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Redistricting plan puts Adams on move

Pitted against Lyons, Rep. Adams will move so he can run for re-election in 17th Essex

By TOWNSMAN STAFF

Andover state Rep. Paul Adams is already packing his bags, following the release of a proposed state redistricting plan that would put Adams and fellow Republican state Rep. Jim Lyons in the same legislative district.

"I'm already in the process of

moving," said Adams on Tuesday night. "I have every intention to run for re-election in the 17th Essex district."

A Joint Committee on Redistricting plan to redraw Massachusetts legislative district lines was released Tuesday afternoon and the effects on Andover would be significant. Andover precincts 2, 3 and

4 — the area near Shawsheen and West Elementary schools — would be in a new 17th Essex District with eight Lawrence voting areas and one Methuen precinct. The rest of Andover will be in the new 18th Essex with parts of Tewksbury, North Andover and Boxford.

State Sen. Barry Finegold's senate district will not be affected.

Finegold said legislators redrew the lines out of concern that the courts could force them to do so anyway, because of clusters of minority voters in the area.

There will now be two weeks of hearings on the proposed redistricting map before legislators are expected to vote on it. Finegold expects to approve the plan.

"Most people will support it," said Finegold. "I think the big thing to note is this was decided based on the threat of a court action — the federal Voting Rights Act forces you to do something like this."

If Adams does not move, the plan would pit the two freshman

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CENTER OF ATTENTION: FOCUS ON ANDOVER'S DOWNTOWN



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Jessendy Colon of Lawrence, right, was one of many community members enjoying a walk down Main Street in Andover on Saturday morning.

LONG-TERM DREAMS

Where does the downtown area go from here?

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski doesn't believe Andover center will be much different a half a century from now.

"I think it's going to be pretty much what it is now," Stapeczynski said. "We want people together, civic engagement. Even 50 or 60 years ago, they wanted to engage each other. They're going to do it, and it's the municipality's responsibility to provide them a place to engage."

"Human nature calls for towns and communities,"



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Andover residents Murray and Marilyn Wolf enjoy a late brunch at Lantern Brunch, in Olde Andover Village.

Stapeczynski continued. "That community is always going to be here. You just have to

change with the times." But the trick for leaders is to know what needs to

change.

Does the town build a parking garage across the street from Bertucci's in the Olde Andover Village lot? Does it change zoning to create a larger downtown over time? "(A larger downtown) is an interesting proposition," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "It's something that we really haven't taken beyond the conceptual phase."

Should something like that take place, the change would be gradual, taking decades. Some of today's downtown homes, in 30 or 40 years,

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Town yard move could foster new growth

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

They call it the Golden Triangle. But to those who want to see this area developed into an extension of the downtown it's been more like a holy grail.

Covering acres of land encompassing North Main

Street, down along Railroad Street and through to Essex Street, an area of land known as the Golden Triangle has been an active part of downtown discussions for many years, according to Planning Director Paul Materazzo. But one thing stands

in the way of the town being able to develop this area that

is a stone's throw from Elm Square - moving the town yard.

"In the heart of the district is the town yard," Materazzo said, "and we have been trying to work this out for several years."

The present corridor of downtown Andover is successful because it is a

popular, essential transit path. Route 28 cuts right through downtown, and some of the biggest attractions in Andover are along Main Street because of that.

Though it isn't a state highway, a similar transit-driven path cuts through the

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Your vote could mean \$50K for music at AHS

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

\$50,000 VOTE

Teens are being called to their screens to support Andover High musicians.

Students at Andover High School hope to win a \$50,000 grant for the school's music department. Their grant application? An online video that fellow students and all Andover residents can vote online to support.

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have entered.

"We've got over 3,000 votes so far and we're in 39th place," AHS freshman Alex Hanscom said at Townsman presstime this week. "We

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Music to build homes, lift spirits

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Andover Baptist Church have lifted hammers to build homes for the Habitat for Humanity of Merrimack Valley. On Saturday, they'll lift their voices.

The church will offer an afternoon concert "Gospel On High: Music with a Mission" with money raised helping Habitat for Humanity of Merrimack Valley create 10 homes in Lawrence.

"It's a family-oriented concert. We want people to come out. It's a way for us to put a face to [our congregation]."

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At Andover Baptist Church, Minister of Music Lance Bryant, Minister Nat Burnes, Pastor Lyndon Myers, Missions Ministry Chairwoman Denise Wynn, and Senior Deacon Henry Darnell practice with the Unity Choir for their upcoming gospel concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

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■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Oct. 11 through Monday, Oct. 17:

ARRESTS

Friday, Oct. 14 - At 2:46 p.m., James Berry, 27, of 12 Highland View Road, Tewksbury, was arrested on Dascumb Road and charged on a single warrant for obstructing an emergency vehicle, failing to yield at an intersection, disturbing a funeral procession and failing to stop or yield.

Saturday, Oct. 15 - At 3:14 a.m. and 3:40 a.m. respectively, police made two arrests on Burke Road. First, Matthew O'Donnell, 20, of 131 Hudson St. in Somerville was arrested. Later, Patrick Melo, 20, of 57 Boston Ave. in Somerville was arrested. Both were charged with being a person under the age of 21 in possession of liquor and disorderly conduct

on a public conveyance. Both arrests were made by authorities at Merrimack College and brought to the safety center for courtesy bookings.

At 4:23 p.m., Humberto Medina-Perez, 39, of 2 Trafalgar Drive, Beverly, was arrested on York Street and charged with a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and for operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

Sunday, Oct. 16 - At 2:51 a.m., Steven Proia, 26, of 46 Pond St., Waltham, was arrested on Foxhill Road and charged with disorderly conduct. The arrest was made by authorities at Merrimack College and he was brought to the safety center for booking.

At 3:31 p.m., Ralph Bledsoe, 50, of 2 Breechin Terrace, Andover, was arrested on Railroad Street and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Monday, Oct. 17 - At 8:30 a.m., Alberto Pineiro, 47, of 4

Asford Place, Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged on two warrants for assault and battery, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

At 9:48 p.m., Christine Nadeau, 23, who lives at a motel on Main Street, Tewksbury, was arrested on Whittier Street and charged with failing to wear a seatbelt, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, driving an uninspected motor vehicle and on a single warrant for shoplifting by asportation and receiving stolen property under \$250.

THEFTS

Thursday, Oct. 13 - At 7:09 p.m., a theft of a bicycle was reported at Memorial Hall Library in Elm Square.

Saturday, Oct. 15 - At 6:20 p.m., a theft of items from a shed and yard was reported on Lowell Street.

Monday Oct. 17 - At 8:27 a.m., a theft of items from a

Frontage Road property was reported to police.

At 1:50 p.m., a theft was reported on North Main Street.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 11 - At 9:09 a.m., a caller contacted police regarding her daughter "who was supposed to be going to college ... and the daughter announced to her that she was not returning to the school and wants to marry her boyfriend." The caller said she was advised by staff at the college to call police regarding the matter. Police gave the caller advice.

At 12:42 p.m., a case of fraud by a bad check was reported on Bartlet Street.

At 5:29 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported at the high school on Shawshen Road.

At 8:15 p.m., a Lockway Road caller contacted police regarding someone who rang her doorbell. A brown bag was left on her doorstep.

A few minutes later, the doorbell rang again. Nobody was there again, and, this time, the brown paper bag was gone as well.

At 8:50 p.m., a Lovejoy Road resident called about threats on an answering machine, believed to be the words "go die" as communicated over the police scanner at the time. It was determined that the person had said "goodbye."

At 10:37 p.m., police were contacted regarding a trespasser at Memorial Hall Library who had to be escorted out after he was "found hiding inside the library."

Wednesday, Oct. 12 - At 8:04 a.m., a Hampton Lane caller reported to police that "her two puppies ran off and escaped from their pen approximately 10 minutes ago." As a canine police unit was being dispatched, the caller found the puppies and advised that she did not need further assistance.

At 9:09 a.m., an individual on Haverhill Street called 911 regarding a car parked

in a handicapped spot that did not have a handicap placard on display. Police investigating the call found the placard on the door of the vehicle.

At 11:40 a.m., police assisted the Andover Fire Department with a possible hazardous chemical spill on New England Business Center Drive.

Friday, Oct. 14 - At 10:34 a.m., a Brookside Drive resident contacted police about someone trying to break into her apartment. Police determined that the incident was a case of vandalism.

At 4:46 p.m., an attempted shoplifting was reported at CVS on Main Street.

At 6:48 p.m., police were called out to Lowell Street on reports of a 3-year-old boy in the road. The boy was returned to his home by police.

At 9:19 p.m., police located a vehicle wanted in Lynn for its use in an armed home invasion. The vehicle was taken to the safety center and processed for evidence.

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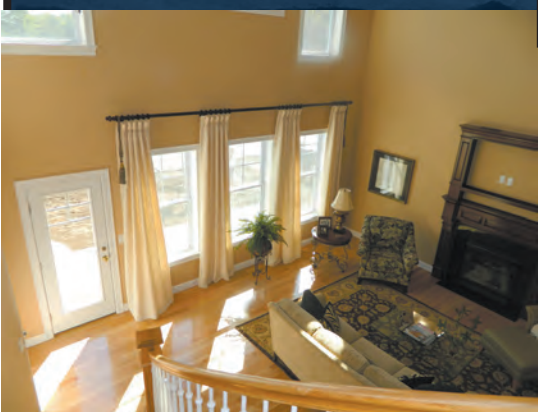
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Ken Seifert



Joe Spanos, welcome to the club. Whether you realize it or not, you have become a member of an exclusive group of people – The Retired Educators of Andover. There is no seniority, no organizational chart; we are just a bunch of professionals who gave the best of what we had to the children of Andover.

As you prepare to join our ranks I would like to tell you what some of us think of you. Ever since you started teaching in the '70s you were immediately placed on the honor roll. You graduated summa cum laude. During this time you were always a team player, a man with a thousand ideas. At times you would drive people crazy with your big plans for the children, but never with a notion of getting credit. Initially, many of us did not see your picture of the future, but you were tenacious and by your deeds showed us what you meant. There are many things we could say about you but I think the image that stands out in my mind is that you are a jack of all trades, grand master of one.

You have been given the gift to be able to look into a student's heart and listen to his music. You quickly see the dreams and immediately suggest a path to make such dreams come true. You were an excellent conductor and used marketing and the TV camera as a couple of tunes for many. For others, fortunate to spend time with you, you increased their self esteem in many unique ways. You did not discriminate; you treated the brilliant and not so fortunate equally. Your energy was never-ending and it seemed you never tired of doing everything you could.

As the business department decreased from seven people to one, you made it seem like a full staff was providing the assets of a good business department. At the same time, your marketing and sales pupils won national awards each year. You also managed one of the most successful student-run TV operations in the country. Both of these activities, under your direction, are the only reason some of the students wanted to attend school.

When you sit home in your easy chair, 25 years from now, you can silently say lights, camera, action, and watch a series of the fruits of your efforts. You created a livelihood and successful future for hundreds of your students. You steered many others on a path that will give them real meaning in their lives. You have accumulated a multitude of thankful students who will tell you so as the years roll by. Your colleagues, past and present, were pleased you were working beside them. You were an administrator's dream; you did things without being asked and came back time and again for more. Some parents, without ever meeting you, knew what a great teacher you were, their children told them so. You have always been the type of person who made things happen, not a spectator in the parade of life.

As you walk out of the studio, which you made the envy of the education community, be assured you can honestly say, I tried to make The Andover High School a better place than when I entered those many years ago. No, on second thought you won't have to – everybody knows it.

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

ON CAMPUS

Syracuse dean's list

The following students were named to the Syracuse University dean's list for the spring 2011 semester — Daniel Bagnall, Emily Barker, Blair Beasley, Nicholas Binder, Pawan Dewani, Emily Hook, Andrew Kanell, Stephan Lattari Jr., Sarah LoMedico, Christopher Nardone, Daniel Silberstein, Pete Smith Jr., Daniel Sullivan and Gabrielle Traub. To qualify, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average during the semester.

DEP supports town in Bancroft project

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The state's Department of Environmental Protection has affirmed a Conservation Commission decision that allowed the construction of a new Bancroft Elementary School to move forward.

But with a pair of attorneys representing two of the Bancroft abutters who appealed the original Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission vowing to appeal, and a court case still pending, it is unclear how long the start of the project may be delayed.

In a three-page letter bundled with the DEP decision, Environmental Analyst Jill Provencal said "it is MassDEP's opinion that the Andover Conservation Commission appropriately reviewed and conditioned the proposed project in a manner adequately protecting the interests of (the Wetlands Protection Act)."

"We're very happy with it," said Mark Johnson, Andover School Building Committee chairman. "It's indicative of the fact that the Conservation Commission's order was consistent with the wetlands protection act and its jurisdiction in protecting the conditions of the wetlands."

The appeals filed in September by four abutters argued the Conservation Commissions'

order did not accurately calculate stormwater management and, therefore, was not valid. Provencal's statement said the commission's order meets performance standards pursuant to bordering vegetated wetland protection laws and stormwater management laws.

Attorneys Peter Flynn and Jason Scopa, who represent abutting property trustees Michael Noakes and Dana Willis, disagree with the DEP's recent decision and will appeal, they said.

"I know that several people will take this to the adjudicatory level, because some of the changes called for by some of the town's experts were never made," Flynn said. "We've got some issues that have got to be looked at."

Those appealing the order of conditions have ten business days from when the DEP's decision came down on Oct. 13. Through an adjudicatory hearing process, both sides of the debate – the town, and the appellars – will then participate in a kind of "mini trial, with experts," according to Scopa.

That process will likely take "at least several months, as far as I know," Scopa said.

Meanwhile, a hearing has yet to be scheduled in a Superior Court case on the project, where a lawsuit has been filed contending that the Conservation Commission violated its own town

bylaws when issuing the order of conditions. The decision from the DEP has no direct correlation to, or an impact on, the lawsuit, according to Johnson.

"Regardless of the DEP outcome, the Superior Court case remains alive because DEP guidelines aren't as stringent as the town's," Scopa said. "Just because the DEP decided the state wetland protection act was complied with doesn't mean the local wetland laws were complied with."

AT BEST, BANCROFT DELAYED TO NEXT YEAR

Even if the Superior Court case were to end quickly and in the town's favor, and the DEP were to have a quick turnaround with any adjudicatory hearing stemming from appeals, the project will be delayed considerably. The timetable for construction is now unknown, according to Maria Maggio, acting director of Andover Plant and Facilities.

The first phase of construction is an extension of an access road off the end of West Knoll Road, which is necessary and must be completed prior to construction of the school itself beginning. The road cuts through wetlands that must be replicated elsewhere, which was at the heart of the Conservation Commission's original decision.

Originally, the construction of that road was supposed to begin

this past June, although the permits were not set until the end of summer. Once the permits were set to be issued, the appeals were filed and the town elected to stop all construction. Now, since the road must be paved and colder ground conditions will very soon prevent paving from taking place, Maggio said that the next step – the first step – "won't happen this year."

Traditionally, asphalt plants are shut down over the winter because it is too cold to produce asphalt. Optimal conditions for paving a road exist when the ground is warm, which won't be for some time after the end of this coming winter.

How that affects the opening of the new school – assuming both the Superior Court and the DEP's likely adjudicatory hearing support the town's decision – can't be determined, Maggio said. Originally, the school was slated to open in the fall of 2013.

When the new school will open "depends on when we get going on (the road), which may mean we may need to schedule it differently to try to get it open," Maggio said. "Without knowing how long this delay is, we can't even estimate when the school will open."

"A lot depends on the weather," Johnson said. "We're going to assess it and move forward when it can move forward."



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Runners take off at the start of the five-kilometer "Book it to the Finish" costumed benefit road race at Bancroft Elementary School on Saturday. Evan Mercier, 19, and Anne Bajor, 20, both at center, would end up the first place male and female finishers. For more photos, see next week's Townsman.

Booking it, to aid Bancroft school

Jack in the Beanstalk was there. Harry Potter was, too. So was Fancy Nancy.

It was a road race/walk fundraiser last Saturday, Oct. 15, for Bancroft Elementary School. Kids were encouraged to use their imaginations to dress up as a favorite storybook character, according to organizer Michelle Russo, a third grade teacher at Bancroft. It was all about reading, as participants swapped books at the end.

"We are delighted with the support from the school and the community. It was a wonderful event that emphasized the importance of healthy living while providing our community with a family friendly event," Russo said in an email.

Over 200 people participated and the event raised about \$3,000 for school functions, Russo said. The school's fun run committee is already talking about doing it again next year.

- Judy Wakefield

First election candidate pulls papers

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

One candidate has already hit the streets for a School Committee seat here in Andover, two months ahead of the usual early birds.

Bob Pokress, of Cherrywood Circle, recently pulled the nomination papers necessary to seek election for one of two School Committee seats up for reelection, according to Larry Murphy, town clerk.

"It's very unusual, this early," Murphy said. "Usually, we announce that the papers are ready by the beginning of December."

Pokress, as with any candidate running for election, is required to generate 50 signatures from registered Andover voters, Murphy said. The clerk's office recommends collecting at least 25 percent more than the requirement, in the event that some of the signatures fail

certification.

The election will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at the Collins Center Field House, and the School Committee seats of incumbent Chairwoman Annie Gilbert and member David Birnbach will be on the ballot.

For the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Brian Major and member Ted Teichert are up for re-election, with their seats carrying three-year terms. A one-year moderator term held by Sheila Doherty will be on the ballot. Typically, a five-year position for the Andover Housing Authority is also open, but one does not expire this year as the coming vacancy is to be appointed by the state, according to Murphy.

For the selectmen and School Committee positions, residents will vote for two candidates from each pool of candidates, and the two candidates with the most votes in each race will win, according to Murphy.

A single three-year seat on the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee, occupied by incumbent Marilyn Fitzgerald, will also be up for election, as will all five seats for the Trustees of Punchard Free School. Unlike previous years, with all five positions opening up for election every three years, the positions will be "staggered" this year, according to Murphy. Two of the positions will be elected on a three-year basis, two will run for two years and a single position will run for only a year, to face re-election in 2013.

"We're going to have five incumbents, and we'll have five openings, but they may all choose to run for a three-year term," Murphy said. "Hopefully we'll get candidates for all the terms."

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Business

Father-son duo puts 'family' component in tech support

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

They've been together for literally a lifetime, and they're using their relationship to help redefine how they do business.

Jim and Andy Hackett, a father-and-son duo that runs one Andover- and one Woburn-based TeamLogic IT tech support franchise, say their connection to each other has driven their business into unprecedented growth they hope will only continue.

"A family business has its pros and cons," said Andy Hackett, who lives in Stoneham and is vice president of sales for his dad's two franchises. "In certain family dynamics, it can work really well or it can not work, and I think we work really well because of the mutual respect we have for each other."

Jim Hackett, franchise owner and a Blueberry Circle resident who admittedly knows nothing about computers, said his son — a salesman at heart — was the perfect person for his business when he hired him almost five years ago.

"We were slowly launching the business, and I decided that we needed a full-time sales professional," the father said. "We just sort of talked a little bit about the potential of working together. As a father and son, we have a great relationship, so we had to look at it and say, 'Can we carry this great relationship into the business and have that work to our advantage, or could the pressure



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo
Jim and Andy Hackett, a father-and-son team, are using their family connection to build success in two tech support franchises that Jim started a number of years ago in Woburn and Andover. Jim, left, is the owner of both locations and Andy is vice president of sales.

of working together impact our relationship negatively?"

Since then, they haven't looked back.

"He can do things faster than I can think of them," Jim Hackett said. "It's an inaudible joy to know every day that you're working with your son. You have an opportunity to share years of business experience with him, and he has the energy and expertise to do

more with it than I could ever do."

The expertise that Jim has, Andy said, is how to run a tech business from the standpoint that relying on tech support can be an awful experience.

"He hates IT support. He hates the way technicians talk to him," Andy Hackett said. "Being a non-technical business owner, he shaped our services around what he always

wanted."

The business, which caters to providing tech support to small businesses with 1 to 100 computers, benefits from the structure Jim gave the franchise, according to Andy Hackett. This is highlighted in the fact that most of their customers expect so much out of customer service, but at the same time expect that they will receive so little support.

"There's a lot of comfort that (customers get from us) when they find out I work with my dad, that we're a family business. We're not going anywhere," said Andy Hackett.

With a total of 67 locations throughout North America, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, TeamLogic IT's founder recently highlighted Jim and Andy's franchises as being among the fastest-growing franchises in the entire company.

The growth is expected to continue, according to Jim Hackett.

While saying that the company drives to "under-promise and over-deliver" — a guarantee that they'll complete a specific service by a given time, only to exceed expectations on that guarantee — Jim Hackett said their current goal is "to increase our revenue tenfold within the next five years, and we're on track for that."

But that was an under-promise, he said with a laugh, and they're expecting to over-deliver — together.



Courtesy photos

NEDCC Senior Photograph Conservator Monique Fischer works with Croatian archivist Hrvoje Gržina on identification of photographic processes.

International visitors learn ways to preserve history

Two international interns are learning skills at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover that they can use to preserve their country's historic treasures.

The center has offered training programs for international conservators for many years and has two interns from two different programs working in its labs this month.

Hrvjoe Gržina is an archivist at the Central Laboratory for Photography at the Croatian State Archives in Zagreb, Croatia. He is studying photograph conservation at NEDCC for two months as part of grant project funded by the Trust for Mutual Understanding and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Gržina is working with NEDCC Senior Photograph Conservator Monique Fischer (mfischer@nedcc.org) to learn techniques and procedures for conserving historic photographs at the Croatian Archives.

Darya Smirnova is a paper conservator in the Graphics Restoration Laboratory at the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Hermitage requested a three-week training program in paper and book conservation techniques for Smirnova, and she will be at NEDCC until Oct. 26.

NEDCC has a long history of collaboration with the State Hermitage Museum, and conservators received training here in 1997. Smirnova is working with Walter Newman, NEDCC director of paper conservation.



Darya Smirnova, a conservator at the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, practices surface cleaning of an engraving.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Andrew Botti elected firm director

The McLane Law Firm has announced that Andrew P. Botti of Andover has been elected as a director of the firm. For nearly 20 years Botti has represented large corporations, small businesses, and family owned and operated enterprises in complex commercial and employment-related disputes. He has tried numerous commercial and employment based cases to verdict in both state and federal court, and has appeared before various administrative and legislative agencies such as the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the City Counsel for the

City of Lawrence.

He received his Juris Doctor from Northeastern University and his bachelor degree from Columbia University.

Workforce Training Fund info. session

The ValleyWorks Career Center invites employers to attend a Workforce Training Fund info. session on Friday, Oct. 21 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Arwood Machine Corp., 95 Parker St., Newburyport Industrial Park.

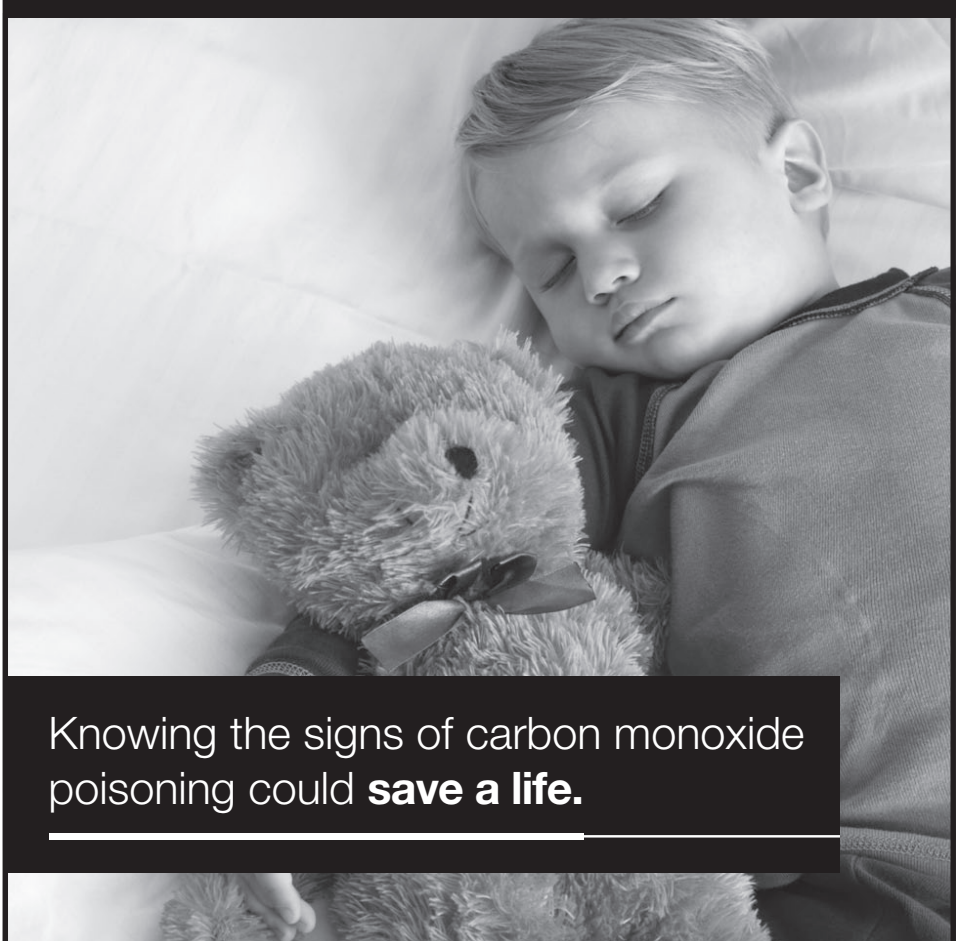
This session will describe the recent changes to the WTF and the state funding opportunities available through the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund.

The WTF program enables businesses to provide training and development opportunities for their employees. This session is free and will focus on the NEW guidelines for the WTF General, Express and Hiring Incentive Grants.

Michael Corcoran, supervisor of operations at the State Department of Workforce Development, will present a 90-minute information-packed session to help companies determine which grants are most appropriate and available for their employee training needs.

Registration required. For more information or to register, contact Larry Snow at lsnow@detma.org or 978-469-7819.

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Here's looking at you, Nov. 5

On Nov. 5, Quota International of Andover will present an Evening in "Casablanca" at the Lanam Club of Andover.

The night includes a light buffet, live and silent auction opportunities, and dancing with "Four Guys in Tuxes." Admission is \$80. Tickets may be purchased at CoCo Collections at 93 Main St. or the DCS/Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. This year's Evening in "Casablanca" will help fund programs and services for disadvantaged women and children in the Merrimack Valley.

For information email Louise Hadad, lhadad@comcast.net.



Quota of Andover Gala Committee members: Mary Beth Nason (Andover), Tish Bachmann (Andover), Nancy Faye Glass (North Andover) and Vena Coco (Andover).

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Opinion

Cheers for finding ways to keep programs strong

Here's a quick note of praise for Andover residents who continue to come up with innovative ways to support the programs about which they care.

A look at the Townsman any week reveals a host of activities aiming to raise money for worthwhile causes. This week, we see Quota International of Andover preparing for its Casablanca-themed night, to assist disadvantaged local women and children. To keep local Boy Scout programs going strong, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence last week gave the group \$2,000, money earned from annual events such as its February Feast and caroling while dressed as Santa's helpers. Tennis boosters hosted a "Renovation Rally" to raise money to repair the cracked high school courts.

Andover High youth have put together a great video on the Glee website, with hopes that they will attract enough votes to bring in as much as \$50,000 for the school music program. We encourage residents to vote away, and bring home some more cash for Andover's vocal sensations.

Residents will have the chance to enjoy some gospel and contemporary Christian music at Andover Baptist Church on Saturday, from 3 to 5 p.m., to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. This comes one week after Bancroft Elementary School had a school fundraiser that gave children a chance to wear their Halloween costumes, and people of all ages a chance to run a road race.

Pairing fun events with the opportunity to give back to a cause helps our community in two ways. Finding new ways to attract people is always welcome. Kudos to the many in our community doing so.

Nanny state overpowered by one-armed bandit

Few issues more clearly illustrate the hypocrisy of the state's elected representatives than the debate in the Massachusetts Legislature over allowing casinos to offer free drinks to their patrons.

Last Thursday, the state Senate approved its version of an expanded gambling bill that authorizes three resort casinos and a slot machine parlor. The bill must be reconciled with a House version before moving to Gov. Deval Patrick for his signature.

Included in the Senate bill is a surprise provision that shows just how quickly legislators will drop long cherished moral positions once the prospect of \$400 million in new annual revenues is dangled before them.

Since the 1980s, it has been illegal in Massachusetts for bars and restaurants to offer their patrons any kind of "happy hour" drink discounts. This ban on "happy hours" and similar promotions enacted in the 1980s - Massachusetts was the first to do so - smack of the nanny-state mentality which holds adults cannot be trusted to make the right decisions for themselves. But for more than two decades, our legislators have faithfully cited the need to protect Massachusetts residents from themselves. Until now.

The Senate bill also includes a provision that would allow bars and restaurants to offer their patrons free or discounted drinks, just as the casinos will. It's only fair. If casinos can provide free drinks, other restaurants should too. (Andover state Sen. Barry Finegold voted to ban free drinks at both casinos and other restaurants.)

You may ask, why did most state senators not simply prohibit casinos from offering free drinks, subjecting them to the same law that governs bars and restaurants? Because the casino owners do not want it that way. And our elected representatives want to be sure nothing stands in the way of their skimming their \$400 million from the casinos' profits.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What is your favorite fall festivity?

- Trick or treating (I'm a kid).
- Trick or treating with my kids.
- Giving out the candy.
- Going to football games on crisp evenings.
- Enjoying apple cider, doughnuts and hay rides at area orchards.
- Leaf-peeping in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Thanksgiving gatherings, and everything surrounding them.
- Putting together my Christmas shopping list.
- Are you kidding? I hate this time of year!
- Other (supply your own answer).

523 individual options selected in voting, the answers were:

- Oppose, because of effects to the schools in their districts: 213 votes, 40.73 percent
- Oppose, because the projects are too large for the neighborhoods: 135 votes, 25.81 percent
- Oppose, because of environmental or infrastructure problems (such as wetlands or sewer): 99 votes, 18.93 percent
- Oppose, for other reasons: 45 votes, 8.6 percent
- I would support one, but not both: 10 votes, 1.91 percent
- Support, because it provides more housing options: 7 votes, 1.34 percent
- I don't know enough about the proposals yet: 5 votes, 0.96 percent
- Support, it will provide affordable opportunities for low-income families: 5 votes, 0.96 percent
- Support, because it will help increase the tax base: 4 votes, 0.76 percent
- Support, but for other reasons: 0 votes, 0 percent

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "Do you support or oppose the two proposed affordable housing projects?" The poll was a multiple choice poll, allowing users to select any number of options they agreed with. With

FLOWING AGAIN AT THE ADDISON



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Crowds of people flow by the Paul Manship fountain again, as the Addison Gallery of American Art has reopened following a summer-long closing to repair its glass roof. The museum celebrated its reopening and 80th birthday Friday night, Oct. 14, with a large crowd attending the related opening of three exhibitions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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throughout Andover.

This NIMBY lawsuit is selfish and it is directly affecting every other taxpayer of Andover. It is time for the lawsuit filers to accept that this project is going to happen. The School Committee and the School Building Committee have proven themselves to be very understanding to neighbor concerns. If there is a perceived issue, the right forum is to work through it with those committees, not to hold this entire town hostage and hope the project is stalled long enough for state funding to disappear and the project to go away. Surely the filers of the lawsuit do not want this.

JOHN BOESE
16 Gray Road

Now is time for town to invest in youth center

Editor, Townsman:
Bill Fahey and his staff at Andover Youth Services have done an unbelievable job over the last 17 years, working tirelessly to provide dynamic programs and youth leadership and community service opportunities to generations of young people in town. They've made a generous commitment to our community. It is time that we as a community take a positive step to invest further in that commitment to our town's youth.

While the town has a number of building projects on the horizon, the youth center project is unique in that the Andover Youth Foundation is coming to the table with \$2 million already raised in a more than challenging economic environment. By simply agreeing to match the donations raised by AYF, we would be making a cost-effective investment in a building that will greatly expand the capabilities and reach of Andover Youth Services.

The funding for the proposal would essentially set aside \$14 from the average taxpayer from tax revenue which is already being collected and put it toward the youth center. The funding will not come from additional taxes. A youth center that costs \$2 million in public funds is a fraction of what other capital improvement

projects cost (\$43 million for Bancroft School replacement last year, \$32 million for Wood Hill school in 2000) and, for 50 cents on the dollar is a great investment for our town.

A number of the project's donors have made very generous contributions and they are understandably ready to see this project come to fruition. If it doesn't, I don't blame them for wanting to see their money used in another way where it can do good in our community. The time is now to seize this moment of opportunity and invest in Andover Youth Services the way they have invested in the young people of this town for years.

AYS has supported the town's young people for years. Let's give AYS the support it could use to really grow, to really thrive.

DAVID TANKLEFSKY
23 Pasho St.

Developments would strain Andover

Editor, Townsman:

I was perplexed to read in The Townsman (Oct 13, 2011), the proposal to build a 288-apartment and a 298-apartment complex. Whether they are low income or not, the strain on the Andover community with regards increased traffic congestion, parking, school systems, and the emergency departments would be great. While there are state limits to sizes of projects built (covered in article), what criteria does the town use? It would seem to me that these large projects, if approved, only lead to higher taxes as the need for the town's infrastructure increases.

Does the town of Andover have a charter with regards how Andover develops over the ages with regards to its expansion, population, and school growth, etc. If not, it should.

As a resident of Andover I came to live here for its schools, location and "feel" of a sleepy but educated town with a history of community spirit. Yes, all towns expand, but it should be in keeping with the town's appearance and ambiance, and also seriously consider the future financial impact to its current residents.

N. GUISE
Jenkins Road

Affordable home complexes won't prove affordable to taxpayers

Editor, Townsman:
Regarding last week's page 1 article, "Two projects would add 586 units," as Andover residents and parents of school-aged children we are extremely concerned that the proposed developments will damage our community. Some issues:

Schools and Property

Taxes. Based on actual data from the existing, similar developments at Windsor Green and Casco Crossing, these projects will bring in 253 additional students to our elementary, middle, and high schools overnight. The annual cost to educate 253 additional students in Andover will be more than \$3 million (\$13,000 per student), while the portion of annual property tax revenues paid by the landlord to the town that gets allocated to the schools is only \$800,000. Andover residents will be on the hook for an additional \$2.5 million each and every year to cover the costs of educating the new students, while the developers and landlords are making big profits. Further, our schools cannot accommodate an additional 253 students, which means residents will be forced to fund construction of new schools. The expected impact to the town will be higher property taxes and a lower quality education for our children.

Traffic and Safety. The traffic on Route 133 during peak periods is already a problem to residents. More than 300 more cars will cause additional traffic delays and safety problems, especially once the IRS facility is fully operational.

Protecting our Watershed. The Rolling Green site is within Andover's Watershed Protection Overlay District, and is directly adjacent to Fish Brook, which feeds directly into Haggetts Pond, Andover's primary source for drinking water.

As Andover residents with school aged children, we are concerned that these projects are being fast tracked to approval, to the detriment of our town, residents, and especially our children.

If your readers would like to get involved, or are concerned about the impact of another large scale rental development project to our community, they can help.

The Andover Zoning Board is convening a special meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Residents are invited to attend and voice their opinions.

There is also a site visit scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23. The developers and the zoning board will attend. The public is invited. The Shattuck Road visit will be first, at 8 a.m., and the Rolling Green visit will follow, sometime between 8:45 and 9:45 a.m.

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The letter was signed by eight other residents.

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TOWN TALK

Residents rise to news of 40B plans

A group of homeowners calling themselves "Residents for Andover" has formed to present evidence opposing the two proposed affordable-housing communities that would add 588 housing units.

Residents for Andover planned to meet yesterday, Wednesday, in the evening to work on some research, and a member said she expects many of its members to attend upcoming meetings and site visits.

Last Wednesday, residents met at Iraquois Drive and Lovejoy Road to talk about the projects as well.

More people than is typical responded to last week's web question about the housing plans, and well over 90 percent of the selections opposed the plans for one of four reasons. Part of the reason for why more than 500 votes were tallied is because the answer is multiple choice, allowing readers to select all answers that applied to them. For the results of the question and to see this week's question, see Opinion, page 11.

- Dustin Luca

Town yard, goals talk rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 24

A previously-advertised Board of Selectmen meeting for this Monday, Oct. 17, has been rescheduled after a posting flub made some people concerned they might violate the state's new Open Meeting Law to go ahead with the meeting.

On the agenda was a Town Yard Task Force presentation, a presentation of a gift to the town from its sister town in Hampshire, England, the presentation of a proposed town bylaw amendment that may move to Special Town Meeting from Town Clerk Larry Murphy, a discussion of goals for Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski for next year and more.

The selectmen's meeting,

This fall: Summer loving



Courtesy photo

Drew Reinhardt of Andover plays "Sandy" in the ongoing Wakefield Repertory Theatre production of "Grease." She is pictured above with Ricky Andrade of Amesbury as "Danny." Drew appears in the production with her father, Andover resident Bob Leber, who plays radio personality "Vince Fontaine." The final shows are on Oct. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. Get tickets at ticketstage.com.

which was scheduled to start in executive session at 6:15 p.m. Monday, was erroneously posted with agendas for other meetings — a Design Review Board meeting for Oct. 12 and a Board of Health meeting for Oct. 17.

The meeting, possibly with additional agenda items, has been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 24.

- Dustin Luca

Tennis benefit a hit

The badly deteriorating tennis courts at Andover High School (Townsmen, Sept. 22) brought more than 80 people to the recent "Renovation Rally" benefit, according to organizers. Bryan Frankenberg wrote in an email that about \$3,600 was raised as on Oct. 1, as the Friends of Andover Tennis held its event at the Indian Ridge Country Club tennis facility.

"Andover High School tennis team members joined with friends, siblings, parents, and local tennis devotees of every age and ability level for socializing and round-robin doubles on IRCC's courts," he wrote. Nearly 40 took part in

the informal competition.

- Judy Wakefield

AFD chili is hot in Haverhill

Andover firefighters took part in Saturday's chili cook off in Amesbury and placed second. Reading firefighters placed first.

"We're disappointed," said chili team member and deputy fire chief Al DeDotto.

But, it was short-lived disappointment. Just hours later, AFD placed first in Haverhill's chili competition. DeDotto said it was the same

recipe, same ladle, same everything, used in Haverhill as Amesbury. Go figure.

AFD is cooling off until the next firefighters' chili competition heats up next spring.

"We'll be back, definitely," DeDotto said.

- Judy Wakefield

Golden Eagles basketball to soar

With the help of local volunteers, Special Olympics of Massachusetts will offer its fifth year of the Andover Golden Eagles Basketball Program.

The program will begin Nov. 1 at 6 p.m., at the Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street in Andover. Participants must be between the ages of 8-21.

"The goal is to bring together Special Olympic athletes and team partners in order to build friendship, character, and inspire greatness for all participants," according to Audrey DeSisto, program director. "Our program is staffed

Triathlon winner



The over-all female winner of the BrickMan Triathlon in Lawrence on Oct. 2 was Cindy Regnante of Andover, 40, with a time of 58:31. She and about 150 other racers raised money for the Merrimack Valley YMCA and Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity.

with experienced certified coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers who have been dedicated to the development of the athletes and the program for many years.

This year, our program won a Silver Certification Award for outstanding performance, and our athletes are now

eligible to participate in the World Games. We have also recently won a scholarship to help with the continued success and growth of our program."

To participate, coach or volunteer contact DeSisto at agoldeneagles@comcast.net.



Elyse Pengeroth and teammate Zoe Zimmerman, both seniors at Andover High School, will compete in the women's youth double event at the 47th annual Head of the Charles Regatta this weekend. The event attracts about 300,000 to the river in Boston and Cambridge.

Temple Emanuel concert benefits Bread & Roses events

The Bread and Roses Centennial Committee of Lawrence will host a benefit concert, featuring The Yiddish Community Chorus of Boston Workmen's Circle, on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road, Andover.

The Chorus will perform the very moving, The Cloth from Which We Are Cut.

The program, called A Besere Velt (A Better World), commemorates the 100th anniversary of the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory

fire in New York's garment district of March, 1911 in which 146 women were trapped and either burned or jumped to their deaths. Doors were locked by the owners in order to control when the young women and girls could leave.

In addition, this concert will feature Evan Harlan of the New England Conservatory and special guests, Shelley Brown, Julia Short, Magda Spasiano and Arthur Waldstein.

During 2012, Lawrence will

commemorate its own historic labor event — the Bread and Roses Strike of 1912 during which immigrant textile workers launched an explosive eight-week strike that improved working conditions for textile workers and popularized the slogan, Bread and Roses.

Proceeds of the concert will allow the Centennial Committee to present a series of events to commemorate the anniversary of this momentous strike, including a Bread and Roses film festival and

an academic symposium.

Premium tickets are \$100 and include reserved front row seating, a 2:30 p.m. reception and conversation with Lisa Gallatin, A Besere Velt artistic director. Standard admission is \$30. Both include fees for online ticketing. Standard seating tickets are general admission seating and available one-half hour prior to the concert.

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South Church in Andover celebrates its 300th anniversary on Sunday, as parishioners walk through the streets of Andover on their way to Sunday service.

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Dream realized: Fire chief's neighbor followed in his footsteps

Bill Dalton



This is the story of an Andover boy who wanted to be a fireman. His name was Harold Hayes, and he was born in 1937. He doesn't remember his father well because his father died when Harold was 5, leaving his mother to raise Harold and his two older sisters in their 83 Central St. home. The home was owned by Harold's grandfather on his mother's side, Frank Byrne, who helped provide for the family while Harold was still a boy.

Harold wanted to be a fireman because he lived next door to Andover's fire chief, Edward Buchan, and when Harold saw Chief Buchan working in his yard he would wander over to help. Harold respected Chief Buchan and came to look upon him as a father-figure. They would do such things as raking leaves or shoveling snow and the chief would ask what Harold wanted to be when he grew up and Harold would answer that he wanted to be a fireman and the chief would say, "No, you should do something other than that," and Harold would insist that being a fireman was what he wanted to be.

Chief Buchan had a tapper in his house that would tap when an alarm box was pulled and tell him where the alarm was. At different times, day or night, Harold would watch the chief drive his chief's car, a 1940 red Ford with a red light on top, to the fires.

A lot of boys wanted to be firemen or policemen, fine jobs requiring bravery and skill, but most boys grew to do other things, with only a few sticking to their earlier dreams. Despite an assortment of experiences that could have destroyed his focus, Harold stuck to his dream and one day it was fulfilled, and he became a fireman in Andover and, even better, the dream was exceeded, and he became the town's fire chief.

However, let's pause in Harold Hayes' story so we can discuss the history of the Andover Fire Department. The earliest firefighting no doubt originated from the practice of neighbors forming bucket brigades to fight fires near where they lived. As roads and transportation improved, regular volunteers got together to fight fires in places they could reach in time. According to Chief Hayes, such volunteers in Andover acquired a horse-drawn pumper in the 1860s. As time passed these volunteers acquired better equipment.

Chief Hayes says, "Sometime in the 1880s, the volunteers called themselves the 'Steam Fire Engine

Company,' and it was some 20 to 25 members strong. The officers and chief were chosen by popular vote of its members. Their equipment consisted of a horse-drawn steam pumper and a horse-drawn hook and ladder. Bucket brigades of fire department personnel and members of the community contributed to fire safety and extinguishment. These personnel were finally housed in a new fire house in 1886, located on Park Street behind the old Town Hall. The Ballardvale fire station was moved to its present location at Andover and Chester streets sometime in the late 1880s. [It is located at Clark Road and Andover Street near where Chester meets Clark.]

"The department changed from the Steam Fire Engine Company to Andover Fire Department in 1921. Membership grew slowly. The first full-time chief, Charles Emerson, was appointed by the town that same year. [Chief Emerson lived at 72 Park St., a few steps from the firehouse.] The organization remained one of mostly volunteers with a few permanent men as drivers. The drivers worked 84 hours weekly, and protected a community that was and still is 32 square miles. An ambulance service was begun in the mid-thirties. Fire personnel transported medical and emergency residents to local hospitals free of charge. Patients who were not residents, such as auto accident victims, were also transported, and in later years nonresidents were charged \$30 per call regardless of which hospital they were transported to. Chief Emerson retired in 1940, and the department appointed its second fire chief, Edward C. Buchan, my neighbor at that time. The first motorized ladder truck was added in 1941 and soon more motorized trucks were added to replace the horse-drawn equipment."

"In 1955 Chief Buchan passed away. Then Deputy Chief Henry L. Hilton was appointed chief. New personnel were added, and the hours of work were reduced to 48 hours weekly. In 1972, West Station was erected at High Plain and Chandler roads. I opened that station and was dispatched on its very first run as a lieutenant. In 1976, Chief Henry L. Hilton retired and Deputy Chief William T. Downs was appointed chief. He served until 1986 when he retired. I was appointed as the fifth chief of the fire department that same year."

This story will be continued and concluded next week, and it will include the difficult path Chief Hayes had to traverse to become a fireman, as well as a continued history of the Andover Fire Department.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.

CELEBRATING 300 SOUTH CHURCH TURNS BACK THE CLOCK

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Those attending South Church this weekend not only recognized a historic milestone, some brought their own history to life.

Led by fife and drum, a crowd of over 500 people walked down School Street and congregated at South Church Sunday, Oct. 16 to observe the church's 300th anniversary, just a day shy of the official date the church was congregated in 1711. An overwhelming portion of the parishioners were dressed for the occasion, with many wearing suits, dresses and garments — including wigs and hair dresses — that covered every period from the 18th century to the 1960s and '70s.

Inside the church, the service itself was tailored to the past, to when 35 Andover men and women formed the church. A beadle walked the aisles, poking sleeping members of the congregation at Rev. John Zehring's command as he preached to the near-capacity crowd about Hell and the extent that "the wicked" walks the earth, echoing the words of Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners In The Hands of An Angry God" from 1741.

"It was an interesting experience to see how it was done around 300 years ago," said Robin Gendron, a North Andover resident dressed in period clothing. "We're so used to the service in 2011 that it was really nice to see just what was done (in the 1700s)." Brothers Ted and Tim

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The congregation stands for the final hymn of Sunday's service celebrating the church's 300th anniversary.



The Rev. Jonathan Zehring preaches a sermon titled "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" during Sunday's service.



Emma Harris, 12, left, and Phebe Ozirsky, 12, hold onto their hats during the windy walk to the church.



Jolie Drury and her son Elijah Drury, 3, wait with others outside the church before service.



Graham Long acts as a watchful Tythingman during service.



Acolyte Meredith Stewart, 12, returns to the altar with the offerings of Sunday service.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 506: People attending, as counted by deacons during collection
- 325: Average Sunday attendance
- Oct. 17, 1711: Date South Church was founded
- Oct. 16, 2011: Church service to celebrate 300th anniversary, held a day early so that celebration is on a Sunday

Village Garden Club plants seed for 40th celebration

The Village Garden Club of Andover will hold its 40th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Andover.

All members, past and present, are invited to attend.

A program dedicated to the club's civic beautification, garden therapy, junior garden club, garden education, horticulture, landscape, and floral design will be presented. "Village Garden Club memorabilia will give members an opportunity to renew old memories," according to organizers, who say preparations have been underway for six months, with the group contacting past and present members.

Refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sue Rollfs at erollfs1707@verizon.net or Mary Moran at 978-474-1080.

Girl Scouts blaze a trail with conservation work



From left, in front, Joanna Olson, Julia Perry, Emily Cardin take turns digging a hole for a bench installation while others helping with the project look on.

Andover High School ninth-graders Emily Cardin, Joanna Olson and Julia Perry have received the Girl Scouts' second highest honor, the Silver Award, for installing benches along the Fish Brook North Reservation in West Andover.

Because Scout troops use conservation land, the girls thought this would be a good way to give back to the town, according to a release.

Bob Decelle, special projects manager for the Andover Conservation Commission, said the three girls were the first Girl Scouts to volunteer to complete a project for the commission and he welcomes more Girl Scouts in the future.

With Decelle's guidance, the Scouts received approval from the commission to build six benches for hikers to use along the mile-length trail at Fish Brook North Reservation. The reservation's entrance is located off the intersection of River Road and Chandler Road. The reservation is the primary water shed for Haggetts Pond.

After the Scouts obtained Conservation Commission approval, Doyle Lumber donated all the wood for the benches. To raise money for the remaining materials, the Scouts held a yard sale in August. With the help of other troop members they raised over \$500, more than enough money to complete the project.

Arts & Entertainment

'Chapel Meditations' honors resident at West Parish Chapel



Eric Lindahl and Robin Allison dedicate Sunday's concert to the memory of their friend Gwen Hedrick.

Members of the Blue Window Arts Group will present "an hour of peaceful inspiration in one of New England's most beautiful places" on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m. at the historic West Parish Chapel, which recently marked its 100th anniversary.

The free, hour-long, annual "Chapel Meditations" Concert at the chapel in West Parish Cemetery is directed by musician Eric W. Lindahl, who with his wife, vocalist Robin V. Allison, dedicates the event in memory of Gwen Hedrick,

a long-time chairwoman of the West Parish Garden Cemetery and Chapel who first brought the group to perform there in 2005.

"This is a special concert for us," said Lindahl, a worship leader at churches in greater Boston. "While concerts with our Choral Majority gospel choir, band and horns celebrate the high-energy joy of our faith, this event creates something more sacred, especially in the information age - peace. It's a traditional program of a cappella hymns and transcendent choral pieces, with

some special acoustic contemporary songs, like 'Sweet Shalom'."

The dozen members of the Choral Ensemble are all professional musicians.

"Gwen had a huge heart and loved children, serving many in the Andover area through the years," said Allison. A free-will offering will be taken to support Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, in Hendrick's name.

West Parish Chapel is in West Parish Garden Cemetery on Route 133, a mile east of Interstate 93 (Exit 43) in Andover.

Green room ahead for Left Hand Blue TV show this weekend

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A top teen band from Andover will be on TV this weekend, appearing on the show Community Auditions.

Left Hand Blue got its name from the classic game Twister. You might say the band is entering a right foot green phase, as it's successfully moving ahead one step at a time.

With a new drummer, Sean Duggan, 17, joining regulars Matt Minigell, 17, on guitar, lead vocals, piano and harmonica, and Carissa Johnson, 17, on bass and vocals, it's exciting times for this local trio. All three attend Andover High School, where classmates regularly ask about upcoming shows so they can hear the band.

"It really blows me away, all the support," said Minigell, who writes the band's songs. "Everyone wants to know what's next for us."

"I'm just so glad to be part of this," added Johnson.

Their first, self-titled album just came out, featuring five songs written by Minigell. It



LEFT HAND BLUE

The Andover band will appear on Community Auditions. Check local listings to confirm times.

■ Friday, Oct. 21, TV38 (WSBK), 10:30 p.m.

■ Saturday, Oct. 22, TV4 (WBZ), 12 a.m.

was produced, recorded and mixed at a North Reading studio.

The album's all-ages launch party was last Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Sad Cafe in Plaistow, N.H. Over the past several months, there's been more exposure for Left Hand Blue, as bookings have picked up and WCAP in Lowell and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's radio station have played the band's

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The famous Winslow Homer painting *Eight Bells* is seen on the far right at the Addison Gallery. The oil on canvas painting was created in 1886 when Homer was 50 years old.

ADDISON TURNS 80

The Addison Gallery of American Art celebrated its reopening and its 80th birthday on Friday, Oct. 14. A crowd of residents from Andover and surrounding communities attended.



A large crowd attended the 80th birthday celebration at the Addison Gallery of American Art Friday night.



Phillips Academy students known as "The Yorkies," an all-male a cappella group, with lead singer Remington Rimmel (center), perform during the Addison Gallery celebration.



From left, David and Bev Therkelsen and Susan Russell, all of Andover, attend the exhibition.

Andover High actress looks for springboard to career in arts

Andover resident Brianna Fogden is making her debut with Marblehead Little Theatre, playing the role of Thea in *Spring Awakening*.

Fogden is a senior at Andover High School and has appeared in AHS's productions since her freshman year. Some of her favorite roles include Kristine in *A Chorus Line*, Liesl in *The Sound of Music* and Alexi Darling in *RENT: School Edition*. She says she hopes to pursue a career in the performing arts.

Spring Awakening will be at the Marblehead Little Theatre, 12 School St.,



Brianna Fogden

Marblehead, through Oct. 23. For more information or tickets, visit MLTlive.org or call 781-631-9697.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

CHEFS WITH CLASS, a CLASS Inc. benefit celebrating 35 years, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Golf Club, Methuen. Learn to prepare a chef's signature dishes, taste special recipes, enjoy a buffet dinner; guest chef is Robert Ozoonian from Joseph's Trattoria Bakery Cafe in Haverhill, guest host is Al Gettler, Townsmen/Eagle-Tribune publisher; Nancy Kieran, nkieran@classinc.org, 978-975-8587.

BOOK SIGNING, Fred Mandell reads from his new book, "Becoming a Life

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BAND: Left Hand Blue on Community Auditions

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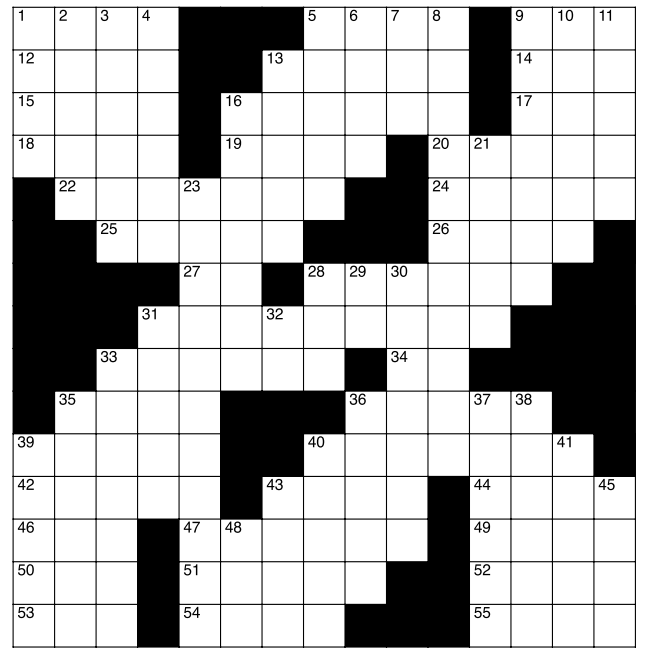
music. Closer to home, the band played at an Andover Community Skate Park event last month. "It's a lot of stress for us, with school and college-application stuff. But, we make it click," said Minigell, an AHS senior. "We love what we

do." Johnson is also a senior, while Duggan is a junior. The band is influenced by artists such as The Runaways, The Ramones, Cheap Trick, Grace Potter and the Nocturnals, The Neighbors and the Bones. Its genre is listed as pop/funk/surf on its website but the

members say they like listening to everything, including Frank Sinatra, the Delta blues of the early 20th century, punk and new wave. Minigell founded the band in 2007 as a duo performing at local talent shows. Members have come and gone in four years, but the name stayed and LFB plays gigs

regularly. Duggan joined after a meeting of the West Middle School Guitar Club, a frequent hang-out spot Left Hand Blue members. "He has been a key player in the evolution of Left Hand Blue's sound and overall presence as a band," Minigell said.

Crossword puzzle



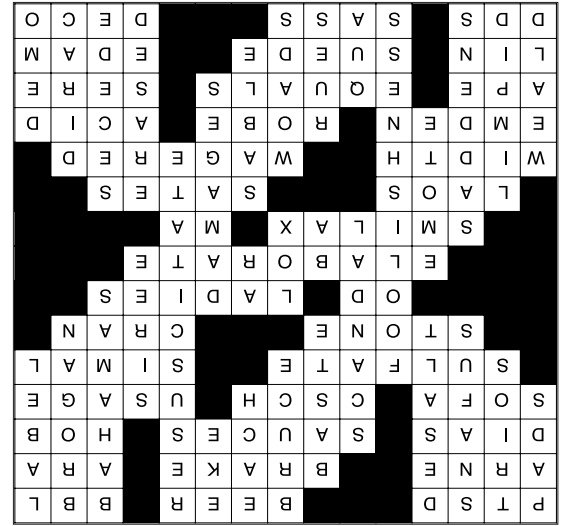
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Posttraumatic stress disorder
5. Brewed beverage
9. Where wine ferments, abbr.
12. "Rule, Britannia" composer
13. Used to stop a vehicle
14. Macaws
15. Days (Spanish)
16. Liquid food dressings
17. A male ferret
18. Davenport
19. Hyperbolic cosecant
20. Accepted practice
22. A salt of sulphuric acid
24. Bombax ceiba
25. Rock
26. ___berry; bog fruit
27. Overdose
28. Madames
31. Marked by complexity of detail
33. Catbrier genus
34. 1/1000 of an ampere
35. A country in SE Asia
36. Satisfies fully
39. Dimension

CLUES DOWN

- 2. ILLS
3. Goofs
4. Remove salt
5. ___Lee, kung fu actor
6. Every one considered individually
7. Supplement with difficulty
8. A way to bring back
9. Nassau is the capital
10. Heavy work shoe
11. A descriptive marker
13. Sew temporarily
16. A disgraceful event
21. "Yes - Bob" - absolutely
23. The trait of acting stupidly
28. Smoked salmon
29. Atomic #18
30. Restitution
31. Give expression on stage
32. College degree
33. Makes unhappy
35. Clear or transparent
36. Hair used for artist's brushes
37. Removed pencil marks
38. Withdraw from a union
39. Wooded district (Br.)
40. Isatis tinctoria
41. Physicist Paul Adrien Maurice
43. Feels regret
45. Exhibit usage
48. By virtue of being

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'Journey to Historic Armenia' without leaving library

Memorial Hall Library, the Friends of MHL, and the Knights of Vartan will present "A Journey to Historic Armenia" on Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. In June 2009, Edward and Mary Ann Arakelian Kazanjian of Belmont, traveled with a group of Armenians from America, Cyprus and Austria, led by veteran tour guide

Armen Aroyan of California. The Kazanjians ventured on a 3,000-mile journey through more than 30 cities and villages in historic Armenia, including Edward's family's ancestral Kharper Veri Tagh (Upper City) and Mary Ann's ancestral Yozgat. The Kazanjians will present in pictures, video, and music their own account of their first-time trip to

Historic Armenian lands in modern-day Turkey. Edward Kazanjian recently retired after a 41-year career as a General Dynamics engineer; public schools administrator in Framingham, Brookline, and Billerica, most recently, as assistant superintendent of schools in Westwood; and 16 years as executive director and senior consultant for an educational

cooperative. He is still consulting part time. Mary Ann Arakelian Kazanjian is a former elementary school teacher and has been the church organist for 45 years first at St. James and currently at St. Stephen's Armenian Churches in Watertown. For more information, visit mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

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Healing Moves

Exercise aids in breast cancer recovery

By TANIESHA ROBINSON
CTW FEATURES

Treatment for breast cancer often leaves survivors with stiffness and pain in their arms and shoulders, restricting movement. Fortunately, there's an everyday solution to this common problem: exercise.

Physicians have long prescribed arm and shoulder exercises after surgery to prevent pain in the areas surrounding the cancer, but a new review of 24 research studies comprising 2,132 breast cancer patients finds that exercise programs can also help patients recover shoulder and arm movement.

Today, a team comprised of a wide range of health professionals including surgeons and oncologists work together to provide optimal care after breast cancer treatment.

"This review demonstrates that early involvement of a new team member who manages exercise or physical therapy is also useful for the best outcome," says Douglas Blayney, M.D., medical director at the University of Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Center.

According to the review, starting exercise within the first to third day after surgery might result in better shoulder movement in the early weeks following surgery. However, "starting exercise that soon after surgery may cause more wound drainage and require drains to remain in place longer than if exercise is delayed by about one week," says lead review author McNeely, an assistant professor of physical therapy at the University of Alberta and

clinical researcher at the Cross Cancer Institute, Canada. Wounds healed, on average, a day later with early exercise.

Fourteen of the reviewed studies compared improvements in shoulder and arm movements of post-treatment groups of women that received an exercise pamphlet with those who did not. Those who followed structured programs including physical therapy regimens in the early postoperative period showed a significant improvement in shoulder range of motion.

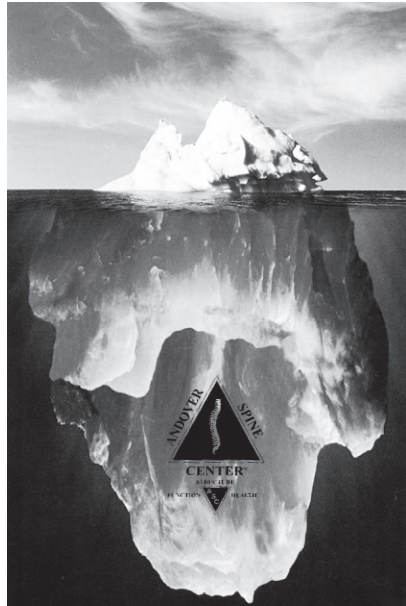
Blayney said that he finds few things as disheartening as witnessing breast cancer survivors in long-term follow-up who are burdened with a "frozen" shoulder or daily use of a lymphedema sleeve, an elastic compression garment worn over the arm to help move fluid and reduce swelling. "Implementation of modern primary treatment strategies – including early intervention with suitable exercises – should reduce the incidence of these heart-breaking complications," Blayney says.

The Cochrane Collaboration, an international organization that evaluates medical research, published this review, which drew evidence-based conclusions considering the content and quality of existing medical trials on the topic.

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Sports



Emily Wilson is at home in the net, where she has excelled this season. Through Monday, the sophomore first-year starter had 10 straight shutouts.

Shutting them down Goalie Wilson, girls soccer dazzle foes

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Emily Wilson clearly remembers the first goal she allowed as a varsity goaltender.

"It was the first game of the season and I was so nervous," she said. "I didn't communicate well, went out to save the shot and the girl just dribbled around me and shot it in."

"That moment is easy to remember — especially since Wilson has not allowed a single goal since."

Just a sophomore, Wilson has delivered a stunning 10 straight shutouts through Monday, leading Andover High to a 9-0-2 record and the No. 1 ranking in Eastern Mass.

"Emily has made some huge stops and saved some games for us this season," said Golden Warriors coach Meghan Matson. "We have seen her confidence go from little to huge, and she has grown as a player before our

eyes."

Not bad for a goalie who didn't know if there would be a spot for her on the varsity team this season.

"I thought I'd have to fight hard to make varsity and figured I'd be the backup goalie," said Wilson, who played exclusively JV as a freshman. "I didn't think I'd ever really play."

But when camp began, the team was informed that returning starting goalie Olivia Biles had been injured playing basketball and needed season-ending surgery.

"We didn't know quite what to expect," said Matson. "I knew what we had talent-wise, and Emily had done a good job on JV the year before. But the transition to varsity and filling Olivia's shoes is tough."

Wilson started the season-opener, a 1-1 tie with Chelmsford.

"I figured I'd play half the game and another goalie would switch in," she said.

"But I played the whole game, and it has just kept going. It's been crazy. I never would have thought the season would go this way."

Since that first game, Wilson has not allowed another shot to escape her reach.

On Monday, she extended her shutout streak to 10 straight games with a win over Billerica. During that stretch, she has stopped 32 shots, and the Golden Warriors have gone 9-0-1.

"Emily has really stepped up," said tri-captain Molly Lynch. "It was nerve-racking to lose Olivia, but once we saw Emily play we became very confident. She is awesome. We love her."

Wilson admits that keeping the streak alive has been a bit stressful.

"It's wild," she said. "There are so many ways to score in soccer, I can never relax until the game is over. Even in a 3-0 game, I am nervous until the end."

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Roundup: Torres, field hockey team still unbeaten

FIELD HOCKEY

Jaclyn Torres scored twice as Andover sailed past Lawrence 5-0 on Monday to stay undefeated on the season (12-0-1). Morgan Manning, Anne Farnham and Briana Smith added a goal each and the defense did not allow a shot on goal.

Meagan Keefe scored three goals and assisted on a fourth to help Andover roll over Methuen 7-0 last Tuesday. Julia LeBlanc added two goals while Briana Smith and Weezie Gross each scored once and Anne Farnham and Jaclyn Torres each had two assists.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Mullins, Aruri keep surging

Maggie Mullins (10:19) and Leila Aruri (20:19) continued to dominate, taking the top two spots as Andover swept Notre Dame (15-50) and Dracut (15-48) last Tuesday. Meghan McPhee was right behind in third place for the winners (20:56).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Cooney, Maldari lead the way

Ryan Cooney (16:18) and Mike Maldari (16:19) took the top two spots overall as

Andover beat Dracut 21-38 last Wednesday. Golden Warriors Evan Gaj, Charlie Schleifer and Mark Waller took places No. 5-7.

GOLF

Krekorian under par

Brett Krekorian fired a 1-under 34 to lead Andover past Haverhill 13-7 last Tuesday. Dan Caveney and Nick Scarpa each added victories for the Warriors.

Behind Brett Krekorian's 38, Andover downed Dracut 14 1/2-5 1/2 last Wednesday. Stephan Vaz and Dan Caveney added victories for the Warriors.

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Turnovers, late struggles cost Warriors

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

CHELMSFORD — A pair of creative touchdowns gave Andover the lead going into halftime.

But turnovers plagued the Golden Warriors in the second half, as they fell to Chelmsford 48-28 on Saturday.

Andover entered the game ranked No. 7 in Eastern Mass., while Chelmsford was ranked No. 12.

"Andover is a very creative and talented group," said Chelmsford coach Bruce Rich. "We told the kids at halftime to play smarter. We made too many mistakes in the first half."

This marked the 12th time in 13 years that the Lions defeated Andover, and since The Andover Townsman began keeping complete records in

NEXT UP:

Here's a look at the Golden Warriors' opponent this week:

Opponent: Methuen (2-4)

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Andover

Recent matchups: Andover has lost three straight to the Rangers, after winning five straight (2003-07).

Methuen last week: Lost to Haverhill 13-0

Fun Fact: Methuen return just six starters from last year's 9-2 squad.

1984, the Golden Warriors are now 5-22-1 against Chelmsford.

Andover fell behind 13-0 in the first half, but quickly rallied. C.J. Scarpa opened the scoring with a 55-yard touchdown pass to Will Heikkinen.

The Golden Warriors then got creative. First, it was a halfback pass with

Andy Coke connecting with Cam Farnham for a 40-yard touchdown.

One possession later they, unveiled an option in which Scarpa pitched to Coke 5 yards downfield, and the running back took it 14 yards for a touchdown.

"They do a lot of different things," said Rich. "That halfback pass was really nice and it was a great option play."

But the Chelmsford controlled the contest in the second half, including a pair of touchdowns off interceptions.

Freddie Scribner led the Golden Warriors with 93 rushing yards on 13 carries, while Coke chipped in with 85 yards, also on 13 attempts and caught six passes for 60 yards. Farnham added seven catches

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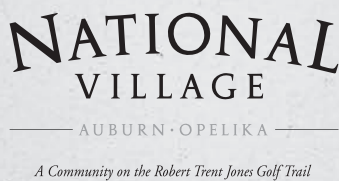


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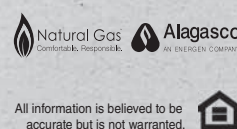
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