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His lady love gets her last wish: 7 books published

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

She was the volunteer lunch lady who became an author at Sanborn Elementary School many years ago. Jeanette Guerrero's first book, "The Invisible Elf," was published in 1972. Sanborn students were thrilled when the woman best known for lining up lunch trays tossed her apron aside and read to them from a book that she wrote.

Joseph Normandy, now deceased, was Sanborn School principal back then and is credited with showing cafeteria worker Guerrero's literary side.

"She just loved kids," Joe

Guerrera, 91, said of his late wife, to whom he was married for nearly-70 years. "She was at Sanborn for 20 years...Never got a dime, just loved being there."

Jeanette (Dion) Guerrero died in June 2009. As her husband was going through some of her things last year, he found seven more manuscripts with some memorable stories among the pages.

Jeanette Guerrero planned to publish the books but the publisher went bankrupt. Then, discussions with Universal Studios followed. Her agent opposed animating her book characters so film executives bid goodbye.

"Who knew?" Joe Guerrero

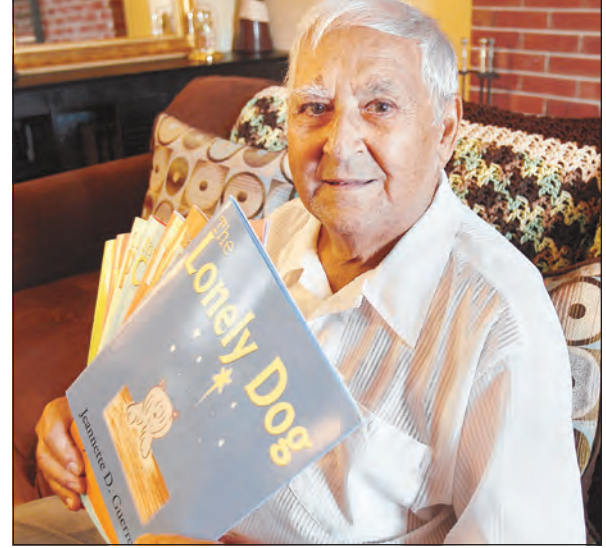
laughs, noting that animation is now so popular and a movie have earned some big bucks for the family.

So, the seven manuscripts were tossed aside and life went on at the couple's Cuba Street home. The couple was busy raising three daughters, Janice Furey and Joyce Anderson, both of Andover; and Jo-Anne Cahill of North Andover.

But last December, the manuscripts emerged again. Her husband remembered one of the last conversations he had with her.

"I remember her saying, 'please have them published'," Joe

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Joseph Guerrero, 91, displays books written by his late wife, Jeannette Guerrero, at his Andover home. He had them published after her death.

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Staff photo

Summer swimming ends



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Lifeguard Betsy Lonnie, 16, watches the children play in the water at Poms Pond in Andover. The pond closed for the season on Aug. 12, 25 days before the first day of school, in part because the town says it cannot find adult lifeguards to staff the pond later into the season. See story in Arts, page 11.

Town collects \$750,000 more than expected

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

"I see good news in the future."

Rodney Smith,
town accountant

The town received over \$750,000 more than it expected to in taxes and receipts for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

Every year, the town approves a budget that plans to use money forecast to be raised by collections such as taxes and fees, and from state and federal earmarks. This year, the town budgeted for spending \$130,492,294 to run the town, but after some jumps in revenue and drops in expenses, the town stands to receive more than \$131,253,391, according to Rodney Smith, town accountant. The difference amounts to an extra 0.4 percent.

The closing of some additional money sources, including capital project funds and grant accounts, haven't yet been calculated and could further influence how much extra money the town will have available after this fiscal year, Smith said. Any money unused at the end of the year would go into Free Cash, a rainy-day account the town maintains year to year.

Smith said he's "a little leery" guessing what the final number will be, but "I see good news in the future," said Smith.

"Some of the smaller departments didn't quite make [their expected money receipts], but the other departments made enough to cover up for it," said Smith.

A number of surprising jumps in revenue were seen for Andover this year,

including \$101,251 in collected fees versus the \$28,000 the town budgeted for — mostly seen in Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board permit fees, according to Smith. Meanwhile, licenses and permits saw a jump from an expected \$1.45 million in fees to \$1,585,228 — a 9 percent increase.

The town expected \$5.9 million in water usage to be billed and received. A total of \$6.4 million came in instead. Meanwhile, a list of revolving accounts covering everything from the Department of Community Services to accounts used by the Memorial Hall Library all used less money than they were authorized. Some town line items - like Community Development and Planning legal notices and the town's composting program — used less than 15 percent of what they were given, according to Smith.

Some areas fell short of projections, however. The town's sewer fund was built estimating \$3.6 million in user charges, but it only received \$3.2 million. A total of \$3.7 million was billed, according to Finance Director Donna Walsh, but a situation involving the town's largest sewer user — Pfizer, which has a facility on Burt

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Manager, selectmen clash as raise debate continues

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen and the town manager seem to have a fundamental disagreement over a question at the heart of determining what, if any, raise he should receive.

The question: When the town eliminates a position, but pays to outsource the work, should the full salary count as sustainable savings? The town manager believes it should, but selectmen seem to believe the money paid to the person

now doing the job must be deducted from the "savings" total.

Selectmen are grading Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski on his performance in the previous year.

Stapczynski believes he saved the town \$225,000 in "sustainable operating budget savings" tied to "salary and health benefits," as the goal reads, and wants selectmen to pay by the rules they set.

The goal is worth 50 percent of Stapczynski's overall raise value for the coming

fiscal year, and partial credit is obtainable if \$225,000 in savings can't be achieved.

In their discussions, Stapczynski has said that he eliminated two full-time, vacant positions for a savings of \$166,526, and seven families opting out of health insurance coverage brings the total saved last year to \$231,806. After Monday's discussion, Stapczynski added that the town spent \$5,680 to increase the salary of an employee at the Water

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Ballardvale Congregational Church, built in 1875 at the corner of Andover and Church Street. The parsonage was added in 1893.



NOW: The site of the former Ballardvale Congregational Church, built in 1875 at the corner of Andover and Church Street.

Andover September 11 Ceremony planned

The town of Andover's September 11 Ceremony marking the 11th anniversary of the terrorist attacks will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. This will be a brief ceremony honoring the victims

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



A more practical benefit is that discuss throwing doesn't hurt! I have been quite hard on my joints over the years, so certain things leave me more sore than others.

—Andover resident Art McDermott, who won a gold medal in discus at the US National Master's Track and Field Championships. Story in Townspeople, page 5.

[Andover High must focus on] how we can work together to make this a fun and interesting, spirited, -intelligent, innovative place for young people, and to get the grownups playing in the same sandbox — happily.

—New Andover High School Principal Christopher Lord, on the challenge for his first year. Story on page S2 of the Back to School special section.



Website ups attack ante in 6th District race

The Massachusetts Democratic Party has launched a website in an attempt to link Republican congressional candidate Richard Tisei to business deals his parents made in the 1980s and '90s that resulted in federal fines and, Democrats said, in profits for the former state senate minority leader.

The site is one of several recent online volleys in an increasingly personal campaign targeting the families of the candidates for the 6th Congressional District,

where Congressman John Tierney, D-Salem, has been looking vulnerable to Massachusetts and national Republicans after his wife was sentenced last year for falsifying tax forms for her brother's illegal Antigua-based gambling business.

Thanks to redistricting, a portion of Andover is now part of the 6th Congressional District. The rest of Andover remains in the 5th, represented by Niki Tsongas.

"The purpose [of the website] is to provide a resource

for voters to reach their own conclusion about how Richard Tisei gamed the legal system to turn a profit of \$30,000 on a shady real estate deal," said Grant Herring, a spokesman for Tierney's campaign.

Tisei's campaign called the website and attacks "outrageous," and said Tisei's parents' civil lawsuit settlement in 1995 does not compare to Robert and Daniel Eremian's "\$10 million racketeering empire."

"It was a civil issue against

Richards's parents, and Richard's father won the appeal and the matter was settled," said Paul Moore, Tisei's campaign manager. "There was no hiding of assets as alleged by Tierney. It's an outrageous accusation."

Patrice Tierney was sentenced to 30 days of federal prison in January 2011 for keeping bank records and filing tax returns on brother Robert Eremian's gambling business.

—Douglas Moser

Open house for new Chinese after-school program

Chinese School Andover is starting an after-school program this year and will introduce it to interested people at an open house on Aug. 26.

Chinese School Andover has been in operation since Aug. 2003, as a volunteer-based, nonprofit, weekend Chinese language school.

The open house will be Aug. 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Ballardvale Preschool, 23 Clark Road in Andover.

The after-school program will run from Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 pm.-The classes include Chinese, English, math, music, arts, Chinese kung-fu and kids yoga, according to Andover

resident Joyce Dong, co-director of the academic after-school program. Information about textbooks, schedule, teachers, facilities, transportation and other issues will be introduced to interested parents. Drinks and light refreshment will be provided.

Quarterly real estate tax bills are now past due

The Town of Andover real estate tax bill for the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 is overdue. This is a preliminary bill based on the actual fiscal year 2012 taxes.

Taxes unpaid after Aug. 1 are subject to interest

charges of 14 percent.

The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.- Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mail box with the blue Town

of Andover seal in front of the Town Offices. Payments can also be made online through Unibank, which can be accessed on the town website, andoverma.gov by clicking on "online bill payments" on the left side, then "pay current

real estate." If you have not received a bill, call the tax collectors' office at 978-623-8246 or send an email to treasurer@andoverma.gov. Other questions? Call the assessors' office at 978-623-8265.

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Monthly PFLAG meeting at South Church

Merrimack Valley PFLAG Chapter meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday of month at 7 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. For more information contact merrimackvalleypflag@gmail.com or 781-891-5966.

According to a release, "We are parents, families, friends and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons who are committed to giving support to one another. Our support groups, which we call chapter meetings, are a great place to get to know other people with LGBT family members and friends, and to receive information and support.

Meetings are relaxed and informal, and everyone is welcome. We start with a brief information/business session and devote the remaining time to support. Each person has an opportunity to speak, but no one is pressured. Discussions are completely confidential."

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American Red Cross August blood drives

The American Red Cross is holding several community blood drives during the month of August, including one today, Thursday, Aug. 16, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Saint Augustine Church, 35 Essex St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free 57.6oz container of any variety of Turkey Hill SunBrew Iced Tea.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

16th Annual Tony LaHoud Regatta Saturday

The Tony LaHoud Regatta will take place this Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Abe Bashara Boathouse on 1 Eaton St. in Lawrence from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.-

"This community event will be a fun-filled day consisting of sailing, kayaking and canoeing races and will be open to everyone in the Greater Merrimack Valley community," according to organizers.

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RAISE: Should outsourcing costs count?

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Treatment Plant picking up extra work for one of the eliminated positions, reducing the total to \$226,106.

But one of the eliminated positions was a cemetery laborer at Spring Grove Cemetery, and the town outsourced that work to a private contractor for \$29,050, Stapczynski said. As the selectmen see it, that brings the total savings to \$197,076, meaning Stapczynski fell short of his goal and will only receive partial credit for that 50 percent of his raise.

Stapczynski disagrees. "The definition of savings, if you look at how it's defined [in the goals], savings was salary and health insurance," said Stapczynski.

Responding, Selectmen Alex Vispoli started to tell Stapczynski that he needs to consider the cost of outsourcing the work. "The thing is, you can't..." is all he got in before Stapczynski continued talking.

"The definition of savings, if you look at how it's defined [in the goals] savings was salary and health insurance."

Buzz Stapczynski

"Don't tell me that now," said Stapczynski. "I would have had a whole different kind of approach to the budget in January."

"We said sustainable savings," said Vispoli.

"And it's sustainable in salaries, and it's sustainable in benefits and retirements," added Stapczynski.

"With increased costs over here," said Vispoli, indicating towards the town's expenses. "With increased costs to one side."

"There's no prohibition to that," said Stapczynski.

Minutes later, Selectman Dan Kowalski told Stapczynski that he "could have eliminated \$500,000 worth of employees, let's just say hired a company to do it for \$1 million, and you're still

saying that you'd be saving \$500,000."

"That's an extreme example, but in part - yes, absolutely," said Stapczynski. "Because \$500,000 in employees could be 10 employees with all the benefits that go along with 10 employees, and I should be given credit for reducing the head count now and in the future, because that's less costs we're going to have when we don't fill that vacancy."

In response, Selectman Mary Lyman related Stapczynski's argument to home budgets.

"Buzz, if it was your home budget and you decided not to do a task anymore and you hired someone, you'd have to pay it out of your

budget, and you'd be down that much more money," said Lyman. She added she agreed that he saved around \$20,000, but not the full \$48,295 the position is worth.

"Then, the definition should have said salaries, expenses and health insurance," said Stapczynski.

"And we can talk about that, but you understand that the taxpayer at home doesn't care - does not care, at least, that you managed to outsource it," said Lyman. "They're still taking a dollar out of their pocket and sending it to the town to get the job done."

The board is expected to continue and possibly conclude its review of Stapczynski's performance at its next meeting, where they will determine Stapczynski's raise based on his ability to complete four goals set last year.

For feedback and questions on this story, please email dluca@andovertownsmen.com.

Annual Bread and Roses Festival

The 28th annual Bread and Roses Festival will be held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3 from noon to 7 p.m. on the Campagnone Common, 200 Common St., Lawrence.

Featured performers include The Ryan Montbleau Band, Bread and Puppet Theater, Si Kahn, A Besere Velt, The Folk Song Society of Greater Boston, Grupo Efectivo, Sweet Willie D., Raymond Street Klezmer Band, The Italian Serenaders, The Branco/Stamas Big Band, The Pentucket Players, and many more.

The festival celebrates Lawrence's labor history and ethnic diversity, and particularly the historic events of the "Bread and Roses" textile strike of 1912.

It is a celebration on multiple stages with a variety of music, dance, poetry, and

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AUTHOR: Husband publishes late wife's manuscripts

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Guerrera said.

A family meeting followed as the typed manuscripts were assembled on the living room floor along with some illustrations done by Jeanette Guerrera. Copy and illustrations were matched while a publisher was sought. Four months later, in April, the seven children's books arrived at the Cuba Street home.

"I'm just so happy. We did it for her," this electrician husband lovingly said of his late wife. "It was something she really wanted...she was so good to me."

Joe Guerrera was a 14-year-old baseball player when he met his future wife on a baseball field in Lawrence. He earned the very first baseball scholarship to Central Catholic High School and is a proud Hall of Fame member at the school.

"I was all set to go to Lawrence High because Central tuition was \$79 and we couldn't afford it. But, I got the scholarship," Guerrera said.

He and Jeanette married in 1940 and he served in World War II. The war ended, he came home and the couple bought their house on Cuba Street in 1950.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Joseph Guerrera, 91, is joined by his daughters from left; Janice Furey, Jo-Anne Cahill, and Joyce Andersen, as they display books written by his late wife, their mother, Jeanette Guerrera at his Andover home.

"It was once the Indian Ridge School so there aren't a lot of bedrooms. But I'm still there," said Joe Guerrera, who lives independently.

He bought the multi-family house next door in 1977. Daughter Janice Furey lives there with her family.

Joe Guerrera feels a bit better these days as his late wife's wish has been taken care of.

"I'm just very happy," he said. "It's off my bucket list."

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The event features complimentary food with a cash bar.

Next Generation Leaders is designed for young people in business, ages 21 to 45, seeking a relaxed atmosphere to build relationships, improve networking skills, and create new business with other young people in business from the Merrimack Valley and beyond.

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Coleman joins Boston Partners Financial Group

Perry Coleman, a resident of Lawrence, was selected to join Boston Partners

Financial Group as assistant vice president and financial representative.

Headquartered in Andover, Boston Partners is a Boston-based independent financial services firm of the John Hancock Financial Network, with offices located across the country.

Coleman has been assisting families, individuals and small businesses achieve their unique financial goals for more than 15 years focusing in areas such as retirement strategies, estate conservation, college funding, insurance, investments, asset allocation, and executive planning.

He has a bachelor of science degree in business management from Northeastern University. The CRPS (Chartered Retirement Plan Specialist) designation was awarded to him from the College for Financial Planning.

Coleman is certified as a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt in Project Management and has completed professional studies in economics, accounting, taxation and financial planning at Merrimack College.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Kristen Olson of Andover opened a new yoga studio at 28 Chestnut St. in Andover.

Home is where the Yogini is

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

It has a simple name that suits its no-nonsense owner quite well.

"Home" is a new yoga studio that opened last week on Chestnut Street. Yogini (the name for female yoga buffs) Kristin Olson, 33, of Andover, -owns the studio where participants can quiet their minds and bodies.

"I chose that name (Home) because I want this to be a home away from home," Olson said. "You get on the mat and just let go."

Located at 28 Chestnut St. on the second floor, where

a Verizon store used to be, it's a solo business for Olson who was formerly with Union Studio on North Main Street. She said she was ready to get her own studio.

"The demand for yoga is there," she said. "You can either sweat with the aggressive approach or be more interested in body alignment and not so aggressive."

Olson said alignment is her strength, but she can certainly stretch aggressively if a class calls for it. Last-Super Bowl Sunday, she was a featured yoga instructor at the second annual Yoga Epiphany event in Lawrence, leading 75-minute classes for

serious yoginies and yogies from around the state. Females are called "yoginis" while men are "yogis."

With three young children, ages 5, 4 and 1, Olson treasures her precious mat time and knows that with today's busy society, there are others like her. She said yoga is a good stress reliever.

"I'm happier, more patient and more compassionate after yoga," said Olson, who lives on Cutler Road with her husband and children.

"People get burned out and just need time to quiet themselves. I want to be the place where they can do that," she said.

Many years ago, while living in New York City, she decided that she needed an outlet that provided a sense of serenity within the city's non-stop chaos. It's been yoga ever since as it "led the way to a more balanced, centered lifestyle and a stronger, lighter physique," she said.

Olson said she enjoys teaching yoga because it allows her to share her passion. Seventy-five-minute yoga classes at Home Yoga start at \$15. Drop-ins are welcome. You can rent a mat for \$1. For more information and a class schedule, see homeyoga.com.

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100 Years Ago Aug. 16, 1912

Warren F. Johnson and family have moved from Morton Street to their recently purchased home on the former Berry estate on Salem Street.

Miss Maria Fairweather and a party of girls are in camp at Haggett's Pond. Among the members of the party are Margaret Hinchcliffe, Hilda Temple, Emma Holt, Wanda Dean and Lilian Holt.

A regular meeting of Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge will be held next Monday evening. It has been voted by the lodge to omit the Labor Day meeting.

Miss Blanche Cross of Brennan's bakeshop is enjoying her vacation at Salisbury Beach.

John A. Collins of Avon Street is enjoying his annual vacation.

Mrs. Edward Leech and two daughters are to occupy Miss Fanny J. Brown's house on Morton Street this winter.

Thirty local men enjoyed a fishing trip off Salem on Thursday. They succeeded in catching about 400 pounds of fish.

75 Years Ago Aug. 13, 1937

Despite better than a 50 percent reduction in its tax bill, the American Woolen Company still remains Andover's highest taxpayer, figures compiled this week reveal. Paying \$67,027.92 last year, the company this year has a bill of only \$30,003.94, the reduction in large part being due to the elimination by the legislature of the machinery tax.

The annual central playground amateur night will be held this evening, with Malachi Lynch serving as Major Bowes. A large crowd is expected for this novel event. Popular applause determines the winners.

A considerable quantity of finished laundry and some woodwork was damaged Tuesday evening when fire broke out in the Andover Steam Laundry delivery room. The cause is believed to be spontaneous combustion in the finished goods.

John P.S. Doherty and Joseph B. Doherty of Harding Street were aboard the liner Duchess of Atholl which struck and sunk the Danish freighter Maine southeast of Boston Wednesday evening. No one was injured on the liner. The local passengers were enjoying a cruise which was to have included Montreal, Quebec, and the Gaspe Peninsula.

50 Years Ago Aug. 16, 1962

State traffic engineers have recommended a drastic change in the "stop

signs at Andover Street and Dascomb Road. And the move, in the view of Police Chief David L. Nicoll, will make the confused traffic situation there even worse.

The Henry C. Sanborn School on Lovejoy Road will be ready for use when school year begins in September. Clerk of the Works Edward P. Hall has assured school department officials that the structure will be virtually complete—possibly the kitchen equipment will be somewhat late, but that appears to be the only problem.

Photo: Seven of the eight people in three cars were injured Tuesday afternoon, as the result of a rear-end collision at High and Haverhill streets. Two of the cars are shown here, as they remained in the street while the ambulance and two cruisers took the injured to the hospital. Police said the accident occurred when one car stopped to allow traffic to cross. All three cars involved were headed west on Haverhill Street.

25 Years Ago Aug. 13, 1987

Approximately 100 youngsters from Andover playgrounds were at Crane's Beach last week for an annual sand sculpture contest. The Andover team's masterpieces placed fourth in its category.

Local commuters who depend on the Merrimack Bus Company should notice improvements in service now that the Metropolitan Boston Transit Authority (MBTA) has stepped in to help out the foundering bus line. In an agreement reached Aug. 4, the MBTA pledged to assist the local transit company, which has received numerous complaints from disgruntled riders about poor service and crowded conditions on its often late-running buses.

State Rep. Susan Tucker has agreed to symbolically adopt the cause of the Refusenik family in the Soviet Union. "We as legislators are in a unique position to help these Refuseniks" she said. "By expressing our concern about their plight we can let the Soviet Union know how important an issue this is to public office holders in the United States."

The replacement for the deck of the Interstate 495 bridge over Haggetts Pond Road will improve safety and provide a smoother ride for motorists, according to the Department of Public Works. The construction started in July and will finish by November. The contractor for the \$1 million project is Kodiak Corp. of Salem N.H.

Man with the golden throw

Olympic athletes weren't the only people to pick up gold medals this summer. Wildwood Road resident Art McDermott returned from the US National Master's Track and Field Championships in



Lisle, Illinois with a gold medal in the discus.

He won the gold in the 50- to 55-year-old division, the youngest and most competitive age group in the national master's competitions.

McDermott, a former Strongman competitor who owns Matrix Strength & Fitness in Wilmington, defeated the returning champ by about 5 feet, throwing the discus 50.04 meters, or nearly 165 feet back on July 5.

Ed Riewerts, the 2011 winner, came in third with a throw of 47.63 meters. Tim Williams of Dallas, Texas, came in second, heaving the discus 48.57 meters.

McDermott was the only competitor from New England in the top 10 of his age group.

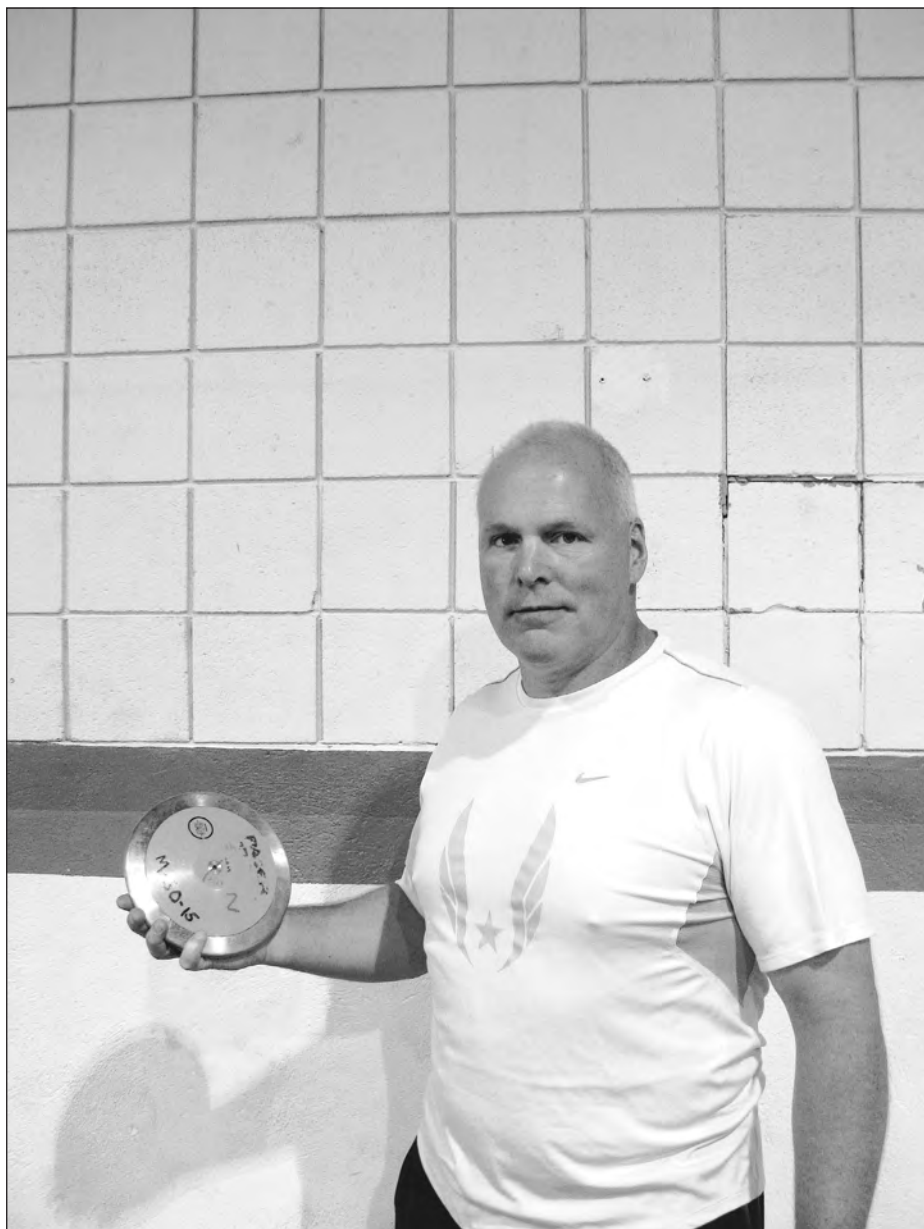
Q&A WITH THE MASTER

When did you first become involved with track and field? The discus?

I started throwing the shot put and discus in my junior year of high school... after I didn't make the hockey team at Malden Catholic - they were at one of the top teams around even then. Not a long high school track career in high school, but productive! I was Globe All-Scholastic my senior year. This opened the door to a full scholarship at Boston University.

What else, if anything, do you compete in?

I have competed professionally in the Scottish



Art McDermott poses holding the discus he used to win a gold medal at the US National Track and Field Championships.

Highland Games as well as US Strongman circuit. Currently, the Master's Track is my main focus.

What attracted you to the discus?

The short version: I really like throwing stuff!

Once I hit 50 I became much more active with my discus throwing. I felt a strong need to get back into throwing. I love setting goals for myself. It keeps me focused. Right now, my next goal is to attend the

World Masters Games in Torino, Italy, next August. I have already started training for that one.

Another positive point is that the actual implement itself for my age group gets lighter. The weight goes from 2 kilograms to 1.5 kilos - a pretty significant drop.

A more practical benefit is that discus throwing doesn't hurt! I have been quite hard on my joints over the years, so certain things leave me more sore

than others. I am fortunate that discus throwing, something I have done now for about 34 years, is somewhat pain-free.

How quickly do you know you have made a good throw?

At this point in my career, I know whether or not I have had a good throw as soon as it leaves my hand. There is a lot of torque or "pull" that gets generated during a good throw, so as

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Andover teen helps go Against the Tide



Charley Lei

For most 14-year-olds entering their sophomore year in high school, August days are meant for ice cream filled and hanging out with friends. For Charley Lei, an honor student at Andover High School, August is also a chance to fuse fun and volunteer work as he gears up to participate as a swimmer and kayaker in the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition's annual Against the Tide swim, walk, run, kayak fundraising event.

A competitive swimmer for several years, Charley placed fifth place in the New

England 14 & U Championships 200 freestyle relay at Harvard in 2012 and second place in the New England 12 & U Championships at Harvard in 2010, according to a release from the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition.

The organization said in a release that Charley has helped save both his mother and a friend from drowning.

"But his dedication to prevention doesn't end there," according to the group. "Charley is going above and beyond his participation as a swimmer, kayaker, and

fundraiser for breast cancer prevention. He is now the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition's youngest (and some would say busiest) intern."

Among his other activities like school, chess, music lessons, and, of course, swimming, Charley has been volunteering four hours each week with the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition.

His involvement with MBCC was initially sparked by a friend who asked him to help fundraise for the cause, but it

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Close call with death and other Ben Sayles stories

Bill Dalton



Many years ago, Sayles was riding his motorcycle through Elm Square when an auto abruptly entered the

intersection, and the motorcycle hit it, sending Sayles sailing. Harold said witnesses thought Sayles was dead; however, being strong from hard work and in the prime of his life, Sayles was saved from egregious harm. He had some bruises and was otherwise unhurt.

I received many responses to my previous Ben Sayles column, and I have more information about him below. (To find the prior column, please type 'Sayles'

in the search bar of the "Townspeople" section of www.AndoverTownsmen.com./)

Robert Stefani mentioned something I'd forgotten. In Ben's younger days, when he was still riding his Harley, he wore a black leather jacket with the words "Benny Who Cares" on it. The words are subject to three interpretations: take your pick.

Hayes chiefly remembers Mr. Sayles "... from the many

nights he would visit the fire station and sit with us in the day room watching TV." Hayes says, "He never came to the firehouse empty handed, usually he brought ice cream, enough for the entire shift and the other nightly visitors like George Pothier. If someone didn't get a portion of ice cream, he would leave and come back with another quart or so to ensure everyone was served. It was a pleasure to have him in the firehouse.

He would stay there while we responded to calls, and he would close the overhead doors and safeguard the station while we were gone."

My brother, Bob, reminded me of the following story. Ben and his brother, Marvin, set up a special table at their house each Halloween night. Before trick-or-treat house, they would go to Barcelos Market and empty the shelves containing healthy canned goods that kids

liked, such as pineapples and pears. There may have been fresh fruit and candy, as well. It was the first place kids wanted to visit, and, surprisingly enough, the kids would select the canned goods before anything else.

Bob also described Ben's memorable pose in front of Dalton's Pharmacy. It was there that Ben spent most every evening for many

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Camp party makes splash

More than 350 Andover youths involved with town-run summer day camp programs attended the annual goodbye-to-summer party at Poms Pond last Thursday, Aug. 9 - four weeks before school starts on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Kids from All Day Discovery, Drop-in Playgrounds and Best Buddies summer programs had fun competing in a biggest splash contest, canoe races and scavenger hunts, and eating ice cream. Recreation Coordinator Kim Stamas said the party happens every year as Poms Pond gets ready to close for the season. Poms Pond and the day-camp programs are run through the town's Department of Community Services.

- Judy Wakefield



Ian Aulbach, 10, pushes his team's canoe off the beach for the boat race across the pond.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



At left, Connor Clancy, 19, leads a group of children in the All Day Discovery playground in a dance performance during a goodbye to summer camp beach party at Poms Pond.



Lauren Grams, 18, left, leads a group of children in a dance performance during a goodbye to summer camp beach party at Poms Pond in Recreation Park off Abbot Street.



Lila Siple, 7, and Cole Robinson, 6, pick up candy on the town beach last Thursday, Aug. 9.

BOOMERVENTURE

The fall schedule for BoomerVenture, Andover's program of activities created by and for baby-boomers, is now available. The BoomerVenture campus is expanding in September and an open house on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. will offer class demonstrations, food, chair massages, a movie and a chance for people to register.

For information call Karen Payne-Taylor, program coordinator, BoomerVenture and Andover Senior Center, at 978-623-8321 or visit boomerventure.com. Pre-registration is requested for all classes by dropping by or sending a check payable to "The Town

of Andover." Newcomers are always welcome to try a class for free! - All classes held at 30 Whittier Court, on the ground floor of the School Administration Building.

BoomerVenture - is a series of activities created by and for Andover's baby-boomers sponsored by the town of Andover and the Andover Senior Center.

PROGRAMS

BoomerVenture Screening Room BoomerVenture independent movie series begins Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. with "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen." Check the website for the weekly movie selection.

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Zumba

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Tai Chi and Qigong

Thursdays, Sept. 13 to Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.; \$45.

Boomer Bridge-Let's Play!

Beginners - Mondays, Sept. 10 - Nov. 5, 10 a.m.; \$129. Learn to play. Lessons feature discussion plus playing.

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Jewelry-making Workshop

Thursdays, Nov. 8; 6:30; \$18; Learn the basics; beads, tools and wire provided. - Run by artist and sculptor Georgia Renfroe.

MCDERMOTT: Wins gold at National Masters

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soon as it leaves my hand I know whether or not I have hit a good one. I just hope it happens more often than not! I have to say, when it does happen, there is really nothing like it.

Your competitive best: Now (as a "master") or at some time when you were younger?

Master's Best Throw: 50.27 meters or 165 feet. It is important to note that this discus weighs 1.5 kilos.

My best throw as an "open" thrower aka - when I was young - 64.08 meters or 210' 4" with a 2 kilo discus. I believe this still stands as the All-Time New England record. As a point of comparison, the winner of the London Olympic games - Robert Harting the threw just over 68 meters. It is his technique I do my best to emulate these days.

How long do you plan on competing?

I will definitely compete as long as my body allows. I always need some sort of goal to work towards with my training. I strongly believe if

you do not always attempt to see what your body is capable of, decline is inevitable. I will fight that every step of the way. In many ways, I feel like I am just getting going.

Do you do anything unusual to train?

I like to mix in a many different training styles. Since my body cannot handle the heavy weights I used to, I mix in anything that improves my speed and athleticism. This means Olympic lifting, lots of jumping, and even boot camp style training.

What is the No. 1 thing people 50 and over can/should do to stay in shape?

The first thing that jumps to my mind when I see that question is resistance training. Once you hit the age of 40, we can lose 1/2 pound of muscle mass yearly. The only way to avoid this is resistance training. I have seen first hand. Folks over 40 and above can easily add muscle mass with consistent strength training. Cardio work alone is not the answer. If people rely on walking or running alone, they are not getting the full benefit of their valuable time.

LEI: Raising money for breast cancer research

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endured because of Charley's personal connection to the disease. His swim will be in honor of Grace Feller, a close family friend. Diagnosed with breast cancer, she endured the disease and its difficulties for many years.

"Each time I open my family album and flip to the pictures that show me just a day after being born, I can't help but thank Mrs. Feller and all those who came to visit and give me great blessings. To pass those blessings on, to keep on blessing people and to wish her all the best, I will swim and kayak for this event," he said in the release.

The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition is thrilled to have Charley as both an Annual Against the Tide participant and as a young volunteer/intern.

"We are proud and inspired by Charley's many talents and appreciate that he will be supporting MBCC in our goal towards changing the legacy of breast cancer for future generations. I believe that his determination, dedication and commitment will help MBCC reach out to other young people throughout Massachusetts and New England to support our goal towards

The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition's (MBCC) annual Against the Tide morning event consists of competitive and recreational swim, kayak, walk, and run components.

breast cancer prevention," said Cheryl Osimo, MBCC director of events and outreach.

To support Charley's fundraising efforts, visit firstgiving.com/fundraiser/charley.

The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition's (MBCC) annual Against the Tide morning event consists of competitive and recreational swim, kayak, walk, and run components. New in 2012 is an Aquathlon consisting of a competitive 1-mile swim and your choice of a competitive 5K or 10K run. The Cape Cod Against the Tide event will be held at DCR's Nickerson State Park this Saturday, Aug. 18. The event starts at 7 a.m. and ends at noon. Please visit mbcc.org/swim or call 800-649-MBCC for more information and to register.

DALTON: Sayles stories

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years. Ben had his foot on top of the fire hydrant, his elbow on his knee, and his chin in his hand. He greeted everyone who passed by and stood up if he recognized someone with whom he wished to speak.

Chief Hayes' last comment to me sums up the emails I received: "Ben was a kind-hearted, hardworking gentleman. When he spoke with

his fast way of talking, one was captured by his enthusiasm for life and his pure joy of hard work to please not just those around him or those he worked for, but for himself. He made the world around him a more joyful place to be. God bless him."

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Police: Man on LSD bites woman, found naked

By JONATHAN PHELPS AND BILL KIRK

Serio's Grove, one of Andover's newest conservation areas, became the site of a bizarre arrest after a man allegedly bit the face of a woman during a drug-infused, predawn "hook-up" in the area around the secluded Andover campsite. Amanda Norcia, 20, of Floyd Street, Everett, called police around 3:15 a.m. last Thursday from inside a car to report that she and boyfriend Brendon Gibson, 24, of 3102 Harvest Drive, North Andover, were on drugs and that Gibson had gone running into the woods after biting her and she feared he would return, according to a police report. She said she couldn't say exactly where they were.

"They were high taking LSD and during this time the defendant bit her on the face and she stated he tried to take the skin away from under her eye," Assistant District Attorney Beth McCarthy said during the couple's arraignment Thursday afternoon.

Norcia's call prompted a nearly two-hour police search. "Norcia stated that she was in the vehicle, that Mr. Gibson had run off into the woods, and that

she is very afraid that he was going to come back," Patrolman Eric Milligan wrote in his report.

The couple were found by Tewksbury and state police around 5:15 a.m. at Serio's Grove Reservation. Andover police responded shortly thereafter.

Gibson, who was naked and covered in feces at the time police found him, became combative and was pepper-sprayed and Tasered twice by Tewksbury police, according to Andover Lt. Commander James Hashem.

Gibson was charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute, assault and battery on a household member, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, trespassing and mayhem.

He was transported to Lawrence General Hospital for treatment and was returned to police custody around 10 a.m. yesterday.

During the couple's arraignment yesterday afternoon, Judge Michael Brooks ordered Gibson held on \$5,000 cash bail.

If he meets bail, he must stay in home confinement with a monitoring bracelet, remain drug free with random screenings

and not further abuse the victim. McCarthy pushed for \$25,000 cash bail along with the conditions because of the severity of the incident.

The prosecutor cited Gibson's combativeness when confronted by police and the bite mark he left on Norcia's face.

When the judge said he couldn't see the bite mark, Norcia pulled her hair to one side and with a slight smile gestured with her handcuffed hands to the large, red wound on the right side of her face, with impressions of teeth etched into her skin.

Norcia was charged with possession of heroin and trespassing. Brooks released her on personal recognizance.

McCarthy said Norcia told police that she and Gibson had gone to the secluded conservation area to "hook up."

Norcia told police they lifted up a chain and a metal bar to get into the property. She said the drugs were provided by Gibson, who gave her "three hits" of LCD by placing it on her tongue, according to the report.

Police also found five individual bags of what was believed to be heroin on a nearby picnic table, according to the report.

REVENUE: More than expected

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Road — left around \$600,000 uncollected as the year drew to a close.

That bill has been paid, Walsh said, so next year's

report will show that \$600,000 received.

Another revenue source to fall short was property taxes, which is currently at 99.7 percent collected.

With \$108,874,156 budgeted, the town had received all but \$292,627 of it as of the close of the fiscal year. That is "a great position to be in," according to Smith.

POLICE LOG

The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Aug. 7 through Monday, Aug. 13:

ARRESTS

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Town responds on Pfizer billing issue

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Town officials took some time this week to respond to a claim that Andover's financial experts lost track of what a former Finance Committee member called a "\$600,000 lamb" in an opinion piece in last week's Andover Townsman.

Dating back to December and leading up to this past June, the town's finance department was having difficulty billing Pfizer, a Fortune 500 company with a facility on Burt Road, for what became around \$600,000 in sewer usage.

In a column last week, previous Finance Committee member Gregory Rigby said "the town had apparently neglected to bill a commercial customer for an unspecified period of time." "If this were a private sector firm with this problem, management would know the cause, have implemented changes to the process and determined the full cost of the error," wrote Rigby.

Addressing the issue at Monday's selectmen meeting, Finance Director Donna Walsh explained the circumstances surrounding the \$600,000.

"Early July, I got a report from the accounting office on all our commitments and all of our collections, and attached to that was a note that said there was a particular customer on that that hadn't been billed for that nine months," said Walsh. "It was one of our largest customers, and there were

various reasons for them not being billed - mostly due to a change in personnel at the company."

As Walsh explained, Pfizer was previously billed quarterly, with meter readings done by them twice a year and then by the town two more times. Then, due to a retirement, a Pfizer employee familiar with the process no longer oversaw the billing process.

"We had trouble contacting whoever is supposed to be our contact, because we're not allowed to get into the buildings," said Walsh. "There's evidence of emails going back and forth. It seems like the person who thought he was supposed to be in charge really wasn't in charge."

By July, it was determined that Pfizer paid their bill for October 2011, but that bills for December 2011 and March 2012 had not been paid. For reference, all but one of Andover's other thousands of sewer customers are billed twice a year. The town of North Reading pays Andover for water on a monthly basis.

"This customer wasn't in the normal billing cycle, so it wasn't discovered," said Walsh. "They knew why it was unbilled, and they determined that they wanted to resolve that problem and to send them an estimated bill."

In June, Pfizer received a bill due in August for the last nine months of service. That bill has been paid, Walsh said, and now Pfizer pays its bills twice a year instead of

by its previous billing cycle. "it's in the normal billing cycle," said Walsh. "I feel comfortable with all the controls in place, and that we have the right people looking at it now that I understand it."

At the meeting, Selectmen Paul Salafia and Mary Lyman praised the outcome, while saying they were frustrated with the content of Rigby's column because it didn't contain all of the information surrounding the nine months of lapsed billing.

"When somebody writes an editorial and it's a former FinCom member, it appears that it has authority and all facts, and it didn't, and people got upset," said Lyman. "You can see how it all happened, and it all makes sense."

"We do have internal checks and balances. They were used," said Salafia. "Billing can be a problem to us, because it doesn't show up on a regular balance sheet, and now we've corrected that as well."

When reached by phone Tuesday, Rigby said he stands by what he wrote.

"The facts I was given at the time were the right facts," said Rigby. "The only inaccuracy that I had that I can recall... I may have said water billing is what she talks about when she meant sewer billing."

"The fact is, somebody wasn't keeping track of who was getting billed," said Rigby.

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to assist, and they were able to determine that the object located by police was a car alarm unit connected to a car battery and receiving sufficient power to produce the noise. Police dismantled the device.

Monday, Aug. 13 — At 9:02 a.m., police were called to assist with "a bat in the house" at a Cutler Road residence. The caller was unsure if the bat bit anyone. The lone responding officer "trapped the bat in Tupperware."

At 10:56 a.m., police were called to South Main Street to

settle a domestic incident.


At 2:43 p.m., police were called to Stowe Court after a resident reported "two people are having sex in front of her apartment in plain view of the public." Police located two people in a nearby field, and spoke to them. There were no problems to report.

ACCIDENTS

Monday, Aug. 13 — At 5:23 p.m., police were called to Central Street on a report of a hit-and-run accident involving a bus. No injuries were reported.

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by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD



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Sports

FIGHTING BACK

Miller looks to put injury behind him, contribute at Boston College

By MICHAEL MULDOON
Staff Writer

CHESTNUT HILL — Everybody agrees, Andover's Brian Miller is quite a talent.

Boston College coach Frank Spaziani called him, "a tremendous athlete and a very tough football player."

BC's top receiver Bobby Swigert said of the redshirt freshman tight end, "He's a very big kid and very talented. He's definitely a presence. I've been very impressed with Brian Miller."

He has always impressed. That's why two years ago he was ranked the No. 9 high school senior tight end in the nation by Rivals.com and No. 30 by ESPN.

The Eagles have their fingers crossed he can showcase his talent this fall. He hasn't played in a game since a horrible leg injury on a seemingly harmless tackle in the famed eight-overtime Andover 88-82 win over Lowell on Nov. 12, 2010.

If he's healthy, the region will have a lot to root for with the Maroon and Gold.

Miller played wide receiver during the spring, quite a sight given he's 6-4, 230 pounds. But BC is now healthy at wide receiver, and his more natural tight end position is a more pressing need. Especially since BC's top tight end, senior Chris Pantale, recently broke his foot, putting his season in jeopardy.

BC would love for Miller to take a lot of those Pantale reps. It's just a matter of staying healthy. After a healthy spring, his leg injury flared up again. He said at Friday's media day he expects to be back this week.

With all he's been through, Miller remains confident.

"There are some lingering issues," he explained. "There was a lot of work done. It will never be perfect."

He still has screws in that left leg. Nonetheless, he's pronounced himself 100 percent.

The successful spring did wonders for his outlook. "It was a great feeling. It was over a year since I had



JOHN QUACKENBOS/Boston College: Brian Miller sat out his freshman year at BC recovering from a devastating knee injury suffered his senior year at Andover High. The highly-touted 6-4, 232-pounder now hopes to contribute for the Eagles this season.

done anything. I was finally doing what I love," said Miller, one of the team's most highly-touted recruits. "Overall, I'm doing very well."

There was little reason for optimism 21 months ago. It was a tibial plateau fracture. He had screws put in and his meniscus repaired for what Miller called "a bone which snapped in half."

After four months on crutches, which cost him his senior basketball season, there was still a long, frustrating, soul-searching road ahead. It wasn't until last December that he started feeling like his former self.

He heard the whispers that his once so promising career might be over. But he wouldn't let the negative thoughts creep in.

"I never thought about it

2012 BC SCHEDULE		
Date	Team	Time
Sept. 1	Miami	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Maine	1 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Northwestern	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Clemson	TBA
Oct. 6	at Army	Noon
Oct. 13	at Florida St.	TBA
Oct. 20	at Georgia Tech	TBA
Oct. 27	Maryland	TBA
Nov. 3	at Wake Forest	TBA
Nov. 10	Notre Dame	TBA
Nov. 17	Va. Tech	TBA
Nov. 24	at N.C. State	TBA

like that," said Miller, who has a 3.1 GPA. "I always thought there is no way I'm not coming back. Nothing was going to hold me back."

The first couple weeks were the worst.

"It was the most pain I've ever been in in my life. And the most pain I ever hope to

be in," said Miller.

He says he couldn't have gotten through the rehab alone.

"My family was there the whole time," he said. "And some great friends. I wouldn't have been able to make it through without them. Without them, I don't think I'd be here right now."

He believes that this will be a positive season.

"He certainly can help us if he's healthy," said Spaziani.

Andover boys take Hoops for Hope crown

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — After upsetting a powerhouse on the way to the Hoops for Hope title, the Andover boys basketball team had reason to feel pretty good.

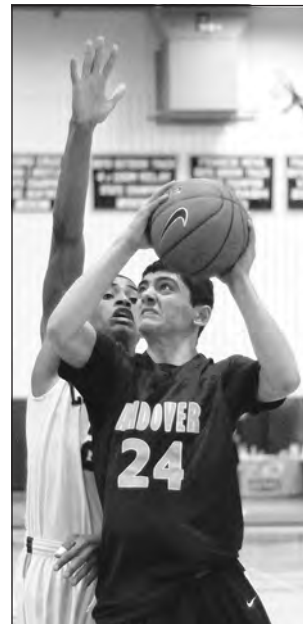
"The sky is the limit for this team," senior guard Chris Dunn. "We work so hard and it's going to pay off."

Dunn led Andover with 20 points, including three 3-pointers, and 6-4 senior forward Sam Dowden won the Mark Maher MVP award, pouring in 16 points as the Golden Warriors beat St. John's Prep 57-46 to claim the Hoops for Hope summer basketball title on Friday.

It was Andover's third overall boys Hoops for Hope championship, and first since 2003.

"They always have a good team," Dowden said about St. John's, which won the Division 1 state title in 2011. "It's great for a public school like this to beat them. They're filled with great players: Ben Judson, Tyler Dooley. They're all great players."

Dowden, who is being recruiting by several



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Chris Dunn, here scoring a basket against Lawrence last season, was the top scorer with 20 points as Andover took the Hoops for Hope title last week over St. John's Prep.

schools including Tufts and NYU, was impressive in this tournament with his ability to score and rebound.

But he said he still is working on every part of his game, including being a better ballhandler. And he can't wait for the high school

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Hunt to pitch for Northeastern

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Dustin Hunt could feel the heat of the nine college scouts that were sitting behind home plate watching a start this summer.

The next day, Hunt put an end to the recruiting process.

The Andover Post 8 and St. John's Prep ace officially committed to pitch for Northeastern University this summer, following his senior high school season.

"My father and I sat down for a long time and wanted to make a decision," said Hunt. "We debated the pros and cons and decided that Northeastern was the right place."

The recruiting process began to heat up for the 6-foot-4 righty in the spring (35 strikeouts, 0.80 ERA), and hit a peak this summer as he dominated the competition for Post 8.

Northeastern and Bryant University both made offers this summer, while he also had talks with UConn, William & Mary, Holy Cross and Columbia.

"I was talking to a lot of schools," said the St. John's Prep senior-to-be. "It was

fun for a while, talking to lots of scouts from big time schools. But it definitely put a lot of pressure on me.

"I tried to ignore the scouts during games. A lot of guys try to light up the radar for the scouts and they end up overthrowing. I tried to pretend not to worry."

Following a late-summer, Bryant made a final major push to Hunt.

"The Bryant coach came over to my house and sat down with us for a while," he said. "After that, I talked it through with my family and more and more I felt like Northeastern was right for me."

"I loved the idea of being in Boston. I wanted to be in the city and Northeastern has such a great baseball history with players like (former Haverhill High star and current Tampa Bay Rays first baseman) Carlos Pena. Plus I wanted to be closer to home. I thought I wanted to play down south for a while, but I knew I wanted to be close."

Hunt said he feels that he is a perfect fit for

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Opinion

'Savings' has obvious meaning

Half of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's raise is tied to whether he has found \$225,000 in sustainable savings in Andover's more than \$140 million budget. He is arguing that he can outsource work, eliminate town positions, and total the savings created without counting the amount spent on hiring outside companies to do the work. The idea is absurd, and selectmen seem to realize it.

Based on their comments, selectmen don't want to reward the town manager simply for robbing Peter to pay Paul. The town manager simply wants to get paid as much as possible.

Selectman Dan Kowalski told Stapczynski it appears he is arguing that he "could have eliminated \$500,000 worth of employees, let's just say hired a company to do it for \$1 million, and you're still saying that you'd be 'saving' \$500,000."

Incredibly, Stapczynski answered, "That's an extreme example, but in part — yes, absolutely."

Stapczynski went on to say, "Because \$500,000 in employees could be 10 employees with all the benefits that go along with 10 employees, and I should be given credit for reducing the head count now and in the future, because that's less costs we're going to have." Of course, the \$1 million in outsourcing expenses would continue, too, under that scenario.

The town manager's goal reads: "Sustainable savings — Achieve \$225,000 of sustainable operating budget savings. Savings are defined as salary and health benefits." The town manager is focusing on the second sentence and willfully ignoring the obvious point. The idea is to have sustainable operating savings. The selectmen are allowing him to include health benefits, not just salary, which should make it easier to achieve the goal. But it does not mean that he can simply pay the salary of non-town workers instead of town employees and think he has met the goal of sustainable savings. He is still spending.

Selectmen are right and should stick to their guns on this issue. If the culture of town government is going to change, it has to start at the top.

Mud-slinging in the 6th

A duel over who has the worse family scandal is starting to rumble through the race for the 6th Congressional District. This is the kind of race to the bottom that makes it clear why voters get turned off by politics and why they hold Congress in such low esteem. Unfortunately, redistricting means that part of Andover is now in mud-covered district.

Congressman John Tierney's own scandal has become well known throughout the district, if not the state. In 2010 his wife pleaded guilty filing false tax returns on behalf of her brother, who was running an illegal gambling operation. She also admitted to being "willfully blind" about the source of the millions of dollars in the account that she managed. She spent 30 days in prison.

Since then, Tierney has faced questions over how much he knew about his wife's dealings. It's become a major issue for him in this election, and it has given ample fodder to his Republican opponent Richard Tisei. As much as Tierney might want to put it in the rearview mirror, that's not happening. In recent days, three nonpartisan watchdog groups have asked that the House Ethics Committee probe whether Tierney was required to publicly disclose the more than \$200,000 that his wife received while managing the bank account.

Tierney's woes have made national headlines. But it's been a more uphill battle for Democrats to get people to pay much attention to a murky mini scandal involving Tisei, or more accurately, his parents.

Last week, the state Democratic Committee fired back at Tisei, creating a website that documents alleged business misdeeds and claims of fraud lodged against Tisei's parents and the home inspection business they ran. The website tries to bring into focus Richard Tisei's own involvement in his parent's problems. The Democrats' intentions to make this a family affair were clear at the website's media unveiling last week, which was billed as "Richard Tisei's Family Web of Fraud."

The Tisei issue brings up questions of whether Tisei attempted to intentionally shield a family asset — a property in Wakefield — from creditors who had won judgments against his parents and had a lien on the property. Tisei attempted to sell the property to his 23-year-old legislative aide. The sale did not take place.

For Democrats battling the damage done to Tierney's reputation, the questions raised over Tisei's family business dealings are an obvious attempt to tar Tisei with the same brush.

It will be up to voters to decide whether these family matters should disqualify either candidate. As we've said here before, the overriding factor in choosing one candidate over the other should be their different positions on the critical issues we face as a nation. Voters and politicians must focus on the issues to drag politics out of the mud that surrounds far too many elections.

TAKING IT FOR A SPIN



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

As Rick Roper of Andover looks up at the World War II F4U Crosshair fighter plane at New Hampshire Aviation Museum Saturday, brothers, right, Tate Bekedam, 3, and Carson Bekedam, 5, play with its propeller. The event honored North Woodstock, N.H. native Louis L. Frank, a highly decorated pilot. Visiting from their home in Idaho, the Bekedam brothers are Frank's great grandsons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to separate fact from fiction on Scott Brown

Editor, Townsman:
As a long-term resident of the Merrimack Valley, I am deeply concerned that the public image Sen. Scott Brown presents via the media and scripted speeches fails to focus on the reality of his record.

To set the record straight, I believe voters should know the following facts about Mr. Brown's legislative actions:

1. Contrary to his numerous claims and his recent ads, Mr. Brown's voting record is one of a partisan Republican and not a moderate independent. Until Elizabeth Warren entered the Senate race, 93.8 percent of the time he voted the straight Republican Party line. (ProgressMass study of voting record, 5/7/12).

2. He has promoted this false image of being independent by claiming to support Democratic measures — while working behind the scenes to obstruct them. For example, while he belatedly voted to support financial reform, private emails show he worked behind the scenes to permit banks to continue risky business practices as the Boston Globe reported on June 4, 2012. In similar fashion, he initially voted no twice to block a needed payroll tax cut extension to help 160 million mostly middle class Americans — but then, once it became clear the measure would pass, he changed his vote to yes, proclaiming he supported the idea all along.

3. Contrary to his image of being a "man of the people" with his truck and barn coat — and high six figure income, Brown's voting record shows him to be a Wall Street best friend, to the point that Forbes Magazine named him one of Wall Street's favorite Senators! A grateful Wall Street has responded by making more financial contributions to Brown than to almost any other Senator (N.Y. Times, 11/18/11).

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4. Brown has been anything but a Job Creator and friend of small business! His No votes to promote JOBS and protect workers include opposing bills that would: a) extend Unemployment Insurance (S. 1660); b) protect 22,000 MA teacher, firefighter, and police jobs. (S. 1723); c) create 11,000 MA infrastructure repair jobs (S. 1769); d) promote American jobs while discouraging off-shore jobs (S.3816); and e) provide summer jobs for teens (Boston Herald).

5. Brown's voting record shows him NOT to be a "Friend of the Middle Class/Students/Women/Environment." Repeatedly he voted with the Republican Party leadership against the interests of the middle class. He voted NO to renew Student Loan relief. The reason he gave was that the relatively small cost for helping financially strapped students and their families was to be paid by closing tax loopholes for the rich — he preferred cutting preventative health care for the poor. (NYTimes, 6/28/12). He voted NO to the "Buffet Rule" to tax millionaires fairly. He co-sponsored the effort to limit women's access to health care insurance coverage at work. (Boston Globe, 2/15/12). He voted NO to give women equal pay for equal work (S. 3772). He voted NO on the Senior Citizen Relief Act that would help seniors struggling on social security just a little (S. 3985).

Brown voted NO to help 9/11 responders exposed to toxins get needed health care coverage. (NYTimes, 12/9/2010). He voted NO to protect clean air regulations, such as the EPA's efforts to reduce carbon pollution — which science shows contributes to children's asthma and other illnesses. A May 13, 2011 letter to him from some 40 environmental groups pointed out that Brown's votes contradict his misleading claims that he is a supporter of a "clean environment."

The Brown record speaks for itself. Voters need to separate myth from reality when assessing his candidacy — and the press needs to step up and help identify the facts.

LOIS KARFUNKEL
22 Orchard Crossing

candidate?" The statements prompting the answers were radically skewed to paint L'Italian in a favorable light, and Lyons in an unfavorable light. Anyone who had decided his vote before the poll would not have been influenced by the line of questioning; anyone who had not decided would have been influenced.

What had just transpired was a political ad dressed up as an innocent "poll". A stealth lie. A pig in a tuxedo. I don't know if the misrepresentation broke any campaign laws. I do know that anyone who employs such tactics should not be my representative.

Did anyone else in town get a similar call? It might be interesting to know if the callerID and the originating IP address confirm the one I saved.

DON MICHELINIE
1 County Road

Political calls reach new low

Editor, Townsman:

In this season of political visibility, we are all besieged by politicians and their operatives suddenly interested in what we, the constituents, think. We have all developed filters which discount and discredit at least some of the spin each side applies to the facts to construct its own story. I have been around for a while. I have seen many elections, but I have never seen the despicable politics I experienced on a recent Thursday night.

First, a little context about character is important. I don't really care that Elizabeth Warren has extracted some undeserved benefit from Harvard by misrepresenting her ethnic origins. That is between Harvard and Elizabeth Warren. What I do care about is the lie ("misrepresentation" for the faint of heart) which she concocted, and when caught, her confirmation and reconfirmation of that lie. Her approach was very Stalinesque.

It is said that character is what you are when you think no one else is watching. What is the character of Elizabeth Warren, and should such a person be a representative of the people?

On Thursday, we received a call and listened to it on speakerphone. The caller introduced himself as a person conducting a political poll. OK, this is expected. The questions started with national issues and national personalities. Nothing appeared out of place. There was a single Brown/Warren transition question, and its abruptness raised a red flag.

Then, the real purpose of the call started to become clear. The subject matter of the call was the Lyons/L'Italian race. What then unfolded was a series of questions answering "Does this statement make you look more favorably or less favorably on the

Town leaders found way to get \$600K quickly to schools

Editor, Townsman:

On July 8, Gov. Deval Patrick signed the FY13 budget, which includes an increase of \$608,000 in the amount of Chapter 70 Education Aid that was originally expected for Andover. This new revenue cannot be spent by the school department unless a Special Town Meeting is first called to appropriate the funds into the FY13 school budget, a process which would not be complete until, at the earliest, late September or early October.

Waiting for that process to unfold would mean the funds would not be available for use at the beginning of this school year.

Recognizing the need to move swiftly so that these funds can have the maximum impact on the upcoming school year, the chairmen and chairwomen of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Finance Committee recently supported the decision to make \$608,000 in unexpended funds from FY12 available to the School Department for immediate use. These unexpended FY12 funds—which would ordinarily roll into free cash—have instead been transferred for immediate school use in FY13.

The superintendent of schools and her leadership team are currently identifying how this additional funding will be used, and will keep the School Committee and community apprised of what investments are made. Meanwhile, we thank our state legislative team for successfully advocating for this much-needed increase in education funding, and we thank the chairs for working quickly and collaboratively to ensure that the monies can be used as soon as possible.

PAULA COLBY-CLEMENTS
DENNIS FORGUE
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RICHARD COLLINS
Andover School Committee

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Pomps Pond closed on Sunday, but children don't go back to school for another few weeks. Should the town make sure Pomps Pond stays open for the rest of the season?

- Yes.
- No.
- I don't know, or I have no opinion.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's question was "A pole-dancing fitness studio has opened on Haverhill Street. What are your thoughts?"

Due to an error, the poll wasn't posted until Monday morning. With 23 people

responding, the answers were:

- Indifferent: If others want to go there, that's fine. It doesn't affect me at all: 11 votes, 47.83 percent.
- Like it: It's unique and an interesting idea. I support it and applaud those who try it: six votes, 26.09 percent.
- Love it: The idea is brilliant, fun, and adds color to our community: three votes, 13.04 percent.
- Don't like it: Pole dancing doesn't belong in Andover: two votes, 8.7 percent.
- Can't stand it: one vote, 4.35 percent.
- I'm not sure, or I have no opinion: zero votes.

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Town may spray playing fields for mosquitoes

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

No additional cases of West Nile virus have been found in Andover mosquitoes since the town sprayed a couple weeks ago, but a pre-emptive spraying of sports fields may take place

in the coming weeks. As students return to school in a few weeks and sports teams ramp up their outdoor practices and activities, North East Mosquito Control District Director Jack Card said Andover may bring his trucks to town to knock down mosquito

populations in areas around sports fields. No sprayings have been scheduled, but other towns have a history of doing similar work this time of year, according to Card. "We've done it in the past with [Andover]. It's just scheduling them in," said

Card. "We'll get our results from our collections this week. If we have any more virus, we have to focus on that before we do anything else." Tom Carbone, Andover health director, said the spraying could take place next week if the mosquito

control district workers are available for spraying. There is work to be done, however, before that takes place. The town has been periodically checking traps for mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus since mosquitos in a trap in the northeast corner

of town tested positive at the end of July. Other traps have been placed throughout the town, but no other positive cases of the virus have been found, according to Carbone. ■ ■ ■ For feedback or questions on this story, email dluca@andovertownsmam.com.

Marketing strategies

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, who represents part of Andover, talks with Elaine Clements, executive director of Andover Historical Society at the organization's Farmer's Market on Saturday.

DUSTIN LUCA/
Staff Photo



TOWN TALK

Solo Sauce

Sauce restaurant on Essex Street is now the only restaurant being run by owner Spiro Pappadopoulos. He owned Evenfall restaurant in Haverhill, but it has just closed after eight years. In his blog Pappadopoulos writes, "I opened Sauce in Andover to a great response and enthusiasm. With plans to roll out the concept into new locations on my mind, it was hard to convince myself to re-invest time and money at Evenfall."

It's a welcome home chapter as Pappadopoulos grew up in Andover and his sister, Adrienne Pappadopoulos, owns Andolini's, located next door to Sauce.

"My father passed away in March, and left a void at Andolini's that I was eager to address in my hometown," he also blogged.

- Judy Wakefield

in the school's eight fall sports are expected to be in attendance, according to an email to parents.

At these meetings, the principal, director of athletics and the coaching staff will make informational presentations. Meetings start Monday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. for football in the Dunn Gym. The student-athlete/parent meeting for all other fall sports is Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center.

- Judy Wakefield

Tomorrow is last day to register for primary

Last minute would-be voters will have three fewer hours to register to vote for the Sept. 6 state primary. Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin, per authority granted to him under Section 51 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2012, changed the deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation this week. The last day remains tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 17, but the last hour to register to vote or change party affiliation is now 5 p.m. The deadline was formerly 8 p.m.

Hazing results

As the post-hazing school year starts, the athletic department at Andover High School is hosting mandatory student-athlete meetings prior to the start of the fall season. All student-athletes participating

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 16

CLASSIC CAR SHOW, Pleasant and Inn streets, downtown Newburyport, (rain date Aug. 23), 5 to 8 p.m., for car registration information 978-465-3140, non-registered classic cars can park in Newburyport municipal parking areas.

LIVE REGGAE MUSIC & PICNIC, with Inner Visions (authentic Caribbean Reggae), Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich, 7 to 9 p.m. The Castle Hill gates will open at 5 p.m. for picnicking. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Space is limited and the gates will close once capacity is reached. Admission is at the gate only - \$30/car or \$20/car for members of The Trustees of Reservations. There is a 6 person per car maximum; each additional passenger will be charged \$5. Motorcycles are \$10 and walk-ins \$5. Weather cancellations (if necessary) will be announced by 3 p.m. concert-day, thetrustees.org, 978-356-4351.

FREE LIVE MUSIC, the Backyard Music Series in Lowell, with Melvern Taylor and his Fabulous Meltones, 6 to 8 p.m., on the back lawn of the Tsongas Center along the Merrimack River, food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at each show, every Thursday through Aug. 23.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17

FREE LIVE MUSIC, Treble Chorus of New England, featuring Training and Schola choirs, and a fully staged abridged version of the opera "Hansel and Gretel," 6 p.m., the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College; Anna Choi, 978-794-4600, tcnmanager@treblechorusne.org, treblechorusne.org.

SUNDAY, AUG. 19

FREE LIVE MUSIC, featuring the White Street Band that is made up of three members from Andover, Marty Sinacore, Dave Cook and Bill Putnam, 6 to 8 p.m., North Andover Summer Band Concerts on The Common Series, Old North Andover Center; whitestreetband.com (energetic blend of rock and blues).

DINNER BENEFIT, with Linnea, an evening of psychic demonstration, to benefit The Valley Players, formerly associated with the Amesbury Playhouse, 4 to 7 p.m., Hollow Restaurant, Main Street, Amesbury, \$35; 978-388-9444, linnea.star@hotmail.com.

MONDAY, AUG. 20

THEATRE COMPANY VISIT, the national touring theatrical troupe Activated Story Theatre, performs multicultural folktales at the Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, 3 p.m. The 45-minute program is free and suitable for all ages; 978-623-8407, activatedstorytheatre.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22

FREE MOVIE, "The Kid," commentary at 6:30 p.m., movie at 7 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College. Movie is a 1921 American silent dramedy film written by, produced by, directed by and starring Charlie Chaplin, and features Jackie Coogan as his adopted son and sidekick. This was Chaplin's first full-length movie. It was a huge success, and was the second-highest grossing film in 1921, behind The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse; 978-837-5000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23

LIVE MUSIC & PICNIC, with Entrain (Rock funk jam band), Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich, 7 to 9 p.m. The Castle Hill gates will open at 5 p.m. for picnicking. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Space is limited and the gates will close once capacity is reached. Admission is at the gate only - \$30/car or \$20/car for members of The Trustees of Reservations. There is a 6 person per car maximum; each additional passenger. Weather cancellations will be announced by 3 p.m. concert-day; thetrustees.org, 978-356-4351.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 25

AUDITIONS, Pentucket Players is holding auditions for "Sunset Boulevard," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; pentucketplayers.org.

QUILT EXHIBIT, The Whistler House Museum of Art is exhibiting Art Quilts that interpret or are inspired by Whistler's many works of art, through Sept.1, Quilt Making Class with Mary Walter is today, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$65, (Deposit Required); James Dymnt, Jdymnt@whistlerhouse.org.

CAT ADOPTION, thanks to generous donors, the adoption fees for adult cats over 1-year-old will be entirely waived, noon to 5 p.m., MSPCA, Methuen; mspca.org/adoption.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

FREE INTRO TO YOGA, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., UnionStudio Yoga, 305 North Main St. (Route 28), Andover; Instructor Connie Glore, unionstudionyoga.com, 978-886-7944.

VINTAGE BASEBALL GAME, Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, 5 Little's Lane, Newbury, \$5. The

Andover native performing at Tanglewood

Andover native John Diodati, 21, will perform in the Tanglewood Music Center's Orchestra Concerts- Aug. 19 as well as in multiple other concerts throughout the season

A Tanglewood Fellow, the 2009 Andover High graduate played first chair clarinet in the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra for its Aug. 13 TMC Orchestra Concert.

Tanglewood, a beloved

music festivals and the famed summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, is now celebrating its 75th anniversary season. The Tanglewood Music Center is the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer academy for advanced musical study for emerging professional musicians. The program offers a demanding schedule of study and performance, seven days a week for eight weeks, for

instrumentalists, conductors, singers, and composers, according to a release. Past fellows include Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa, Dawn Upshaw, and Oliver Knussen. Diodati is a senior at the New England Conservatory. A member of the NEC Philharmonia, he is also actively involved in NEC's chamber music program and the NEC Contemporary Ensemble. He has appeared as a member

of the Boston-area Haffner Sinfonietta and Plymouth Philharmonic, is the 2nd and E-flat clarinetist with the Boston Civic Symphony, frequently performs as a guest with the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, and is a substitute with the Boston Ballet Orchestra.

In October 2010 he was placed, by audition, on the substitute list of the Philadelphia Orchestra; in March

2011, he was invited to perform in a three concert series under conductor Stephane Denève playing E-flat clarinet on Henri Dutilleux's Metaboles.

Performance highlights are said to "include Prokofiev's Quintet at NEC's Chamber Music Gala, Schoenberg's masterpiece, Pierrot Lunaire, and Berg's Four Pieces for Clarinet and Piano."

SUMMER CONTINUES, POMPS CLOSED



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Nathan Stieger, 8, and his sister Ingrid, 5, play in the sand along the beach at Poms Pond in Andover. The pond closed for the season on Aug. 12.

Town beach closed three weeks before Labor Day

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

The sun is out, the air is hot and school is out for nearly another month, but Poms Pond is a ghost town the day after it closed for the season.

Every year, the pond opens in mid June - June 16, this year - and closes around two months later as a majority of its lifeguard staff heads back to college in the fall. With around a month left in summer vacation for teenagers and younger children, residents are often left disappointed about the pond closing so early.

"It's a bummer that it's closed," said 17-year-old Stephanie Petrella, sitting at the beach with three of her friends. "I wish it could be open. It's a good time, it is local."

Out for an afternoon stroll, Carisbrooke Street resident Tom Spang agreed, but said he understands why it's closed. Though he thinks it should be open, he says, "I have no complaints."

The reason why it closes is because a majority of its staff are college students. As lifeguards, most of them are athletes who typically return to college before other students, according to Kim Stamas, recreation coordinator with the Department of Community Services.

"Obviously, if they're swimmers, they're athletes, and anybody playing a varsity sport is gone," said Stamas. "We lose everybody. We lose our counselors. We lose everything."

There are a number of alternatives that the town could consider, and Stamas said town workers have already considered all their options.

One is using high school students. Tahera Doctor, 17, said she knows a number of students who are high school-aged and working as life guards at beaches, country clubs and other places with pools.

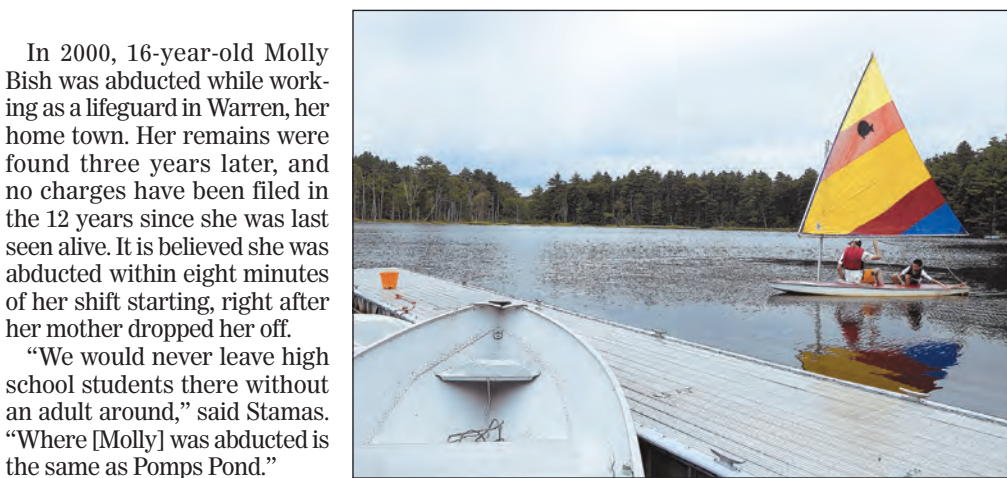
But the town remains concerned about safety issues because of the abduction and murder of a Massachusetts teen 12 years ago.



Jason Love, 12, stands on a stump while fishing at Poms Pond off Abbot Street.



Kendall Storch takes his daughter Camille, 8, and her friend Evely Lewis, 8, out for a ride in the paddle boat at Poms Pond in Recreation Park during its final day, Aug. 12.



Floyd Greenwood III and his son Floyd Greenwood IV, age 11, set out to sail across Poms Pond, just hours before it closed until next June.

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Up with people



Courtesy photo

Through Aug. 20, 100 cast members aged 18-29 years old, representing 20 different countries will be in the Merrimack Valley for a full week of community service, host family living and international benefit concerts. Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. Up with People will perform a public show at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

POMPS: Pond closed for the summer

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keeping the pond open for the final weeks of summer is to have adult lifeguards and councilors watch over the beach, but the town cannot find people willing to fill the duty, said Stamas.

"Every parent suggests that same suggestion. I throw it back at them and say, 'Do you want to lifeguard at Poms Pond?'" said Stamas. "It's not possible. We don't have the people to do it."

Spang said he was surprised by that, and he felt the town could do more to reach out to adults in the community.

"You'd think they could find somebody who would be willing to work for minimum wage these days and staff the place," said Spang.

Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski also said that recruiting adults for the work can be difficult.

"We have a whole training program for the young people who work there," he

said. "In my mind, I think it would be nice to keep it open until Labor Day. I know that private pools that stay open until Labor Day have a lot of difficulty doing it."

Another problem that often complicates staying open during the summer is water quality. As the pond water heats up and nature takes its course, most ponds fill with algae and bacteria that can make swimming conditions less than favorable.

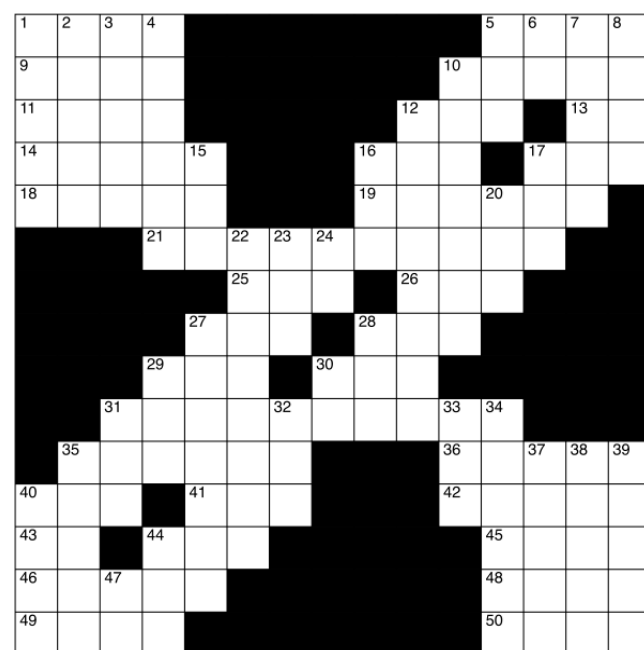
This year, however, Andover

seemed to be spared from the threat of its pond becoming a multi-acre microbial habitat. However, North Andover had to shut down its ponds early, citing health concerns.

"We're probably one of the only ponds that remained open during the summer," said Stamas. "We were just lucky. I don't know why we didn't get it."

For feedback or questions on this story, email dluca@andovertownsmam.com.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Sustained dull pain
- Hoover Dam Lake
- An earnest appeal
- Tree trunk used in sport
- Close by
- Indicated horsepower (abbr.)
- Delaware
- Makes in salary
- Fringe-toed lizard
- Two-year-old sheep
- = to 198 liters in Egypt
- Barnum & Bailey
- Destruction
- Shock treatment
- A priest's linen vestment
- Consumed
- Etiymology (abbr.)
- Doctors' group
- Tsetung or Zedong
- Subroutines
- Maintenance
- Sacred shrine in Mecca
- Mutual savings bank
- The cry made by sheep

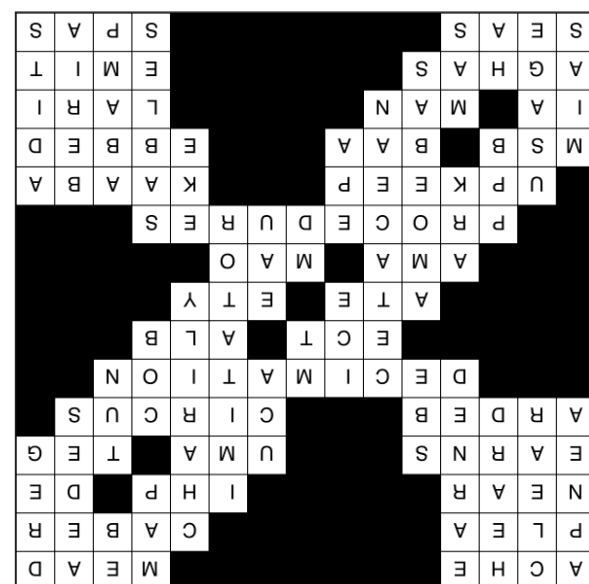
CLUES DOWN

- Temporary cessation of breathing
- Not cloudy
- Listened
- Acquired by effort
- Chart of the Earth's surface
- Eastbound
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Small amount of residue
- With great caution, warily
- One who copies behavior
- One point E of due S

CLUES ACROSS

- Fell back from flooding
- Farm state
- British Isle in the Irish Sea
- Georgian monetary unit
- Turkish rulers
- Utter sounds
- Mains
- Fashionable water resorts
- Fiddler crabs
- A large cask
- Adult male swan
- Of the whale & dolphin order
- Frozen water
- Metric ton
- Marine or parasitic protozoas
- Cologne
- Built by Noah
- Indicates physician
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Supplement with difficulty
- Dark fur coat animals
- Utilization
- Unit = to 10 amperes
- Stalin's police chief
- Almost horizontal mine entrances
- Missing soldiers
- More (Spanish)
- Express surprise

Solution



CALENDAR:

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Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm is the official home field of the Essex Base Ball Association The Lowell Base Ball Club takes on the Newburyport Clamdiggers, noon to 2 p.m., popcorn and Ipswich Ale available. Using baseball rules from 1861, games feature underhand pitching, no gloves allowed; essexbaseball.wordpress.com, 978-462-2634.

ARMENIAN CHURCH PICNIC, Armenian Church at Hye Pointe, at American Legion Farm, 1314 Main St., Haverhill, noon to 5 p.m., music by the Jason Narioian Ensemble, menu includes Shish, Losh, and Chicken Kebab Dinners, Kheyra, Pastries, & beverages, air-conditioned function hall, bring

your lawn chairs; 978-372-9227.

AUDITIONS, see Aug. 25 listing.
CAT ADOPTATHON, see Aug. 25 listing.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

FREE MOVIE, "Anatomy of a Murder," commentary at 6:30 p.m., movie at 7 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College. Movie is a 1959 American courtroom crime drama film. Paul Biegler laid back, southern lawyer defends a short-tempered Army Lieutenant who is accused of murdering his wife's rapist; 978-837-5000.

EXHIBIT OPENS, "Progress," through Sept. 23, Artist Reception on Sept. 1, 5 to 7 p.m., The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell. Progress is a new group of works by Lowell artist Christopher Pendergast. The show is a body

of work in progress, and centers around the artist's interpretation of how society handles responsibility.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

LIVE MUSIC & PICNIC, with Orville Giddings Band-Boogie Blues, Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich, 7 to 9 p.m. The Castle Hill gates will open at 5 p.m. for picnicking. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Space is limited and the gates will close once capacity is reached. Admission is at the gate only - \$30/car or \$20/car for members of The Trustees of Reservations. There is a 6 person per car maximum; each additional passenger will be charged \$5. Motorcycles are \$10 and walk-ins \$5; thetrustees.org, 978-356-4351.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

FEAST OF THE THREE SAINTS OPENS, a Sicilian tradition brought to Lawrence by the St. Alfio Society, honors three martyred brothers, St. Alfio, St. Filadelfo and St. Cirino, and includes a Torchlight Parade, Procession of the Saints, Italian food, amusements, kids carnival rides, games and live music by Beatle Juice, Common and Union streets, Lawrence, 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 2; threesaintsinc.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

ARTIST RECEPTION, for artists Skip Montello, Elaine Asplund Russell and Michael Wharff, 7 to 9 p.m., as part of their special exhibit "Absence of Color... A Collaboration" at the Newburyport Art Association, through Sept. 8.

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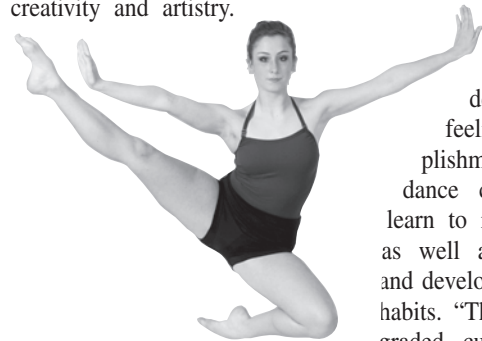
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Construction for the new sidewalks, lighting, and parking lot is nearly completed at West Middle School on Shawsheen Road. The work is part of a redesign that will affect how all vehicles travel to and from Andover High School and West Middle School. For more information, see the Back to School Section inside this week's paper.

ON CAMPUS

Information for the "On Campus" feature is submitted by colleges, universities and relatives of the students featured. Information should be sent to townsman@andovertownsmen.com with the words "On Campus" in the subject line. The Townsman welcomes such information.

Cerchione brothers earn degrees

Michael James Cerchione graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor of arts in economics.

Derek Michael Cerchione graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor of science in biology and will attend Johns Hopkins University for his doctorate.

They are the sons of Michael and Linda

Cerchione.

Bachelor's degrees earned

Sarah Cutts received a bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Cutts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey P. Cutts, majored in art history and also studied in Rome.

Elizabeth O'Connor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, received a bachelor's degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges. O'Connor majored in Political Science and also studied in South Africa.

Dean's list at Quinnipiac

Carly Golan, daughter of David and Jean Golan, was named to the Quinnipiac University dean's list for the spring 2012 semester. Golan majors in communications with a minor in Spanish.

Clark dean's list

The following students were named to the Clark University first honors dean's list for the spring 2012 semester:

Adam Kleger, Benjamin Canner, Nicole Cahill, Rebecca Miller and Sarah McNamara.

To be eligible, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher.

Community Leadership Award for Lewis

Megan Lewis, who earned a master of arts degree in community social psychology, was presented with the Department of Psychology's Community Leadership Award by the University of Massachusetts Lowell during 2012 Commencement exercises.

No cars for AHS students on first day

State primary election Sept. 6 coincides with first day of classes

All students will either walk or be dropped off at Andover High for the first day of school. That's because thousands are expected to use spaces normally reserved for students to park and vote in the state primary.

The Massachusetts State Primary will be held on Sept. 6. This is an unusual Thursday election, and one that also falls on the first day of school for students in Andover. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and sub-precinct 9A will vote at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road. Precincts 1, 7, Sub-precinct 7A and Precinct 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court, near Doherty Middle School.

The last day and hour to register to vote or to change party affiliation for this election is 8 p.m. tomorrow, Friday Aug. 17. The town clerk's office will be open until 5 p.m. that evening for voter registration.

Mail-in voter registration forms are available on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website at sec.state.ma.us/index.htm. The form can also be accessed on the town clerk's page of the town website at andoverma.gov. This is a fillable pdf form which can be filled, printed and mailed or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's Office. If mailed it must be postmarked by Aug. 17. If hand delivered it must be received in the town clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Aug. 17.

The last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot is noon on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Absentee ballots are now available at the town clerk's office.

This is the first election, since statewide re-districting went into effect earlier this year, that the ballots are not the same for every precinct. Many voters will find that their congressional and state representative districts have changed. The candidates and races for each precinct and party can be found at andoverma.gov under the "What's New" section of the home page by choosing "September Primary Election Ballots" where voters will also find a link to search for their voting precinct.

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■ OBITUARIES

Norman P. Comeau, 79

February 18, 1933 — August 11, 2012

SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE — Mr. Norman Peter Comeau, 79, of Salem, NH, formerly of Wakefield, Tewksbury and Andover, passed away at the Oceanside Nursing Center in Hampton, New Hampshire on Saturday morning, August 11, 2012. He was the beloved husband of the late Beverly E. (Peterson) Comeau.



Born in Everett, Massachusetts, on February 18, 1933, he was the beloved son of the late Fidele and Edith (St. John) Comeau. Mr. Comeau was a truck driver for many years for McLean Trucking Company. He also worked as a bartender. In his spare time, Mr. Comeau enjoyed gardening around his home and traveling, especially to Newbern, North Carolina.

He will be very sorely missed by his loving children; Allyson Misenti of Hudson, New Hampshire, Corinne Comeau of Hampton, New Hampshire and Bruce D. and his wife Michelle J. Comeau of Methuen, siblings; Cathy St. John of Raymond, New Hampshire, Fred Comeau of Reading and Edward Comeau of Bradford grandchildren; Eric, Brian, Craig, Samantha, Bruce, Allyson, Julie, Wayne, Beverly and Ashlev. great-grandchildren:

Brianna, Steven, Zack, Jessie and Marcus and many nieces and nephews. Norm was also the loving father of the late Scott Wayne Daniels.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral service will be celebrated in the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm Street, Andover, Friday, August 17, 2012, at 11 AM. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, Thursday, August 16, 2012, from 4 to 8 PM. Burial will be held in Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Sheila Livermore, 81

CHATHAM — Sheila Livermore of Chatham, MA died peacefully Friday, August 10th. Sheila was born and raised in London, leaving in 1950 for Montreal, where she met her late husband, Ken. Work took them to Andover, MA in 1959, where they raised 2 sons Glenn and Scott. Chatham became their home in 1991 after vacationing there for many years. Always active in the community, Sheila was formerly Finance Secretary and Chairman for the Harwich United Methodist Church, Treasurer of the United Methodist Women for the RISEM District, Chairman of the Chatham Republican Town Committee, as well as a volunteer for F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Here). Sheila loved to garden and play duplicate Bridge earning a Bronze Life

Master Achievement. She also loved to travel, collect Beanie Babies and Elephants. Sheila is survived by her 2 sons, Scott and Glenn, their wives Jodi and April, and her grandchildren, Eli and Monika, as well as her sister Eileen and brother Barry his wife Brenda and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her visitation will be held Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 5pm-8pm in the Nickerson Funeral Home, 87 Crowell Road, Chatham. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, August 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Harwich United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Campership Fund at Harwich United Methodist Church or The Salvation Army. For online condolences, please visit www.nickersonfunerals.com

■ RELIGION

89th Annual Feast of the Three Saints

There are only a few weeks remaining until the Feast of the Three Saints festival in Lawrence.

A Sicilian tradition brought to Lawrence by the St. Alfio Society, the Feast

of the Three Saints honors three martyred brothers, St. Alfio, St. Filadelfo, and St. Cirino, and includes a torchlight parade, procession of the Saints, Italian food, amusements, kids carnival rides, games, and musical entertainment. The music features Beatle Juice

Friday night, Chicago cover band Introduction Saturday night, and Italian singing sensation Franco Corso Sunday night.

Both a religious festival and a celebration of Italian culture, the Feast draws more than 100,000 people from across New England

and takes place on Common and Union streets in Lawrence, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31 and runs through Sunday, Sept. 2 at 10 p.m. There is free admission and parking.

For more information and a full schedule of events go to threesaintsinc.org.

■ SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregiver support

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Spectrum Adult Day Health Program at North Andover (located at 1820 Turnpike St., Suite 106 in North Andover) will host a free support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders. Led by a social worker and offering a confidential forum for the sharing of coping techniques and information, free respite care will be made available upon request. For more information and to arrange respite services, please contact Susan Harrison at 978-921-1697 ext. 221 or sharriso@nhs-healthlink.org

Metastatic Breast Cancer Support

A group of women and men from the North Shore and Merrimack Valley who are living with stage IV metastatic breast cancer get together every other week for confidential and caring conversations, resource sharing, supportive ideas, and laughter. It is a special place to share your feelings, concerns, fears, and joys and be completely understood by those who are also walking a similar path. The group meets in Middleton near Route 114 every other Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and new members are welcome. For more information or to register, contact founder and participant Heather LoRe (heatherlore@verizon.net or 978-664-2161) or facilitator Marie Lucca (mariejlucca@comcast.net).

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

Food Addicts is a non-profit program that provides a physical, mental and spiritual solution for food addiction. In Food Addicts, individuals who have been obese, too thin, or otherwise obsessed with food have found a solution that frees them from these problems. Food Addicts is based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at the meetings.

Newcomers are always welcome at the weekly meetings in Andover on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church (off River Road.) in Topsfield. Weekly FA meeting also occur at Christ Church 25 Central St., Andover at 7:45 a.m. every Saturday. For more information, contact Maggie, the meeting's public information representative at 978-470-2230 or view the Food Addicts website at foodaddicts.org.

Young Widow and Widowers

The Andover Young Widow and Widowers organization offers support to those dealing with the 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.

"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." 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.

Breastfeeding Support Group

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover 6 Locke St. off Main Street.

The meetings are free, informal discussions where mothers can meet and share thoughts and concerns about breastfeeding.

Trained breastfeeding support leaders are on hand at every meeting. Pregnant women, mothers, nursing babies, siblings and women interested in breastfeeding are welcome.

Alzheimer's Care Givers

Alzheimer's Care Givers support group meets last Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

Coping with Loss

Hope in the Midst of Grief - an 8-wk bereavement support group will be held at Saints Medical Center, Lowell, MA starting on Wednesday, May 3 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Reigistration

is mandatory. Please call Lu Bonanno, Beacon Hospice, at 978-372-4211 to register and for additional information. Our group is offered as a free community service.

Dealing with Life Changes

A six-week bereavement support group will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Dra-cut Council of Aging starting May 12, 2011. Registration is mandatory. Please call Lu Bonanno Beacon Hospice, at 978-372-4211 to register and for additional information. This is free and open to the elderly community.

Grieving Sons and Daughters — A two-part workshop dealing with the adult loss of a mother and father will be held on Thursday evenings, May 5, and June 9, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please call Lu Bonanno, Beacon Hospice at 978-372-4211 to register and for further details.

Chronic disease

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

Diabetes

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

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The mission team celebrates after Curiosity lands on Mars (left). The rover is about the size of a Mini Cooper car (right). Photos by NASA/JPL-Caltech

Seven minutes of terror, then success

For seven minutes on Aug. 6 everyone at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory waited in terror: Curiosity was at the end of its 352-million-mile journey to Mars. Would NASA's \$2.5 billion investment land safely on the red planet?

Curiosity was launched on Thanksgiving weekend 2011. After an eight-month journey, everything was riding on the next seven minutes.

"Touchdown confirmed," said engineer Allen Chen. "We're safe on Mars."

Applause and cheers filled the room just after 1:30 a.m. when the first signal came that the landing was successful.

Engineers designed the entry, descent and landing of Curiosity. Team leader Adam Steltzner said, "The big trick is you are going 13,000 miles an hour, then you slam into the Martian atmosphere and you want to gracefully get the spacecraft down on her wheels. Just one slip would have meant \$2.5 billion down the drain."

NASA wants to learn more about Mars. Curiosity is a chemistry set on wheels. It is packed with gadgets including several cameras.

The rover will look for signs that life once existed on Mars. Scientists want to know if Mars ever had the resources to support microbial life.

The rover will also look for water, food and energy that could someday support human visitors.

Curiosity is designed to roam the surface of the planet for one Martian year, which is 22 months on Earth.

It joins Opportunity, another American rover that is still pattering around Mars after eight years. It was designed to run about 90 Martian days.

The United States is not the only country exploring Mars.

Russia has tried 19 times but failed each time to complete the mission. India just announced it would fund its first Mars mission and launch next year.

Why do scientists want to see what is on Mars?

Aswin Vasavada, a scientist on the Curiosity project, said, "We are humans, we want to explore. We see a mountain and we want to climb. As scientists we want to answer the big questions."

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FROM THE COMMUNITY

Fox part of Swim Across America

Michele Fox of Andover was part of Swim Across America to make a splash for pediatric cancer survivorship programs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The 19th annual Boston Harbor 22-mile relay swim was Friday, July 13, and the 15th annual DCR Nantasket Beach one-mile and half-mile swim Saturday, July 14.

"The swims are a great way for people to come together and participate in a sport they love alongside Olympic swimming legends while raising critical funds for the David. B. Perini Jr., Quality of Life Clinic at Dana-Farber," said 1988 Olympic Silver Medalist Janel Jorgensen McArdle, executive director of Swim Across America. "This year Craig Beardsley and Daniel Waters are among the Olympians scheduled to swim with us."

The Boston Harbor swim is an all day event that starts from behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf. Swimmers pledge a minimum of \$1,500 to participate. Swimmers taking part in the one and half-mile competitive ocean swims at DCR Nantasket Beach in Hull must raise a minimum of \$250 each.

Swim Across America is a non-profit corporation that runs swimming events from Boston to San Francisco to support cancer research, prevention and treatment at some of the country's finest institutions. Proceeds from the Boston-area swims go directly to the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Clinic at Dana-Farber.

HOOPS: Andover wins

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season to get underway in a few months. "We're looking really good right now," said Dowden, who Dowden is coming off a fine high school season, earning Eagle-Tribune All-Star honors after averaging 14.5 points and seven rebounds per game.

"Hopefully, we can carry that through the fall and into the winter." Dunn calls Dowden "the workhorse." "He's in the gym every day," Dunn said. "He motors the whole team. When he's in the gym, everyone wants to follow him. He's the leader of this team. And he has been for three years now."

Dunn, who also starred in the semifinal OT thriller over powerhouse Central Catholic, wants to be more than an offensive player.

"I want to become just a more complete player," Dunn said. "I feel like I've been a little one-dimensional just shooting. So I want to improve my ball-handling, attacking the rim."

HUNT: Chooses his college

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Northeastern, which finished 23-28 in 2012.

"When I talked to the coaches, they told me there is a good chance I could start all four years," said Hunt. "Plus, they are losing a lot of pitchers after next season so I could fit right in. I loved talking to the head coach (Neil McPhee) and assistants like Mike Glavine (brother of former major league star and Billerica resident Tom Glavine).

"Plus, now I can just play my senior season and enjoy the game without the pressure of recruiting." Andover Legion coach Joe Iarrobino agreed the fit was just right for Hunt.

"I think it's a great spot for him," said Iarrobino. "He wanted to make the decision early and Northeastern was there interested from the beginning. They have a great baseball tradition and, selfishly, he's a 25-minute drive away so we can watch him play. They are getting a very good pitcher and a terrific kid."

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LOST & FOUND
FOUND: 2011 WHITE JEEP PATRIOT KEY found Friday, 8/10/12 on side road in Brentwood, NH. Call (603) 679-4329

FOUND: CAT, Short haired domestic, all gray, very friendly found July 22nd Purchase St., Newburyport, MA Call (978) 255-1840

FOUND Class Ring 1973 Amesbury High School Found in Newton, NH (beach cottage) almost a yr. ago Call to identify (978) 462-4073

FOUND-large chocolate lab. Has no tags but has been seen around the area of 43 Adams Pond Rd. in Derry, NH. Contact Gregory Drugan at 603-370-0348.

FOUND - PARAKEET on August 12 at night. Call to describe 978-609-3191

FOUND: Salem/Peabody line, Marlboro Rd area. Cat is black, orange and white, female. Call 978-777-0028

LOST CAT! "Dusty" Gray long hair mix, recently shaved all over except head and tail. Got out Thursday night in West Dunton Road neighborhood behind Canobie Lake Park. No collar but has microchip. Sweetest cat ever. I'm so heartbroken. 603 553 6820

LOST CAT - East Methuen area, last seen on Wednesday June 13, female, micro chipped, spayed, domestic short hair, black and white white between eyes, white on left cheek, black on right cheek, white on chest, white on paws, shy/timid. MISSED VERY MUCH!! Call with any info 978-688-1781

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LOST CAT: Methuen, MA Male, very husky, 14 lbs, neutered, short hair, mostly gray, white whiskers, white chin and neck, white paws. 2 different colored eyes, friendly, had on light blue collar with tag, micro chipped, loved & missed. Please call with ANY info at all!! 978-688-1781

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LOST CAT - Sputnik, fluffy orange cat, white chest/chin/paws. 14 yrs old. Very friendly. From Newbury MA, Boston Rd. area. Please call 508-631-0217

LOST DOG Black/White/Tan Sheltie (miniature collie) needs medication. Lost Newburyport area, Thurs. 8/2. Call 781-405-3695

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