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Who's overseeing the DPW?

In wake of investigation and retirements, assistant town manager in charge of public works

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

With the public works director and water treatment plant supervisor suddenly retired, Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo has taken over as acting public works director as police conduct a criminal investigation on possible employee misconduct at the

plant. Jack Petkus, Andover's DPW director since October 1999, retired Friday, Aug. 13. His retirement followed that of water treatment plant Supervisor John Pollano who retired retroactively to June 30 earlier this summer. Bucuzzo has been splitting his time between Town Offices and the DPW. Andover's assistant

town manager since June 2001, Bucuzzo is out of the office this week and was unavailable for comment. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said Bucuzzo is not receiving any extra compensation for overseeing the DPW until an interim DPW director is hired. "Even though he hasn't managed a snowstorm or a water

treatment plant, he certainly is well qualified to manage the budget operations," said Stapczynski. "We have well-qualified superintendents and a DPW business manager, and they have their pulse on the operations. But I thought we needed someone day-to-day to be out there to deal with any number of issues that come up with a \$12 million

department. I think it's a good fit for the next four to six weeks." "For all intents and purposes, he is the assistant town manager in the morning and here in the afternoon," said Sandy Gertraudy, DPW business manager. "He is picking up on (DPW procedure) very quickly. He's meeting with our division heads and meeting with our water operators

to learn water operation. All of our CIP (Capital Improvement Program) requests are coming together, and he's working with us on those. He's just taking care of some day-to-day operational things. We have a very strong management team, and he's just here to get us through the time lapse. He's been very helpful." Please see DPW, Page 2

SCHOOL UNDERWAY



Second-grader Zoe Saum, 7, hugs her former first-grade teacher, Kathryn Price, at West Elementary School on the first day of school, Wednesday, Sept. 1.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Want to lead? Apply tomorrow

Selectmen to pick fifth member Sept. 27

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen expect to appoint a fifth member this month and interested citizens can apply for the seat vacated by Jerry Stabile Jr. starting tomorrow.

Citing the demands of his career, Stabile announced his intent to resign earlier this month, five months after being re-elected to a three-year term. His last day as a selectman was this Tuesday, Aug. 31, during which he participated in a closed-door session to negotiate Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's contract.

Selectmen have chosen to appoint someone to Stabile's seat until a new selectman can be elected in

Selectmen agreed the person appointed must have prior experience on town boards, preferably as an elected official.

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Signs of a moving campaign season dot town streets

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A Lansbury Lane resident recently called police after waking up to find several Barry Finegold signs - and some garbage - mischievously left on his lawn overnight. The unwilling supporter is not alone.

Last week, a Buttonwood Drive resident had 23 political signs planted on her lawn in one day.

Residents have seen signs for their favorite candidate moved - and removed - this summer as state races heat up among 11 Andover residents.

Debra Silberstein, the only local candidate to file a pre-primary

finance report as of Townsman press deadline, has spent more than \$2,200 on signs in her run for state senate. The remaining candidates have until Sept. 7 to file pre-primary reports detailing all money taken in and spent on their campaign, said Jason Tait, spokesman for the office of campaign and political finance.

As the Sept. 14 primary looms, signs for U.S. Congress, state senate and state representative candidates have cropped up along most busy roads in Andover. Meanwhile, police, public works and MassHighway workers have been busy removing political

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Political signs line Summer Street in Andover.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Resident runs to unseat Tsongas

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Haggetts Pond Road resident Bob Shapiro, a former public school teacher, software engineer and business owner with no prior political experience, jumped head-first this summer into the race to unseat U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas. But first, he'll have to best three other Republicans in the Sept. 14 primary.

The 64-year-old Shapiro's views lean to the right, as he vehemently opposes big government and the spending, high taxes and debt that comes with it, he said.

"Up until now, for the last 30



Bob Shapiro

years, I have been a very apolitical person. Like many Americans, I sat on the sidelines and complained about what's happening in Washington.

But two years ago, I saw Tsongas run unopposed and saw (President Barack) Obama's programs approaching socialism. (With these programs,) you're stealing from one person to give to someone

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SELECTMEN: To choose own

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March. The appointee will serve October through March; the selectman chosen in town elections will serve the remaining two years of Stabile's term.

At a meeting Tuesday, Aug. 31, selectmen agreed the person appointed must have prior experience on town boards, preferably as an elected official. The appointee will join the board just as the municipal budget season begins.

If the person is currently sitting on a town board or committee, he or she will be asked to step down

before accepting joining the Board of Selectmen.

"We want someone that can fill in, take that fifth seat and be as effective as possible," said Selectman Alex Vispoli, who has replaced Stabile as chairman.

Selectman Brian Major emphasized he has "zero interest" in appointing someone who intends to run for the seat in March.

Vispoli agreed, but noted "you can't know if someone's going to change their mind (and run)."

Selectman Ted Teichert said whether the appointee intends to run is "not a huge factor for me."

DPW: Assistant town manager leading department for now

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Applications for the interim DPW director job were due Aug. 20, and Stapczynski said he's received about 20 resumes. On Aug. 31, Stapczynski said he is looking over the resumes and hopes to have an interim hired within six weeks.

With Petkus gone and the impending retirement of Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities department director, Stapczynski will launch a study into the possibility of combining the DPW and

plant and facilities departments. Through the year-long study, Stapczynski will hire an interim DPW director instead of permanent replacement for Petkus.

The one-year interim job will pay an estimated \$100,000.

On June 22, Stapczynski confirmed Andover police and the district attorney's office were investigating a possible case of employee misconduct by one or more water treatment plant personnel. Stapczynski has remained mum on details of the

investigation other than to confirm treatment plant Supervisor John Pollano retired.

Pollano's position has not been rehired; Stapczynski said the job is "subject to a larger discussion" as part of the consolidation study.

A new water treatment plant supervisor will be hired "no time soon," Stapczynski said.

A full-time water treatment plant operator position was posted Friday, Aug. 27 after an employee died unexpectedly. The

person's death was unrelated to his job and it did not happen while he was at the water treatment plant, Stapczynski said.

The Department of Public Works, at 397 Lowell St., encompasses seven divisions and 49 full-time positions.

"It's business as usual, we still have to provide services to the town. The staff has really been professional and stepped up to the plate during this transition, and we wouldn't have expected anything less," said Gerraughty.

TIMELINE: SEARCH FOR THE FIFTH SELECTMAN

Friday, Sept. 3: Applications to be appointed available at town manager's office and at andoverma.gov

Friday, Sept. 17: Applications due back to town manager's office by noon, either emailed to manager@andoverma.gov or hand delivered

Monday, Sept. 20: Selectmen publicly discuss applicants, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27: Selectmen appoint fifth member, 7 p.m.

Visit andoverma.gov/selectmen for contact e-mails and meeting agendas. The town manager's office is located on the third-floor of town offices, 36 Bartlet St. Email manager@andoverma.gov or call 978-623-8225 for more information on the application process.

SIGNS: Town has rules for supporting candidates

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signs from public property, including signs strapped to light poles, on roadway medians and along highway on- and off-ramps.

"We do get some calls about it. We don't get too many reports of (signs) being stolen. They are removed if they're in places they're not supposed to be ... They can go on private property with the owner's permission, and that's really all," said Lt. Commander James Hashem. "If we confiscate a sign, it's held at the police station, but we throw

ANDOVER RULES FOR POLITICAL SIGNS

- Must be on private property
- Must be no bigger than 6 square feet
- Must be placed no higher than three feet above the ground
- Must be stationary and not illuminated
- Must be in place for no more than 30 days

- Cannot be placed on the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk, on utility poles, lamp posts, traffic signs, traffic islands or highway on and off ramps
- On primary and election day, signs must be kept 150 feet away from the polling place entrance

Source: Town Clerk Larry Murphy

them away after a short period of time."

Many enthusiastic supporters have had signs removed from

the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk because it is town property, according to selectmen.

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SHAPIRO: Andover candidate running for Congress

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else, and taking away the liberties guaranteed in the Constitution. To me, it's evil. That's a little strong, but I have strong views," said Shapiro. "The growth of government in Obama's first term is staggering. The deficit stretches as far as the eye can see."

The Andover man is campaigning alongside Republicans Tom Weaver of Westford, Sam Meas of Haverhill and Jon Golnik of Carlisle. The primary will be Tuesday, Sept. 14 and the general election Tuesday Nov. 2.

Andover is on the edge of the Fifth Congressional district, which covers 29 towns. Tsongas, of Lowell, first defeated Dracut Republican Jim Ogonowski in an October 2007 special election to replace former U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan and was reelected in 2008.

Shapiro has a varied background and is currently not working, devoting all his time to his campaign. He's worked as a small business owner, pharmacist, corporate manager for pharmaceutical giant Merck and a software engineer, he said. After that, he became certified to teach public school and has taught math at middle and high schools in Methuen, Tewksbury and Lexington.

The nation's deficit is the one issue that sticks in Shapiro's craw



Staff file photo

Bob Shapiro leads the Merrimack Valley Townsman singing group - no relation to this paper - during a practice last year.

the most, he says.

If the deficit - now in the trillions - is ignored, "it could take the country down in two or three years," Shapiro said. Other countries will stop dealing with the U.S., realizing we have no capacity to pay them back, he believes.

Cutting spending - slashing budgets by half - is the best way to solve the national debt "caused by decades of irresponsible leadership, by both Democrats and Republicans," said Shapiro.

Many of Shapiro's views align with the Tea Party, Libertarian and conservative movements, he said. He's against "handouts for illegal immigrants" and supports sealing

U.S. borders.

"Libertarian is not a dirty word for me. On the economic side, I'm very much in tune with the Libertarian side. I don't want to get to zero government, but when we get close enough, we can talk about it," he said, chuckling.

If elected, Shapiro says he'll roll four of his most pressing issues into one constitutional amendment: balancing the budget, paying off the national debt, establishing a line-item veto and line-item dollar amount limits for federal budgets.

He'll also write and submit some new rules for Congress. The first would limit any bill to 100 pages. "If they can't say what they

BOB SHAPIRO SNAPSHOT

- Republican
- Haggetts Pond Road resident, has lived in Andover 17 years
- 64 years old
- Married to wife of 41 years, Maria; has two children and five grandchildren
- Has never held public office
- Website: shapiro4congress.org
- Hobby: singing in barbershop quartets. He directs a men's chorus in Haverhill and sings with another chorus in Lowell.
- "I've been doing it for 37 years. We sing at nursing homes, travel, do contests," he said. "It's a nice hobby that keeps me out of trouble."

want in less than 100 pages, they don't know what they want," said Shapiro.

Another would require members of Congress to certify they've read and know everything in a bill before voting on it. As in the case of the recent healthcare legislation, it is not uncommon for bills to have thousands of pages, often included at the last minute. It's not right for legislators to vote on a bill they haven't even read, he said.

Shapiro also wants to establish a congressional "Constitution Committee."

"Every bill would have to go there (before the Constitution Committee), and they (the bill's authors) would have to detail, very specifically, where this bill is authorized in the Constitution," said Shapiro. "I'd like to say 95 percent of bills coming out of Congress in the last few years would not pass that test."

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 9
floor conference room, 7:45 a.m. executive session, 8:45 a.m. open meeting

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

Less than two weeks to state primary on Sept. 14

The Massachusetts State Primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

As customary, there is a change in precinct polling places for fall elections. Precincts 1, 7 and 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court, near the Park. Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 will vote at the Collins Field House at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.

The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the Primary was Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010.

This election will be a three party primary: Democratic Party, Republican Party and

Libertarian Party. Registered voters who are registered but not enrolled in a party or a political designation at the time of the election (unrolled voters) may vote by choosing a ballot of one of the three parties. Voters registered in a non-party political designation will not be able to choose a party ballot for this primary.

Any residents who have changed their residences or who did not reply to the 2010 Annual Town Census are encouraged to call the Town Clerk's Office and verify their voting status at 978-623-8255. If a voter has changed his or her address in town, they

must notify the Town Clerk's Office in writing in order to vote at the new address.

School is in session during the polling hours and voters should plan on some traffic delays during the start and end of the school day.

Voters may verify precinct information by going to the town's website at andoverma.gov and looking for the precinct search under Government/Town Meeting and Election Calendar.

The elected offices on the primary ballots are as follows:

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- Councillor-5th District
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- Representative in the General Court: 17th Essex District (Andover Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9)
- Representative in General Court: 18th Essex District (Andover Precincts 1, 7, 8)
- District Attorney-Eastern District
- Sheriff-Essex County

L'Italien named to review veterans' health care

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover was recently appointed to a newly created subcommittee that will review how health care is delivered to veterans. The subcommittee was specifically formed to study how health care can be delivered more conveniently to veterans that live over 30 miles from the

nearest veteran hospital. "This really is a fantastic opportunity to advocate directly for veterans living in the Merrimack Valley," said L'Italien, whose district includes portions of Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Methuen, and North Andover. "The nearest veteran hospital

is in Bedford, which for many Merrimack Valley residents is just too far to travel to receive healthcare." Massachusetts has five veteran hospitals, in Bedford, Jamaica Plain, Northampton, and West Roxbury.

The subcommittee is made up of five state representatives from across Massachusetts.

September 11 ceremony on Sept. 10

Andover's September 11th Ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 10, at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. This will be a brief ceremony honoring the victims of September 11th and marking the ninth anniversary of September 11th. For more information contact the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

Andona Society 5-week baby-sitting course open

This September, the Andona Society, an all-volunteer organization of local women working to support the youth of Andover, is once again offering its very popular Baby-sitting Course for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. This five-week class meets once a week, during which experts in the fields of First Aid, Child Development, Safety and the Business of Baby-sitting will teach the students what they need

to know to become more effective and successful baby-sitters.

If you would like to have your sixth-, seventh- or eighth-grader to participate in this popular program, print the attached registration form or download the registration form from andona.org, click on Events, then baby-sitting, fill it out and send it in, with your payment, via U.S. mail as directed. Registration closes on Sept. 17, but classes often fill

before the close of registration, so act quickly. Registration for eighth-grade students received by Sept. 10 will receive preference if classes fill early.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Jeffery at cejeffery@comcast.net. If you would like to learn more about The Andona Society and its work in support of Andover youth, please visit our website at andona.org.

Candidate calls for Lawrence bankruptcy

State Rep. candidate Sal Tabit is calling for the City of Lawrence and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to seriously explore the option of ling for

Chapter9 bankruptcy. "Regardless of the current budgetary constraints or on-going contract negotiations, five cruisers patrolling a city of 80,000

residents is not acceptable, and 15 firefighters per shift protecting those same 80,000 people is equally unacceptable."

Regional grant-writing workshop

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Casinos, health-plan choice split Dem senate candidates

DEMOCRATS

Barry Finegold

Casinos

Massachusetts has the most successful lottery in the nation and Andover is dependent on local aid that comes from the lottery. For every dollar spent on the lottery, 24 cents is kept for the state; for every dollar spent in a casino, only 2 cents goes back to the state. We need these dollars for our schools and public safety. We need to create jobs but I believe the area that is most sustainable is in renewable energy. I helped start the North Shore Clean Energy Collaborative, which brings people from both the private and the public sector together to discuss their needs and plans of moving forward.

Health-care plan choice

Different situations require different tools. When the city of Lawrence needed help from the legislature, we required all the employees to go into GIC, which saved the city \$6 million. In other communities, there have been creative solutions where employees went into a self-insured plan that saved their communities money. We need contracts that are sustainable and affordable. There needs to be shared sacrifice when revenues are declining. Public employees need to be flexible and willing to do what is necessary to make ends meet. This is why I personally gave up my pay raise and per diem because of the difficult economic situation the state is in.

Affordable housing law

40B needs changes, but eliminating the law is not the best way to fix the problem. Andover has done well by being pro-active with affordable housing and I hope that in the future there can be more affordable housing for seniors. Too many residents want to stay in Andover, but they cannot afford the taxes or want to down size. We need to give residents more options to stay in Andover and other communities where they have lived for many years.

Deb Silberstein

Casinos

Casinos and slot machines are the wrong way to bring jobs into Massachusetts. This is another example of a 21st Century government in a 19th Century mindset. The revenue is regressive and unsustainable. It is an expensive expansion of government that depends on no-bid contracts and non-renewable licenses. None

The Townsman asked the candidates for Andover's state senate seat three "Yes/No" questions. Candidates then had an opportunity to further explain their answers. The state primary, to choose one Democrat and one Republican who will be on the general election ballot is Sept. 14.

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- Please explain your views on whether to allow expanded gambling and what limits, if any, you support (up to 100 words).
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- Please explain your views (up to 100 words).
- Do you support Question 2 to eliminate Ch. 40B, the state's primary affordable housing law?
- Please explain whether you would seek to change part or all of this law and why or why not (up to 75 words).

DO YOU SUPPORT...

	Casinos	Town choosing employees' health-care plan	Repealing Chapter 40 affordable housing law
Democrats			
Barry Finegold	NO	UNDECIDED	NO
Deb Silberstein	NO	YES, but...	NO
Jack Wilson	YES	YES	NO
Republicans			
Patrick Rahilly	YES	YES	YES
Jamison Tomasek	YES	YES	YES
Independent			
Jodi Oberto	NO	YES	UNDECIDED

of the jobs benefit this senate district. We must use Massachusetts' enormous resources and talent to create and sustain innovative, growing industries and support entrepreneurs. Every minute the legislature spends on this puts us further behind the road to progress and more positive and sustainable economic development.

Health-care plan choice

...only as a last resort after making every effort to work collaboratively with unions. Health care costs are strangling communities and reduce needed services. Plan design changes can slow the rate of increasing costs, but unless done properly - collaboratively with labor - this can be another legislative, short-term fix to a long-term, structural problem. As School Committee chair, I worked collaboratively with unions on major plan design changes during two difficult contract negotiations. Because there was mutual agreement, changes were understood by employees, and significant cost reductions were sustained. As senator I would work to address this immediately.

Affordable housing law

Massachusetts is an expensive place to live. The law allows seniors, working families, veterans, and persons with disabilities to live in communities where they have worked and built their lives. The law creates construction jobs and helps businesses so that employees can live where they work. As a community, we have a responsibility to provide affordable housing to seniors and working families that need it. We cannot afford to eliminate 40B.

Jack Wilson

Casinos

Private sector job creation is my top priority. Too many construction and skilled workers have been unemployed for far too long. Expanded gaming will bring an estimated 15,000 jobs and \$400 million in new revenue to the Commonwealth. This legislation is not the silver bullet to solve all the state's economic problems, but it is a necessary step until we can create an atmosphere for real economic development and get the state economy back on track. As state senator, I will ensure that the new revenues are allocated to the top priorities of public safety, public education and public health.

Health-care plan choice

Plan design deals with one segment of the state's population. All savings realized should be distributed evenly between the employee, in the form of reduced co-pays and/or premiums, and the municipality. Plan design should not come at the expense of quality of coverage. The bigger challenge is reducing the overall costs for everyone in the Commonwealth, including municipal employees, while maintaining quality coverage. As state senator, my focus would be on bringing down overall health care costs through a comprehensive effort involving the legislature, administration, insurance companies, and health care providers. In the absence of true cost reform, the only winners are the insurance companies.

Affordable housing law

I do not support the outright repeal of Chapter 40B, which has been successful in providing the opportunity for thousands of hardworking and deserving

first-time homebuyers to purchase homes in the communities in which they grew up or currently work, but otherwise cannot afford. That said, the state needs to do a far better job monitoring the program through regular financial and performance audits to ensure that the program is not being abused or otherwise mismanaged.

REPUBLICANS

Patrick Rahilly

Casinos

I support no more than 2 casinos in Massachusetts as well as no more than 5 slot machine parlors. The casinos and parlors should be put through an open bidding process and not awarded to locations solely because they currently engage in gambling activities.

Resort casinos will produce jobs such as waitstaff, bartenders, consierge services and other blue collar labor, as well as provide a secondary benefit to surrounding communities. Casinos are by no means fix-all plan for the state's economic troubles. I see casinos and slot parlors merely as a cog in Massachusetts' economic wheel.

Health-care plan choice

Communities should be treated like private entities and allowed to design and negotiate their own health care plans. This will help the community more accurately project their budgets, rely less on local aid from the state and help eliminate the constant Proposition 2 1/2 requests.

It is impossible to say how much each community will save but by allowing the community to design and negotiate with the communities needs in mind, the savings should be substantial.



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo.

Second Essex and Middlesex state senate candidates were among those participating in Monday's League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover Candidates' Forum at Memorial Hall Library. Pictured from front are Democrats John J. Wilson Jr., Debbie Silberstein, and Rep. Barry Finegold, and Republicans Jamison Tomasek and Patrick Rahilly. For coverage of the debate, see andovertownsm.com.

Affordable housing law

I believe in the spirit of the law however, it's application is seriously flawed. The current application allows a contractor to enter a community and build a housing development with little regard for planning or zoning ordinances. Should Question 2 fail I would propose an amendment forcing developers to take into account community planning and give these boards more power to regulate the size and population of the new development.

Jamison Tomasek

Casinos

People of this district want gaming. There is an estimate that over \$950 million is spent in Rhode Island and Connecticut by residents of Massachusetts. Our state should get some portion of that, which would create gaming related jobs. Additionally the state would get associated taxes and fees from operators. Note that this revenue should not be used to fund more spending. I believe if a solid majority of the district wants gaming, especially as it is already available in a different format via the lottery, its legislator should not oppose it.

Health-care plan choice

Passing legislation to allow municipalities to change their health care plans is one of several specific measures, the others being allowing privatization and not requiring prevailing wages, which the legislature can pass to save us money. Plan design will save Andover an estimated \$1 million annually, and save more that \$100 million statewide. It will give the town flexibility to save more in the future. Everyone

should note that this would bring town employees comparability not only with what individuals in the private sector expect, but also with what employees of the state currently accept in their benefits.

Affordable housing law

Massachusetts is 48th in affordability so the law doesn't work. It requires an expensive state supporting bureaucracy. These government officials can override Andover's zoning laws and the decisions of our boards. The law distorts the free market and results in uneconomical housing projects. Hundreds of attempts to improve 40B never got out of committee to be debated or voted on, illustrating the problems of our current Legislature, and why there is ballot question.

INDEPENDENT: Jodi Oberto

Casinos: I personally, as a citizen, do not feel it is a good thing for Massachusetts. I know people will always gamble and there is money to be made and I understand the argument "why not get a piece of the action." I think right now, we need to decide if the cost is worth the immediate return. Yes, some people will be employed, but I think overall it is not the best idea for us.

Health-care plan choice

I believe we would make the best and most cost-effective decisions for ourselves.

Affordable housing law

I am not knowledgeable enough about all the details of 40B to make that decision at this time. What I understand is that 40B is not working as it should. I personally do not like the fact that the developers can circumvent the zoning boards by guaranteeing a percentage of units as low income units. I believe 40B needs changing, I am just not sure that it needs to be eliminated at this time.

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17th Essex: GOP hopefuls split on casinos

Democrats

Pat Commane

Casinos

I would support one resort casino. The Wampanoag tribe is close to federal approval and the state should be proactive and negotiate terms including 25 percent of casino revenue going directly to local aid and to gambling addiction programs. With that said, I believe the negative consequences of casino gambling are very real. I have first hand experience with my father-in-law losing his life savings to gambling after the loss of his wife. We were lucky that our family was able to intervene and get him help before he lost his home.

Health-care plan choice

Cities and towns need more control over spiraling health care costs. Municipalities should be able to enroll their employees in the quality health care plans offered by the Group Insurance Commission (GIC). If the savings are real, the cities and town should go for it. If the savings



Pat Commane, Democrat



Frank Bonet, Democrat



Paul Adams, Republican



Sal Tabit, Republican

are achieved only by employees paying higher premiums and co-pays then the town will need to negotiate with workers around that issue.

Affordable housing law

Chapter 40B has produced more than half the affordable units in Andover (more than 400 of about 750 units). Chapter 40B has served the Town well because the Andover Planning staff and the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals have managed the permitting process very carefully, creating attractive affordable and market rate units. The average single family home assessed value in Andover is almost \$550,000, a price unaffordable to families

Frank Bonet

Did not answer questions.

Republicans

Paul Adams

Casinos

Expanded gambling is a bad bet for Massachusetts. Casinos may increase revenues in the short-term, but when the cash is gone, taxpayers will be left to foot the bill for the new, increased spending base by state government. Casinos would also place a significant burden on

communities for infrastructure improvements, additional public safety and would squeeze local businesses, as has been the case in other states.

Health-care plan choice

Local officials need the ability to choose which health plans their municipalities can afford. Flexible municipal plan design is an essential tool that allows communities to reduce healthcare costs, gives municipal employees the ability to choose which plans they need and can afford, makes costs more closely aligned with those paid by private sector workers. I also would seek legislative action to repeal extraordinarily costly, unnecessary and unaffordable mandates that make all of our health plans some of the nation's most expensive.

Affordable housing law

Ch. 40B is a debt obligation—another unfunded liability for cities and towns. The law is a classic example of government interfering with the free market. It skews supply and demand, inflates prices for everyone, creates fewer affordable homes

and allows developers to override sensitive, local zoning laws. I believe the law should be repealed and that the solution is an Inclusionary Zoning law for existing buildings or urban areas already deemed affordable.

Sal Tabit

Casinos

While gaming alone is not a complete economic recovery plan, it is undeniable that expanded gaming will create much needed employment in the Commonwealth. We have lost thousands of good paying jobs over the last several years. The construction and gaming industry jobs that would be created by private casinos would be welcomed by hard working men and women across the state. This is about creating desperately needed jobs now. We do not need Beacon Hill interfering with private business. Why is it OK for the government to profit from our gambling through the lottery, but not private enterprise?

Health-care plan choice

For some time now, community leaders from across the state have asked our local legislators to give cities and towns the ability to design municipal health plans without negotiating changes in those plans with employee unions. By all accounts, such a practice would save local communities millions of dollars a year. The Commonwealth itself has the ability to negotiate such changes, yet our legislators refuse to allow our local officials the same benefit. It is our obligation as legislators to advocate for the needs of our local officials and I intend on doing just that as State Representative.

Affordable housing law

No single thing effects the character and identity of a city or town more than its zoning laws. 40B provides a loophole to the zoning decisions made by individual municipalities and can thus significantly alter the vision that a particular city or town has for itself. Affordable housing is important, but it cannot be achieved at the expense of local zoning decisions.

17th ESSEX

DO YOU SUPPORT...

	Town choosing		Repealing Ch. 40 affordable housing law
	Casinos	employees' health-care plan	
Democrat			
Pat Commane	YES	YES	NO
Frank Bonet	(Candidate did not respond to e-mail)		
Republicans			
Sal Tabit	YES	YES	YES
Paul Adams	NO	YES	YES

The Townsman asked the candidates for both of Andover's state representative seats three "Yes/No" questions. Candidates then had an opportunity to further explain their answers. The state primary, to choose one Democrat and one Republican who will be on the general election ballot, is Sept. 14.

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- Do you support Question 2 to eliminate Ch. 40B, the state's primary affordable housing law?
- Please explain whether you would seek to change part or all of this law and why or why not (up to 75 words).

18th ESSEX

DO YOU SUPPORT...

	Town choosing		Repealing Ch. 40 affordable housing law
	Casinos	employees' health-care plan	
Republicans			
Jim Lyons	NO	YES	YES
John Thorlin	YES	YES	YES
Democrat			
Barbara L'Italien	YES	YES	NO

18th Essex: Republicans against current casino proposals

Republicans

Jim Lyons

Casinos

I will vote against any of the casino gambling proposals put forward by the Democrat leadership, whose quick-fix schemes aim to finance their own out-of-control spending. The argument behind casino gambling is that it will generate extra revenue for Beacon Hill; well, I'm not running



Jim Lyons

our Commonwealth. This alteration demands careful study and open debate, followed by popular

for representative to rubber stamp such backroom deals cobbled together by lobbyists and politicians. Casino gambling involves a significant change to the social fabric of

consensus that casinos enhance, rather than detract from, our state's future. Such an important change deserves a higher motivation than a short-term revenue bail out of Beacon Hill.

Health-care plan choice

Yes. [Candidate did not offer further explanation.]

Affordable housing law

I intend to vote in favor of ballot question 2, a proposal to end the state's so-called Chapter 40

"affordable housing" central planning. Chapter 40 empowers the state to impose private developments on local communities, regardless of the needs and wishes of the residents in the affected neighborhoods. Local communities and neighborhood residents are in the best position to determine how much development is appropriate for their area, not an unhealthy alliance between powerful state bureaucrats and major private developers.

John Thorlin

Casinos

I would vote against the current proposals for licensing casinos and slot machines, but I support allowing casinos in Massachusetts generally. Allowing citizens the freedom to choose to gamble is the right role for government. It also generates economic activity and creates jobs. However, the current gambling bills promote thinly veiled corruption.



John Thorlin

Influential Democratic legislators want to license casinos and slot machines for only their districts. They think they can solve the state's fiscal problems by profiting from the vices of their constituents. Their scheme

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Townspeople

PETAL POWER

Hydrangeas draw people, donations to parish garden

The pretty circular hydrangea garden at West Parish Church is 100 years old and once a year is still a Sunday hotspot.

Many years ago, "People would come to church and then drive their carriages around the garden," said board member Nancy Simili of Andover.

For the past five years, the church has hosted a cut-your-own hydrangeas day as a way to let people know about the garden. "It's awareness. People don't know this garden is even here," Simili said.

This year's event was held last weekend, Aug. 27 and 28. People came and clipped hydrangeas. Typically, they use the soft pink flower to decorate their homes. People who picked flowers put some money in a donations jar.

Simili said the event was a hit and raised \$270. The money will be used to maintain the church's cemetery.

— Judy Wakefield



DAVID LE/Staff Photos



Nancy Gump of Andover picks through flowers and leaves to find the perfect hydrangea to take home. The West Parish Church in Andover held a weekend-long event that encouraged people to come to their Hydrangea Circle Garden, to cut whatever beautiful blooming flowers they wanted.

Richard Leber of Andover looks through a wide selection of hydrangeas in the West Parish Church's Hydrangea Circle, while his wife, Margaret, not shown, holds some flowers the couple had already picked to take home.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Sept. 2, 1910

Everything is in readiness for the flower show to be held tomorrow in the town hall. Over three hundred entries have been made and the committee in charge is looking forward to a successful and interesting exhibit.

Selim Sabbag, one of the proprietors of the pool-room on Elm street, was brought into court for the second time since his coming to Andover, on the charge of allowing minors in his pool room. On the previous occasion he was fined ten dollars. On Monday the case came up again and was continued to Wednesday, when Sabbag was fined twenty dollars.

William Higgins Jr. of Chestnut street, and Lawrence Colby of High street, both of whom are interested in telegraphy, are erecting wireless telegraph stations at their respective homes.

Nathan C. Hamblin, the newly-elected principal of Punchard, will occupy the house on School street owned by H. Sanford Leach.

75 Years Ago Aug. 30, 1935

Punchard high school will reopen on Wednesday with an attendance that is expected to be about the same as last year's. Principal Nathan Hamblin announced yesterday that he estimated the attendance at 479, which is nine more than he estimated last year.

The local ERA yesterday received a grant of over \$2,300 to continue the ERA work another two weeks. The laborers went back to work this morning, after a lay-off from last Tuesday noon. Work is almost completed on the Florence street water main. Other projects now being carried on include work at the cemetery, sewing and library work.

Several important changes would be made in the arrangement of the local precincts under a plan proposed by the selectmen this week. It has been submitted to the town clerk, who under the law must submit it to the voters at the next Town Meeting.

Local officials are hoping that the state will take over Jenkins road in the near future as a state highway. Recently Dr. J.J. Daly asked the state for money with which to reconstruct it, since it is an inter-town road, merely running through Andover on its way from North Reading to North Andover.

50 Years Ago Sept. 1, 1960

The proposed elementary school site on Lovejoy road might well turn into a costly enterprise. In putting together fragments of information gathered in the community, it became apparent this week that the town may well be embarking on a project that will cost upwards of \$125,000 for site development and utilities.

A conference may be held as early as next week on Rogers Brook reconstruction. Town Manager

Please see YEARS, Page 7

Downtown decisions: Neon signs, big trees and urban renewal

Bill Dalton



Andover no longer allows neon signs, and I like neon signs. They're pretty; they make me happy. Maybe it's partly nostalgia that I feel that way; my dad's store, "Dalton's Pharmacy" had a neon sign, as did many other Main Street stores in the 20th Century. They were tasteful and made the center of town colorful and bright, especially at night. I'm not overly fond of imposed taste, especially government-

imposed taste, and I believe such impositions should be handled cautiously. If somebody owns property, he ought to be able to do with the signage as he deems fit. Oh, of course there have to be outside limits; few people want Andover to look like Las Vegas.

Since I'm in a judgmental mood, bigger trees should have been planted when the town's center had its face-lift. The trees are too small again. I say "again" because a few decades ago, when the center had some surgery, little trees were put in with a promise that they would look good when they got older. They were removed last year just about the time they were older and looked good.

The state was in charge of

the recent Main Street project and probably the one before it. Main Street is Route 28, a state highway. (Once upon a time you'd drive from Andover to Cape Cod on Route 28.) It's more expensive to work around existing trees and that's why existing trees are ripped out and replaced, so the trees are small again. Eighty-nine trees of 12 varieties were planted last year to replace the removed trees. I don't expect to ever see mature trees downtown.

People in Andover were often unhappy with their town center. In the mid-20th Century there was the decades-long whining about how ugly the now-called Old Town Hall was. Then tastes changed and everyone decided

it was a beautiful building. In the early 1960s, the center was seedy in spots, especially along Post Office Avenue and Park Street and some of Main Street needed touching up. In 1961 an urban renewal project was proposed by a group of Andover citizens. Many of you may be surprised to think that Andover was ever a candidate for urban renewal - after all, wasn't urban renewal designed to fix blighted cities — but, indeed, Andover qualified and all it had to do to receive two-thirds funding by the federal government — the all powerful Oz — was to agree on a plan.

I thought about doing a

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Family ties



Courtesy photo

Five generations of the Vokey family enjoyed the Annual Wingate at Andover Family Cookout recently. They are, bottom row from left: Meta Vokey, Andrew Dutton, Nathan Dutton; and top row, from left: Emma Panos, John Panos, Maria Panos, Andrew Panos, Donna Lee Panos, Deborah Martin, and in front of her Leah Panos, Pasquale Vocino, Donald Humphries and Doris Vocino.

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DALTON: Renewal plan called for demolishing Main Street

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column on Andover's urban renewal battle, but after taking 25 pages of notes on the subject, I decided it was too much for my column. Urban renewal was a two-year fight. The selectmen kept their powder dry waiting for the right moment to opine or else hoping the idea would just go away. On a document that needed their approval, the selectmen deleted the words "slum" and "blighted." The fact that the words were in there in the first place tells you something about how strong the pro-urban renewal people felt about the condition of the center.

The original plan was a tad draconian. It would have leveled level Main Street, shut down 80 businesses, and moved out 40 people who lived downtown. This was to be done through the power of eminent domain, and there was no guarantee that the original owners and businesses would be able to return. Over many months the plan softened a little, and even the Andover CO-OP (a landmark cooperative market on the south end of what is now CVS) proposed a plan of its own. The effort to change the center was a huge issue dominating the town's news for months.

At the time of the urban renewal fight, my father owned his drug store as well as the Barnard Building (which is now on the national historical register). One night he mentioned casually that some people wanted to tear down all the downtown, including his business and building. Dad always quietly tended to the business he'd worked in since he was 16, and he had lots of friends. He avoided public politics, but

in private conversations he stated powerful opinions about the theft of eminent domain and government intrusions into individual's rights, including property rights. This made me curious as to why he was casual about the possibility of having his business and building destroyed. I think he knew from the beginning that urban renewal wouldn't work out.

One day, when the urban renewal battle was at its peak, he said his building and business would not be part of the plan. Wally Hazeltine, one of the leaders of the urban renewal drive, had given dad his word. He was a banker who eventually moved on to become the biggest banker and one of Maine's most successful businessmen.

Urban renewal died at a Town Meeting, but the town's lengthy discussion about it was healthy. By the time it was defeated, local businessmen like Phid Dantos, John Davidson, Linc Giles, Dan Hogan and others decided to invest time, energy and money in the center. Eventually, the "blight" went away and the center evolved.

The town's center is important and will sometimes be a place of controversy. In spite of the little trees and lack of neon signs, it's a nice place right now with lots of good businesses. The town finally concluded that allowing businesses to have more latitude about things such as outside eating and displays on the sidewalks are good ideas. That's smart because what's good for the center is good for the town.

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



Family Book Buddies gets kids ready for school

Liddy Kasraian and Lizzie Keefe, Doherty Middle School sixth-graders pictured here on the right, helped to collect backpacks and supplies for Andover elementary students in need through Family to Family program. The backpacks were

distributed at the final "Book Buddies" gathering, according to organizer Dianne Caraviello. "Book Buddies" was a new program this summer for Family to Family. Each week 15-20 elementary students were matched up with 15-20



volunteer readers from the community. Family to Family began each session with a whole group read-aloud.

In the photo on the left, Caraviello reads to the group. Adults and teens pictured are Robin Ward, Touria Rosfi, Dana Helm,

Lauren Buhner, Sabrina MacKey, Caroline Boreri and Amanda Holland. Elementary students sitting are Austin Holland, Angel Almanzar, Juan Felix Moreno, Byana Sierra, Abby Hurley, Aidan Holland, Keahilani Diaz and Rachel Martin.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Bead Lady to take stage

Andover resident Pam Newman will take center stage at Fruitlands Museum this fall as part of the "noa at Fruitlands 2010 Artisan Series."

On Thursday, Sept. 16, Newman, who is also known in

jewelry circles as "The Bead Lady," will be making jewelry from beads she collects from around the world. She is a perfect example of an Andover resident who has created a successful cottage industry, selling her work at dozens of stores

and craft fairs throughout New England.

The noa at Fruitlands Artisan Series features a different local artist every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 15. Noa, which is located at 157 Main St., Groton, began managing the

Fruitlands Museum Store in May, and features handmade jewelry, handcrafts and gifts from 200 local artists.

Store hours coincide with weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

YEARS

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Thomas E. Duff expects to see the complete plans for the work by this weekend, with the promise from the state that the meeting will be held soon afterwards. A letter from the Division of Waterways to Mr. Duff stated that the plans for the Brook, from Whittier to Highland streets will be ready by today and forwarded to the

Town for study.

Page 1 photo: Pictured here are members of the winning Twi-League baseball team. In the rear are umpire George Connors; team members Bill McCullom, Paul Twomey, Charlie McCullom, Charlie Bowman, and Recreation Committee member Walt Pearson. Kneeling are John Giovinco, Bob Shaughnessy, Charlie Dalton, Doug Dunbar, Charlie Souter. With the bat is mascot Dick Pearson. Absent was team member Jack Reilly.



ENGAGEMENT

John Limauro and Brittany Higdon

Mary Limauro is pleased to announce the engagement of her son, Captain John Limauro of the United States Army, to Brittany Higdon of Madisonville, Ky.

John is a 2003 graduate of Andover High and a 2007 graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He is currently stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., with the 101st

Airborne Division. He has been deployed to eastern Afghanistan since January with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

Brittany will graduate in the spring of 2011 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

The couple is planning a wedding for March 2011 at the Soldier's Chapel, Fort Campbell, Ky.

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Biology and a minor in Psychology, he graduated with honors from Adelphi University. In 1996, he received his doctorate with honors from Bridgeport College of Chiropractic. In 1998, Dr. Provenzano moved to North Andover to open Essex Chiropractic in Lawrence with his business partner Dr. Mark Messinger.

Following years of clinical practice and post-graduate seminars, Dr. Provenzano realized the obvious benefits for his patients when manual therapy was used in conjunction with physical therapy and rehabilitative exercises. Dedicated to providing the best possible care to his patients and to broaden the scope of his practice, he enrolled in the doctoral program in Physical Therapy at Simmons College, Boston, MA. In 2007, Dr. Provenzano graduated with honors with his doctorate after an extensive three and a half year curriculum with clinical rotations at Salem Hospital, Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, Health South, Beth Israel, Leahy Clinic, Newton Wesley, Boston Medical Center and Massachusetts General.

Dr. Provenzano is also a Certified Fitness Trainer offering specialized programs for patients who have a strong desire to work with an expert who is sensitive and knowledgeable to their unique conditions.

Dr. Provenzano specializes in the treatment of many orthopedic and musculoskeletal conditions such as neck and back pain, headaches, arthritis, herniated discs, pinched nerves, tendonitis, rotator cuff injuries, tennis elbow, joint replacement, sports injuries and motor vehicle accidents. To learn more about the office and to see if Dr. Provenzano may help you, please visit his web site at: [www. EssexPTChiro.com](http://www.EssexPTChiro.com) or call to speak with the doctor.


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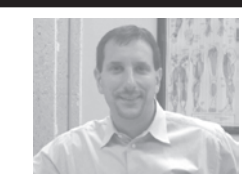
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Opinion

Can't wipe decision to remove resident from record

Here are two things the official record of the Aug. 9 selectmen's meeting includes:

- Chairman Jerry Stabile asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Selectman Brian Major congratulated the cast and crew of the Summer Theatre Ensemble for its performance of Oliver the previous weekend.

Here is one thing that is not included:

For the first time in at least 20 years, a resident was removed by police from the meeting.

As has been reported in the Townsman more than once at this point, on Aug. 9 Jerry Stabile, then selectmen chairman, refused to allow resident Mary Carbone to ask questions and had her removed after she approached a podium at the front of the room and asked to be acknowledged. A police officer was present at the meeting, the first following a meeting where Stabile and Carbone had a heated exchange. Almost immediately after Carbone was removed, Stabile announced his resignation, making a point of saying the two events were not related. He encouraged selectmen to continue with his strict stance with Carbone.

Dealing with people who disagree with you is part of the job of being an elected official, but selectmen are allowed to acknowledge who they choose during discussions. Carbone can be difficult, insinuating and sometimes insulting. While it's difficult to see what she did at the Aug. 9 meeting to deserve removal, the decision to remove her should be part of the record of the meeting.

Public access is at the heart of all democratic government. When selectmen make a decision affecting access it ought to be reflected in the record. Having police escort someone from a meeting for wanting to ask a question is a ground-breaking decision.

We've often criticized Andover boards for doing a lousy job with recording what transpires at their meetings. The selectmen usually do a better job than most. Here, the board failed.

Stimulus only delays pain

Plunging home sales figures demonstrate that temporary tax incentives and one-time stimulus spending are not going to provide a long-term fix to people's economic woes.

Now, another huge, one-time injection of federal money is heading for local schools as a result of passage of the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act. Massachusetts schools will also see some money after the state was awarded federal "Race to the Top" funds. Andover schools will receive \$444,095 in supplemental federal funding, according to Congresswoman Niki Tsongas.

Andover had cut a handful of school positions to cope with budget shortfalls. We expect leaders of our school systems will be cautious about what they'll do with the new money. One does not have to possess more than a grade-school education to predict what will happen a few years from now when the federal funds run out. Parents, school boards and administrators will be warning of imminent disaster if the programs are not continued. Except now funding will have to come from the state or the property tax.

This kind of stimulus provides only temporary relief rather than long-term economic growth. You don't bolster the private sector, which is the bedrock of the economy and major provider of tax revenue, by hiring more people to work in the public sector. The approach is akin to someone taking two aspirin, hoping that whatever ails him will simply go away.

WEB QUESTION

Questioning the DPW

Poll predicts big turnout Sept. 14

Eleven Andover residents will be on the ballot of the upcoming state primary. Last week, we asked you if the abundance of Andover candidates will bring you out to the polls on Sept. 14.

With only 55 responses, top choice was "Yes. I always vote in primaries anyway," which received 39 votes.

Second choice, with 13 votes, was "Yes. I don't normally vote in primaries but I will this time."

The options "No. I normally vote in primaries but I won't in this one, because of the candidates," "I'm not sure yet" and "None of the above" received one vote each.

Choppy waters?

On June 22, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski confirmed the police and district attorney's office are investigating alleged "improprieties" by one or more employees at Andover's water

treatment plant. Since then, the DPW director and water treatment plant supervisor have retired and their positions remain vacant. The investigation is ongoing and Stapczynski has not released further details. How do you feel?

■ As taxpayers, we should know more about the investigation.

■ I trust that town leadership is handling it the right way

■ They can't release information without compromising the investigation.

■ Releasing a little more information would not compromise the investigation.

■ I know the drinking water's safe, and that's enough for me.

■ I'm not sure.

■ None of the above.

To cast your vote, go to andovertownsm.com. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com

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The Townsman has a long-standing policy of not running letters about candidates in the issue prior to an election. This is the last week for letter about candidates participating in the state primary on Sept. 14.

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LADIES NIGHT OUT



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Kelly Maguire of Andover and her daughters, Jordan, seven months, and Rylee, 2 enjoy an early evening at the Park.

My replacement, voters shouldn't gamble on casinos

Sen. Sue Tucker

An open letter to voters of the 2nd Essex and Middlesex Senate District

On Sept. 14, you will choose candidates for the state senate in the Democratic and Republican primaries. I made an early decision not to endorse an individual candidate, but I am paying close attention to where they stand on many issues which have been important to me through the years.

Whether to bring casinos/slot parlors to Massachusetts is one such issue. The casino industry has promoted a myth that playing predatory slot machines is a harmless activity which is good for state and local budgets.

The reality is very different. The states with the most casinos - Nevada, New Jersey, and New York - are in the worst financial shape. Casinos along the East Coast have laid off thousands of workers. More than a few are in

bankruptcy.

Casino lobbyists talk up the money we are missing out on, but they never talk about the costs. Start subtracting. A 10-percent hit to the Lottery from gambling competition would equal a \$90 million loss to local aid. (The only good thing that can be said about the Lottery is that the money stays in Massachusetts, whereas casino profits get shipped to wealthy out-of-state investors). Subtract \$30 million for the huge new bureaucracy filled with hundreds of new state employees to audit, oversee and regulate this notoriously corrupt industry. Then, subtract the huge social costs of addiction: crime, bankruptcy, family disintegration, foreclosure, and subsidized health care. California's Attorney General stated that out-of-control gambling cost California taxpayers \$1 billion per year. You pay even if you don't play.

Casual players who walk away after a win mean nothing to the casino's business model. MIT

Professor Dr. Natasha Schull, who has studied the casino industry for years, concluded that "every aspect of slot machines is designed to make customers play to extinction... until every dollar is gone." A vote for casinos is a vote for state government to make money off addiction. Taxpayers pay the bill for healthcare, food, housing, and treatment of gambling addicts. What kind of vision is that for a sustainable economic future? It is a vision of broken values and broken government.

It is naive to think Massachusetts will simply add a few glamorous casinos and rake in revenue. Once slot machines are legalized, the two recognized Native American tribes in Massachusetts will have the right, under federal law, to build casinos. New Hampshire, which has vigorously resisted slots, will succumb if Massachusetts approves casinos. The casinos win by playing neighboring states off one another. We will be left with an oversaturated market and the

casinos, just as they do throughout the country, will beg for tax breaks to compete with other casinos.

How can it be good for the Merrimack Valley to have slots at Rockingham Park or even in Boston? Disposable income, currently spent in local restaurants like Sal's or car dealerships like Commonwealth Motors, and other businesses will, instead, be dumped down slot machines. Many existing jobs will be lost.

This is not about government allowing people to gamble. We settled that question years ago. It is about how many forms of gambling in how many places are good for the economic and social fabric of our state. It's about making a few wealthy people even wealthier off the backs of our lower income families.

As you meet candidates, ask them about the real costs of casinos. Their answer will speak volumes about their understanding of how to build a sustainable economic future for Massachusetts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ground Zero mosque profoundly bad idea

Editor, Townsman:

Would it offend to build a Shinto shrine above the USS Arizona, or erect a statue of Erwin Rommel at Omaha Beach, or construct an Axis Powers museum at Arlington? Of course.

It is not a question of jingoism or hatred. No one would seriously argue that Japan, Germany and Italy are not friends of the United States. Nor is it a question of religious freedom.

Rather, it is a matter of basic human dignity, of respect for thousands of honored dead and the consecrated ground where they fell, and perhaps recognition of the sensibilities and consequences of a proud nation attacked while at peace.

ANDREW P. BOTTI
Chestnut Street

Silberstein breaks from state's same old politics

Editor, Townsman:

Democrats have a clear choice for state senate this Sept. 14. We can sleepwalk along and nominate a candidate who represents the tired past, or we can make an intelligent selection and nominate someone who gives us hope for the future.

Debbie Silberstein is the candidate of hope. She offers us a break from the same old go-along-to-get-along politics of Beacon Hill. She has her priorities straight. As the daughter of immigrants, she bootstrapped her way up the ladder to success. She understands that jobs and education are the keys to achieving the American dream. She is the embodiment of that dream and an inspiration for all who aspire to it.

I want to be represented in the state senate, not by someone who has the most signs plastered all over town, but by someone who has the sensibilities to enact

real reform for the good of her constituents. That's why I'm voting for Silberstein in the Sept. 14 primary and encourage every thoughtful Democrat to join me.

MAUREEN O'CONNOR
297 Salem St.

Finegold has the necessary work ethic

Editor, Townsman:

I have taught science and worked in school administration for 17 years. What motivated me to work hard was my desire to enrich lives. Barry Finegold has worked hard to enrich people his entire life. It is in his genes - his parents taught locally for 33 years each. Finegold has had a job since he was 10 years old delivering newspapers at 5 a.m. He attended both the Andover and Tewksbury public schools and, after college at the age of 24, he became an Andover selectman. The next year he was voted into the Massachusetts House of Representatives and has been our representative since 1997. I want to see a locally grown hard-worker who has been working on our issues in the Massachusetts Senate and only Finegold fits the bill.

In his early years in the House of Representatives he knew he could serve best knowing the laws of the land, so while working full-time in banking, he took night classes at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. His hard work and dedication led to his law practice of Dalton & Finegold, yet he was still not satisfied that he was prepared enough. Finegold was awarded one of two fellowships to earn his Masters in Public Administration from the JFK School of Government at Harvard University. Now, with the practical and theoretical aspects of government work understood, he applied his skills and, in 1999, Finegold won the Kennedy School Fenn Award for Political Leadership. In 2003 he

was awarded Outstanding Leadership for Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy and was named one of the "100 to Watch" by Democratic Leadership Council.

I fully support Barry Finegold as the next Massachusetts State Senator in the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District because he is the award-winning, local candidate who has proven that he has the work ethic and experience to use a commonsense approach to government. While his accomplishments may seem like magic, our next state senator knows he will get there only with hard work.

RALPH BLEDSOE
Brechin Terrace

Wilson is the fresh leader we need

Editor, Townsman:

Despite the cultural and financial diversity among the constituents of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence, and Tewksbury, it is obvious all constituents agree that now is a time for change. The kind of change needed is one that will foster confidence in the sincerity of our public leadership. A change that is appealing to Democrats, Republicans and Independents. Specifically, we need fresh leadership that will demonstrate economic forward-thinking, and execute sound public safety policy.

Jack Wilson, candidate for state senator, is that fresh leader for our district.

Empty storefronts and absent "Help Wanted" signs in our district are constant reminders of the stagnancy of our local economy. Less visible indicators of the current employment situation are the volume of jobs leaving the district, and the lack of new companies establishing a local presence. From both his own recent personal business experiences, and his past public service in our district, he has effectively

cultivated a business-friendly environment, and stimulated job growth in the region.

With regard to public safety, he was advocating proper oversight of the firefighting resources in Lawrence months before the current attention dominated by our presently elected officials. Firefighters in Lawrence's surrounding communities have publicly validated his concern. His outrage with this matter only gained credible state-level support after his prediction of the strain on mutual-aid came to fruition during the last two weeks.

The primary election is only a few weeks away. I urge all constituents to reflect on two simple questions:

1. "Do you believe the current public leadership will solve our problems?"
2. "Why has the current public leadership been unable to solve these problems?"

If you believe change is needed, vote for Jack Wilson on Sept. 14. He cannot be our voice without our vote of confidence.

KEVIN AND CARLA BYRNE
5 Donna Road

Finegold independent, works for the people

Editor, Townsman:

Over the last few years I have been disappointed with several of our elected officials. Many of them go down to the State House with good intentions but most lose their way and leave us, the voters, behind. This September, there are a few new faces that may eventually prove to be worthwhile politicians. However when it comes to voting for my new Senator in Boston I don't have to wonder if this one will keep his word and remain independent.

I have known Barry Finegold for well over 10 years. I know I can trust him to continue to

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stand up to the special interest groups including his own political party and any speaker of the house. I have watched this young man mature and gain valuable experience but never at the expense of his principles and independence. He has and will continue to represent and help us. He understands that he works for "we the people," not the party, the PACS or the lobbyists. He truly cares about our corner of the world and stands by us and his convictions.

He has taken tough votes before and is not afraid to do so, even when it was politically unpopular. I know I can trust this young man to not "step in line," but rather stand by us with his common sense approach to government. Finegold will keep his integrity and remain responsive and independent in the state senate.

ANNETTE GRAMS
 28 Corbett St.

Wilson not in it for self

Editor, Townsman:

Jack Wilson is a man with integrity and compassion. I have known the Wilson family for many years, through volunteering with them in our Andover community. I have also served with Jack's wife Shari through the PAC boards at Doherty Middle and worked with both Jack and Shari Wilson doing fundraising for the Andover Youth Center. I have observed Jack Wilson's consistent hard work serving the Andover community.

When you volunteer for schools and community without titles or accolades, you do this unselfishly and honestly for the "highest and best good." I can honestly say, I have never witnessed him work in our community with a "what's in it for me?" mentality. As a state senator, he will follow that principle, and will measure and vote on the issues at hand that are right by our community, not right by the party. He has voiced his opinions on a number of the issues that are top of mind with people today. As an example, over six weeks ago he stated his opinion on the need for the state to control the city of Lawrence bail out, and the need to roll back the state sales taxes, to increase commerce and business growth in our state.

He wants to balance our books, not raise your taxes, and he can help do this because he has served in both the public and private sector and understands how to be successful in both worlds. He has extensive experience in economic development and job creation. He served as regional director for the State Business Development office running a program that provided tax cuts to businesses and created hundreds of jobs.

Wilson has what it takes to lead the district out of the economic downturn. He is well rounded and I know that "Jack will have our back" as our next state senator.

KELLE SUTLIFF
 Carter Lane

Commune would be full-time reformer

Editor, Townsman:

We are fortunate to have such strong candidates from Andover running for public office this year. It is a testament to the strength of our community that so many quality people live here and want to be of service to our town and Massachusetts. However, in this distinguished group one candidate stands out as truly exceptional, Pat Commane.

Commune is running for state representative for the 17th Essex district. She has never run for public office before and would be a fresh voice in the legislature. Her passion for helping people and improving our community has motivated her to take this step. Her candidacy represents the ideal of citizen participation in self-government.

I have worked with Commune on several projects in town and have been impressed with her intelligence, passion, organization skills and leadership. She is a person who will take responsibility and make things happen. She has promised to be a full-time legislator and not have other jobs or business dealings while in the legislature. That is refreshing.

Commune's top priority is getting people back to work in this weak economy. She has worked for many years as a certified rehabilitation counselor for the state of Massachusetts. Her focus has been the rehabilitation and training of the disabled, including veterans, to enable them to transition to the workplace and become productive citizens. She has extensive knowledge of the job market and local employers who provide jobs in our state.

Commune is also a reformer.

While working for the state she has seen the aspects of our state government that need to be fixed. She has a plan for reducing wasteful spending that is based on an intelligent process for eliminating inefficiencies. Saving taxpayers money should not be a partisan issue and I know she will provide practical and effective leadership in this area.

I urge you to support Pat Commane for state representative. She is not a lawyer and she is not your typical candidate.

ANDREW ROUSE
 5 Cattle Crossing

Silberstein has earned diverse endorsements

Editor, Townsman:

It is no secret that I have been a staunch supporter of Debbie Silberstein over the past several years. After participating in two successful local election campaigns for her and being involved with building support for school budget issues over the past six years, I have witnessed Silberstein build a broad-based grassroots constituency to promote our public schools. As chairwoman of the School Committee she demonstrated great leadership skills and the ability to bring together citizens to create consensus despite difficult budget times like today.

As a candidate for the state senate seat, she has gained support from a diverse group of organizations that extend well beyond the district borders. From education to health care, workers' rights to environmental protection, and economic justice to civil rights, she has been honored with more endorsements than any other candidate running for the state senate. And she earned each endorsement through a rigorous competitive interview process and the resulting consensus and approval of many organization leaders.

Silberstein possesses an independent and broad unfettered perspective needed to understand the difficult issues that local governments confront every day. She is beholden to no one. She represents an opportunity to get our state government beyond business as usual on Beacon Hill. With nearly a quarter of the state senate members retiring this year, she will be part of a freshman class with real clout to affect real change on Beacon Hill.

This election represents our opportunity to bring new leadership to Beacon Hill. Silberstein clearly personifies this opportunity.

THOMAS E. BRADY
 5 Pettingill Road.

Committed Wilson different kind of leader

Editor, Townsman:

Jack Wilson has declared his candidacy for State Senator in the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District. We are fortunate to have a candidate who is both exceptionally qualified and a refreshing change from the typical professional politician.

Our district needs a senator who starts by listening; who will stand up for the families and businesses in the district; and who will stand against insiders who think they know better than you what's best for you.

Wilson is a fellow businessman, who understands the need for economic and fiscal discipline on Beacon Hill. He supports both the rollback of the state sales tax to 5 percent, and the elimination of the sales tax on alcohol. He believes that our economy needs fixing, and that creating private sector jobs is the only solution.

We are registered as independent voters, and we have rarely felt this committed to a political campaign. Wilson's knowledge of our issues, his desire to bring integrity back to government, and his vision for economic development have caught our attention and have compelled us to support his campaign.

Wilson is a lifelong native of Merrimack valley, a resident of Andover, and the parent of three school-age children. He is committed to our community having volunteered for the Andover Hockey Association, Little League, Junior Football League, Youth Lacrosse, the Shawsheen School PTO, the South School PTO, the Doherty School PAC, and Andover Youth Services "Raise the Roof" Committee.

If you agree with us that we need a new direction in our state, if you agree with us that we need a different kind of leader on Beacon Hill, if you agree with us that we need a senator who

starts by listening, please join us in supporting Wilson for state senate.

DEB & LOU PIAZZA
 11 Carter Lane

Silberstein listens, collaborates, does

Editor, Townsman:

Over the past five years, I have worked closely with state senate candidate Debbie Silberstein in my roles on the Andover Special Education Parent Advisory Council, the Budget Advisory Task Force, and the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. In each capacity, she has proven to be a true visionary who works tirelessly to advocate for quality and excellence. She is a leader amongst leaders, a consensus builder, and a diplomatic problem-solver. Silberstein is a masterful listener who works diligently to facilitate, negotiate, and collaborate, and when necessary, she does not hesitate to challenge the status quo. She is a community activist and independent thinker and these skills will serve her and her constituents well in the Senate. She is a tireless advocate for the children and seniors, and promotes diversity and equal opportunity for all.

The first time I met Silberstein was at a PTO meeting - she was there as a School Committee member speaking about Andover's budgetary struggles, and specifically, the escalating cost to fund special education. After much public debate and advocacy on my part, she approached me and asked if she could contact me to further understand the points I had raised. She called me the next morning, we spoke for a very long time, and she asked if I would come to speak at the School Committee meetings to help others understand the complexities of special education. She listens, she hears what you say, she thinks about how she can effect change, and she gets the job done.

She has been a champion of education, on the Andover School Committee, Finance Committee and as a private citizen. Her success in working with the teachers is evidenced by the endorsement of the Andover Teachers and the Massachusetts Teachers Association for this upcoming senate primary.

As a specialist in elder law and estate planning, she has a solid understanding of the issues our seniors face in these difficult economic times, and has spent countless hours working with the elderly throughout the district. With Silberstein, there are no special interests; just real people whose voice she represents.

CYNDI WEBBER
 9 Gavin Circle

Rahilly wants to roll back sales tax

Editor, Townsman:

Patrick Rahilly has my vote for state senator to represent Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury. Rahilly has clearly stated what he will do for these towns, once he is elected state senator. Rahilly will fight to roll back the sales tax to 5 percent, but he strongly supports the ballot question to roll back the sales tax to 3 percent. The sales tax in Massachusetts is 6.25 percent; much too costly for the average person to pay.

Rahilly will work to create cost effective solutions to problems in Massachusetts. Rahilly has not taken any money from political organizations. He will respect the wishes of the people. Please vote for a young man who is dedicated to our towns and who will listen to you every day.

ROBERT HUNT
 172 Pringle St., Tewksbury

Silberstein creates compassionate solutions

Editor, Townsman:

I enthusiastically endorse the candidacy of Debra Silberstein for the office of state senator. In my capacities of parent, financial advisor and concerned citizen, I have come to know her well through the years. Both personally and professionally, I have come to deeply respect Silberstein's abilities to listen carefully, to formulate constructive solutions logically, and to articulate difficult concepts clearly. She is compassionate by nature; I have frequently seen her deal with both professional clients and situations before the Andover School Committee she served so well with great caring and sensitivity.

As a financial consultant, I am an advocate of fiscal discipline and responsibility. I know first hand from working with Silberstein on behalf of mutual clients over the years that she shares this perspective with me completely.

Silberstein is a woman of high intellect and integrity. These are attributes to which many politicians may not fairly lay claim. But she possesses these in abundance. She is aware that good

ideas, ideas such as those which create more private sector jobs and which help heal our ailing communities, do not come exclusively from either Democrats or Republicans. Instead, they are the products of those of whatever political persuasion who have the intellectual acumen to research and conceive them, the articulate sensitivity to present and discuss them well, and the moral courage to enact them for the benefit of all concerned.

Now, more than ever, we need Debbie Silberstein working with and for us in the state senate. Please join me in voting for her in the Democratic primary on Sept. 14.

RONALD R. HILL
 Abbot Street

Lyons is businessman, new face state needs

Editor, Townsman:

Why the uproar and discontent over our political incumbents? Perhaps the answer is; high taxes, ignoring their constituency, excessive spending on out-of-control entitlements, and failure to deliver on campaign promises.

We the people, hoping for change in a positive direction, have been left flapping in the wind waiting for a turn around in our economy.

Our Massachusetts State House needs a face lift or, better yet, a new face. A face that will work for the people. A face that will be ever present, on the floor of the State House, who is willing to vote for all of the constituents within the 18th District of Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Methuen and North Andover. A face of the people and not of the special interest groups that seek to push their agendas. I believe the new face, who will make a difference on Beacon Hill, is Jim Lyons.

Lyons started his small business from scratch, by selling flowers on the street corners, and he helped it bloom into a thriving, going concern. Small business is the backbone of our economy. He stayed with his business, Dandi-Lyons, through the good times and the lean times. He never quit and became successful through his hard work and dedication.

Lyons will bring to the State House that same hard work ethic, dedication, business experience and understanding of what it takes to create, budget and run a business. He will work hard to ensure the business of state government will be effective and efficient.

If you believe as I do, that it is time for a new hard-working face in our legislature, then please support Jim Lyons to be our 18th District representative.

PATRICIA OWENS
 4 Azelea Drive

Silberstein has proven track record

Editor, Townsman:

I have only known Debbie Silberstein for three years, but in that time I have gained a great deal respect for her. From the first Andover School Committee meeting I attended, my immediate impression of was that she really cares. Silberstein values public input, listens attentively and makes informed decisions. I learned that she stands her ground and was clearly not willing to compromise. It was clear she made decisions that were in the best interest of the education of Andover students.

Over the last three years, I learned of Silberstein's extensive involvement in the community. She founded the first townwide PTO and served as president, served for four years on the Andover Finance Committee, six years on the School Committee, 10 years on Andover's Council for Aging, was a founding member of the Andover Youth Foundation, and much more. Her dedication to the community cannot be questioned. I once asked Silberstein how much time she dedicated to her position on the School Committee. She told me that on average she put in around 15-20 hours per week, more during budget and contract negotiation times. She said a person could do it in less time, but she wanted to do it right. She managed to serve the Andover community while running a successful law practice and at the same time, earning a doctorate in social policy from Brandeis University.

A lot of people say "we need change" and that they want to help to enact that change. Silberstein has shown, by her years of service to the community, that she makes a difference and truly cares about the people in our community. Silberstein is not a career politician. She is just an extremely dedicated community activist who has the intelligence and passion to be successful in whatever she sets out to do. I

know she will bring that passion and dedication that she has already exemplified in her past achievements when elected to the State Senate serving the people of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury.

DAN KOWALSKI
 24 Enfield Drive

Wilson would maintain safety, education

Editor, Townsman:

Jack Wilson possesses the right mix of experience and skills to have an immediate and positive impact on Beacon Hill as our state senator. In these tough economic times we need a state senator who understands that we must maintain our priorities of public safety and public education even in lean budget times. During the course of his campaign, Wilson has spoken about the need for more hard work on Beacon Hill to make sure that the state maintains its commitment to public education. I couldn't agree more. I spent my career working in public education and I share Wilson's view that the foundation of a strong economy starts with excellence in our schools.

I have known Wilson and his family for many years. He and his wife have been very active in the community through their involvement with school Parent Advisory Committee activities and their children's youth sports activities. Wilson is an honest, articulate, and insightful person who is taking on the challenge of running for state senate because he believes he can make a positive difference in the lives of everyone in the district. I believe he can as well, and that is why I encourage voters to please join me and my family in supporting Wilson in the Democratic Primary on Sept. 14.

MARY WESSON
 Andover

Finegold quickly solved her problem

Editor, Townsman:

When I was having problems transferring my husband's medical insurance to me as his surviving spouse three months after his death I contacted state Rep. Barry Finegold's office. The problem was solved within three hours.

I have always found Finegold to be one of those rare elected officials who listen to his constituents. This is only one more reason to elect him to the office of state senator.

BEATRICE J. COLLINS
 172 Haverhill St.

Experienced Silberstein is no lightweight

Editor, Townsman:

State senator matters. The legislative body of the senate is small and intimate, and lightweights, poseurs and dilettantes are soon relegated to the margin. The outcome of this election will have direct and immediate impact on the present and future interests of Andover.

The voters of Andover are fortunate to have three serious, qualified candidates for the Democratic nomination for state senator. In our view, one candidate, Debra Silberstein, stands out. Silberstein is a progressive, which we define as a leader who embraces government as a positive instrument of change. As importantly, she is a realist. With six years of experience on the town's School Committee, three years as chairwoman preceded by four years on the Finance Committee, she understands that progress cannot outstrip a town's, or state's, resources. Especially in her tenure on School Committee, she oversaw a process of wrenching budget cutbacks while protecting the quality of our schools.

We trust Silberstein when she says she will work to repeal some of the recent increases in the state's sales tax increases that the current representatives and senators have allowed to stand. We applaud her when she recognizes that the engines of progress in Massachusetts are small businesses and startups, and when she espouses programs to support, not tax these entrepreneurs. We are grateful that a candidate has emerged who has already done so much for Andover, and who is running for state senator not for personal gain or ego satisfaction, but because she plainly believes that a good, hard-working senator can make a difference.

For a full decade, Silberstein has been an able, responsive, effective public official for the town of Andover. We enthusiastically support her candidacy for state senator and encourage our fellow citizens to do the same.

ANNIE AND BOB GILBERT
 12 Gray Road

Tabit will have impact, support education

Editor, Townsman:

Showing public support of a candidate or expressing my political beliefs publicly has never been something I have done. Writing this letter is out of character for me.

However, I decided to weigh in because I strongly support Sal Tabit in the upcoming election to represent the 17th Essex District in Massachusetts as state representative.

My husband and I have lived in Andover for over 25 years. We have four children who all attend the Andover public school system. Our most pressing issue to date is where Andover is heading in the area of education. The increasing class sizes and the cutting of important classes and programs are affecting the top quality education that we thought we could give our children by staying in the Andover public schools. We know how deeply Tabit feels about this issue and how vigilant he will be fighting for that top quality education we expect to provide our children by paying taxes here.

My husband and I met Tabit many years ago. We have come to know him as a smart, hard working, honest and caring person. By electing Tabit, the people of our district will have a strong leader who will fight against tax increases, help manage our health-care system, prevent cuts to local aid, and reform our state's pension system, while keeping education a top priority.

A change is needed. Tabit will get the job done.

MARIA DUTTON
 12 Tilton Lane

Wilson is only fiscal conservative in primary

Editor, Townsman:

If you want your new state senator to be a fiscally responsible legislator who will hold the government accountable in spending our tax dollars, then join me in supporting Jack Wilson for State Senate.

Wilson supports rolling back the sales tax to 5 percent, which Rep. Barry Finegold voted to increase by 25 percent last year. Wilson also supports eliminating the sales tax on alcohol, also instituted last year. Wilson was the first primary candidate to publicly call for a finance control board for the city of Lawrence, to monitor its out-of-control spending and spend our tax dollars responsibly.

Wilson's entire work experience also speaks to his sense of fiscal responsibility. During his tenure at Lawrence's Economic Development Office, he brought Lawrence into a state program providing tax cuts for businesses that created jobs. When he worked for Sen. John O'Brien, he helped to audit the Lawrence School Department, resulting in cost savings and more government accountability.

Wilson is the only fiscal conservative in this primary who has the best interest of the citizen taxpayer in mind.

Wilson has dedicated his career to fiscal management, accountability, and prudent government spending, which is why I support him for state senate.

KEVIN M. CUFF
 265 Beacon St.

Tabit cares for all, will fight tax hikes

Editor, Townsman:

As a long-time Andover resident, I urge you to vote for the one candidate who truly has his community's best interest at heart. I support Sal Tabit as state representative for the 17th District.

Over the many years that I have known Tabit, I have found him to be a hard-working family man who is not only committed to his wife and children, but also to everyone in his community. It's hard to believe, yet Tabit truly cares for those he doesn't even know.

From the elderly couple living on a fixed income, to the single mother who recently moved here because it was best for her child, to the young family with 2.5 children and a dog, Tabit is a man of the people and genuinely cares what government is doing to them.

For all our sakes, we need Tabit in office to fight against tax increases, government expansion and cuts to local aid; to stand up for small business owners; and to support those charged with protecting our community and educating our children. Vote for Tabit as state representative and you'll be voting for a better community.

KELLY MURPHY
 8 Brook St

Ready for a new year



Incoming Andover High School freshmen are led by an upperclassman on a tour through the halls of the school during freshman orientation at the high school in Andover.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Pair of Andover teens charged in NH felony

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Two 18-year-old Andover residents were arrested and charged with criminal mischief, class B for a felony, after allegedly

creating havoc at a Nashua, N.H. parking garage.

Nashua Police responded at 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 22 to find seven damaged vehicles and a broken office window in the Elm Street parking garage. Billy Marte of 200 Brookside Drive,

Apt. C, and Reinaldo Brito of 600 Bulfinch Drive, Apt. 206, were arrested just after midnight.

Brito and Marte were each held on \$1,500 cash bail. A class B felony is punishable by up to seven years in state prison, plus fines.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

This week's police log includes arrest, thefts and breaks from last week, because the police log could not be included in the Aug. 26 Townsman.

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Aug. 17 - At 3 p.m., eight officers responded to a drug arrest on River Road. At 3:27 p.m. Jose Guzman Jr., 39, of 49 Grove Ave., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with receiving/buying a stolen motor vehicle, giving a false name during booking, carrying a firearm without a license, having a firearm/ammunition without a firearm identification card and possession of a class A substance; also on warrants.

At 4:09 p.m. Rafael L. Maldonado, 35, of 1444 Taylor Ave.,

Apt. 2, Bronx, N.Y., was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm without a license, receiving/buying a stolen motor vehicle, giving a false name during booking, having a firearm/ammunition without a firearm identification card, driving with a suspended license and possession of a class A substance; also on a warrant.

Wednesday, Aug. 18 - At 8:41 a.m., a person delivering wine to the Chateau Restaurant, River Road, called 911 after someone stole two cases of wine out of the back of his truck and took off. At 9:04 a.m., Scott Powers, 44, of 56 Salem St., Apt. 1, Salem, Mass., was arrested and charged with larceny under \$250 and larceny from a truck.

At 3:59 p.m., Melanie M. Braswell, 31, of 107 Lowell Road, Apt. 107, North Reading, was arrested and charged with assault and

battery on a household member.

Thursday, Aug. 19 - At 10:47 p.m., a 16-year-old Andover male was arrested and charged with breaking and entering for a misdemeanor.

Friday, Aug. 20 - At 8:24 a.m., a motorist called 911 for a person erratically riding a bicycle on North Main Street. At 8:48 a.m., David A. Hersey, 40, of 259 High St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for driving with a suspended license.

At 9:53 p.m., Palmer's Restaurant, Elm Street, called police reporting a possible drunk driver had hit several cars in the parking lot. At 10:18 p.m., Tracy A. Kuzlotsky, 44, of 19 England St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of liquor.

Sunday, Aug. 22 - At 1:17 a.m., Holly Elizabeth Maxson, 25, of 308 McCormick St., Mount Pleasant, S.C., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Tuesday, Aug. 24 - At 8:14 a.m., Elkin J. Ospina, 46, of 11 Gershom Ave., Apt. 4, Lowell, was arrested and charged with violating an abuse prevention order.

Friday, Aug. 27 - At 8:45 a.m., Deleon Lopes Carneiro, 24, of 50 Norwood St., Everett, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 6:51 p.m., Stephen T. Kelley,

New contract nears for Stapczynski

Selectmen are coming to the final stages of negotiating a new contract for Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, whom they reappointed to a fifth, five-year term in February.

Negotiations have been ongoing through the summer, including closed-door executive sessions on Aug. 23 and 31 and another scheduled for Friday, Sept. 3 at 7:45 a.m.

On his last day as a member of the board, outgoing Selectman Jerry Stabile Jr. took part in Tuesday's 7:30 a.m. negotiation session.

When reached Monday, Aug. 30, Selectman Chairman Alex Vispoli could not give a definite date but said Stapczynski's contract will be finalized soon.

Stapczynski's previous five-year contract expired June 4. He is paid a base salary of \$131,497. Stapczynski, 62, has been Andover's town manager since 1990.

- Bethany Bray

Rescheduled? Far out!

The band '60s Invasion was supposed to close the town's summer concert series in the Park last Wednesday, Aug. 25. But the show was rained out.

There is good news as the band has rescheduled. '60s Invasion, which, as one might guess, specializes in music from the 1960s, will perform in the Park during the town-sponsored yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Mary Donohue of the town's Department of Community Services said the band will perform from noon-2 p.m.

- Judy Wakefield

No reference to police escort

An event that has not happened in at least two decades didn't make the record of the selectmen's meeting, and resident Mary Carbone is unhappy about it.

Jerry Stabile Jr., then selectmen chairman, asked a police officer to remove Carbone from the Aug. 9 selectmen's meeting when she went to the podium to ask a question. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has said no one had previously been removed from a selectmen's meeting in his 20 years.

Almost immediately thereafter, Stabile

TOWN TALK

Congrats, Clan



Courtesy photo/Bob Innes

Amy McGlokin of Andover, band leader, accepts an award at the 38th Quechee Scottish Festival. Her Clan MacPherson won "Best Band" at the festival.

announced that he was resigning from the board because of his work schedule. His fellow selectmen then offered their appreciation for his work.

Carbone believes the official record of the meeting, known as the selectmen's meeting minutes, should reflect that she was removed. They do not. But the minutes do include two sentences about how officials "expressed their appreciation to Mr. Stabile."

"They give accolades to each other, but they don't have time in the minutes for something like this," Carbone said. "There is not a word, only accolades for the person that [had me removed.]"

-Neil Fater

BREAKS

Tuesday, Aug. 17 - At 3:56 p.m., someone reported that a home break on Blood Road had occurred between noon and 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20 - At 5:14 p.m., there was a report of a home break on Elysian Drive sometime the previous night, with a safe and other items taken through the back door slider in the basement.

At 11:34 p.m., a Farrwood Drive resident reported a home break sometime while the family was away Aug. 14 to 20.

Sunday, Aug. 29 - At 12:46 a.m., a Longwood Drive resident reported her ex-boyfriend just broke into her apartment by breaking the door, but had left. Five officers responded.

Monday, Aug. 30 - At 7:15 p.m., a Wethersfield Drive resident reported a break-in after returning home and finding a ladder propped up against her house and a screen cut.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 25 - At 7:30 p.m., a Wildwood Road resident called 911 because he thought a coyote was under his couch. Animal Control Officer Wayne Nader found the animal to be a fox and was able to remove it from the home.

Friday, Aug. 27 - At 7:46 p.m., a Buttonwood Drive resident reported 23 political signs were put on her lawn sometime during the day today.

Saturday, Aug. 28 - At 3:54 a.m., a suicidal resident called 911 and asked to be taken to the hospital.

At 10:06 p.m., five officers responded to break up a large gathering on West Parish Drive.

Sunday, Aug. 29 - At 1:01 p.m., three officers and medical personnel responded to a possible overdose on Poor Street.

Monday, Aug. 30 - At 9:25 a.m., police Lt. James Hashem filed a report of an officer injured.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 25 - At 12:22 p.m., a Washington Avenue caller reported a hit-and-run crash after a blue Ford Focus hit the caller's truck and kept going.

Thursday, Aug. 26 - At 4:44 p.m., a person reported their car had been hit on Bartlet Street while she was in Town Offices. A witness left a note on the windshield with the license plate number of the vehicle that hit her.

Friday, Aug. 27 - At 8:37 a.m., report of a two-car crash, with injuries, on Main Street.

At 10:53 a.m., a person came into the police station to report a Aug. 25 hit-and-run in front of Perfecto's Cafe, North Main Street.

Saturday, Aug. 28 - At 1:12 p.m., a 911 caller reported a hit-and-run in the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot, North Main Street.

AUTO CRIME

Thursday, Aug. 26 - At 3:45 a.m., someone reported the theft of a GPS from a vehicle on Donna Road.

Friday, Aug. 27 - At 12:15 p.m., there was a report of a vehicle break on Walker Avenue sometime during the previous week.

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Only Our Name Is Changing!

Bay State Gas will now be Columbia Gas of Massachusetts

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Stephen H. Bryant,
President, Bay State Gas company

Ten years ago, Bay State Gas became part of the NiSource family of Columbia Gas companies. Now it's time for us to take on the well-respected Columbia brand in Massachusetts. You will soon be seeing **Columbia Gas of Massachusetts** replacing the Bay State Gas name. This project should be completed by the end of the year.

Only our name is changing. Our employees, products, and services, and our commitment to public safety and the safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to our 300,000 customers throughout Massachusetts is unchanged. We're confident that our customers and the public will very quickly become as proud of our new name and logo as we are.

For more information about the name change, visit: www.ColumbiaGas.com

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

FREE SEWING WORKSHOP. The Andover Historical Society celebrates "September is National Sewing Month," 7 to 9 p.m., 97 Main Street, Andover, materials provided, for new sewers and experienced sewers; 978-475-2236.

EXHIBIT OPENING. "What I Do & Where I Do It," an artists' sampler show with each Loading Dock Gallery artist's artwork is accompanied by a photograph providing a glimpse of the studio where the art was created, The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell, through Sept. 26.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

ANNUAL MAHRAJAN, 5 to 11 p.m., free admission, homemade food and pastries, Lebanese and American cuisine, live music, St. Anthony Maronite Church, 145 Amesbury St., Lawrence; 978-685-7233, stanthonylawrence.org.

CRAFT FAIR, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 32nd Annual New England Arts & Crafts Festival, Topsfield Fairgrounds, Route 1 North, Topsfield.

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

KIDS WILD ANIMAL KINGDOM DAY, 1 p.m., Winnekenni Castle, Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill, featuring reptiles and furry friends, followed by a presentation by Eyes on Owls, free admission for children, \$5 adults; winnekenni.com.

ANNUAL MAHRAJAN, noon to 11 p.m., see Sept. 4 listing.

CRAFT FAIR, see Sept. 4 listing.

MONDAY, SEPT. 6

BOAT BUILDING DEMONSTRATION, Essex Shipbuilding Museum's Shipyard, 66 Main St., Essex, noon-4 p.m., free admission. Try steam bending a plank, making a trunnel and putting together and mounting a frame. Music by John Hicks and Friends. Round-trip transportation will be available from the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center to Essex; essexshipbuildingmuseum.org, 978-768-7541.

REGISTRATION AND REHEARSALS, for The Newburyport Choral Society, 6:30 p.m., the Rupert Nock Middle School cafeteria on Low Street in Newburyport. Rehearsals are held every Monday night starting at 7:30 p.m.; information@newburyportchoralsociety.org, 978-462-0650.

FREE BLUES CONCERT, with Matt Stubbs, 2 p.m., Winnekenni Castle, Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill; winnekenni.com.

CRAFT FAIR, see Sept. 4 listing.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

FREE TALK ON UPDATING WORKOUTS, if your current workout regimen is getting stale or not helping you reach your health and fitness goals, this free informational presentation is for you, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover; reservation required, 978.475.2020, YangsFitnessCenter.com.

TOTS-N-TYKES TUESDAY MORNING, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5 per child, Winnekenni Castle, Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill. Instructors from Little Sprouts and Imagine that will lead the children through arts, crafts & educational activities. Pre-registration at winnekenni.com, imaginehat.com/winnekennicastle.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

EXERCISING WITH A "BAD BACK," free informational presentation, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover; reservation required, 978.475.2020, YangsFitnessCenter.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

AUTHOR READING, Jane Brox, "Brilliant: The Evolution of Artificial Light," 7 p.m. Brox, who has written a trilogy about rural life in the Merrimack Valley, returns with a book about the earliest torchlight caves to modern LEDs and shows how artificial light has changed our world, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETING, 7 p.m., the VFW Hall, 32 Park St., North Andover. Special Guest Speaker will be radio talk show host Michael Graham; Mike Mosca, 978-681-8190.

LIVE THEATER, "Perfect Harmony" opens, a comedy about the greatest capella group in high school singing history, through Oct. 3, \$44-48, all student tickets \$20, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 (Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m.), stonehamtheatre.org.

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JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

Addison Director Brian T. Allen reviews several rooms of art as the Addison Gallery prepares for its reopening on Sept. 7 and a grand opening party on Sept. 25.

ADDISON NO LONGER A STILL LIFE

Beloved art museum doors reopen Sept. 7

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

When Brian Allen unlocks the front door of the Addison Gallery of American Art next Tuesday, the doors will open to the public for the first time in over two years.

Allen, director of the Addison, said he is looking forward to seeing who arrives the first day, Sept. 7.

"I've missed the art so much, but I've also missed the people," he said.

A opening party is planned for Saturday, Sept. 25, from 3 to 7 p.m., but people have the opportunity to explore the expanded museum before then. While much of the renovation was devoted to behind-the-scenes improvements such as security, storage, climate control and lighting, visitors will see the differences as soon as they enter. Water will flow through the Paul Manship fountain in the entry rotunda again, and, of course, there's the not-so-small matter of a 1,800-square-foot, three-story addition that includes a museum learning center and green roof.

Those who visit the Addison before Sept. 25 will get a sneak peak at "Inside, Outside, Upstairs, Downstairs: The Addison Anew" which is meant to highlight the range and depth of the Addison's holdings.

"Everything looks very beautiful. All the art is on the wall and



Standing near a steel sculpture by David Smith, Addison Director Brian T. Allen discusses the American art that will soon be open for public display again after two years of construction at the museum.

the labels are up," Allen said. "The staff has worked diligently to prepare an exhibition that truly honors the Addison's collection, showcases our improved space and celebrates our tradition of cultivating a love for the beautiful."

The exhibit features more than 300 historical and contemporary art objects drawn exclusively from the Addison's collection. The Addison Gallery was the first museum devoted entirely to American art.

"This extraordinary exhibit will offer viewers the opportunity to discover great treasures and rediscover old favorites, learn about lesser-known but equally compelling works, and become acquainted with newly acquired additions to the Addison's collection," according to a release. "The exhibition acknowledges the transformative and respectful nature of the Addison's restoration, which returned original gallery spaces in the 1931 building to

their former use."

The reopening marks the completion of five major goals, according to the museum:

- Create the Addison Gallery Museum Learning Center
- Provide appropriate collection storage and art preservation space
- Construct new office space
- Renovate and restore the existing Platt Building
- Ensure the Addison's future financial stability

Beginning Sept. 7, 2010, the Addison Gallery of American Art is reopened to the public from Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Monday. Admission to all exhibitions and events is free.

The Addison Gallery also offers free education programs for teachers and groups. Local classrooms and groups interested in more information should call 978-749-4015, or visit the website at www.addisongallery.org



Natural light pours in the main entrance of the Addison Gallery, highlighting the Paul Manship fountain that will flow again for the first time in many years.

▶ Learning to sew

They want to give you the needle

The Andover Historical Society and Andover's Memorial Hall Library will host a free sewing workshop to celebrate September is National Sewing Month. The programs will take place at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.; and at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, on Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

These hands-on programs are free and open to the public and are designed to introduce new sewers to the basics of using a sewing machine and simple hand sewing. Current and former sewers are also invited and encouraged to bring sewn items for show and tell, according to organizers. Multiple sewing machines will be available to work at and all supplies and project materials are being

provided by the Boston Chapter of the American Sewing Guild.

The observance of National Sewing Month began in 1982 with a proclamation from President Ronald Reagan declaring September as National Sewing Month "In recognition of the importance of home sewing to our Nation."

Sewing fell from favor in the '90s as schools cut out home economics classes, clothing prices dropped and consumers became more interested in wearing a "designer" rather than a "design." But, building on a spark that started after 9/11 and grew out of a do-it-yourself craze, new-to-sewing enthusiasts are now flocking to fabric and sewing machine stores where they are joining others who are dusting off their sewing machines, according to enthusiasts.

and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest" with guitar, harp and marimba/vibraphone; and Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," sung by the women of Cantemus with harp accompaniment.

On April 30 and May 1, the spring concert repertoire will include Brahms' "Zigeunerlieder" and "Geistliches Lied"; Duruflé's "Quatre Motets"; Copland's "Four Motets" and Britten's "Te Deum in C Major."

Mom, daughter talents release collection

Julie Scolnik and her daughter Sophie have released a CD called Salut d'Amour and Other Songs of Love, a collection of what Julie Scolnik calls "some of the most beautiful short concert pieces ever written, which we have transcribed for flute and piano."

Scolnik, who founded the Andover Chamber Music Series, offered an intimate CD release party at her Main Street home on Aug. 20. The flutist told a personal journey on the CD jacket. It reads:

When my daughter Sophie was little, I never assumed that she would share my love of music or follow in my footsteps. But I remember the day I realized that music could make her go weak in the knees. My 7-year-old and I were baking cookies and listening to a Brahms piano trio. Suddenly there was a disarming harmonic change, and she turned to me, spoon in hand, with a facial expression that until then I had only seen when she was tasting Lindt chocolate. That's when I knew.

The pleasure of preparing this CD with Sophie was about so much more than the gratification of knowing that she had become a musician in her own right. It lay in the realization that we share the same passion, one that we can now express together through our playing.

After reading through piles of music during her weeks at home on winter break from college, our sessions interspersed with snacks and walks in the snow, we chose this collection of short concert pieces, all of which are songs of love. Many, like the Mompou and Schumann songs, are heartrending and mournful. Others, like Elgar's "Chanson de Matin" and Mendelssohn's "Contemplation," we love for their bittersweetness, which lingers delicately between tears and happiness. With the exception of Caplet's "Reverie," none of the works was



Scolnik and Scolnik-Brower have released a new album.

originally composed for flute and piano; most are arrangements that we made together from solo piano works, violin pieces, and art songs.

In years to come, when I remember our first collaboration, I will see my daughter at the piano, her graceful hands poised above the keyboard, watching and listening for my first intake of breath.

To hear samples, see the track listing, or purchase visit cdbaby.com/cd/scolnikbrower. People can also send \$15 plus \$2 shipping to Joanna Szu, 956 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 021421.

Cantemus Chamber Chorus seeks new singers

Cantemus, the North Shore chamber chorus that bills itself for being "known for its varied programming and musical enthusiasm," is seeking experienced singers in all voice parts.

Rehearsals for the new Cantemus season begin Sept. 7 at Miles River School in Hamilton. Singers who would like to schedule an audition should call 1-888-CHORUS 1 and leave

a message. Music Director Gary Wood will audition prospective new members by appointment starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Complete audition and chorus details are available at cantemus.org.

Cantemus' 2010-11 concert season begins Dec. 4 and 5 in Rockport and Newburyport, respectively, when it will perform Conrad Susa's "Carols



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Weekend festival of Greek food, music, culture Sept. 10-12

Residents of all backgrounds can get their fill of Greek culture and Greek food during the weekend of Sept. 10 through 12, when Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church will offer its annual festival. And this year, people will have an extra day to enjoy it all, as the festival will begin Friday night for the first time.

Sts. Constantine & Helen is planning for a weekend of Greek food, a shopping marketplace, children's activities and Greek music and dance. The festivities will be available Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

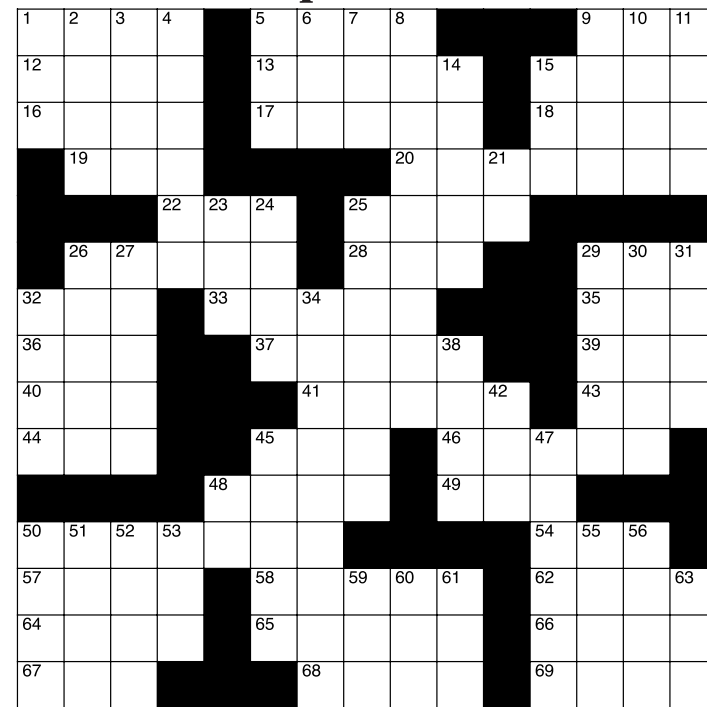
On Friday, there will be a full menu of Greek specialties and baked items and music featuring Charlie Makredes and Friends. Stop by on Saturday for a cooking demonstration using phyllo dough to make baklava. Music on Saturday will be offered by DJ Peter Souhleris and Ta Pethia.

There will be free parking and shuttle bus from West Elementary School, according to organizers.



Jeanette Alexandrou, left, and Helen Zavas Munroe give a demonstration on how to make spanakopita during the Greek Festival at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church last year.

Crossword puzzle



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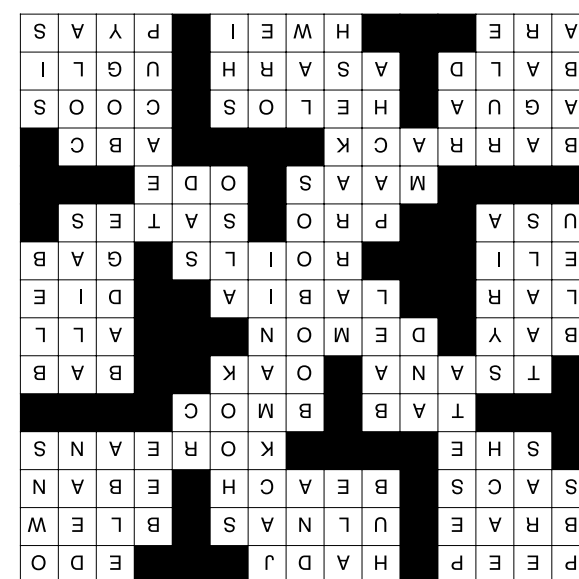
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- Yeddo
- Scottish hillside
- Arm bones
- The bomb ___ up
- Pouches
- Sandy seaside area
- Abba ___, Israeli politician
- The woman
- Inhabitants of Seoul
- Restaurant bill
- Big man on campus
- Ethiopian lake
- Produces acorns
- Founder of Babism
- Sound of a hound
- Evil spirit
- Every
- Household god (Roman)
- Lips
- Cease living
- ___ Lilly, drug company
- Churns
- Talk
- No. Am. republic
- An athlete who plays for pay

- Red cross
- Not or
- Yellow edible Indian fruit
- Baby mistakes
- Afrikaans
- It's capital is Damascus
- Emblem of identification
- False name
- Small blister
- Cheese containing mold
- City in Morocco
- As well
- Not happy
- A civil authority in Turkey
- Tempest in a ___
- Cellist Yoyo
- A leavened rum cake
- A culture medium
- Playing guideline
- Radioactivity unit
- An unidentified aircraft
- Carbonated soft drink
- Jurisprudence
- A mined mineral
- Chinese term for poetry
- Female sibling

CLUES DOWN

- Non-commercial TV network
- Periods of time
- Those considered individually
- Prior currency of Spain
- The center of a city
- Brew
- Genetic map
- Purple clematis group
- Italian Island
- Doyen
- Has title to
- Trembled
- Spelling contest

Solution



Opera for any age: Area aria contest for teens by Boston Lyric

Boston Lyric Opera announces the return of its aria contest for Boston area high school musicians ages 13-17. Budding singers and instrumentalists are invited to submit a video by Oct. 5, of their own interpretation of one of 14 pre-selected arias.

Creative interpretations, including instrumental, jazz, rap, or other genres performed by a group or soloist are encouraged. Up to five finalists will be chosen to perform live for a chance to win a cash prize at BLO's Open House at the Citi Performing Arts CenterSM Shubert Theatre in Boston on Saturday, Nov. 6, Joyce Kulhawik, acclaimed arts and entertainment critic, will emcee the event. The contest is designed to showcase the talent of teens and to reinforce how fun

opera can be for any age.

The aria contest offers young music lovers a chance to gain performance experience and compete for a cash prize to help pay for future music studies. Student Alexandra Selawsky-Group, who won First Prize last year, said in a release, "It was great to be able to sing in that beautiful-sounding space. I was completely in shock at winning. Nothing like this had ever happened to me before."

Julie House, BLO's education and community programs manager, noted, "Last year we met many really talented singers and had a great time awarding them with well-deserved prizes to support their interest in opera. This year, we are encouraging creativity in addition to great musicianship, so we added an opportunity

for teens to experiment with the popular opera repertoire in a format other than a traditional solo performance."

All submissions are welcome, including instrumental and ensemble interpretations of the chosen aria. Students do not need to be opera singers to participate, according to the lyric opera. Video examples of alternative approaches to the arias are available at blo.org/aria_contest. Up to five of the entries will be invited to perform live on stage at BLO's open house on Nov. 6 for a large audience of open house attendees and BLO's panel of judges. The winning performance will be announced that day and will receive a \$1,000 prize for first place. Groups of three or more will share a \$2,000 prize. Second

prize is \$500, \$1,000 for groups of three or more; and third prize is \$250, \$500 for groups of three or more.

Young musicians and their music teachers should visit blo.org/aria_contest for the list of arias and guidelines. DVDs of the performances should be sent to Boston Lyric Opera, Attn: Aria Contest, 45 Franklin St., Boston, MA, 02110. Entries must include the name, age, town of residence, school and a daytime telephone number of all participants. Creativity and non-traditional interpretations are encouraged. DVDs cannot be returned.

Deadline to enter is Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. For full details, visit blo.org/aria_contest or email Julie House at education@blo.org.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

FLEA MARKET, Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free admission, First-Calvary Church, corner of Rte. 125 & Mass. Ave., North Andover, 978-685-1502.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

DEADLIEST CATCH APPEARANCE, Captain Sig and the Hillstrand Brothers from the Discovery Channel's hit show "Deadliest Catch," 8 p.m., \$29.50-36.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-454-2299.

BENEFIT 5K ROAD RACE, and 2 mile fun/run, to help find the cure for progeria, a rapid aging disease that afflicts children, 9 to 11 a.m., Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell St., Peabody, \$20 runner, \$15 walker, \$45 family special (up to four people); Susan Rosenblatt, race@progeria-research.org.

SINGLES DANCE, Angelica's, 49 South Main St., Middleton, (Rte. 114 between Rte. 1 and Rte. 495)

8:30 P.M.-MIDNIGHT DANCING, FREE WALTZ DANCE LESSON, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., 13,

proper business dress is required for men; sports jacket or dress shirt & tie at minimum; business or party finery for women; 781-446-0234, 978-750-4900, se-4u.com.

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

FLEA MARKET, Rummage Sale, see Sept. 10 listing.

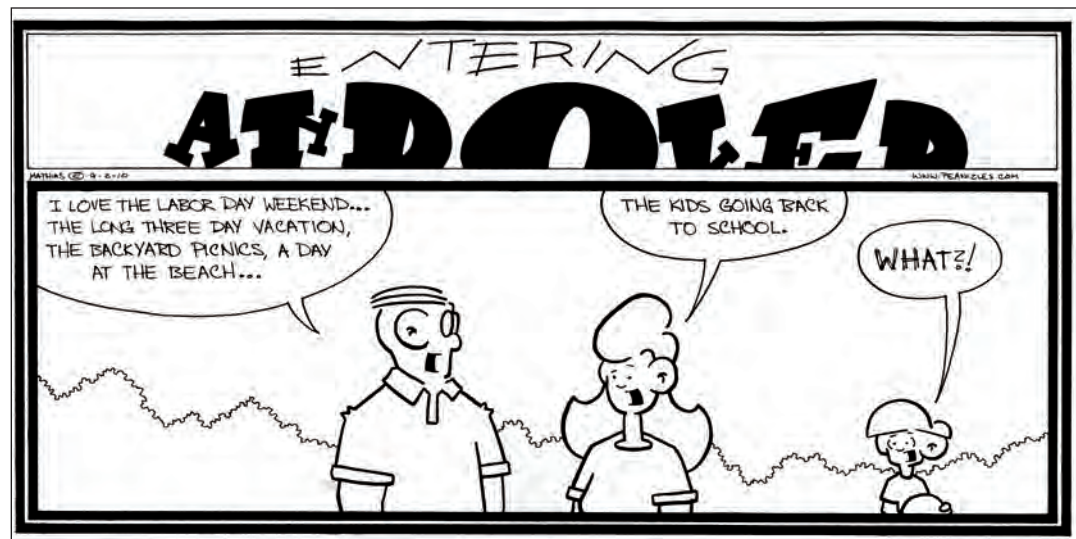
SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

LIVE BALLROOM DANCING, 7 to 10 p.m., \$10 singles, \$15 couples, music by The Come Back Kids, dance lessons from 6-7 p.m. with the

Hurtados, Town House, 20 Main St., Andover; 978-623-0070, 978-623-8321.

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC, with composer Drew Maletz, an Andover native, 2 p.m., free, Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence; Terri Kelley, 978 683-8222, gdxeterkelley@netscape.net.

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establish ourselves as a high quality alternative to the typical local massage experience - often housed in professional office buildings amidst dentists and attorneys. We had no interest in offering the same old product as the other folks in town. We wanted to be able to deliver to our customers more of an upscale experience in a setting that might better allow them to escape and unwind," says Arbia. The setting (over 1700 square feet of space), with its six rambling studios and two couple suites adorned in earthy tones exudes a zen like vibe throughout. A blend of soft light and tranquil rhythms truly beckon you to chill.

Mirroring this commitment, Arbia made a big investment in building a team of seventeen therapists - each with their own area of expertise. Swedish, deep tissue, trigger point, prenatal, hot stone, sports - just a sampling of the services offered and priced reasonably at Elements. If you've recently been injured in an accident or find yourself managing chronic illness, the Elements team also works in conjunction with local chiropractors, physical therapists as well as orthopedic surgeons to chart out custom wellness plans. Rarely do customers enjoy this broad level of talent and attention in one setting. When a customer books with Elements they have the luxury of having their specific needs met by a

massage therapist trained and experienced in that particular modality. "The right match is integral to the massage experience," says Arbia. "Massage should never be a one size fits all kind of deal. Everyone has such different needs. We really put a lot of effort into scouting out a variety of talent and tailoring our services to meet the clients' individual needs., and we always keep our eyes out for industry trends and all of the latest in terms of massage services. Believe me, we understand that the consumer has choices - especially in this economy. We pride ourselves in delivering a custom massage experience. This is how we continue to stand out from the others."

Another service offered that is unique to Elements is their My Time Membership program which brings massage services to you monthly at reduced rates and extends a host of other valuable benefits. Please consult the website at www.elementsandover.com for details on the My Time Membership program. Elements gift cards are widely popular and the perfect way to honor friends and family or to say thank you to teachers. They are available for purchase online at your leisure also through the website. Be sure to tune in to the website regularly as Elements is always dreaming up new ways to honor their customers with special coupons and exclusive offers.

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Education

BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

Imagine a charter school that teaches character, too

Ken Seifert



Last week I wrote about the need for students to have both competence and character. This week I am focusing on an idea that is not new or original: Every school system could have a charter school with a commitment to competence and character.

This school would be within the system and joined completely voluntarily by administrators, faculty, non instructional personnel, students and parents.

Once the School Committee approved the concept in principle, it would take about a year to explain to the community what it is and how it would work. There would be a website dedicated to the project, education town meetings on the subject, newspaper articles and an interest survey. It would then be presented to the School Committee in a formal presentation and, if approved, the registration process would begin.

At the formal presentation there would be a mission statement, a published curriculum and how achievement would be measured. The specific values or virtues to be taught in school would be stated, along with how they would be achieved.

Data would be collected to show the results of both competence and character. After a trial period, it could be expanded, discontinued or modified based on the data.

Such a school can be established in a new or old building, in a one-room schoolhouse, in a rural, urban or suburban community. It would be preferable in an early childhood center or elementary school. If successful, those children would be given continuity, as they progressed to the middle and high school.

Two very important considerations would be the quality of the curriculum and the character building blocks that would be emphasized. What follows is an overview of both.

A Commitment to Character

For the last 30 years or so our two major political parties have been proclaiming they have a monopoly on values that are essential and that each is better than the other party. Unfortunately, they focus on the most contentious issues of any society, such as sexuality, politics, economics and religion. With such a focus, many people have concluded that no agreement can be reached, with all the diversity in this country. Such differences are important, but let's look at what we agree to and go from there.

There is a counter point of view and it might make more sense. There is a growing sense of urgency in our country that we need to instill in our children a core of values to enrich their learning and guide their lives.

In 1993, A Gallop Poll was conducted that discovered almost 70 percent of Americans think it would be possible to get people in their community to agree on a set of basic values that could be taught in the public schools [Phi Delta Kappan 75, October 1993, page 145]. There have been many books written about common values that do not list the "hot topics" mentioned above. Some of the more frequently mentioned values are honesty, work, courage, compassion, respect and self discipline.

If we cannot agree on a set of common values we will need more than government bailouts to survive.

A Commitment to Competence

In the last 20 years there have been many significant ideas and innovations that have not received the proper examination and implementation by mainstream education in our country. Howard Gardner and his works on multiple intelligences is a prime example. The Coalition of Essential Schools is another. Cooperative learning and learning teams is on such a list. Computer-assisted instruction for subject matter labs is talked about but rarely implemented.

In 1987 E.D. Hirsch Jr. wrote a book, Cultural Literacy, What Every American Needs to Know. In the last 23 years he and his colleagues have developed and refined his original formulation into an inventory of more than 6,000 items that suggests the core knowledge broadly shared by literate Americans. It is a grade-by-grade curriculum complete with lists of books and other teaching materials. In recent weeks we have heard state officials think it is a good idea and question MCAS. It is about time, and better late than never.

This column has offered a very rough idea on what the charter school of competence and character might be. The specific examples of implementing such a school, detailing competence and character possibilities, will come in future articles. No matter what the idea or innovation, no community should ever adopt anything in its entirety. One should examine its potential, suitability, proven track record, adapt the idea to local circumstances and answer the question: How will it make our schools better?

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



Kaley Romansk, 6, checks out her new locker at South Elementary School on Tuesday, the day before the first day of school. Students and parents were invited to visit the school to get acquainted with new teachers and classes.

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MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo.



ABOVE: Jenny Wang peeks into a classroom while walking around with her mom Daijie Huang at South Elementary on the day before the first day of school.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

AT LEFT: Incoming freshmen at Andover High School work together on a "get to know one another" task during freshman orientation.



Incoming Andover High School freshmen are led past a colorful mural by an upperclassman on a tour through the halls of the school during freshman orientation last week. Students throughout Andover returned to class Wednesday, Sept. 1

MARY SCHWALM STAFF PHOTO

ON CAMPUS

Pecht completes fellowship

Patrick Henry High School graduate **Jake Pecht**, recently completed a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at Smith College.

Pecht's is the son of Tina and Wayne Pecht of Andover. He currently majors in engineering and geosciences at Smith and presented the research Drip Drip Drip: Hydrologic Research at the MacLeish Field Station at a symposium at the college.

More than 40 years ago, Smith launched the summer research program to give students the experience to succeed in pursuing advanced degrees, particularly in the sciences. Pecht is one of more than 100

students who received stipends to support independent research this summer. As part of the program, students gain experience in both presenting and writing up research findings.

Smith College educates women of promise for lives of distinction. One of the largest women's colleges in the United States, Smith enrolls 2,800 students from nearly every state and 62 other countries.

New NECC track coach

Andrew W. Barron, of Norwood was recently named track and field coach for Northern Essex Community College on the heels of the team completing one of its most successful seasons

ever. This spring it placed eighth out of the 25 scoring teams during the NJCAA Division III Track and Field Meet at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. This is the first time in its 10-year history the college's team finished in the top 10.

Barron's previous experience includes serving as head track and field indoor coach at Emerson College and cross country coach at Framingham State College where he will begin his fifth season. Most recently he was the volunteer assistant track coach at Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley.

He holds a bachelor's in communication, concentration: media arts

from Westfield State College and is enrolled in a master of science in sports management, concentration, coaching theory from American Military University in West Virginia.

Barron is an avid runner who has competed in more than 200 races, three marathons, and 10 half-marathons.

Valleau earns bachelor's

Susanna Valleau of Andover, daughter of Albert and Louise Valleau, earned her bachelor of music, magna cum laude, in organ performance from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. Valleau is a 2006 graduate of Andover High School.

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GLTS receives clean energy grant

Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road is one of five schools and companies across the state to receive a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. The grants help purchase demonstration and training equipment to prepare students for opportunities in the clean energy sector. GLTS will use the \$50,000 grant to purchase a mobile solar panel training unit.

"These grants will help schools and institutions across the Commonwealth prepare Massachusetts residents for rewarding careers while ensuring that our burgeoning clean energy industry has the highly trained workforce it needs to grow and flourish," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles, who chairs the MassCEC board of directors, in a release.

In January 2010, MassCEC solicited proposals from organizations meant to develop programs that would train individuals for clean energy jobs and create a pipeline of skilled workers in the clean energy sector.

The Integrating Green Technologies project at GLTS will give students hands-on training in solar energy systems and an understanding of the mechanics and theories of solar technology.

"[Greater Lawrence] will be well positioned to recruit more green technology companies to do business in Massachusetts because our students will be trained and ready to meet the needs of this new and growing sector of the economy," stated State Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover in a release.

"This grant will allow the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School to continue to provide students with the tools they will need to be successful," said Rep. Barbara L'Italien of Andover. "Solar panels are becoming more and more common, and I am excited that Merrimack Valley students will be equipped with the necessary knowledge to work in this emerging industry."

"This grant will go a long way towards preparing our students for a future in the growing clean

energy sector," said Representative Barry Finegold. "I am encouraged that the investment is there to train and educate kids now so that they can be competitive in the job market."

Through its Workforce Development Program, MassCEC says it is positioning the Commonwealth as a leader in the clean energy market by developing a well-trained, educated workforce that meets industry needs and provides opportunities for individuals and businesses seeking to enter the industry.

Created by the Green Jobs Act of 2008, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) has as its mission "to foster the growth of the Massachusetts clean energy industry by providing seed grants to companies, universities, and nonprofit organizations; funding job training and workforce development programs; and, as home of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, supporting the installation of renewable energy projects throughout the state."

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Austin Preparatory School has announced the following students from Andover made the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2009-10 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

- Distinction
- Shannon McCarthy, Grade 11 Honors
- Christopher Arrigg, Grade 10
- Brendan Burke, Grade 12
- Nysa Casha, Grade 11
- Christopher Dona, Grade 10
- Matthew Dona, Grade 6
- Anne Green, Grade 9
- Maura Green, Grade 10
- William Green, Grade 12
- Jessica Martin, Grade 11
- Michelle Menezes, Grade 11
- Adrineh Nalbandian, Grade 9
- Aram Nalbandian, Grade 10
- Azniv Nalbandian, Grade 7
- Anna Sokolova, Grade 12
- Emily Weidlein, Grade 10

The Governor's Academy in Byfield, has announced students from Andover named to the honor roll for the second semester of the 2009-10 academic year:

Senior **Christine Goglia**, the

daughter of Rich and Kate Goglia received high honors

Senior **Caroline Wadman**, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Wadman received high honors

Junior **Erin Cahill**, the daughter of Brian and Diane Cahill received high honors

Junior **Jillian Conway**, the daughter of Paul and Gail Conway received high honors

Junior **Julie Kutchin**, the daughter of Ed and Jill Kutchin received high honors

Junior **Hayley Poole**, the daughter of Chris and Sheryl Poole received high honors

Sophomore **Kimberly Uggerholt**, the daughter of Maryann Uggerholt who received high honors

Freshman **Hannah Abbe**, the daughter of Dudley and Betsy Abbe received high honors

Freshman **Joseph Benson**, the son of Joe and Beth Benson received high honors

Freshman **Alexandra Horn**, the daughter of Daniel and Denise Horn received high honors

Freshman **Siobhan McDonough**, the daughter of Bill and Kathy McDonough received high honors

Junior **Benjamin Jenkins**, the son of Ted and Holly Jenkins received honors

Junior **William Wadman**, the son of David and Elizabeth Wadman received honors

Sophomore **Christopher Cowie**, the son of Peter and Wendy Cowie received honors

Freshman **s**, the son of Chris and Sheryl Poole received honors

To earn high honors, a student must achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.3 or better with no grade lower than a B-. To earn honors, a student must achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.0 or better, with no grade lower than a C+.

St. John's Prep announced that the following students from Andover were honored for outstanding academic achievement during a student award convocation held at the end of the school year.

Varun Vadiapatia, class of 2011, Religious Studies Award and the Clarkson University Leadership Award

Devin Burke, class of 2012, Science Award

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Sept. 6-10:

Elementary schools

Monday: No School - Labor Day

Tuesday: Baked potato and all the toppings, shepherd's pie and mashed potatoes, manager's sandwich choice, garden salad, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Noodles with garlic butter and bread, meatball sub, yogurt parfait and graham crackers, roasted carrot coins, blueberries and whipped cream.

Thursday: No School - Rosh Hashanah

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza with pizza pasta salad, apple crisp and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: No School Tuesday: Cheeseburger or plain burger on a bun, grilled hotdog, manager's choice, marinated

summer squash, baked beans and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Steak-and-cheese wrap, antipasto salad with bread stick, yogurt parfait and graham crackers, roasted red bliss and fresh basil, garden salad and fresh melon.

Thursday: No School - Rosh Hashanah

Friday: Fish sticks and lemon wedge with roll, macaroni and cheese with dinner roll, assorted wraps, broccoli salad, corn on the cob and fruit salad.

Andover High School

Monday: No School - Labor Day

Tuesday: Mexican bar with soft shell taco, refried beans, mexican rice; caesar pita; burgers; hearty ham-and-cheese panini; turkey BLT on roll ups and chilled pineapple.

Wednesday: Pasta bar with spaghetti, side of chicken parmesan, garlic bread, sauteed

veggies, pesto, mozzarella and tomato panini, steak-and-cheese, roast beef on french bread and fresh fruit.

Thursday: No School - Rosh Hashanah

Friday: Outside barbecue: grilled chicken, hotdog or cheddar burger with bacon ranch potato salad, watermelon, corn on the cob, and new england style shrimp roll with lemon herb mayo.

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

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order, and other specials.

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

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Don't ordinary working folks deserve a holiday, too?

That's what workers in New York City thought. The Central Labor Union of New York created the first Labor Day celebration.

On Sept. 5, 1882, about 10,000 workers took an unpaid day off to march in the first Labor Day Parade. The parade showed the strength and the spirit of the trade and labor organizations. It was followed by a festival for the workers and their families.

The Central Labor Union urged other labor organizations to follow the example of a "workingmen's holiday."

The idea spread around the United States. Several cities set local Labor Day holidays. Oregon was the first state to honor Labor Day in 1887.

In 1894, the country suffered from riots. Workers were on strike because of cuts in wages, poor working conditions and very long work days. Some worked 16 hours a day in bad conditions. Workers wanted an eight-hour work day and better working conditions.

President Grover Cleveland called in federal troops to end the Pullman Strike. During the strike, 13 workers were killed.

The president needed to stop the unrest. Cleveland pushed Labor Day through Congress. Six days after the end of the Pullman Strike, Labor Day was signed into law.

Many cities still have Labor Day Parades.

Today Labor Day is also a celebration of the end of summer. Families with school age children spend time together before the kids have to buckle down to their schoolwork. Many families go camping, cook out or just hang out and enjoy the weekend.

For some people it is the beginning of football season. For school teachers and college professors it's a long weekend and extra time to prepare for the fall semester.

No matter how your family celebrates the Labor Day holiday, think about all of the workers who fought to improve working conditions in the United States. Without their efforts we still might work long hours with very few days off.

Word Scramble

Unscramble these words. Hint: all are jobs.

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Obituaries

Charles G. Kalogeris, 89

Charles G. Kalogeris, beloved husband of Harriet (Kalogeropoulos) Kalogeris and a resident of Methuen, died on Saturday morning, Aug. 28, 2010. He was 89-years-old.

Born in Akovos, Greece, on Jan. 30, 1921, he was the beloved son of the late George J. and Irene (Pappadopoulos) Kalogeropoulos. Charles moved to the United States at age 10 and owned and operated a Grocery Store in Winthrop for many years with his brothers Peter and Arthur, prior to his retirement. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Besides his beloved wife Harriet, he will be sorely missed by his two daughters and two sons-in-law, Theodora K. and her husband Gary P. Moccia of Andover and Irene C. Kalogeris and her

husband Peter Cervizzi of Naples, Fla.; two grand-daughters, Alexa L. and Kimberly I. Moccia, both of Andover and many nieces and nephews. Charles was also the brother of the late James G. Kalogeropoulos and Peter G. and Arthur G. Kalogeris and Eugenia Georgantas, Yianoula Kalogeropoulos.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was in celebrated in St. Constantine & Helen Church, 73 Chandler Road, Andover, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at 10 a.m. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial was West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. Donations in Charles' memory may be made to the above named church or to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozzi.com.

William D. Lilly, 78

William D. Lilly, 78, of Andover, passed away Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

Born in Charleston, W.Va., in April 1932, Dr. Lilly resided in Andover since 1971 with his loving wife of nearly 54 years, JoAnne. He was the devoted and loving father of Kimberly Curry of Hillsboro, Ore. and Susan Lilly of Watertown. He is also survived by his beloved grandsons, Oak and Wyatt; elder brother, James and his wife Sue of Milton, W.Va.; brother-in-law, Richard Mullins and his wife JoAnn of Salem, Va.; and five nieces and nephews.

Bill was a graduate of Marshall College, West Virginia University, and the Medical College of Virginia. Bill was Chief

of Pathology at Melrose Wakefield Hospital for 23 years until his retirement in 1999. An avid woodworker and gardener, he was also a long time member of Saint Matthew's Masonic Lodge in Andover, and a dedicated volunteer at the Gillmette School in Lawrence and Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine.

ARRANGEMENTS: A wake to celebrate Bill's life will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Family and friends are invited to attend a service at South Church, Andover, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to Camp Sunshine, 27 Acadia Road, Casco, ME 04010. www.campsunshine.org.

Peter Tezbir, 93

Peter Tezbir, 93, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, at Samaritan Hospital, Troy, N.Y. He was born in Watervliet, N.Y. and after marrying Mary Hanas Tezbir in 1940, his wife of 66 years, they lived in Latham, N.Y. where together they owned and operated Tezbir's Clothing Store for 35 years. Eventually they settled in Menands, N.Y.

Pete enjoyed bowling, boating, traveling, Red Sox games, woodworking, spending time with his family, and soaking up the sun at their winter home in Florida. He was an active volunteer, driving cancer patients to appointments, working at the election polls, directing traffic at fires for the Menands Fire Department, and ushering at St. Ambrose Church, which he did for 64 years.

He was the devoted father of

Diane Jannetti and her husband John of Andover, Mary Jeanne Perlmutter and her husband Charles of Binghamton, N.Y., and Susan Mackay and her husband Michael of Menands, N.Y. and cherished grandfather of Andrew and Matthew Jannetti of Andover, Nicholas Perlmutter of Londonderry, Vt., Larissa Peguero of Warwick, R.I., and Elizabeth Mackay of Menands, N.Y. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families. Preceding Pete's passing are his siblings Julia Thompson, Marge Mackay, Eva Chiplock, May Valentine, Anna "Bunny" Onyon, John Tezbir, and Paul Tezbir.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Ambrose Church, Latham, N.Y. on Wednesday, August 25. Burial was in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Maplewood, N.Y.

Obituary policy

The Andover Townsman publishes obituary notices 8 inches in length, roughly 200 words, as a free service. Obituaries that are longer incur a charge of \$21.88 per additional inch. The Townsman accepts obituary

notices electronically at obits@andovertownsmen.com. Notices may also be faxed, to 877-927-9400. Obituaries are handled by the obituary department of the Eagle Tribune Publishing Co. Questions can be directed to the obituary staff at 800-681-6248.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Andover Young Widow and Widowers

The Andover Young Widow and Widowers organization offers support to those dealing with the devastating loss of a spouse. Group discussions are facilitated by a licensed social worker and provide a safe place where young widowed persons, up to the age of 58, can share experiences and mutual support. The meetings are governed by what their needs are at the time.

"If you are a young widow or widower, that only adds to your isolation. Younger widows and widowers are 20 years younger than the traditional widowed population and they have needs that are not addressed in other groups.

Many young widows and widowers aren't able to find any place to go for comfort and support," reports the organization. "Each member has a unique story to tell and their losses are deeply personal, but they share a common experience of early widowhood that destroyed their hopes and dreams. They learn that there is growth through their grief and helping others in the process. Since its founding in 1983, members have found that joining YWW was the best thing they did for themselves after being widowed."

Meetings are held on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., at a site in Andover.

For more information call 978-979-8993 or visit youngwidowsandwidowers.org.

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amounts to a pernicious backdoor tax, not a recognition of the freedom to choose.

Health-care plan choice

The state law giving unions veto power over our local employee health insurance plans has contributed to a 150 percent increase in local health care costs over the last 10 years. By comparison, local spending on public safety, education, and infrastructure has increased

about 25 percent. The state government can design its health plans without collective bargaining but has prohibited municipalities from doing the same. One of my priorities would be to stop this union giveaway funded by local taxpayer dollars. The Massachusetts Municipal Association estimates this single reform would save localities 4 to 6 percent on health costs.

Affordable housing law

This should not be a partisan issue. Ch. 40B is a poorly structured program that has failed to produce affordable housing. Theoretically, Ch. 40B allows developers

to bypass local zoning boards if their projects include a small percentage of affordable housing. Because of the ubiquitous fraud associated with the program, Ch. 40B is really just a subsidy for big developers that eviscerates local control measures. Real affordable housing advocates should support repeal of Ch. 40B.

Democratic incumbent Barbara L'Italien

Casinos

I voted for casinos in 2010 to allow MA to keep gaming dollars within the state; to provide construction and service industry

jobs; and to increase local aid.

I do not think that casinos are a panacea for our budget issues but do feel that if they are going to happen in MA the state should tightly regulate the industry.

I voted to support consumer protection provisions on-site and around marketing to people on the "excluded person's list". I also voted to include gambling addiction programs in the Mental Health Parity law.



Barbara L'Italien

Health-care plan choice

Tough economic times require that everyone must step up and do their part to maximize scarce budget dollars.

I support the concept of allowing towns to choose the "plan design" of their health care programs (determining the co-pay and deductible structure) just as the state is allowed to do.

I voted in 2008 to allow communities to opt in to the GIC insurance plan as a cost saver. Removing the opt-in from bargaining would result in more communities' ability to sign on and reap savings.

Affordable housing law

Chapter 40B has created affordable housing and allowed seniors, young people and families the opportunity to stay in their home community or own a home where they work.

That said, I support the Inspector General's proposal to tighten up the cost certification process to root out developer abuses;

I support broadening what counts as affordable towards the 10-percent requirement; establishment of density guidelines and feel there should be inclusionary zoning which includes greater local input.

Dancing in Shawsheen begat a ballroom for Andover



Andover Stories

Francesca Balboni,
Andover Historical Society

Although dances had been held in Andover at "The Grove" on Pole Hill and other places, Shawsheen Village became the center of entertainment in the 20th century. In addition to housing and an aesthetically pleasing work environment, William Wood, its founder, provided his upper and middle management with planned recreation. While the Balmoral tennis courts and playing fields found many revelers, the dance floors at the cafeteria and the Balmoral Spa were the sparkling jewels of Shawsheen Village. Thanks to these venues, dancing in Andover captivated young people for many years, long outliving Wood's initial influence.

Wood began the dancing trend in Shawsheen Village in the summer of 1920. According to Edward G. Roddy in Mills, Mansions, and Mergers, Wood held grand parties for American Woolen officials at his estate, Arden, in June and July. Thousands attended, enjoying a luncheon, boxing and wrestling matches, and in a separate tent, a jazz orchestra for dancing. Accordingly, Shawsheen in the 1920s came to more closely resemble the gaiety of Gatsby's West Egg than a somber New England mill town.

The Balmoral Spa only added to the suburban opulence of Shawsheen. Located on the corner of Balmoral and North Main Street, it housed within its marble columns a pharmacy, barbershop, hairdresser, ice



Courtesy photo

Outdoor dancing at the Balmoral Spa.

CRYSTAL BALLROOM REVISITED

The Crystal Ballroom will come alive again this September at the Andover Town House. Sponsored by The Andover's Village at Home and the Andover Senior Center, there will be a monthly ball, including dance instruction and ballroom dance exhibitions, the second Sunday of every month during the evening. Watch for a story next week in the Townsman.

cream parlor, and a large hall used for movies, theater and dancing. But in fact, the majority of dancing took place outside at "the Gardens" during the summer months. The dances there began in 1921, flourished during the 1930s and the era of Big Band, and ended with the start of World War II.

Bernice Haggerty describes the scene in the early 1930s at the Gardens in Andover: A Century of Change: "The Balmoral Spa was open every Wednesday and Saturday. It

was decorated with shrubbery and beautiful lights, and a shell for the band. Roland Russell's orchestra played big band music. The floor was red slate, and there was a ticket-taker at its edge—three dances for twenty-five cents."

When it was too cold to dance under the stars at the Gardens, the cafeteria opened its doors. Intended to serve a dual purpose of eatery during the day and theater entertainment at night, dances began in 1923. It became so popular that eventually a large ballroom with a specially treated dance floor was built—The Crystal Ballroom.

As Haggerty explains in her 2001 article for the AHS newsletter, the ballroom got its name from the crystal ball that hung above the dance floor. She wrote, "When the dancers glided across the floor to a romantic ballad, the light would be dimmed and the rotating ball reflected facets of light around the room." Open on Friday and Saturday nights, it, too, featured the musical styling of Roland Russell's band.

Even the great Louis Armstrong played there in February 1932. Unlike the Gardens, it remained "the place to be" for young people throughout the war and into the 1950s.

Shawsheen's Balmoral Gardens and the Crystal Ballroom supplied lingering moments of the "Roaring" and carefree 1920s, during the hardships of the Great Depression and World War II. But even today among a wider variety of leisure activities, a passion for dancing lives on in Andover. Although these classic venues no longer welcome those who wish to Jitterbug or do the Shag, the Town House on Main Street has held dances in recent years, thanks to the popularity of DCS's Ballroom Dancing classes. An interest in having these dances return on a regular basis might even intro

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.

RELIGION

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold its annual Simchat Torah Celebration. The evening will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner available, sponsored by TEMTY. Services will begin at 7 p.m., with singing and dancing with the Torahs. Israeli flags will be given to all the children along with sweet treats for everyone. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggettes Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the Web-site at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

On Friday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold a special abbreviated "TOT Shabbat" Sabbath service, for toddlers, preschool, and school aged children. Rabbi Robert Goldstein will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. Cantor Donn Rosensweig will lead the singing. This service is Open to the Public. This service will be followed by a Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. Reservations are required by Friday, Sept. 24 for Shabbat Dinner. Please visit templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

Join us at Temple Emanuel in Andover on Friday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. for a Shabbat Service and the Consecration of our third grade students, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Cantor Donn Rosensweig. Please visit templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

Are you planning a wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, corporate function or private party? Please join us at Temple Emanuel in Andover on Sunday, October 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our

1st Annual Celebrations Expo. Come meet, see and speak to caterers, photographers, DJ's, etc. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggettes Pond Rd., Andover.

Friday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat Unplugged Service, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Cantor Donn Rosensweig, and Assistant Music Director Hazzan Idan Irelander, accompanied by a variety of professional musicians. The service of soulful music and inspiring prose is open to all, regardless of age, affiliation or faith. We will also be welcoming all our New Members at this service.

Whether you are a professional in-between positions, reentering the work force, or searching for a new career path, finding your way in the current job market can be difficult. That is why Temple Emanuel of Andover has organized an evening jam packed with information and networking opportunities to help your search become more productive. Please join us for our next Networking Open House: Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

7th Annual Interfaith Prayer Shawl Tea

Communities Together, Inc., formerly The Greater Lawrence Council of Churches, will sponsor the 7th Annual Interfaith Prayer Shawl Tea at St. Augustine's

Parish, Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover on Tuesday, Sept. 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Please join us for tea and pastry as we celebrate the Prayer Shawl Ministry in this area, offer shawls for a blessing by clergy, honor knitting groups, and share stories of how the shawls touch lives. Knitters, crocheters, clergy, shawl recipients, supporters, and those interested in learning more are welcome. This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by Friday morning, Sept. 17 to Fran at the Communities Together office at 978-686-4012 or ctstaff276@comcast.net.

Hadassah delegates attend convention

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah sent two delegates to Hadassah's National Convention held in Hollywood, Fla., July 25-28.

The chapter's co-presidents, Sondra Finegold and Rhonda Saunders, both of Andover, participated in the biennial convention which took place at the Westin Diplomat Hotel.

Hadassah's National President, Nancy Falchuk, addressed the gathering of close to 800 people. Speakers included Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, director general of Hadassah Medical Organization. Other doctors from Hadassah Hospital, as well as some of their patients, shared stories of medical achievements that amazed the audience.

Other presenters spoke about the power of Israeli innovation in a panel discussion moderated by Dan Senor, co-author of "Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle."

American's daily use of Israeli technology was discussed and demonstrated.

Hadassah was founded 98 years ago by Henrietta Szold and is now the largest women's organization in the United States, as well as being the largest Jewish membership organization. Hadassah raises money for programs in both the United States and in Israel including the world renowned Hadassah Medical Organization.

For information on the Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah, send an email to HadassahMV@gmail.com.

Intro to Judaism

Registration is open for Introduction to Judaism, a free 25-week program of Jewish study, which meets the educational requirements for conversion to Judaism and serves as an exploratory course for those considering conversion.

Introduction to Judaism provides a convenient, comfortable, warm and welcoming venue for people to study and learn within their own community.

Beginning on Oct. 5 classes are held on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m., at a variety of temples across the community, depending on which rabbi is teaching. There are six sessions with a different rabbi teaching each session. Sandy Hoffman is returning for her fifth year as the Hebrew teacher.

For more information about dates, locations, teachers and registration, contact Phyllis Osher, program associate, at 978-740-4404 or email posher@rlcf.org.

Sports

THE NEXT CHAPTER ANDOVER FOOTBALL IS READY FOR ITS NEW SEASON

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Not long into Andover football practice on Monday, Boston College-bound star Brian Miller squared off with All-Merrimack Valley Conference freight train center Connor Clancy in an epic one-one-one drill that began with a smash that echoed through the trees and ended with each player throwing the other to the ground.

"Brian's a Division 1 athlete, so anything I can get on him is a big plus," Clancy said with a smile. "There's been blood, sweat and tears shed on this field so far — and when I say tears I really mean tears, both of pain and because we want it that bad."

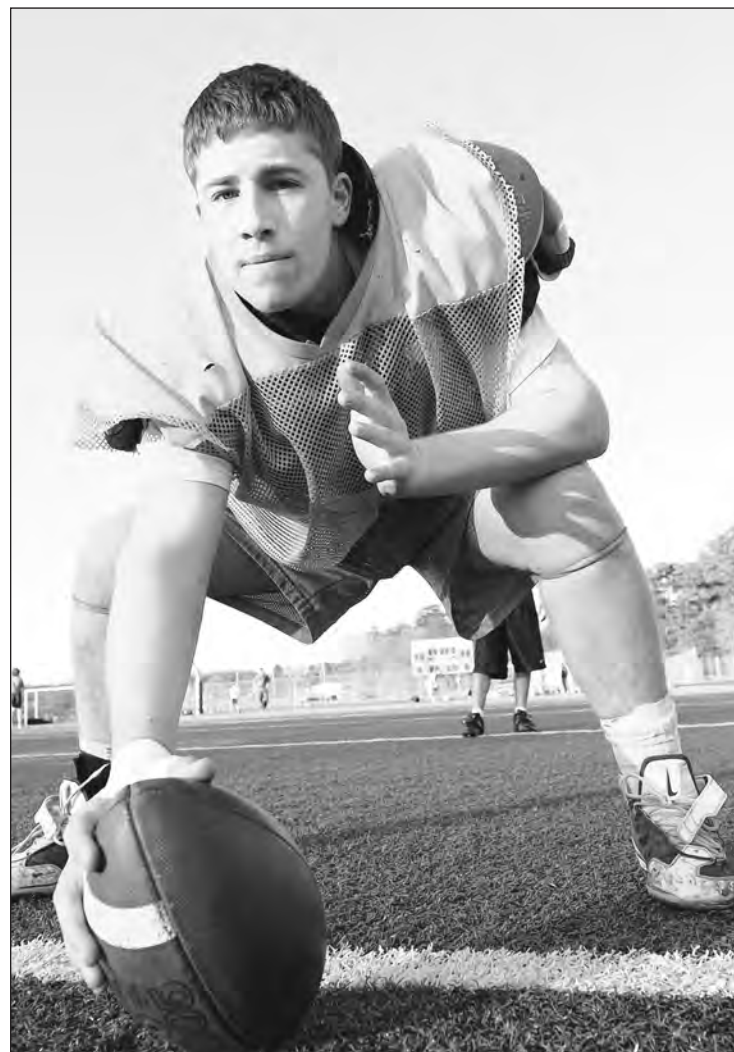
Miller and Clancy shook hands after the battle, but the lesson was clear during the high-energy, high intensity practice.

"It's all about toughness here," said Golden Warriors lineman Lyle Baker. "It's a whole new atmosphere and a whole new tradition at Andover. We are going for it."

A new era has begun for Andover High football, with a new head coach in E.J. Perry, a new offense and defense and plenty of new faces taking on key roles. But the squad feels they are ready for the season, which kicks off next Friday, Sept. 10, when the Golden Warriors host always tough Cape Ann League rival North Andover at 7 p.m.

"We can't wait for North Andover," said receiver Ben McQuaide. "It has been tough, but we have put in the work and the effort and it is really paying off on the field. A lot of players have been stepping up in new roles."

It is a season of change for the Golden Warriors, not just at the coaching ranks but with standouts such as quarterback John Hennessy, top receivers Christopher McConnell and Jimmy Johnson and defensive lineman Jake Lebowitz all lost to graduation. But the players currently



File photos

Andover's Connor Clancy is the anchor of the offensive line, and the emotional leader for the new-look Golden Warriors football team that is preparing to open play.

in Blue and Gold aren't worried about replacing their former teammates.

"We have some players that are going to wow people," said Clancy. "Sure, John Hennessy is a loss. But Tom Dempsey is a heck of a quarterback."

After serving as backup QB for the past two seasons, completing 1 for 3 passes in limited action, senior Dempsey appears poised to take over the starting quarterback job.

"Dempsey seems to have pulled in front," said Perry.

"He has played very well. He completed a lot of passes in the scrimmages and has done a nice job of running."

Perry has instituted a new no-huddle spread offense, a pass-first attack that will see the Golden Warrior employ many three and four-receiver sets.

Andover's greatest weapon is its lone returner, Miller. One of the top recruits for Boston College, Miller presents a massive target as a receiver at 6-foot-4 and 235 pounds to go with his stellar speed. With 35 catches for



Boston College-bound Brian Miller (80) is a force on both sides of the ball as a receiver and defensive lineman.

Football

2009 record: 6-5

Offense: Spread; Defense: 4-3

Returning starters (8): Brian Miller, Sr., TE/DE, 6-4, 235; Ned Deane, Sr., TE/LB, 6-2, 205; Lyle Baker, Sr., OL/DE, 6-2, 240; Connor Clancy, Sr., C/NG, 6-0 242; Chris Newton, Sr., LB, 5-9, 205; Will Keller, Sr., LB, 6-0, 202; Kevin Sharrjo, Sr., CB, 5-10, 165; Will Clark, Jr., LB, 6-0 200

Returning lettermen: Matt Barnes, Sr., WR, 5-7, 145; Nathan Bonilla, Sr., OL, 6-2, 236; Ben Cook, Sr., CB, 5-10, 172; Cody Cunningham, Sr., OL, 6-4, 292; Tom Dempsey, Sr., QB, 6-2, 181; Ian Doherty, Sr., CB, 6-0, 156; Pat Farnham, Sr., S, 5-7, 145; Alex Ferreira, Sr., OL, 6-2, 268; Mark Fitzgerald, Sr., RB, 6-0, 165; Michael Galletti, Sr., RB, 5-10, 167; Michael McGovern, Sr., WR/DB, 6-0, 154; Ben McQuaide, Sr., WR/CB, 6-2, 179; John Prawdzik, Sr., WR/S, 6-0, 168; Connor Sullivan, Sr., OL/DL, 6-3, 239; Greg Brown, Jr., DL, 6-1, 220; Gregory Calabro, Jr., S, 6-0, 158; Thomas Cooper, Jr., WR, 6-0, 149; Matt Crush, Jr., OL/DE, 6-2, 231; Jason Dong, Jr., OL/DL, 5-10, 205; Connor Fortune, Jr., WR/DB, 5-11, 186; Jeffrey Hanson, Jr., WR/LB, 6-2, 192; James Kelly, Jr., OL, 5-11, 224; Alex Lahood, Jr., OL, 6-1, 222; Tim Leeman, Jr., OL, 6-2, 243; Nick Marcotte, Jr., OL, 6-0, 196; Brad Miller, Jr., RB/LB, 5-10, 205; Brendan Paquette, Jr., QB/LB, 6-1, 165; Derek Peterson Jr., TE, 6-1, 196; Giovanni Rosano, Jr., LB, 6-0, 173; Jake Sacco, Jr., RB, 6-1, 174; Abel Tavarez, Jr., RB, 5-10, 162; Jimmy Walsh, Jr., QB, 6-0, 167; Jake Watson, Jr., OL, 6-1, 258

Promising newcomers: Connor Fitzgerald, Sr., DB, 6-3, 191; Andrew Coke, Jr., QB/RB/LB, 6-0, 198; Tim Oteri, Jr., WR, 6-4, 186; Fred Scribner, Jr., RB/DB, 5-11, 160; Taber Tyrrell, Jr., DB, 5-10, 156; Nathaniel Altman, Soph., OL/DL, 6-1, 223; Andreas Christopolos, Soph., C, 6-0, 206; Joey Comeau, Soph., TE, 6-0, 189; Andrew DeLoury, Soph., DB, 6-0, 163; Cam Farnham, Soph., WR, 5-8, 147; Jake Flaherty, Soph., DB, 6-0, 174; Will Heikkinen, Soph., WR, 6-2, 181; C.J. Scarpa, Soph., QB, 5-9, 151; Chas Haseltine, Soph., TE, 6-1, 172; Kevin Yazhari, Soph., DE, 6-0, 209; Mark Zavri, Soph., WR/LB, 6-2, 193

Returning leaders: Brian Miller 7 TDs, 35 catches, 485 yards, 6 TD catches; Michael Galletti 16 carries, 64 yards; Tom Dempsey 1-for-3 passing, 0 yards

Candidates: 120

Captains: Brian Miller, Connor Clancy, Ned Deane, Lyle Baker

Returning honorees: Connor Clancy and Brian Miller, All-MVC Large

Assistants: Shawn Theriault, defensive coordinator; John Rex, defensive backs; Tim Briggs, defensive line/special teams; Joe Iarobino, linebackers; Ryan Bird, offensive line; Mike Sarnes, backs; Wayne Puglisi, freshmen; Ben Gibson, freshmen

485 yards and seven touchdowns a season ago, he is the only receiver back with any catches.

Joining him at the receiving corps is 6-foot-2 first-year starter McQuaide, along with sophomore newcomer Cam Farnham. Andrew Coke, who transferred in from Brooks before the season

adds experience at running back (66 carries, 346 yards in 2009), and track star Pat Farnham could add another element with his speed.

"This is the third offense I have played in the last three years here," said McQuaide. "I like this the best because it is up-tempo,

hot paced and no-huddle. We're going to throw defenses off a lot."

The offense should benefit from plenty of blocking from an offensive line that is anchored by returning starters Clancy (6-foot,

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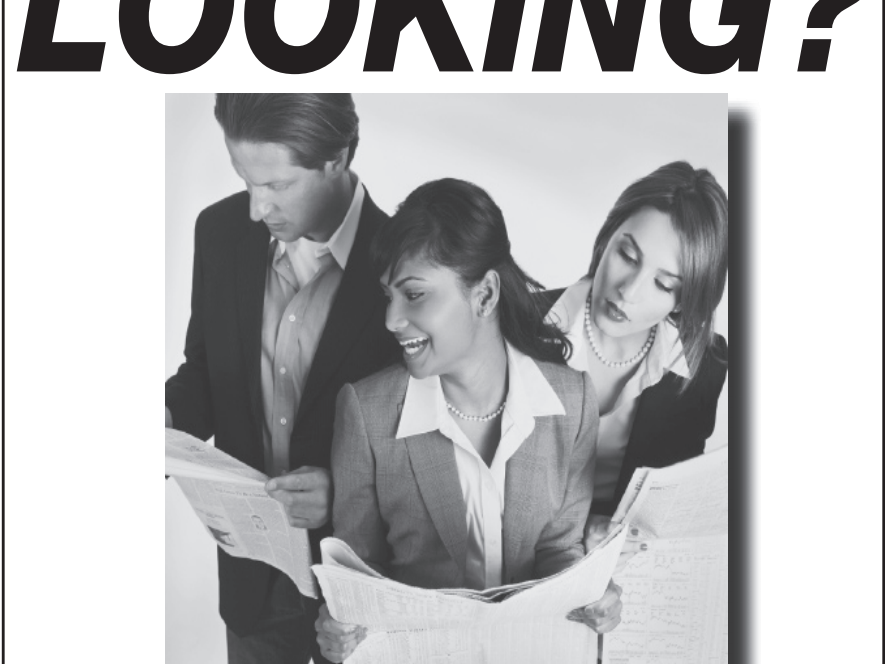
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