of the Andovers was its usual big hit as some 300 nibblers enjoyed sampling the top tastes from 20 food establishments in Andover and North Andover. The event was held last Wednesday, Oct. 28. It was the second year for the event's new location at Wyndham Andover. Previously, the event was held for more than 10 years at the Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House at 20 Main St. The long line of nibblers hovering over a few bar tables is just a memory as the event has moved to the much more spacious Wyndham.

"You can sit down to talk and you have more elbow room. It's worked out really well," said Ron Hill of Andover, an Andover Chamber of Commerce member. "Everyone really seems to like it (the new location)."

"There used to be a parking issue. Now, there's plenty of room to park and plenty of elbow room," added Nancy Hargreaves-Pierce of Enterprise Bank who chaired the event with Maureen Pollard of Northmark Bank.

With a larger space, the event has been able to include food businesses from North Andover: Burton's, Fuddrucker's, The Meat House and Bollywood Grill made their first appearances this year. Goodies from the newbies joined the veteran offering such as the fish chowder made by culinary students at Greater Lawrence Regional High School.

"People walk in, smell the chowder and ask 'Where is it?' They love it," Hargreaves-Pierce said.



Enjoying the Taste of the Andovers, Barry Kelleher of Andover, left, samples pumpkin and cranberry-stuffed chicken courtesy of chef Bernie Martinez, Tracy Pacy, banquet manager and Barbara Fay, director of sales, all from the Andover Country Club. The Taste of the Andovers is a benefit for local high school scholarships, co-sponsored by the Andover and Merrimack Valley Chambers of Commerce.



At left, Alex van den Broek, Lanam Club general manager, with Fran Doherty, director of member services, both of Andover, serving boeuf bourguignon, at the Taste of the Andovers. The event drew a crowd on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Wyndham/Andover Hotel off River Road.

Photos by
Frank Leone
Jr.



Tim Casey, executive sous chef at the Wyndham Hotel, serves pan-seared scallops to Nancy Hargreaves. Both are from Andover, and Hargreaves, of Enterprise Bank, was the chairperson of event.



Enjoying the evening, from left, are Colleen Coco of North Andover, with Michael and Kathleen Franzese of Andover. Kathleen Franzese is a board member of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, which is a co-sponsor of the popular annual event.

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Brothers-ly love

Andover freshmen Eric O'Connor and John McKeon and the rest of the St. John's Prep Drama Guild will present "Animal Crackers," the Marx Brothers' hilarious musical comedy sensation of the 1930s and one of their most beloved and oft-quoted films.

Performances will be held in Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, on the St. John's Prep campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers. Show times are: Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased in advance by emailing Brother Ron Santoro at rsantoro@stjohnsprep.org or Alicia Greenwood at agreenwood@stjohnsprep.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door as available. For more information call the school at 978-774-1050.

The St. John's Drama Guild is a 15-time winner of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild's annual festival. Recent productions have included "Richard III," "Crazy for You," "Peer Gynt," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "The Bacchae" and "The Laramie Project."

Apple of Andover's eye

Mom's apple pie won the judges hearts at Andover Day. More specifically, Leah Organisciak's mom's apple pie won.

Organisciak of Andover, a married mother of four kids, was among the 16 entrants in the apple pie baking contest. Her pie - baked according to her mom's recipe - was the one that the four judges from the downtown business group liked best.

Organisciak said it was made from apples picked at Smolak Farm in North Andover. It's a pie that her family likes, so she entered the contest.

"I used northern spy apples with a few macouns and honey crisp," she said. "I thought the whole day (Andover Day) was great. I hope it continues."

Organisciak won a gift basket stuffed with home goods, including a pepper plant and stationary.

- Judy Wakefield



Leah Organisciak won the apple pie baking contest at Andover Day in downtown Andover.

Birth of leash laws and 'the perfect predator'

Bill Dalton



There was a saying in Andover that, if you wanted crowd at Town Meeting, put a leash law article in the warrant. Two of the biggest Town Meetings I presided over in the 1970s involved leash laws. Folks sure got emotional about dogs in those days. It was an issue that separated old Andover from new Andover.

Although most dogs like to stay close to their food bowls, there are a few that roam and a few more that favor fertilizing their neighbors' lawns.

The roam-around dogs give me a kick. When a dog is walking briskly along a street, I wonder what's going on it that dog's head. They trot, eyes forward, some mission in mind. Some are male dogs in search of romance, but I think most of them are natural born adventurers: the Marco Polos, Christopher Columbus's, Captain Kirks of their breeds. Dogs whose primitive brain remember a time before they endeared themselves to humans as watchdogs and traveling food.

In any event, for most of Andover's history, dogs were leashless. In the 1950s, a pack of dogs wreaked some havoc in West Andover and the police chief suggested they should be shot. And they were.

I don't know exactly what

the tipping point is, but every municipality reaches a size that causes dogs to lose their freedom. For example, can you imagine flea-ridden mongrels wandering around the center of town getting in the way of folks trying to get their hair and nails done?

Where I live, in small-town New Hampshire, there is a leash law but nobody cares, and it's not enforced. Most people are pretty considerate and know better than to let their dogs bother neighbors. Besides, everybody has guns and there's only so much bothering most folks put up with. A dog that persistently acts like a varmint is likely to be treated like one.

There are also bears, fisher cats, coyotes, and wolves around, so it's a tough place for

an aspiring leashless Lassie. So why do they bother with a leash law in a small-town in New Hampshire? Mostly just to remind the few folks who aren't considerate that they ought to be.

That's partly why we ended up with a leash law in Andover. But the reminder wasn't enough, so we came back and put some teeth in the law.

Our family dog when I was growing up was probably another reason why we had a leash law in Andover. He was a fox terrier and believed all living things should be attacked and mauled with the exception of those of us who fed him. There was nothing Toby liked better than fighting other dogs.

What I'm about to say you may not believe, but I swear it's

the truth, and I have witnesses. If you gave Toby a juicy bone, he'd spend a few minutes gnawing on it and then he'd do something as odd as anything I've ever seen a dog do. He'd take the still-savory bone, leave it in the front yard, and then hide in the nearby bushes to wait. Toby was almost a perfect predator: half sleeping, not moving, waiting at length for his prey, often with results.

Some poor sucker of a dog would wander by, sniff the air, and, hardly believing his luck, move to the bone. Like a moray eel attacking from under a rock to slash some little fish to pieces, Toby would charge from his hiding place and attack. The difference between Toby and the moray eel was that Toby was usually smaller than

what he was attacking. Toby was Mickey Rourke playing the barfighter in "Barfly," not caring as much about winning as being in the fight.

It didn't bother him to visit the vet; in fact, there was an odd affinity between Toby and his "cut man." Toby lived a long time, looking in his later years like a piece of crockery that had been shattered and glued back together by a preschooler. In the end, when Toby was very old, he was killed by a pair of boxers in our front yard.

I guess a leash law would have saved his life.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be reached at bill-dalton@andovertownie.com.

MJT takes on Robin Hood the Musical

Hold onto your wallets. Here comes Robin Hood.

Child actors in the Merrimack Junior Theatre, currently in its 22nd year of producing children's musicals, are in final rehearsals for their performance of Robin Hood the Musical.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. All performances will be at a new location for the group, on stage at the North Andover Middle School Auditorium, 495 Main St., North Andover. Tickets are priced at \$8.

"This is a wonderful family event featuring local children on stage. The children have been working hard rehearsing several times a week. We look forward to continued community support," said Teresa Muzzey, co-producer, in a release.

Co-Producer Carolyn Zipeto said advanced tickets are available at Learning Express on Park Street and Kokee Flowers at 16 Main St., and recommends that tickets be purchased in advanced as previous Merrimack Junior Productions have sold out.



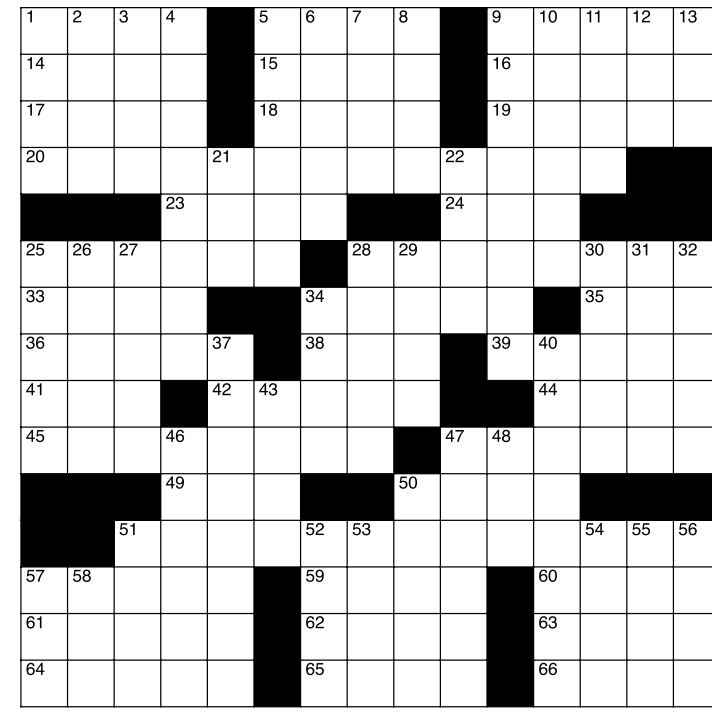
Griffin Barber and Alison McCarron as Robin Hood and Maid Marian in Merrimack Junior Theatre's Robin Hood the Musical.

Any unsold tickets will be available at the door for each production. The non-profit theater group

is supported by parents who volunteer with all aspects of production, including scenery, costumes and lighting. Additional

information is available by contacting Muzzey at 978-475-1478 or tishanley@aol.com.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Cornmeal mush (British)
5. The actors in a play
9. Good gosh!
14. Olive tree genus
15. Friends (French)
16. The 23rd state
17. Daminozide
18. Follow deer
19. Firth of Clyde island
20. Maine resort
23. Raised speaker's platform
24. Dekaliter
25. Eye tooth
28. Past tense
33. Turkish leaders titles
34. Elevate
35. Point midway between NE and E
36. More scarce
38. A bird's reproductive body
39. One who challenges
41. Characterized by unity
42. Santa's helpers
44. M. Jackson's daughter
45. Unsupported
47. Odorizes
49. Last calendar month
50. SW Scottish river
51. Geometric figure

CLUES DOWN

1. Cleansing agent
2. Quick tempo (abbr.)
3. Repast
4. A place of bliss or delight
5. Golf club carrier
6. Get together
7. Cartoon star Bart
8. Czar (alt. sp.)
9. Gave forth
10. Rinse one's mouth and throat
11. Ventilates
12. Contains genetic code
13. I/100 yen
21. Teenage sleuth
22. 15th of March

25. Chocolate bean substitute
26. Capital of Guam
27. Nostrils
28. In a way, summons
29. Equipages
30. Showed old movie
31. Unable to move
32. Punctuation mark: as ___ k
34. Increases motor speed
37. Refer to another
40. Italian mountain range
43. Polish unionist
46. Copyread
47. Dirtied
48. New postal location (abbr.)
50. Pulls with difficulty
51. Wife of a Raja
52. Journey
53. Camping shelter
54. Neuroglia
55. Give temporarily
56. X X X
57. Works with DNA
58. Winged goddess of the dawn

SOLUTION ON PAGE 7

When you awaken, you will see this show

Comedic hypnotist comes to Collins Center this weekend

There's the Voodoo touch. Dan Candell chooses two people, they close their eyes and when one person is touched, the other person feels it.

His book test has someone open a book and focus on one word. The magic man says he taps into the person's mind and then he reveals the word. Sounds of "wow" fill the venue.

Candell, a hypnotist and magician, is coming back to Andover where he may be building a faithful audience of Andover High School students. His "Hypnosis Gone Wild" show seems a hit among local teens.

Andover Youth Services began the popular trend of hosting hypnosis shows. Last year, the class of 2012 hosted Candell's show, too. Now, the sophomore class at Andover High School is hosting Candell in an all-ages show next

HYPNOTIST, MAGICIAN DAN CANDELL

WHAT: Comic stage hypnosis, ESP show, a fundraiser for Andover High's sophomore class
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Collins Center, Andover High School
HOW MUCH: \$10 door, \$8 advance
MORE INFO: Paula Brady, advisor, pbrady@aps1.net

weekend, on Nov. 7. "The kids really like his show," said Paula Brady, an AHS teacher who is the class adviser.

- Judy Wakefield



COURTESY IMAGE

Comedic hypnotist Dan Candell comes to Andover this weekend.

SENIOR NOTES

Event offered at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. Call for more information at 978-623-8321

Fabulous Fall Crafts Fair: Stop by the Center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to purchase beautiful autumn crafts made

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Party in the stacks

Town's oldest store, Andover Bookstore, hits 200



Jay Leno had a smile for every fan as he signed autographs at the Andover Bookstore in 1996.

The Andover Bookstore, the second oldest continuously operating bookstore in the country and the oldest establishment in Andover, will celebrate its 200th birthday next Thursday, Nov. 12 with an evening party starting at 7.

"Our beloved Andover Bookstore was founded in 1809, the year that Lincoln and Darwin were born," read an e-mail from Karen Harris, events coordinator.

"Come and join our staff (past

& present) along with local authors. We will celebrate in the glow of the fireplace with a slice of birthday cake, an evening of memories, and a gathering of our bookstore community." The Andover Bookstore is located at 89R Main St. in Olde Andover Village, near the Lantern Brunch. The next week, Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7, Susan Lenoe and Harris will discuss the history of the bookstore as part of its birthday celebration. "There will be memories from the

earliest years, vintage images, and funny stories from more recent times. We are proud to be the nation's second oldest continuously operating bookstore, and we would like to share some of our treasured history," said Harris in the release.

Your turn to cheer for them



Andover High School will once again host this year's high school Merrimack Valley Conference Cheering Competition this Sunday Nov. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dunn Gymnasium. The Andover cheerleaders are expected to compete against

Billerica, Chelmsford, Central Catholic, Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen, and Tewksbury, according to organizers. Team members are back row from the left: Laura Hamilton, Michaela Zukowski, Anna Silva, Deirdre Peterson, Elsie Washburn, Felisha Smith, Jesslyn Sargent, Mandy Crowley, Emma Lamoreaux; middle row: Carmen Antohi, Kaleigh Wilson, Pauline Russell, Michaela McIver, Kim Hornung, Kayla Baldwin, Kristen Garcia, Meg Laramie, Lynzie Luschenat, Sydney Gillis; front row: Caitlin Kemp, Jillian Wilson, Jess Torres, Danielle Jacobsen, Courtney Papa and Sarah Gillis.

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Education

Matching benefactors may help establish foreign language lab

ACE says all donations will be doubled

Any money given to the Andover Coalition for Education will be matched this year.

ACE, the private organization largely responsible for bringing engineering labs to Andover's middle schools, recently announced the launch of its 2009-10 annual appeal. This year, for the first time, donors will have the ability to essentially double their gift.

"With the intent to both inspire past supporters and encourage new families to help move our schools forward, a group of ACE benefactors has agreed to 'match' every dollar we can raise. Every donation, no matter what size, will be doubled this fiscal year, 2010," explained Tina Girdwood, ACE Board President.

Since its founding in 2005, ACE's systemwide impact includes:

- bringing \$1.25 million to the district over a five-year period, thanks to the efforts of the ACE-backed grants coordinator;

- establishing the Boston Museum of Science's Engineering is Elementary program (EiE) at all six of our elementary schools; and

- buying new physics equipment for each of the middle schools that not only serves to directly improve their science curriculum, but allows Andover High School to accelerate its

physics curriculum.

Next up for ACE is what it calls "the ambitious goal of \$160,000 for a new Digital Foreign Language Lab at Andover High School, helping ensure that our children are well prepared for an increasingly global society."

ACE continues to work with the superintendent's office to bring Smart Board technology to as many schools in Andover as possible. "Parents, PTOs and PACs from every school have shown enthusiasm and generous support for this engaging technology. The district's goal is to have at least one per grade," said ACE in a release.

"An amazing group of Andover families is handing our schools an extraordinary doubling opportunity," said Girdwood, of this year's matching program. "But it will go unmet without support from the community. The matched dollars only exist once a donation is received. When impossibly tight budgets threaten important programs and services throughout the district, ACE continues to ensure that the school system forges ahead in meaningful ways."

For more information about ACE or to make a donation, log onto www.aceandover.org, or contact Tina Girdwood at 978-475-5253

Getting silly at West Middle School's 'Fun Friday'



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Abi Cohen, 12, left, and Courtney Grygiel wait to spray silly string on those coming through a door during the "Fun Friday" after-school fundraiser at West Middle School Friday afternoon.



Assistant Principal Debbie Downes dances while dressed as Super Woman judging the best dancers in the cake walk as students Kevin Giribaldi, 11, and Ethan Smith, 11, dance by during the "Fun Friday" after school fundraiser at West Middle School Friday afternoon, Oct. 30.



Brian McDonough, 13, left, and Steven Kimball, 13, try to frighten those entering the "Haunted Hallway" during the special event at the Shawsheen Road middle school.

Reinventing the Finance Committee

Ken Seifert



From time to time I have been approached to run for selectman, School Committee or to offer to join the Finance Committee. I am flattered

by the suggestion. I think the proposer has an exaggerated opinion of my capabilities. I do think we all need to reinvent ourselves as well as our institutions. If I were on the Finance Committee I would propose a three-year strategic plan. Here are some reasons.

The most moving comment I heard at Town Meeting this year was said by Joanne Marden, chairwoman of the Finance Committee. It was during an article when a citizen was suggesting a way to make budget information available in a more user friendly format for the taxpayer. Here was a woman who has given unselfishly of her time and talents for many years. She has saved the town big bucks when listened to. At the very moment of the heat of the discussion she said, "We are only volunteers."

These volunteers spend an inordinate amount of precious time away from family, jobs and activities for themselves. Much of it is unnecessary if the process were different.

The second thought is a concept from my professional training and lessons learned as an administrator. Every effective effort, whether individual or

group, personal or professional has a mission, good planning and good monitoring.

I combined these two thoughts and constructed an outline of a three-year strategic plan for the Finance Committee. Here is a start of a reinvention process and a strategic plan. It is intended as an example suggested by one citizen. I am sure there are more and better thoughts.

At the next scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee members make the following proposal. They then give the community and town departments one month to give comments and suggestions. One should always get feedback before any policy or process is initiated.

Mission Statement

- The Finance Committee is an advisory committee comprised of volunteers. Our responsibility is to the entire community. Our major function is to provide guidance on the financial status and financial stability of the town. To do this we need information on the rationale and cost of a proposal and why is it a sound investment. In its simplest terms, is it a good plan and can we afford it?

- Therefore it is our plan to develop standards for citizen and town requests that must exhibit a goal, a detailed plan, and how the plan is to be monitored. We all know the world is paved with good intentions. We do not approve intentions. We will provide examples and forms for strategic plans, long and short range planning and capital projects. There will be new standards for the presentation

of annual budgets by town departments. Forms will be provided. When town departments submit proposals they must be presented in a manner that can be understood by citizens of the community.

- We will not consider money unless a proposal has provided sufficient details. There will be no exceptions.

- We will review all proposals on the basis of sound business criteria and provide a written report to the proposed. Volunteers from the community with special skills are welcome to provide input. We will provide minutes of our actions.

- We will have a specific schedule for submission of requests, review of proposals, and the results of our deliberations. These also will be public. Legitimate emergency measures will always be entertained.

- We will monitor quarterly the intended budgets and financial activities. We will publicly publish our assessment in a timely fashion.

Now where in heaven's name are all these forms and models to come from? We do not need a task force, a feasibility study or a group of consultants. In our reinvention we should only use such measures where it is prudent to do so and when it is something we cannot do ourselves. We should not expect the Finance Committee to develop them. They should be provided to them unless they wish to do so. Here are six options to achieve the task.

- 1 Offer any citizen a free parking permit who provides a usable model or form. Give them a special sticker on the car so

everyone will know the driver is a reinventor in our town.

2. Ask a secretary in either a town or school department to Google; what is a strategic plan, how do you monitor a budget or what is a short and long range plan. Ask the searcher to get the three or four best examples for the Finance Committee to look at. The administrator could review and approve the package before delivery.

3. Have an elective course or project at the high school. Give students the problem. Pay a teacher \$500 to facilitate the activity. Of course give the students credit.

4. Invite retirees, who have expertise, to spend a few afternoons or evenings working on the problem. Give them a timetable and free lunches at the senior center.

5. It should be obvious what this option is.

6. A combination of the above 5.

It took us over a year to settle and balance this year's budget. What did we learn from the experience? Where is the town headed? Can we afford a new school? Will we reduce more employees next year? What new user fees will be proposed? I can assure you if I have learned one thing it is usually the way we conduct our activities through visions, planning and follow through that is the problem and not the people. If we have another year like the past one, more people will want to leave town and new home buyers will look elsewhere.

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

ON CAMPUS

Dustin Topp of Andover received a bachelor of arts degree in communication at New England College in Henniker, N.H., on Saturday, May 16.

New England College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution.

from 21 foreign countries and 23 U.S. states, have joined the St. Lawrence student body. St. Lawrence is the oldest continuously degree-granting coeducational college in New York State.

Blech graduated from Andover High School.

In September, more than 1,300 undergraduate students from 41 different states and 38 nations began their first year at Tufts University, located in Medford/Somerville.

Among them are students from Andover: **Emma Goldstein**, class of 2013. **Allison Katz**, class of 2013. **Caitlin Peterman**, class of 2013.

"Drawn from 15,041 candidates for admission, the 1,313 members of the

Class of 2013 are an exciting collection of academic and personal achievement," said Lee Coffin, dean of undergraduate admissions.

Ten undergraduate Babson students were selected to receive \$2,500 scholarships from the Charles C. Ely Trust, totaling \$25,000, for the 2009-10 academic year.

The students were nominated by Babson's Student Financial Services office on the basis of academic merit, character, leadership abilities, and financial need. All 10 nominees were selected to receive the scholarship. They are Andover student **James Spang** was among the ten students nominated.

Babson College has announced Andover residents **Katherine Nichols**, a senior and **John Chartier**, a sophomore have qualified for the spring semester dean's list, which recognizes outstanding student scholarship.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,603 students in September. Students from Andover who received degrees were **Curtis M. Cronin**, master's degree in computer information systems and **Hallie A. Martin**, bachelor's degree in anthropology.

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BOOK REVIEW

No joke, Mimus a medieval masterpiece

Books that bring the reader back into the medieval age are always a joy. These books transport you back into the time of handsome princes, beautiful princesses and valiant knights. However the medieval era is not all what you see in Disney movies and children's books. Deceit, betrayal and danger play a large role in the slightly darker view of the Middle Ages in "Mimus," by Lilli Thal.

REVIEW OF "MIMUS," BY LILLI THAL

"Mimus" tells the story of young Prince Florin of Moltovia, a nation that has been at war with neighboring Vinland for many years. One day, Florin receives news that his father and the king of Vinland have signed a peace treaty, and have requested his presence at the celebratory banquet. The prince immediately makes his way there, only to find that the truce is a setup, and that he and his fellow Moltovians are suddenly in mortal danger. Theodo, the king of Vinland, imprisons Florin's father and his followers in his dungeons, saving them to be executed later and leaving Moltovia in position to be taken over.

He saves a special punishment for Prince Florin, forcing him to become the apprentice to the court jester, Mimus. He is stuffed into an embarrassing costume and confined to the castle, forced by Mimus to learn how to learn how to become a jester. Mimus is annoying and disrespectful to the prince, and constantly berates his new roommate. To make matters even worse, King Theodo humiliates him in front of his court. If Florin he resists or tries to escape, Theodo tortures his father and his friends. Dismayed, forced to beg for scraps at the king's table, and losing hope for himself and his father, Florin must find ways to fight back against Theodo, and stay optimistic for some kind of rescue.

In "Mimus," one of the first things that strikes you as you read is how Thal manages to create an authentic feeling, presenting how you feel people might have talked during that time. The conversations between the characters are rich, descriptive and nearly poetic. Where she is the best at this is in the stories and the poems that are told throughout the story, mainly by Florin and the Jester. These stories are wonderfully written and are almost as fun to read as the general story itself.

Thal also created witty and interesting characters, the best of which is the brilliantly conceived title character, Mimus. At court, he plays the part of the fool, over-the-top, ridiculous, doing anything he can to draw favor (and scraps) from King Theodo. But as soon as his performance is over, he dramatically changes, becoming a sarcastic, all-for-himself man who makes sure that everything that happens benefits him in some way. Mimus is interesting, witty, and even a little bit sickening, as he harasses court guests to earn favor with the king. With Mimus, Thal has created a truly memorable character to headline this memorable novel.

I give Mimus a 9.5 out of 10. This book is very well-written, the characters are well-conceived and lively, and the plot is original and keeps you interested the entire book. The only reason this book does not get a 10 is that it took a little too long to get to the climax, and that it started to drag a bit. Besides that, "Mimus" is a great book, and one well worth reading. There is some violence and dark imagery in this book, so I would say that you should not read this book unless you are over 13. But if you are, you should definitely go to the library or the bookstore and give Mimus a read.

Harry Wood is an Andover resident and student who reviews books for young adults.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, Nov. 9-13:

Elementary schools

Monday: Popcorn chicken, chef salad and pita bread, grilled hot-dog on a roll, pretzels, roasted potatoes, carrot sticks and chilled pears.

Tuesday: Chicken, broccoli and ziti with bread stick, tuna pocket, cape cod chips, pickle, jumbo pretzel and cheese stick, fresh marinated veggies, ice cream sandwich and juice.

Wednesday: No School - Veterans Day

Thursday: Tacos and all the fixings, bagel and yogurt or string cheese, manager's choice, spanish rice, corn and chilled

pineapple.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni personal size pizza, manager's choice, grilled cheese on whole wheat, garden salad, apple crisp and topping and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: Mini burger sliders with or without cheese, rice bowl topped with grilled chicken, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, veggie sticks and dip, vegetable soup, peaches and juice.

Tuesday: Cheese or veggie pizza, bagel and yogurt, mozzarella sticks and marinara sauce, side salad, fruit crisp and topping and juice.

Wednesday: No School - Veterans Day

Thursday: Roast beef wrap, goldfish, cheesy garlic pizza and side of sauce, bagel and string cheese, pasta salad, butternut squash soup, grapes and juice.

Friday: Crunchy fish sticks, steak and cheese wrap, meatball sub, baked potato wedges, fresh veggies and dip and fresh fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: Chicken cacciatore over pasta, garlic bread, side salad, sausage sub, two cheese panini, grilled burger with lettuce and tomato and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Pulled pork sandwich, oven fries, veggie sticks and dip, pastrami on a bulky roll, hot veggie wrap, twin hotdogs and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: No School - Veterans Day

Thursday: Lasagna with meat sauce, Italian bread, green beans, grilled ham and cheese, buffalo chicken wrap, Italian wrap and fresh melon.

Friday: Baked fish topped with bread crumbs, pilaf broccoli with cheese sauce and cookie.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

A butterfly breaking out of a slab of concrete, created by student Yuri Ono, is one of the art pieces on display in Memorial Hall Library.

The butterfly effect

Andover High students winged wonders on display

What do you think of when you see a butterfly?

Assuming you think of them all, teacher Ed Parker says, "We pretty much accept them as part of a natural world we take for granted. What if we consider them in a different context? What if we turn our idea of what a butterfly is, represents or should be completely around?" This is what the students in Parker's Andover High School drawing class laswere asked to consider. They were each given a large three-dimensional plain white butterfly, and the creative question and problem of "What If?" he said.

Working as individuals and with partners, using traditional and untraditional art materials and mediums the students reworked and re-imagined what a butterfly could be or represent. The results are on display at Andover's Memorial Hall Library and are as imaginative and diverse as the individuals themselves, said Parker in a release. Participating students were Amy Chen, Lauren Hyun Doug, Yuri Ono, Jacob Cunningham, Ariel Mateo, Mellissa Pennington, Dillon Fitzgerald, Kevin Roberge, Alex Tibbits, Miranda Fegan, Alexandra Allocca and Jessica Hunzelman.

PSAT Performers: 4 Andover High juniors in top 1 percent on national test

Andover High School students George Cheng, Noah Kurinsky, Sharada Sant, and Aaron Yang have been named semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition. They scored within the top 1 percent of all juniors taking the PSAT.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring, according to a release from Andover High

School. To be considered for a merit scholarship award, semifinalists must advance to the finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements. Finalist selection is based on academic performance, SAT scores, a student essay, and school recommendation. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will be selected as merit scholarship winners, earning the merit scholar title.

Eighteen Andover High School seniors have been named commended students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are: Noah Besen, Kevin Dipasquale, Ross Esdale, Sean Gibson, Conan Huang, Iha Kaul, Madhukar Kumar, Irena Kushner, Brenda Li, Clare Ma, Abraham Oh, Erin O'Kelly, Connor O'Neill, Jennifer Quirnbach, Zachary Silberman, Emily Stidson, Molly Van Doren, Laura Van Drie.

Some 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, commended students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Committee responds to AT editorial

Last week's editorial called on the schools to make public the reason the school department did not ask football coach Ken Maglio to continue coaching, which Maglio has asked to be done publically.

School Committee member Annie Gilbert submitted the following release, which she said was on behalf of the Andover School Committee:

The School Committee by law has no authority over personnel matters other than those related to the superintendent. In accordance with the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the committee may, upon request, hear a grievance—but then only to determine whether there has been a violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; otherwise, personnel matters are the sole responsibility of the school administration. Furthermore, all personnel matters are confidential and are to be handled accordingly by administrative staff. The School Committee has no authority in these areas.

Mother Connection Preschool Fair Nov. 12

When Susan Hazavartian wanted to find a preschool for her 3-year-old son, she looked no further than the annual Mother Connection Preschool Fair. Now in its 12th year, the free fair continues to be a trusted one-stop shopping venue for local parents to preview early learning options.

"I looked at eight preschools at the fair, narrowed down to three, and finally chose the one that I thought would be ideal for my son," said Hazavartian. Schools like the venue as well.

New England Montessori Director Kim Hegarty appreciates meeting parents face-to-face and addressing their questions and concerns. A participant is last year's event, Hegarty noted, "We had many families come and tour our facility after meeting us and feeling we would be a good fit."

Preschools from Andover, North Andover, Tewksbury, Methuen, Haverhill, Beverly and beyond will be represented at this year's fair.

The Preschool Fair is hosted by The Mother Connection, a non-profit organization that has provided mothers in the Merrimack Valley with support, information and family activities since 1982. Its newsletter and online community shares ideas and articles about raising children today, and connects moms and families with one another. The fair, which is free and open to the public, will be Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Wyndham Andover, and will run from 7 to 9 p.m. A directory of schools will be available for purchase. For more information, email preschoolfair@themotherconnection.org.

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Sports

'A BLAST'

Hanigan impresses with glove, bat as starter in major leagues

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Ryan Hanigan admits that, at times, he still finds himself taking in his big league surrounds.

"When you're in the moment," he said, "you still think to yourself, 'This is awesome.' It is definitely exciting to play and perform well. But I never lose myself. I am proud of my performance this year."

The former Andover High star had plenty to be proud of this summer, as he recently finished his first full season in Major League Baseball — and third overall big league season — with the Cincinnati Reds.

"For every major leaguer there is a sense of excitement," he said. "Playing a game in front of so many people. As much of a grind as it is, it can also be a blast."

After having to spend some time in the minor leagues each of the last two seasons, Hanigan held the title of Reds starting catcher for the majority of this year.

The major leagues is now nothing new to Hanigan. He saw his first big league time in 2007, called up to the Reds on Sept. 4 and doubling in his first major league at-bat off All-Star pitcher Ben Sheets. He played in five games that season.

He again started the 2008 season in Triple-A Louisville, before being called up on Aug. 10. He saw extensive playing time last year, playing in 31 games, hitting .271 with nine RBIs.

With that success, Hanigan entered 2009 spring training with one primary goal, make the major league squad out of camp — a goal that he succeeded in as he broke camp with the Reds.



Former Andover High star and current Cincinnati catcher Ryan Hanigan, right, congratulates former Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo, center, after a complete game along with Reds manager Dusty Baker. Hanigan spent much of the 2009 season as Cincinnati's starting catcher.

"That is always the goal," said Hanigan. "To do that is huge. I feel like establishing myself in that way was very big. To make it out of camp and stay there the whole year is a big deal. It's about learning the league. After you see the pitchers and hitters, you feel like you can adjust to them better."

But, early in the season, playing time was tough to find for Hanigan. He saw the field in just

five of the Reds' first 21 games. That all while then-starting catcher Ramon Hernandez scuffled to a .246 batting average.

"It's tough when you're not playing as much as you want to," said Hanigan. "But you have to understand your role and know things change a lot during the season."

Change did occur for the Reds. Hernandez began playing more first base, as Hanigan emerged

as their starting catcher beginning on May 1. Overall, he played in 90 games — starting 88 — logging 670 1/3 innings behind the plate for the squad.

While his defense was never in question, Hanigan's bat was what attracted the most attention in his play early on. Through July 31, the 29-year-old was hitting a scintillating .315 with four doubles and eight RBIs.

"I felt like I swung the bat

Age: 29

Height: 6-0

Weight: 195

Sport: Baseball

Position: Catcher

High School: Three-year varsity starter for Andover High. Named Eastern Mass. All-Star in senior season after hitting .397 and slugging .510.

College: Played three seasons at Rollins College. Fifth all-time in school history with a .358 average. Played "out of position" in the outfield and third base.

Cape Cod: Excelled in prestigious Cape Cod summer league. Hit .292 and earned Top New England Prospect honors.

Professional: After being called up during the two previous seasons, spent the entire year in the major leagues this season, playing 90 games at catcher for the Cincinnati Reds. Hit .263 with three home runs and 11 RBIs.

Fun Fact: Is believed to be the first player from Andover to make the major leagues.

THE RYAN HANIGAN FILE

pretty well," he said. "Things worked out the right way and I ended up as the starting catcher. Having the big leagues see me run out there every day, it helps you gain the confidence of the organization."

Trouble, however, struck Hanigan as the season went on. First it was a neck problem. Then, he suffered a concussion after being hit by a foul ball while catching. "A foul tip hit me and gave me a concussion after cracking my helmet," said Hanigan. "They'll put you on the disabled list pretty quick with a head injury. I lost my timing and consistency after the injuries. Anything can set you back, but you have to fight through it."

Hanigan finished the year with a respectable .263 average with six doubles, three home runs and 11 RBIs. But it was, as always, his work behind the plate that drew the most praise.

"Your main job (as a catcher)

is to handle the pitching staff," he said. "You have to be on top of that. The amount of scouting reports is far more than you ever see in the minors."

"I think I handed that pretty well. I had a good talk with (manager) Dusty (Baker) and our general manager (Walt Jocketty). It doesn't guarantee anything, but they have confidence in my handling the pitchers and my work defensively."

Hanigan, who will be traveling out to Los Angeles to begin training for the 2010 season next week, was recently visiting in Andover. But he had seen his parents, still residents of Andover, throughout the season.

"I'm really close to my family," he said. "They travel around a lot to New York, Chicago and Cincinnati. It's tough to travel, but they love it. They have the MLB (cable TV) package. They're my biggest fans."

GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE

Andover swimming again rules MVC

Since the preseason, coach Marilyn Fitzgerald spoke of one goal for her Andover High swim team.

"The goal for the kids from the start has been to get the blue light ride back into town (police escort) after winning States," she said. "Very methodically, these kids have set up what they have to do."

Last Thursday, Andover found itself claiming a different title, while taking a little revenge.

One year after Chelmsford defeated the Golden Warriors and snapped their streak of 10 straight league titles, Andover once again reigned over the Merrimack Valley Conference by downing the Lions 105-79 to win the MVC crown.

"This puts us in great shape for the next three meets, the MVCs, sectionals and States," said Andover coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "For us, finishing undefeated in the league has been very important."

Both teams entered the meet undefeated in the MVC, with Andover unbeaten (12-0) and Chelmsford having only lost to non-league rival Acton-Boxboro.

Following the Lions' fast start, the key event for the Golden Warriors was the 50 freestyle. Rachel Moore swam to a blazing first in 25.24, and Emma Cammann was just off the pace (25.84)

to take a key second.

Andover then continued to swing the momentum as Debora Daly (252.67), Jenny Coney (239.02) and Courtney Stone (213.75) combined to sweep the diving.

"We went into the 50 free behind and came out with the lead. You can score 16 points in an event, they got 13 in the dive and basically we took over from there," said Fitzgerald. "That was the turning point."

The Golden Warriors were rolling form there, as Alexa Korsberg won the 100 butterfly, Monica Patterson won the 100 freestyle, Colleen Hespeler took the 100 backstroke and Ashley Korsberg earned a first in the 100 breaststroke. Cammann, Ashley Korsberg, Brittany Ross and Patterson teamed to win the 200 freestyle relay.

Andover 105, Chelmsford 79

Top Andover placers:
200 medley relay: Rachel Moore, Ashley Korsberg, Alexa Korsberg, Brittany Ross 1:55.52; 200 freestyle: 2. Monica Patterson 1:57.90; 200 IM: 1. Ashley Korsberg 2:12.56; 50 freestyle: 1. Moore 25.24, 2. Emma Cammann 25.84; Diving: 1. Deborah Daly 252.67, 2. Jenny Coney 239.02, 3. Courtney Stone 213.75; 100 butterfly: 1. Alexa Korsberg 1:01.44; 100 freestyle: 1. Patterson 55.57, 2. Cammann 55.91; 500 freestyle: 1. Moore 5:09.59; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Cammann, Ashley Korsberg, Ross, Patterson 1:44.67; 100 backstroke: 1. Colleen Hespeler 1:06.44; 100 breaststroke: 1. Ashley Korsberg 1:11.04
Records: Chelmsford 11-2, Andover 12-0

Oteri, field hockey finish unbeaten

Andover High School Roundup

FIELD HOCKEY

Six different Andover players scored at least once as the Golden Warriors finish the regular season undefeated by pounding Lawrence 7-0 last Thursday. Elise Krekorian scored two goals, Sarah Oteri scored one goal and assisted on two others and Ally Long, Nicole Giroux, Vanessa Kelly and Anne Farnham each scored once for the Warriors (17-0-1).

Sarah Oteri scored two goals and assisted on two others as Andover crushed Haverhill 5-0 last Tuesday. Jill Manning, Emily Hook and Elise Krekorian each scored once and Nicole Giroux had two helpers. Tameka Geaslen and Hannah Pratt combined for the shutout in net.

VOLLEYBALL

Ye, Warriors continue to dominate

Annie Ye notched a team-best 29 assists and 13 digs as Andover defeated high-powered Cape Ann League rival North Andover 25-13, 25-21, 25-20 last Friday. Kirsten Arvidson added 13 kills and Zoe Co had 10 digs for the Golden Warriors (17-2).

Sophomore Zoe Co tallied a team-high nine aces to help Andover easily down Haverhill 25-5, 25-16, 25-11 last Wednesday. Lauren Murtaugh led the Warriors with 19 assists while Ava Bakhtyari tallied seven kills and track star Moira Cronin added six kills for the winners.



Andover's Sarah Oteri fights for the ball. Oteri and the Golden Warriors field hockey team finished the regular season undefeated.

Penelope Jones notched five kills to help Andover cruise past Lexington 25-13, 25-15, 25-19 last Monday. Annie Ye led the team with 27 assists, nine service points and eight kills and Kirsten Arvidson paced the Warriors in kills and blocks.

BOYS SOCCER

Crawford, offense explode

Kaelan Crawford netted two goals, vaulting Andover to a 7-0 victory over Lawrence last Monday. It was the most

goals the Golden Warriors had scored in a game this season. Cecchi MacNaughton, Randy Sartor, Juan Levi, Connor Timmins and Alex Scira added a goal apiece for the winners, with John Barbaro adding two assists. Josh Chevalier made nine saves for the shutout.

Despite a goal by Pat Leber, Andover fell to Somerville 2-1 last Thursday. Alex Scira had an assist and goalie Andrew Osborne made 16 saves to keep the Golden Warriors (7-7-2) within reach.

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Schools' Fun Run draws young crowd

The annual Andover Public Schools fourth and fifth grade cross country fun run was held on the grounds of Andover High School with more than 100 runners participating. The event is sponsored by the Physical Education Department in cooperation with the high school cross country team.

Fifth-grade boys

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
RAINE HUYNH	WEST	6:03
MICHAEL O'CONNOR	WEST	6:09
THOMAS HAUT	BANCROFT	6:19
DAN GEMMELL	SANBORN	6:20
THOMAS MAPSTONE	WEST	6:25
ANJAY SHAH	SOUTH	6:29
BRUCE WATERS	SANBORN	6:33
ANDREW CHAVES	HIGH PLAIN	6:34
TIMMY KALANTZAKOS	SANBORN	6:39
NICK PENTA	SOUTH	6:40
TOMMY COMPARATO	SANBORN	6:46
ANDREW LUCIA	HIGH PLAIN	7:04
THOMAS GALLIGANI	WEST	7:06
BEN KESLER	WEST	7:08
LOGAN BRAVO	HIGH PLAIN	7:10
PAUL LORENTI	SOUTH	7:10
AKASH BEHERA	WEST	7:14
GAVIN BATSIMM	SOUTH	7:16
RYAN KELLOWAY	HIGH PLAIN	7:35
BRIAN BONDARUK	HIGH PLAIN	7:52
ALEX LADD	SOUTH	7:57
COREY KOZLOVSKI	SOUTH	8:09
CONNOR REARDON	SOUTH	9:05
MITCHELL VARGAS	SOUTH	9:35
RORY COCHRANE	SANBORN	11:28

Fifth-grade girls

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
EMMA KELLY	WEST	6:34
EVELYN MESLER	HIGH PLAIN	6:38
SOPHIA BOYD	SOUTH	7:04
MEAGHAN MUCHER	SOUTH	7:07
SOPHIA MAZZARELLI	SOUTH	7:11
CLAIRE DEMPSEY	WEST	7:14
JULIE BARBANTI	SANBORN	7:21
KERRI THIBODEAU	WEST	7:25
JULIANNE TEICHERT	WEST	7:28
ANNA ROOT	SOUTH	7:29
CAROLINE BENSON	WEST	7:32
CLAIRE SULLIVAN	SOUTH	7:47
KATIE O'REILLY	SOUTH	8:09
LENA BOOTMAN	WEST	8:32
KENDRA MOORE	SOUTH	8:36
MARI MAGAHARA	SANBORN	8:42
CAROLYN HOLDEN	SOUTH	8:44
SARAH RUNGREN	WEST	8:53
SHARON MAI	SANBORN	8:57
STEFANIE SARTSCHEV	SOUTH	9:10
ELLEN RUNGREN	WEST	9:15

AJ CAPONE	SOUTH	7:16
DANNY CABELL	WEST	7:21
WILLIAM HAMILTON	SOUTH	7:30
JAKE DALIMONTI	SOUTH	7:32
SAGER FLORIO	SOUTH	7:34
ALEX SHINN	WEST	7:34
NOAH ROGER	SOUTH	7:40
CONNOR HURLEY	BANCROFT	7:44
ALEX CICCIA	BANCROFT	7:46
TYLER RUNGE	BANCROFT	7:49
JACK RIGAZIO	WEST	7:52
MATTHEW MEAGHER	HIGH PLAIN	7:55
TIMMY WANG	WEST	8:00
DEVIN BERNSTEIN	SANBORN	8:16
IAN HURLEY	BANCROFT	8:23
SAMUEL ZHANG	SOUTH	8:25
SCOTT ROBISON	WEST	8:38
DHRUV SRIVASTAVA	WEST	8:54
JONATHAN KIM	SOUTH	9:10
WILLIAM JOHNSON	HIGH PLAIN	9:17
AJ ROBERTS		9:52
PETER NICKELS	WEST	10:01
HARRY SECOR	SOUTH	10:23
BRENDAN HERTEL	SANBORN	10:25



COURTESY PHOTO

Heather Roberts, fourth-grader at High Plain Elementary School, finished the race surrounded by members of the high school cross country team who ran with her the final couple hundred yards to cheer her on, according to Brian McNally.

Fourth-grade boys

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
KIERAN O'CONNOR	BANCROFT	6:18
AKESH SHAH	SOUTH	6:32
NATHAN GOLDTHWAITE	BANCROFT	6:36
ANDREW KAZMER	WEST	6:43
GRAHAM SCOTT	HIGH PLAIN	6:44
MAX DURHAM	SOUTH	6:53
JOHN WITT	SOUTH	6:59
RYAN PERRY	HIGH PLAIN	7:01
KIEFER WASHBURN	BANCROFT	7:05
ETHAN GOLDBERG	SOUTH	7:08
CASEY KNIGHT	SANBORN	7:09
PATRICK CONNELL	SANBORN	7:10
MATTHEW MARTIN	HIGH PLAIN	7:13

Fourth-grade girls

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
GRACE O'HARA	WEST	6:50
MADDIE MOOCHER	SOUTH	7:04
JORDAN TORRES	SOUTH	7:05
MADDIE BOHODES	HIGH PLAIN	7:05
MICKAYLA GOODWIN	HIGH PLAIN	7:12
DANIELLE MAJOR	SOUTH	7:13
JESSIE VAUDO	SOUTH	7:19
JESSICA WANG	SOUTH	7:22
LAUREN KRAMER	SANBORN	7:42
AMANDA KAO	WEST	7:42
JILLIAN KELLOWAY	HIGH PLAIN	7:47
LINDSAY WILLIAMS	SOUTH	8:04
MIA SONBERG	HIGH PLAIN	8:05

STINE ORNES	SOUTH	8:06
LAUREN MCDOWELL	HIGH PLAIN	8:07
DELANEY FISHER	HIGH PLAIN	8:08
KYRA MORISSETTE	SANBORN	8:13
ANNA O'SULLIVN	HIGH PLAIN	8:18
SOPHIA WANG	HIGH PLAIN	8:20
ERICA BENSON	WEST	8:23

HAELI GRAJO	SOUTH	8:25
SOPHIE BARDETTI	SANBORN	8:29
KATHERINE GRYGIEL	WEST	8:30
ELENA BIELECKI	SOUTH	8:33
EMILY GOULD	SOUTH	8:53
BETSY EAMES	SANBORN	9:01
RORY O'BRIEN	WEST	9:15

AMANDA LI	SOUTH	9:19
NICOLE SULLIVAN	HIGH PLAIN	9:24
LINDSAY BICKNELL	HIGH PLAIN	9:25
ALYSSA SMITH	WEST	9:30
ANUSHKA SHAH	WEST	9:35
HEATHER ROBERTS	HIGH PLAIN	9:47

COMMUNITY SPORTS

BU's Pallotta is America East player of week

Boston University senior midfielder Emily Pallotta of Andover was named an America East Women's Soccer co-player of the week for the second straight week, the conference office announced on Monday. Pallotta scored two goals in two games last week to help the Terriers extend their unbeaten streak to seven games this season as they improved to 9-4-2 overall and 5-0-0 in league play.

Pallotta scored 6:27 into the second half in a 4-0 victory over Vermont Thursday night and found the back of the net 2:10 into the second stanza in a 3-0 win at Albany on Sunday. Pallotta, who has five goals in her last six games, is tied for second among league leaders in goals and tied for third in points.

Daughter of Andy and Kathy Pallotta, Pallotta is majoring in business administration and management at BU's School of Management. Pallotta is a graduate of Andover High School.

Pallotta and the Terriers return

to the pitch Oct. 15 when they travel to Stony Brook for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Long Island.

Cat club challenge

How good an athlete are you? Come and find out at the Parisi Speed School's Cat Club Challenge.

Participants will go through a series of five performance tests that evaluate sprinting, jumping, change of direction, strength and endurance. Athletes should take advantage of this opportunity to see where they rank in terms of speed and

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The Cat Club Challenge is open to boys and girls age 7-18. All ability levels are welcome. Testing Times on challenge days is, for ages 7-12, noon; for ages 12-18, 1 p.m.

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The Parisi Speed School, a national franchise with over 40 sites in 22 states, has trained over 100,000 athletes ranging

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Megan S. Jones to New FED Mortgage, Corp., dated May 12, 2005 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 9506, Page 266, of which mortgage CitiMortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on December 2, 2009, on the mortgaged premises located at 40-5 Colonial Drive, Unit 40-5, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department ESSEX Division

Docket No. ES255951
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account
To all persons interested in the estate of Grace Adams Young late of Andover in the County of Essex. You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first through third account(s) of U.S. Trust Company, N.A., the fourth account of Bank of America, N.A. (continuation by merger with U.S. Trust Company, N.A.) and the fifth and final account of Bank of America, N.A. as Trustee - (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased for the benefit of Ernest S. Young and another have been presented to said Court for allowance.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, for the purpose of discussing the Town of Andover's FY-2011 - FY2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Karen H. Berry and Wayne Berry to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., dated March 7, 2003 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 7598, Page 94, of which mortgage SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on November 30, 2009, on the mortgaged premises located at 14 Beech Circle, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Joanne F. Alvarez and Juan C. Alvarez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated March 15, 2007 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10670, Page 149, of which the Mortgagee is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on November 30, 2009 at 8 Seten Circle, Andover, MA, all and singular the described in said Mortgage, to wit:

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 09 392589
To Thaddeus A. Bouchard and Schell A. Bouchard and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: HSBC Mortgage Corporation, USA claiming to be the holder of Mortgage covering real property in ANDOVER, numbered 7 Willard Circle given by Schell A. Bouchard and Thaddeus Bouchard to HSBC Mortgage Corporation, dated September 20, 2004 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds 2009 or otherwise, you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
A Public Workshop will be held by the MA Department of Transportation's Highway Division and the MA Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to present updated information about the I-93 Tri-Town Interchange Project. The project area is located in Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington.

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TOWN TALK

Town spending plan: Pay-and-display parking pulls in again

Downtown Andover could see more pay and display parking units. Andover selectmen will be asked this year to replace parking meters behind Old Town Hall with pay-and-display parking units, and to move the existing meters to the library parking lot, at a cost of \$60,000.

Town Manager Buzz Stapezinski released his Capital

Improvement Program this week, and the meter proposal and rest of the report is available at www.andoverma.gov in the "what's new" box. Stapezinski recommends \$7,655,207 in new vehicles, maintenance, repairs and upgrades to town buildings, property and infrastructure. It's the lowest CIP number he's ever recommended, a reelection of the economic times, he says.

A public hearing on the CIP will be Nov. 16 in the second-floor meeting room of Town

Offices, 36 Bartlet St., and selectmen will vote on the plan Monday, Dec. 21. Printed copies are available at Town Offices and Memorial Hall Library.

— Bethany Bray

For two new places, tastes are on the way

There were no food samples from two new downtown restaurants at the recent Taste of the Andovers event, but residents received a hint of what

they will offer anyway.

Staff from the just-opened LaRossa's, located on Barnard Street where Mawby's used to be, joined Yella's, the new Lebanese restaurant about to open on Post Office Avenue, and gave out menus to whet the appetite for what they offer.

Nancy Hargreaves-Pierce of Enterprise Bank, who chaired the Andover Chamber of Commerce event, said "any new restaurant business (in Andover) is always welcome."

— Judy Wakefield



At left, Shaun Lima, 16, a junior at Andover High School, minds the store at the Andover Skate Park behind West Middle School, selling pumpkins to raise money for the new section of the skate park.

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