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She's giving a kidney while she's alive ... *If you die, will you?*

Having lost one sister and needing to help another, Dias promotes organ donation

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Three months after she watched her sister, Ashley, die while waiting for a second double lung transplant, MacKenzie Dias, of Andover, is working hard to increase awareness about organ donation.

Her other sister, Lindsey Dias, 29, is soon having transplant surgery. Like Ashley, Lindsey also has cystic fibrosis. Lindsey is having a second kidney transplant surgery. MacKenzie, who is 21 and healthy, is donating the kidney. "I just refuse to let her on the list and potentially die. It happened with Ashley," MacKenzie said.

Furious that organ donations are low in this country, MacKenzie is waging a campaign to promote the importance of organ donations.

A second successful double lung transplant would have saved her sister's life. Instead, Ashley Dias died last June 14. She was just 26.

"It needs to be more forced. I mean, it's hitting so close to home for us. I have to do this," said MacKenzie, whose mother, Marylynne Dias is a learning specialist at Pike School in Andover.

MacKenzie made a youtube.com video about the importance of organ donation that captured the attention of

National Public Radio. She has no plans to stop there with her advocacy because this issue as it hits so close to her heart. About 115,000 people are awaiting transplants in this country and 18 of them die each day as they wait, said Laura Bempsey of the New England Donor Bank based in Waltham.

"Lungs are the most difficult to match of all the organs to transplant. Lungs have to be an absolutely perfect match for doctors," Bempsey said.

While close to 90 percent of state residents support organ donation, just 42 percent have signed up to be donors using their license, Bempsey added.

"I am thrilled to hear about this donor awareness campaign as we need to get the word out," Bempsey said.

The fact that less than half of state residents have signed up to have their organs donated if they die unexpectedly is troubling to MacKenzie as she wants does not want to see ill people on



From left, sisters MacKenzie and Ashley Dias, their mom, Marylynne Dias and sister, Lindsey Dias.

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- Go to donatelifenewengland.org.
- Questions? Call Laura Bempsey of the New England Donor Bank at 617-558-6681.

Feds to fight bail for pediatrician facing child porn charges

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

An Andover pediatrician charged with receiving child pornography is expected to learn tomorrow, Friday, if he will remain behind bars while he awaits an indictment.

Richard Keller, 56, of 10 Cyr Circle, was arrested last Thursday after federal agents raided his home and removed from a bedroom more than 500 high-gloss photos and at least 60 to 100 DVDs of child pornography, as well as computers, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.



Richard Keller

Keller has been working as a pediatric endocrinologist at Boston Children's Hospital, as a pediatrics instructor at Harvard Medical School, and at two overnight camps. He moved to Cyr Circle last year, after spending 19 years on the Phillips Academy campus as medical director of the Andover private school's student health center. Phillips Academy said it did not renew his contract in 2011, following several reprimands for inappropriate behavior dating back to 1999.

He lived in Phillips Academy housing during those 19 years, but not with students, said Tracy Sweet, director of academy communications. Sweet said the school had no knowledge of Keller's alleged involvement with child pornography, and are aware of no complaints about him.

Friday, Keller will face a detention hearing. "The government has told the court that we intend to seek detention. He is considered a danger," said Christina DiIorio-Sterling, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney. "Essentially, the prosecutor told the court this was a behavior he exhibited for decades."

If Keller contests being held in prison while he awaits an indictment that could take up to 30 days, the government will

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MacKenzie Dias with her sister, Ashley Dias, at a benefit for Ashley held last February at Andover Country Club. Ashley died waiting for a lung donor.

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20th year trotting out PCCD success stories

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When their 18-month-old son didn't speak as much as the other toddlers in his play group, the Ardizzones were worried.

"A lot of sleepless nights," Jason Ardizzone of Summer Street recalled of that time, which would worry any first time parent.

"Colby spoke a few words before his first birthday, and then just stopped using those words and wasn't picking up any others," Tara Wilson Ardizzone said of her son. "We were so worried."

The couple, who also have

a daughter, Kaylin, 2, were encouraged by a friend and their pediatrician to contact the Professional Center for Child Development of Andover. They say they are so glad they did.

Now 4, and a pre-schooler at Shawsheen Elementary School, Colby has had a "word explosion," according to his mother. A speech therapist from the center helped Colby with tongue positioning for some letters and repetitive word drills. The extra help has clearly benefited him.

"A therapist (Cathy Jurgen)

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PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo
Tara and Jason Ardizzone hold their two kids, Colby, 4, and Kaylin, 2, on one of the slides at The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover.

Alzheimer's Walk in town is Sept. 29

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Caring family members and just-as caring professionals who take care of people with Alzheimer's will band together again to take part in the upcoming Northeastern Massachusetts Walk to End Alzheimer's. The Walk is Saturday, Sept. 29 through Andover. Atria Marland Place residents named a 30-person team the "Marland Marathoners." They will be the team dressed in bright orange T-shirts.

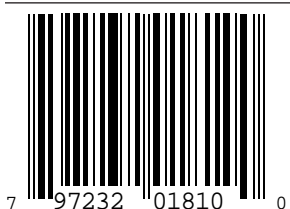
With 26 Alzheimer's residents at the Stevens Street location in Andover, staffers

see the walk as a good way to increase public awareness about memory loss care.

"The number of people with Alzheimer's keeps going up. This is one way to show people that memory care is important," said Rosie Sampson, spokeswoman at Atria Marland Place.

National numbers from the Alzheimer's Association report that Alzheimer's disease is growing fast. It's now the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with

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QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



Though always direct (sometimes painfully), she helped Andover in many ways. Her good work saved us when the High School expansion was built.

— Former Selectman Larry Larsen in a letter praising retired building inspector Kaija Gilmore, who's been criticized for responding to a fire scene intoxicated, according to a police report. See letters, page 11.



I'm a shape-shifter and work with clients to get an hourglass shape. I really don't like 'personal trainer.' I mean you hear that and think sweat and guts at the gym for hours. Who has time for that?

— Andover personal trainer Sylvia Sasso, the self-published author of "The Topless Muffin, Life between Spanx and Baggy Sweats, Causes & Cures." Story in Business, page 4.

LWV to host debate Sept. 30

The League of Women of Voters will host a 3rd US Congressional District Candidates' Forum on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Concord-Carlisle High School auditorium, 500 Walden St., Concord, Mass.

The newly redistricted 3rd Congressional District includes many of the cities and towns previously in the 5th Congressional District, currently represented by Congresswoman Niki Tsongas (D-Lowell).

The League has invited Congresswoman Tsongas and Jon Golnik, winner of the Republican Primary.

The Acton Area, Concord-Carlisle and Westford LWVs are co-sponsoring the forum with the support of the LWV of Andover/North Andover, Chelmsford, Greater Haverhill, Harvard, Sudbury

and Worcester Area.

The LWV is asking voters to propose questions for the forum before Sept. 21 by emailing their question, street address, and city or town to questions@lwvcc.org.

For more information, email VoterService@lwvcc.org or call 978-254-1598.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Eligible residents must be registered to vote by Oct. 17.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, issues-oriented organization of women and men, which encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

Day to get rid of expired drugs

The Andover Police Department, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and TRIAD, will be holding a Medication Disposal Day on Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., Andover.

Residents are encouraged to gather expired, unused and unneeded medication and drop them off.

The medication disposal is completely anonymous and free of charge for residential users. Syringes, needles, medical devices, thermometers, and IV bags cannot be accepted.

For more information, contact Officer Robin Cataldo at 978-475-0411, Ext. 1004.

Hi-Dose flu clinics for seniors

"Hi-Dose" flu clinics are scheduled for seniors, 65 years and older, at the Andover Senior Center on Thursday, Sept. 20 and Tuesday, Sept. 25.

The clinics will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., by appointment only.

Please call the Health Department at 978-623-8295 to schedule an appointment.

Consent forms will be available at the Health Department, Town Offices, Senior Center, and on the Andover website at www.andoverma.gov.

Historical tour of West Parish Garden Cemetery

A historical walking tour of West Parish Garden Cemetery will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at 129 Reservation Road, Andover.

The tour is narrated by Jim Batchelder, Cemetery Board and Andover Historical Society Board member, and includes a tour and overview of the Chapel at West Parish.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations to the upkeep of the chapel and the cemetery are always graciously accepted, according to a release.

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cemetery. Held rain or shine.

State EEE and West Nile cases mounting

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health on Tuesday announced the fifth human case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in a Massachusetts resident. The patient, an Essex County resident in his 70s, was hospitalized. Health officials also confirmed the 15th human case of West Nile virus, in a Greater Boston resident in his 40s.

Girl Scouts sign-up days

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts provides exciting and educational programs, year round, for all girls entering grades K-12.

Andover and North Andover Girl Scouts will kick-off the year by hosting Girl Scout sign-up days on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover, and Thursday, Oct. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 396 Main St., North Andover.

Girl Scouts is flexible to meet girls' and volunteers' schedules through four pathways: camp, troops, a series of activities, and single events. Join Girl Scouts and join the fun.

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From left, Magnolia, 6, James, 3, and Molly Preston, 3, play at the Professional Center for Child Development in Andover.

TROT: 20th year of PCCD success stories

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came to our house every week to teach us methods and strategies to use with Colby to help his speech...and, Colby eventually became so excited to see her," Tara Ardizzone said.

"She became Colby's best buddy," Jason Ardizzone said.

Jurgen also called in two other team members to help Colby and the results are noticeable as Colby keeps on learning - and using - new words.

It's a typical success story as every year therapists from the nonprofit, community-based agency on Osgood Street in Andover provide thousands of kids across Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire with a way to achieve their full potential.

"The families and children we work with and a very dedicated group of educators, therapists, nurses and other staff make the PCCD so extraordinary," said co-founder and director Veryl Anderson.

The Professional Center for Child Development was the first program in the area dedicated to serving young children with special needs, Anderson added. The Center offers a myriad of services, such as Early Intervention, a Developmental Day School, Pediatric Therapy and parent support workshops.

"Today, the PCCD is proud to work with children of all abilities ages birth to 10 years, still including those with complex health care needs and developmental delays," she said.

The PCCD will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2013. Its popular Trot for Special Tots fundraiser turns 20 this year.

The run has grown each year and last year the Trot raised over \$30,000.

The Ardizzones will certainly be at this year's Trot, with Tara pushing the kids in a double stroller and Jason running.

"We hear Colby learning new words every day...we are so grateful," Tara Ardizzone said. "It's just a great place."

WALK: Alzheimer's affects 5.4 million

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Alzheimer's disease will rapidly escalate, increasing well beyond today's estimated 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, according to experts.

Money raised at the walk will provide care and support services to those affected by Alzheimer's. Money will also go to Alzheimer's research.

The "Marland Marathons" also will have two

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Saturday, Sept. 29. Starts and end at 200 Brickstone Square, Andover

Registration begins at 9 a.m., 3-mile and 1-mile options, kicks off at 10 a.m. The event includes food, music and entertainment. To learn more or to sign-up to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, call 800-272-3900 or see alzwalkMANH.org.

To volunteer - help hang posters or distribute flyers - go to alzwalkMANH.org and click on the Northeastern Massachusetts Walk to End Alzheimer's, and then click "Volunteer."

raffles at their table set up Walk, Sampson said.

at Brickstone Place andl The walk was previously donate raffle proceeds to the known as the Memory Walk.

DIAS: Plans to donate kidney to her sister

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waiting lists die as her sister did.

She's a donor and has already been approved to give Lindsey a kidney. The transplant will happen in about a month at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"Lindsey just needs to gain weight and be as strong as she can for the surgery. That's where we are," said MacKenzie, who is taking this semester off from the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where she is studying to be a teacher.

"I just want to be with my sister. I love her so much," she said.



File photo

Corbin Walsh holds up a flag from his stroller as he participates in last year's Walk To End Alzheimer's in Andover.

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Business

Trainer's new book looks at different diet personalities

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Attention middle-aged female readers - are you wearing baggy sweatpants while those stylish undergarment Spanx that you used to wear to hold in a bit of flab sit in a dresser drawer somewhere?

If your answer is yes, there's a new book by a local, stylish, barely size 6, mother of a teenager just for you. Sylvia Sasso is the self-published author of "The Topless Muffin, Life between Spanx and Baggy Sweats, Causes & Cures" (Infinity Publishing, \$11.95 paperback).

Sasso owns "Shaperella" (sounds a bit like Cinderella), housed on the third floor of the Bridal Building on Main Street in Andover.

Sasso, a nutritionist and personal trainer for more than 20 years who hates the word diet, reaches out to that "between Spanx and sweatpants" crowd with a very funny book about the causes those often unwanted curves.

"I'm a shape-shifter and work with clients to get an hourglass shape," she said. "I really don't like 'personal trainer.' I mean you hear that and think sweat and guts at the gym for hours. Who has

time for that?"

Thirty minutes, twice a week is her typical client time. Her clients come in all shapes and sizes and they are the basis of the book.

Each chapter about a different type of person fighting the fight to stay in good physical health. There's heaping Hanna, give up Gabi, emotional Emma, container Casey and grazing Grace, to name a few. Readers are asked if they relate to any of the characters. The answer is usually yes.

"The lovely ladies in my book ...show what it's all about when women diet," said Sasso. "No, it's not good. Diet is a word I hate. Portion control and moving is what I say."

But the moving is easy when Sasso helps clients, she says. She has just one weight-bearing machine in her studio. There's plenty of room to talk as evaluating clients and their eating habits is always the first step.

"Personality is what matters most to me," said Sasso, who has lived in the U.S. for years but retains a German accent. "I study nutrition through a client's behavior and psychology and that's how I get them to feel good." She loves to write and it



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Author Sylvia Sasso holds her new book, *The Topless Muffin*, in her studio Shaperella in Andover.

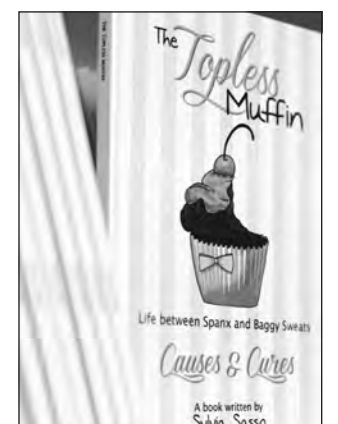
was one of those wake-up-in-the-middle-of-night moments when she realized she just had to write a book, she said. She realized she had enough material. Writing "The Topless Muffin" took nine months, and production took another three. Lenore Garnhum, who works at

Cristina's in the bridal building and also has an illustration business, illustrated the book.

"I've always believed in the power of words," Sasso said. "And this book is funny, which is important...a great girlfriend book." She's already started the

sequel, meant to be another humorous book that focuses on body image.

Sasso, a single mom who lives in North Andover with her 15-year-old son, has given nutrition talks for doctors and other groups at the Lanam Club in the past. Her local book launch happens at



THE TOPLESS MUFFIN

- **WHAT:** Book launch party
- **WHEN:** Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 to 7 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Lanam Club, 260 N. Main St., Andover
- **RSVP:** sylvia@The-Topless-Muffin.com, 978-886-0209
- **MORE INFO:** Books available at event, also on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble

the Lanam Club, 260 Main St., next Tuesday, Sept. 25.

"I know women are happier when they feel good about themselves. This book shows that women are not alone in their battle of the bulge," Sasso said. "My funny book will also make them laugh."

Bank has 30-Grand opening, benefitting youth



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Century Bank Andover held its grand opening celebration Thursday afternoon and also presented a \$30,000 donation to the Andover Youth Services Foundation. From left, cutting the ribbon, are Century Bank Executive Vice President Linda Sloane Kay; Andover Century Bank Branch Manager and Vice President, Holly Nahabedian; Century Bank President and CEO Barry Sloane; Linda and Barry's parents, Barbara and Marshall Sloane, Founder and Chairman of Century Bank; state Sen. Barry Finegold; Andover Selectman Alexander Vispoli, Paul Salafia and Mary Lyman.

Homebuyer Assistance Program expanding

The town has expanded its Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program to serve households with a larger assistance amount.

The program was started earlier this year to help would-be homebuyers purchase their first home in town. The program is available to eligible moderate-income households that have not owned a home in the past three years, with some exceptions. It provides money in the form of a forgivable loan with a maximum of 10 percent of the purchase price, up to \$15,000, according to need.

The program was originally designed to provide a maximum of \$10,000 assistance. The increased limit is available immediately.

The program was created by the Andover Housing Trust Fund with the assistance of Coastal Homebuyer Education, a non-profit organization that administers the program. According to Martha Solish, president of that organization, "This program is very useful in helping people who may have grown up in town and are ready to buy, but need an additional boost to afford their first home. We're pleased to be continuing our work with Andover on this program."

The loans are zero-interest, deferred-payment loans, and the borrower is required to use the home as a primary residence. The loan term is for five years, and can be forgiven after that time period, with no repayment required as long as the terms have been met. The maximum income limit varies by household size, with a limit of \$58,500 annual income for a household of three. This program is similar to one that was used for five of the units at the Brookside at Andover development in 2005.

An introduction to the program will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library. More details on the program may be found at coastalhedu.org or coastal-homebuyereducation.blogspot.com.

High five, open house for UnionStudio Yoga

UnionStudio Yoga of Andover will celebrate its fifth anniversary with an open house for UnionStudio students and the community this Sunday, Sept. 23 from noon to 4 p.m. at its 305 North Main St. location.

The studio will offer a variety of free classes for people to sample, as well as a reception with live music, refreshments, and the opportunity to meet with students and studio teachers. Visitors are also encouraged to donate nonperishable items to the Neighbors in Need food bank,

as a further way of sharing with others.

"We are extremely grateful for having established our roots in Andover," UnionStudio Yoga co-founder Connie Glore said in a release. "We want to acknowledge and celebrate all of those whose support has brought success to UnionStudio Yoga and our local yoga community. Combining our gathering with a food drive allows us to be helpful to Neighbors in Need, whose food pantries fill people's needs in other essential ways."

Four free celebration classes begin at noon and run for 45 minutes each, starting with a beginner class at 12 p.m., followed by a multi-level class at 12:45 p.m., a vinyasa class that links poses at 1:30 p.m., and a therapeutic yoga class at 2:15 p.m. that helps students to deeply relax, according to the yoga studio. Students may drop in to any or all of the classes and are welcome to stay for a reception from 3 to 4.

Patricia MacNeil and Connie Glore founded UnionStudio Yoga five years ago.

"At the time there weren't a lot of dedicated yoga studios in our area," according to co-owner Patricia MacNeil. "Our goal was to create a place with well-trained yoga teachers focused on offering a full, safe yoga practice to help the mind, body and spirit. This approach has resulted in a growing base of students who turn to yoga as a stable and strengthening force in their lives."

More than two hundred students practice regularly at UnionStudio Yoga, according to the business.

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STATEMENT FROM PHILLIPS ACADEMY

As always, our highest priority is the safety of our students. We offer many layers of support to ensure their well being while in our care. We have no reason to believe that any of our students were involved in, or affected by, Dr. Keller's alleged criminal behavior. These are the facts surrounding Dr. Keller's departure from Phillips Academy. Dr. Keller was employed for 19 years as the school's physician on a year-to-year contract. In April, 2011, Phillips Academy informed Dr. Keller that his annual contract would not be renewed. Dr. Keller resigned his appointment and left the school that same month.

The reasons for the school's decision not to renew his appointment involved professional misconduct unrelated to the charges Dr. Keller faces from the US Attorney's office. The facts that led up to the school's decision not to renew Dr. Keller's contract were several; no single incident led to this decision. The salient facts include the following. In 1999, Dr. Keller was reprimanded for using an academy computer to access pornography involving adult subjects. In 2002, Dr. Keller was reprimanded for showing an inappropriate cartoon to students. Dr. Keller was also cited for poor management and poor judgment, which led the school to place him on administrative probation in 2009. In 2010, Dr. Keller sent an inappropriate voice-mail message to a colleague at the school. Dr. Keller subsequently claimed that the school had discriminated against him. The school investigated Dr. Keller's claim and determined it to be groundless. Upon conclusion of that investigation, the school informed Dr. Keller that his contract would not be renewed for violating his administrative probation.

We will continue to assist the US Attorney's office in all aspects of this investigation, while responding to the needs of our community in the days ahead. We encourage anyone with any information as it pertains to these charges to contact the US Attorney's office at 617-748-3274.

**John Palfrey
Head of School**

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offer evidence in open court it believes proves Keller is a danger to society, said DiIorio-Sterling.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Law enforcement agents became aware of Keller while investigating a movie production company located outside the United States that operates a website selling DVDs and streaming videos, most of which "feature young minor boys," according to an affidavit in support of the criminal complaint against Keller. After reviewing records in the company's database, officials saw that Keller had made 19 orders between July 2009 and January 2011.

The items were delivered to Phillips Academy's Isham Student Health Center where Keller worked at the time. Keller used two Andover billing addresses, according to the document: the student health center and an Andover P.O. Box that he rented.

The complaint affidavit described a few of the movies that records indicated Keller had purchased, and that were also taken from Keller's home last week.

Keller appeared to spend \$179.51 on one of these films, a 2009 movie called "Igor" which among other scenes showed boys under 18 naked in the shower and at a spa, and playing naked Twister.

The document says that Keller bought over 50 separate titles from this company spending more than \$2,695.

If convicted, Keller faces a mandatory minimum of five years and up to 20 years in

prison per count.

YEARS AT PHILLIPS

The news of Keller's arrest came as a shock in Andover and on the campus of Phillips Academy.

"The school had no knowledge of his alleged involvement with child pornography. Absolutely nothing in his file pertains to that," said Sweet.

In addition to running the health center, Keller was one of several instructors who taught the health and wellness program at the school. He also taught a class for seniors interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

"He did not live in a dorm. He was a complementary house counselor — which means he assisted in the absence of a house counselor. He had dorm duty from time to time," said Sweet.

A search of Keller's name on the Phillips Academy website showed he was one of four faculty to get a specific grant from the Abbot Academy Association, which pays for dozens of grant proposals each year. The grant to Keller and three others was "to bring together student members of the Outliers [a student book club] with various faculty for dinner and fellowship."

While Keller spent 19 years as the medical director for a health center that is open 24 hours a day to both day students and those who live in the dorms, his career at Phillips was not without its issues. In the spring of 2011 he was told his contract would not be renewed for the 2012-13 school year.

While the school's contracts run through August,

Keller resigned that month, April 2011.

A statement from new head of school John Palfrey, who never worked with Keller, reads as follows: "The reasons for the school's decision not to renew his appointment involved professional misconduct unrelated to the charges Dr. Keller faces from the US Attorney's office... In 1999, Dr. Keller was reprimanded for using an academy computer to access pornography involving adult subjects. In 2002, Dr. Keller was reprimanded for showing an inappropriate cartoon to students. Dr. Keller was also cited for poor management and poor judgment, which led the school to place him on administrative probation in 2009. In 2010, Dr. Keller sent an inappropriate voice-mail message to a colleague at the school. Dr. Keller subsequently claimed that the school had discriminated against him. The school investigated Dr. Keller's claim and determined it to be groundless. Upon conclusion

of that investigation, the school informed Dr. Keller that his contract would not be renewed for violating his administrative probation."

EARLY MORNING RAID

For about a year, Keller has been living at Cyr Circle with a longtime female companion, a Phillips Academy teacher of Japanese, and the couple have a son who is about 1, according to several people who know them. She was in court when Keller entered his not guilty.

Federal agents arrived at Keller's home at 7 a.m. last Thursday, Sept. 13.

"They were there until 11 p.m. They were going through the house," said neighbor Mary Carbone. "Since '76 I've been living there. I never thought — well, nothing ever has happened like that."

The arrest brought to mind for many longtime Andover residents former Phillips Academy English teacher David Cobb, also known as the "Pumpkin Man." Like Keller,

Cobb's Andover home — on the PA campus — was searched by law enforcement officials, who removed many images deemed to be child pornography. Cobb, however, was charged with attempted sexual assault, in addition.

Cobb spent 11 years in a New Hampshire prison after being convicted of an attempted sexual assault and 321 counts of possessing child pornography.

Cobb was dubbed the "Pumpkin Man" because, when he was arrested in Farmington, N.H., he was carrying a knapsack filled with a pumpkin mask, child pornography, children's underwear, a camera and a handwritten list outlining payouts for certain activities such as "lotioning Pumpkin." He was wearing a shirt from a fictitious camp and had approached a 12-year-old boy. Prosecutors used the price list and pumpkin mask as evidence that Cobb was attempting to have sexual interaction with the preteen boy.

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Education

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UMass Amherst graduates

The University of Massachusetts Amherst recently reported that the following students received bachelor degrees from the state university on May 11, 2012: Douglas Allen, Zoe-Charlotte Cabaret-Salameh, Clara Chekanov, Corey Colbert, Matthew Davidson, Kaitlin Debelen, Kevin Drew, Julianna Dugan, Virginia Gibson, Alexander Hage, Cleo Hage, Stephanie Halks, Renee Hamilton, Aimee Jen, Hae Kim, Eric Lee, Kasey Leung, Meghan McGowan, Ronnie Micle, Ehsan Raad, Jennifer Ravikummar, Peter Saunders, Jaelyn Stackhouse, Joseph Terranova, Roger Tse, Victoria Vasilakis and Ryan Walsh.

Lapsa is fellow at John Jay Institute

Brian Lapsa has been accepted into the John Jay Institute in Philadelphia, Penn.

As a fellow at the John Jay Institute, Lapsa will participate in an intensive academic study of political theory, constitutional law, history, theology, philosophy, and ethics, and examine the influence of these subjects upon leadership in American society.

Lapsa is a Distinguished Graduate of the University of Virginia where he received a bachelor of arts degree in history with a minor in German in 2011.

During his years as an undergraduate, Lapsa received the UVA Intermediate Honors, which recognized his rank in the top 20 percent of his class, and earned his place on UVA's dean's list six semesters.

Lapsa hopes to study intellectual history in graduate school before pursuing a possible career in education.

O'Leary graduates law school

Ryan O'Leary, son of Debra O'Leary of Andover, received a juris doctor degree from New England Law in Boston on May 25, 2012.

He is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School and a 2008 graduate of Syracuse University.

While a student at New England Law, O'Leary completed an internship at Harrington Law Offices and was a student practitioner at Worcester County District Attorney's Office and the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

AUSTIN PREP HONOR ROLL

The following Andover students were named to the Austin Preparatory School fourth-quarter honor roll, according to a release from the school:

Distinction: Alicia Green, Maura Green and Aileen Kim.

Honors: Paula Arrigg, Matthew Belluche, Cecilia Bole, Christopher Dona, Matthew Dona, Anne Green, Ryan McDonough, Alessandra Merenna, Mary Margaret Sullivan and Emily Weidlein.

Beware the bird



If you wake up one morning this fall to find a flock of pink flamingos on your yard, don't be alarmed. An unusual fundraiser is returning to the Andover schools community. In exchange for a donation, people can have flocks of the plastic birds placed on anyone's yard they wished. It's meant to be in good fun, for a good cause.

File photo

'Popular' proves charming enough to pass readers' time

Teen Book Review: "Popular"

Rachel McIntosh

School is the most important part of any young person's life.

School is the thing that will make you or break, the thing that will most likely decide your fate in "the real world." It's the place where a billion raging entities are clashing, bending, and blending together in a mass of confusion and vulnerability. Or at least that's how it's shown in basically all teen media, including the novel "Popular" by Alissa Grosso.

Hamilton Best is what everyone at Fidelity High would call the queen bee. Confident, collected, and the leader of the town's most exclusive clique, she seems as close to perfection as one can get. But her boyfriend, Alex, is the one person who knows Hamilton is nothing like they think, and that the members of the clique are done with Hamilton. The only way the clique can get what they want is for Hamilton to fall. Hard. And that's exactly what they'll do while Hamilton

plummets deeper into the turmoil that is her life.

In short, "Popular" is an average novel. Though it is interesting, it isn't a blockbuster. But the purpose of writing is to entertain, and entertain it does. The plot of this book is anything but normal, with unexpected twists and turns. Grosso's writing also works out very well. She made the choice of telling the story in a diary-like form, which makes it all the more personal, relatable, and gives all the main characters a different voice. The multiple point-of-views add to this, shedding light on the darkest parts of everyone. Plus, the smooth, flowing dialogue is effective and natural.

The characters are also well developed. There are no major anomalies in behavior; everyone stays in the same mindset in a realistic way. But I think what surprised me the most about "Popular" is its general accuracy. Grosso's fictional school and social hierarchy is closer than most get it. She has found the rare middle ground in high school media, where problems like bullying exist, but do not spill into everything. Her portrayal of

complicated friendships is also very real.

But alas, this novel can be very, very strange at times. I won't give anything away, or else I would be quite the spoiler, but just be warned that it's not what you will typically find in a book about high school life. The twisting plot can be too complex and confusing, especially near the mid-point of the book. Plus, the story is slow. There are practically no action-packed scenes - boys beware - and emotional scenes are often few and far between. It's not that much of a setback, but it is something to consider before grabbing this book off the shelf. Also, though the characters are pretty realistic, some of the meanness is over the top. And finally, there are just too many members of the clique. I couldn't even get all of their names right until about halfway through.

But in the end, "Popular" is a nice little book. Though it isn't the next "Harry Potter" or "Hunger Games," it's something to read until one comes along. It falls somewhere along the lines of a 7.5 on my scale.

Rachel McIntosh is a student at Wood Hill Middle

How to have 'The Big Talk' with your kids

This year's series of Parent to Parent speakers is set to begin next Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Doherty Middle School auditorium, Memorial Auditorium, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

"The Big Talk: How to Have The Conversation Again... and Again" will be hosted by Cheryl Todisco, Sandy Lunt and Stacey Consiglio, health educators for Doherty, West and Wood Hill middle schools in town.

"Join us for a panel discussion highlighting the Andover Middle School Parent to Parent's Jennifer Growth and Development Program. Current adolescent attitudes, beliefs and behaviors regarding sexuality and relationships will

be presented, along with an overview of Andover's middle school health curriculum. Parents will learn the top ten tips for talking with their kids about

sexuality along with strategies that empower youth to make healthy choices. This program will ensure that parents and adolescents can keep the channel of communication open and reciprocal through the challenging middle school years," according to a release from Andover Parent to Parent's Jennifer DelMonaco.

This talk is deemed appropriate for parents of elementary and middle school children by Parent to Parent.

Local high schools boast National Merit semifinalists

Two Andover High students are among the thousands nationwide in the running for National Merit Scholarships, having been named semifinalists.

Andover High School students Evan Doyle and Stan Huang have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Also selected were Phillips Academy students Sahil Bhaiwala, Jeremy Chen, Connie Cheng, Tyler Devlin, Emily Field, Virginia Fu, Michael Garai, James Garth, Samuel Khalandovsky, Skanda Koppula, Anjali Krishnamachar, Darlina Liu, Nickhil Nabar, Annika Neklason, Patrick Niedzielski, Chien Hong Png, Jing Qu, Lillian Scherlis, Katherine Shih, Jennifer Sluka, Nathaniel Smith, Dakyoung Song, Mackenzie Strabala, Gregory Wang, Justin Wang, Rachel Wittenberg and Gregory Young.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit

Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and honors and awards received.

A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn sat scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

Monkeying around



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ ROOS

West Elementary student Yashvi Gosalia enjoys some down time back during the first day of school.

Stained glass course offered through NECC

Stained Glass for the Beginner, a five-week, noncredit class taught by stained glass artist Carolyn Giddinge, owner of Cat's Eye Glass Creations in Amesbury, will be offered Sept. 25 through Oct. 23 at her studio through Northern Essex Community

College's Personal Enrichment Program.

Participants will learn to create a 10 x 12 stained glass art panel in the color and design of choice in a studio setting using the copper foil method. Materials needed include safety glasses and a

disposable surgical mask. All other tools provided at the studio. Class size is limited to 6.

The class is Tuesdays 6:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$149 with a \$25 materials fee.

To register, call 978-556-3700 or visit the one-stop registration in the Behrakis Building

on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., or room L100 on the Lawrence Campus, 45 Franklin St. For additional information contact Mary Shattuck at 978-659-1237 or mshattuck@necc.mass.edu or Vanessa Pepin at 978-659-1207 or vpepin@necc.mass.edu.

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In Brief

Topsfield Fair seeks pageant contestants

Mrs. Essex County

The Mrs. Essex County Pageant will crown the 42nd Mrs. Essex County at this year's Topsfield Fair.

Not a beauty competition, the Mrs. Essex County Pageant invites entries of married women living in Essex County, over the age of 18, with general appearance, poise, outgoing personality, and spirit of volunteerism. Contestants also submit a homemade food item for judging.

The pageant's unwavering mission through

the decades has been to celebrate the role of the contemporary, married woman who exemplifies a multi-faceted commitment to family, work, community, as well as herself.

This year's pageant will be held in Coolidge Hall on the Topsfield Fairgrounds on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. Applications can be downloaded from the Exhibitor's Handbook found at www.topsfieldfair.org. Entry deadline is Thursday, Oct. 4 at 10 p.m. For more information, contact pageant coordinators Carrie Crouch at 978-683-3256 or Cathy Carroll at 978-975-3972.

Junior King & Queen Pageant contestants

Every year the Topsfield Fair hosts a pageant for children between the ages of 5 and 8 years old to become the Junior King and Queen and serve as a representative of the Fair at local parades and other events throughout the year.

This year's pageant will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 on the Trianon Stage.

All contestants are asked to be dressed in casual attire. Each child will be interviewed on stage and be judged according to general appearance, conduct, and personality.

To enter your child, applications can be found on the main page of the Topsfield Fair web site at www.topsfieldfair.org under the "Exhibitions Handbook" section, or call the Topsfield Fair office at 978-887-5000.

Entry deadline is Friday, Sept. 28.

Chronic diseases workshop

On Sept. 26, Merrimack Valley Hospital will begin hosting "My Life, My Health," a free six-week workshop to help people better manage chronic diseases.

Chronic disease self-management workshops are for anyone living with ongoing medical conditions such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson's disease, stroke and more.

Chronic disease, pain and discomfort can limit the activities people enjoy. These workshops help participants learn to eat well, control pain, begin an exercise program, handle stress, relax and increase energy levels.

The six-week workshop, offered through Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, will meet on Wednesdays, Sept. 26 through Nov. 7, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the hospital's first-floor auditorium, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill.

For more information or to register, call Sheila Hewitt at 978-946-1211.

UMass Lowell's Brown-Warren debate is Oct. 1

The debate at UMass Lowell between Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown and Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren is set for Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.

David Gregory of NBC's "Meet the Press" will moderate the one-hour debate,

which will be held at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell. WHDH-TV, NBC's Boston affiliate, will broadcast the debate live.

"I am thrilled to be moderating this debate in one of the most closely watched Senate races in the country. I don't think there is any better way for voters to take the measure of these candidates than to see them answering tough questions on the issues that people care about," said Gregory, who will pose questions to the candidates.

UMass Lowell students will ask questions of the candidates from the audience. Students from other colleges and universities in Massachusetts will be invited to attend, along with the public; information on how to obtain free tickets will be announced at a later date. The public will also be able to participate via social media including Facebook and Twitter. Other media organizations, including those interested in airing or streaming the debate live, are also invited.

Freedom from Smoking Program

The American Lung Association's "Freedom from Smoking Program," a group program which provides different smoking cessation techniques, will begin Monday, Oct. 15 and consist of eight sessions over the course of seven weeks.

The program will include studying your smoking habits, building motivation, winning strategies, stress management, weight

control, active fun and exercise and assertive communication. Cost is \$125. This program will be held at Beverly Hospital at Danvers, 480 Maple St., Danvers, in Conference Room A located inside the main entrance.

For more information or to register, call 978-304-8020.

October health clinics

The Andover health department will offer senior center clinics on Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 978-623-8295.

Free seminar with Pulitzer nominee

The American College of History and Legal Studies and Massachusetts School of Law will host a free seminar this fall at the Andover law school entitled "For the Union and Freedom: The Battle of Antietam."

The free seminar will be led by Professor Michael B. Chesson, the founding professor and dean at the American College of History and Legal Studies, and former Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts/Boston. Chesson is the author of four books about the Civil War, and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in history.

The seminar will be Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at Mass. School of Law, 500 Federal St., Andover. People are asked to RSVP by Sept. 19 as seating is limited.

For more information or to register, contact Maureen Mooney at info@achls.org or 603-458-5145, ext. 11. Guests can also reserve a seat online at atachls.org.

Free booklets available from VNA Care Network & Hospice

"Choosing Hospice," a guide to specialized care for the terminally ill, is available for free from VNA Care Network & Hospice, a nonprofit agency that provides physical, emotional, practical and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their families in Andover and surrounding communities.

The booklet answers common questions about hospice and gives a list of resources.

To receive a free copy of the guide, call VNA Care Network & Hospice email info@vnacarenetwork.org or call 800-728-1862.

Help replace veterans' flag on Oct. 21

On Sunday morning, Oct. 21, Andover Veterans, cadets, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery on Abbot Street to replace 3,600 flags on the graves of deceased Andover Veterans.

The process takes about 90 minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover's history up close.

In case of inclement weather, the flags will be placed on graves at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. For more information, call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

Patriotic concert at Collins Center

The director of the town Veterans' Service Office will host a patriotic concert

featuring "the president's own" United States Marine Band on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. at the Collins Center at Andover High School.

Stop by the Andover Veterans' Service Office after Sept. 16 for tickets or mail a self addressed stamped envelope to the Veterans' Office. Mailed requests must be received by the Veterans Office no later than Oct. 5 to ensure processing. Please indicate how many tickets you need - limit of four tickets per request.

Tickets are also available at the Andover Senior Center.

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■ RELIGION

Special memorial service at Beverly Hospital

Beverly Hospital will conduct a special memorial service in loving memory of infants who have passed away. The non-denominational service will take place on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at The Herrick House Assisted Living on the upper campus of Beverly Hospital, 85 Herrick St., Beverly. To attend call the Community

Relations Department at 978-283-4000, ext. 585.

West Parish Church Chocolate Fair

Homemade chocolate chip cookies, brownies, cake pops, whoopee pies, Oreos and many more treats are the star attractions of the West Parish Annual Chocolate Fair Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover.

Gift certificates and gift baskets will be available for raffles.

Proceeds will go to local food and fuel charities that West Parish supports.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 children under 8.

For tickets, call 978-475-3902 or email westparishchurch@verizon.net. Tickets will also be available at the door.

■ 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, 1820 Turnpike St., Suite 106 in North Andover, will host 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.

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.

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.

Coping with Loss

Hope in the Midst of Grief, an 8-week bereavement support group will be held at Saints Medical Center, Lowell, MA starting on Wednesday, May 3 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Registration 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 to 11 a.m. at the Dracut 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.

Down syndrome

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

Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working

together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

Chronic disease

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

Diabetes

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

Divorce Care

A support group for anyone separated or divorced. A new 13-week session is starting Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Parish House of Free Christian Church 28 Elm St., Andover. Contact John 978-470-0327.

HIV/AIDS

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

Lyme disease

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

Mental health

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 978-475-0875.

■ OBITUARIES

Priscilla B. "Putt" (Thompson) White, 67

May 26, 1945 — September 1, 2012

HAVERHILL-ANDOVER — Priscilla B. "Putt" (Thompson) White, a longtime resident of Andover, died at her home in Haverhill on September 1, 2012.



She was former wife of David B. White of Andover and the companion of the late Patrick Sheehan. Born in Fall River on May 26, 1945, Priscilla was the beloved daughter of the late Kenneth P. and Ruth (Bean) Thompson.

Putt was the store manager for her father's office supply store in Andover for many years. She was also a Customer Service Representative at Putnam Investments also in Andover.

She will be missed by her children, David W. White of Moscow Mills, Mo., Barbara R. White of Leominster, and Elizabeth B. and her husband Charles P. Raymond of Ashby;

her grandchildren, Micaela Dolan, Kelsey R., Mitchell D., Rebecca D. and Timothy M. White, and Emily B. and Bradley C. Raymond; as well as her siblings, Eleanor Page, Alan and Douglas Thompson, and Nancy Barcelos; and many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 22 at South Church, 41 Central Street, Andover, followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Arc of Opportunity of North Central Massachusetts, a non-profit organization that serves individuals with developmental disabilities, at www.arcopportunity.org or (978) 343-6662. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Irene M. (Nemeth) Daly, 82

March 14, 1930 — September 16, 2012

BOXFORD AND ANDOVER — Irene M. (Nemeth) Daly, 82, formerly of Andover died September 16, at her home in Boxford. She was born on



March 14, 1930 to the late Frank and Anna (Tevis) Nemeth in Burgettstown, Pa. Raised and educated in Burgettstown she was a graduate of Burgettstown High School.

She was a parishioner of St. Michaels Church in North Andover and a former parishioner of St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Andover. She was very active in both parishes. Irene was a homemaker raising her four sons as her family was her greatest passion in life.

Irene is survived by her husband of 56 years James W. Daly Sr. of Boxford; sons, Richard Daly and his wife Sheila of Andover, Robert Daly and his wife Nancy of Andover, Kevin Daly and his wife Cathleen of Allston, and James Daly Jr. and his wife Carolyn of Little-

ton; grandchildren, Shawn, Katelyn, Deborah, Matthew, Alex, Carley and Cameron; brother, George Nemeth of Burgettstown, Pa; sisters Elizabeth Kinnen of Pittsburgh, Pa, Margorie McMullin of Weirton, W Va., and Mary Lou McClain of Burgettstown, Pa, as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St. Andover, MA. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Thursday at St. Michaels Church in North Andover followed by burial at West Parish Cemetery in Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made in Irene's name to the Alzheimer's Association 311 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02472 or to Merrimack Valley Hospice 360 Merrimack St Lawrence, MA 01843. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Free public program on striped bass, river herring

Dr. Gary Nelson of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries will present a free public lecture entitled "The Current Status of Striped Bass and River Herring on the Atlantic Coast" at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge visitor center on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30

p.m. This free evening presentation is part of the Friends of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge's monthly "coffee house" lecture series. The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport.

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Sports

'Major breakthrough'

Bentley excels in multiple sports

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Standing 6-foot-2 1/2, Emma Bentley holds a certain advantage the moment she steps up to the pool to start a race.

"When I do my start I'm already about five feet in front of everyone else because of my height," she said with a laugh. "So being tall certainly helps a lot in swimming."

Now in her senior season for the powerhouse Andover High swim team, Bentley has already begun a breakout campaign in the pool, and she credits her training in a very different sport for her growth as a swimmer.

"I had trained very hard for basketball all summer," said Bentley. "That training made me feel stronger, and I really feel like my hard work is paying off in swimming."

The proof is in the numbers so far, as last week she cut a whopping five seconds off her previous career-best 100 backstroke time.

"She had a major breakthrough," said Golden Warriors coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "She really devoted herself to basketball, and I attribute her improvement (in swimming) to the work she did in the offseason. Even if it wasn't in the pool, it made her better."

A reserve on the basketball team last winter, when the Warriors won their third straight Division 1 state title, Bentley committed herself this summer to



DAVID LE/Staff Photo

Emma Bentley credits her training as a basketball player for her huge improvement as a swimmer this fall, already crushing a personal best.

prepare to play a major role on the 2012-13 basketball team.

"We did a lot of running, which is very different from swimming, and some weight training," she said. "I also played AAU with coach (Jim) Tildsley. I think the running really helped build up my leg muscles."

Right away, when she returned to the pool this fall, she could sense a major difference.

"Thanks to the cross training I feel so much stronger," she said. "My swimming stroke is a lot stronger than it had been. That made it easier to swim faster."

The evidence showed up right away in the Golden Warriors' first meet of the season last week, when she won the 100 backstroke in 1:05.61, shattering her previous best by just over five seconds.

"When I looked up at the scoreboard I thought, 'That must be wrong,'" she said. "I wondered if maybe I never touched to finish. I was so happy. Last year I was struggling to make sectional, now I have already

qualified for states."

Maybe no one was more thrilled than her coach.

"A five-second drop is monumental," said Fitzgerald. "If someone drops two seconds off it is a big deal. Emma is a drop-dead sprinter, which means she sticks to the short races. Her height is a huge advantage because she has a much longer reach than most."

Bentley now has her eyes set on continuing that success the rest of the swim season, then continuing that into basketball.

"I want to make states in the 50 and 100 freestyle and swim a better time in every race," she said. "I would also like to get down to 1:02 in the 100 backstroke."

"In basketball, I want to contribute rebounding to the team. Coach Tildsley said that is what he is looking for from me. I love basketball, and I think we still have some very good players on the team. I feel like I can earn the playing time and contribute."

Bentley, who scored wins as a member of the 200 medley relay and 200

freestyle relay in Andover's second meet of the season, is also a star in the classroom. She scored a 1,990 on the SATs and has a 4.0 GPA. She has spoken to schools such as Wesleyan University, NYU and Vassar, and hopes to earn the opportunity to play basketball wherever she attends.

Fitzgerald isn't about to doubt Bentley in anything she sets her mind to.

"The thing that was most exciting is she saw the direct result of her hard work," said Fitzgerald.

"Nothing makes you happier as a coach than when someone works hard, does the right things and it makes a difference. I'm not sure who was happier about that time (in the 100 backstroke), her, me or her parents. She is a hard-working, dedicated athlete."

David Willis is a sports writer/videographer for The Eagle-Tribune. You can see his video profiles at andovertownsmen.com/sports

Girls cross country rolls, boys take win

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Leila Aruri took first (17:46) and Meghan McPhee was second (18:20) as Andover took four of the top five spots on the way to blasting North Andover 19-39 in its season-opener last Wednesday. Sarah Rothman (third, 18:29) and Cate Donovan (fifth, 18:43) added key finishes for the winners on the 2.85-mile course.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Behind a second-place finish for Max Galat (15:36) and a third for Peter McDunn (15:30) over 2.85 miles Andover edged North Andover 26-31 last Wednesday. Hamva Naveed (sixth, 16:13) and Doug Lewis (seventh, 16:16) added crucial finishes for the winners.

VOLLEYBALL

Wait leads the way

Liz Wait tallied 13 kills, nine blocks and 15 service points, all team-highs, as Andover beat Chelmsford 25-15, 25-11, 25-13 on Friday. Lauren Murtagh added nine assists and Sarah Weimer had nine digs.

Molly Cronin recorded team-highs in service points (9), kills (8) and blocks (6) as Andover rolled past Dracut 25-15, 25-14, 25-11 last Wednesday. Lauren Murtagh chipped in with 10 assists and Sarah Weimer had six digs for the winners.

BOYS SOCCER

Collins, Andover score win

Declan Collins scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover beat Lawrence 3-0 last Tuesday. Kyle Surehan made 12 saves for the shutout while Drew Johnson and Mike

Maldari stayed red hot with a goal each.

Despite 11 saves for Connor Merinder, Andover lost to Westford Academy 1-0 on Saturday.

SWIMMING

Korsberg sisters dominate

Ashlee Korsberg won the 200 freestyle (1:58.10), Alexa Korsberg took the 100 butterfly (1:02.07), Emma Cammann won the 50 freestyle (25.37), Shannon Fitzsimmons took the 100 breaststroke (1:16.30) and they all teamed to win the 200 medley relay as Andover rolled over rival Haverhill 105-76 last Tuesday. Maggie D'Innocenzo won the 100 freestyle and Emma Bentley took the 100 breaststroke for the Golden Warriors, who recorded coach Marilyn Fitzgerald's 200th of her career.

Maggie D'Innocenzo was up to her dominant ways, winning the 200 IM (2:08.93) and 500 freestyle (5:05.34) and swimming on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover topped Methuen 101-80 on Friday. Deborah Daly won the diving, Soojin Kim took the 100 freestyle and Emma Bentley swam on a pair of winning relays.

FIELD HOCKEY

Smith paces Warriors

Briana Smith and Meagan Keefe each scored a first-half goal for Andover, who finished off a 2-1 win over Chelmsford last Wednesday. Nicole Schena made seven saves for the win, and Julia LeBlanc added an assist for the Warriors.

GIRLS SOCCER

Biles records shutout

Andover's Olivia Biles needed to make three saves to pre-serve a 0-0 tie with Winchester on Saturday.

Heikkinen's huge day leads Warriors to blowout

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Lining up next to Will Heikkinen on nearly every play, Andover's Cam Farnham has a better view than anyone at the performance of his fellow receiver.

So when Farnham, the latest in the line of great Farnham receivers, paid his teammate the ultimate compliment, it is tough to argue.

"I think Will is the best receiver in the state," said Farnham. "You can just tell, when he is lined up on the outside opponents are afraid. They can't stop him. He has the size, the speed and the hands to do anything. He is a Division 1 player."

After Heikkinen's performance against Gloucester, it's hard to argue Farnham's assessment.

Heikkinen caught 10 passes for a whopping 202 yards and a touchdown as the Golden Warriors rolled over struggling Gloucester 43-7 on Friday.

"We knew the corners would playing 8-10 yards off the ball," said the 6-foot-1, 195-pound Heikkinen. "So we knew if we got the ball out quick we could pick up yards, and when they started playing tight we went deep."

Heikkinen, who caught

52 passes for 771 yards and 11 touchdowns last season, was limited to four catches in Week 1, but took full advantage of the coverage on Friday.

"Will came up huge," said tight end Andrew Deloury. "They really double-covered him all game last week, and they couldn't do that this week since me and Cam broke out last week. So today was his first big game."

Heikkinen was especially dominant in the first half, with nine grabs for a whopping 179 yards. He played just a series in the second half with the score well out of reach. His touchdown came on an impressive catch in the back of the end zone.

Looking to his favorite target often, quarterback C.J. Scarpa continued his amazing to start to the season. He connected on 17-of-29 passes for 315 and an amazing five touchdowns, giving him eight in just two games.

Linebacker Mark Zavrl was again a monster on defense with 12 tackles and an interception, facing Gloucester's wing-T offense. Tackle Nathan Altman made six tackles, Ben Hartford made four big stops and Ommel Bonilla added five tackles of his own. Chas Heseltine chipped in with six tackles as well.

"I could say something

great about just about everyone on the defense," said linebacker Adam Ladd, who also made six stops. "We weren't happy with our effort against North Andover, so I feel like we stepped up."

UP NEXT:

Here's a look at Andover football's opponent for Game 3 of the season:

Who: Methuen (0-2)
When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: At Methuen

Methuen last week: Lost to Malden 25-22

Key Methuen player: Austin George-Williams 26 carries, 147 yards rushing; 18-38-4 passing, 270 passing; 5 total TDs

Andover 43, Gloucester 7

Gloucester (0-2): 0 0 0 7 — 7

Andover (2-0): 17 7 6 13 — 43

First Quarter
A — Andrew Deloury 7 pass from C.J. Scarpa (Mark Zavrl kick), 9:37

A — Zavrl 20 field goal, 5:11

A — Scarpa 1 run (Zavrl kick), 0:55

Second Quarter
A — Cam Farnham 37 pass from Scarpa (Zavrl kick), 6:14

Third Quarter
A — Will Heikkinen 23 pass from Scarpa (kick failed), 7:50

Fourth Quarter
A — Kenny Doherty blocked punt recovery in end zone (Zavrl kick), 5:53

G — Jon Good 19 run (Santo Parisi kick), 4:33

A — Jesse Greaves 28 run (kick failed), 2:28

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: A (7-122) — Jesse Greaves 6-38, Mark Zavrl 3-30, Connor McCullough 2-26, C.J. Scarpa 1-17, Brandon Mari 4-10, Kevin Chen 1-1; G (33-163) — Zach Smith 16-60, Mark Hogan 7-36, Jon Good 4-35, Santo Parisi 1-14, Jordan Palizola 3-15, Mike Decaro 2-3

PASSING: A — Scarpa 17-29-0, 315, Andrew Deloury 1-1-0, 12; G — Parisi 3-8-1, 75

RECEIVING: A — Will Heikkinen 10-202, Cam Farnham 1-37, Deloury 3-29, Evan Singleton 2-27, Warri 1-20, Zavrl 1-11; G — Carlo Cracchio 2-55, Good 1-20



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Gloucester was seeing the back of Will Heikkinen's No. 85 jersey plenty on Friday. He caught 10 passes for 202 yards as Andover rolled to victory.

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FROM THE COMMUNITY

Topsfield Fair to host first 5K road race

The Topsfield Fair will host its first-ever 5K road race to help support the Essex Agricultural Society's College

Scholarship fund on Sunday, Sept. 23. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., with the race starting at 10 a.m. The race begins and ends at the Topsfield Fairgrounds,

207 Boston Street (Route 1) in Topsfield. The registration fee is \$25 and includes the race, t-shirt (for the first 200 people to register), refreshments and music after the race.

Entry forms can be completed and submitted at www.Topsfieldfair.org. Online registration is available for runners paying by credit card. Runners paying by check need to download the form

from the site and mail it to Topsfield Fair, 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983. Prizes will be awarded to the man and woman with the fastest time in each of the following divisions: Under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 and over.

Maguranis explains that the coyote is a shy animal with a natural fear of people who provide us with important benefits by controlling rodent and pest populations and protecting the ecosystem. However, coyotes will pursue their goal of getting a meal. To prevent issues, he recommends that residents: keep all outside food secure, including bird feeders; keep small pets such as cats indoors, and keep close supervision of dogs if animals, as part of its educational outreach, recently filmed a half-hour TV show that addresses the subject of how to live in harmony with coyotes.

CoPAL presents program on living with coyotes

Coalition to Protect Animals Locally, a local non-profit group that works on behalf of our community animals, as part of its educational outreach, recently filmed a half-hour TV show that addresses the subject of how to live in harmony with coyotes. One of CoPAL's volunteers, Lois Karfunkel, with the assistance of Tom Adams and Carolyn Kane, interviews John Maguranis, a specialist with Project-Coyote, a national program about the facts concerning

This will cause the animal to flee. Such measures should prevent conflicts and the very rare case of injury to persons or pets. The program may be viewed on Andover Cable, or at www.andovervt.org.

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Opinion

Andover Day a shiny success

There was a time when an annual event called Bazaar Days was all the rage. Downtown businesses would hold sidewalk sales and church groups might sell some food and people would flock to Main Street and a few select side streets for a bit of shopping and conversation. Over the years, though, fewer and fewer people were doing more of the work. Eventually Bazaar Days was no more.

But its spirit was missed by many. When a new downtown group, the Andover Business Center Association, was formed, it decided to create a similar event that would offer more than sidewalk sales. Andover Day was born, and that baby sure has grown.

Anyone who was downtown Saturday would have to say the ABCA has succeeded in creating one of Andover's best annual events — and one that highlights much of what is available in town. While it's cliché to say an event offers “something for everyone,” it's hard to argue against that being the case. With a stage on each end of Main Street and Art in the Park a block away, there was plenty of music and other art. Carnival rides, face painting, balloons and other activities were available to children. There were raffles and fundraisers for nonprofits and charities important to Andover. People interested in joining a group could learn about the many civic groups that town offers. There was a variety of food, and lots of opportunity to talk with people. The picture-perfect day couldn't have been much better to allow people to hang out downtown and take a good look at all the different, local businesses it has to offer.

Several new or on-their-way-here businesses made a point of being at the event to introduce themselves. Rarely will they have such a chance to show their goods, and highlight their services, to so many people in one day. Jean Smith, who has opened Sense of Wonder in the 27 Main St. space that was previously home to Stride Rite, talked about how important it was for her to move to Andover and to be open for Andover Day. “We were fortunate enough to be able to be open for this. Technically, we are probably only 80 percent of the way there and we faked the rest. Being downtown is important to us,” she said. “It was nice to walk in and have kind of a pre-made event right here.”

Congratulations to all involved for creating a great community event, and an event that helps both residents and downtown businesses. It's one that let's people see how much Andover and its downtown have to offer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Andover dams to protect history, river

Editor, Townsman:

A recent Boston newspaper article about the removal of Andover dams pointed out pros and cons on how this complicated issue can disturb the environment. The issue at hand requires removing three dams in Andover and it seems money is available for individuals to get rid of something that has been part of the fabric of this town.

Two dams were part of the industrial history of the industries that once flourished in Andover; the other dam decorative. The loss of the Marland Mills is supported by Atria Marland Place an outfit that tries to make senior living better, but the destruction of a waterfall would change that image. The Ballardvale dam, also part of the historical industrial base, is safe for now as the Shawshen River Office Condominium Association opposed its removal. The Balmoral dam is harmless, unless it's abused by those who aren't safety minded.

Somewhere in our past history, something happened to the dam at the old Smith and Dove mills. I was even told it was blown up! Were the dam busters active then?

I request all those who want to get rid of the Andover dams to look at the Shawshen River just up a bit on Red Spring Road and look for the river as it hardly exists because of weeds and mud. The waterflow there is negligible. Before the demise of that important dam, people swam, fished and skated on the Shawshen River and admired a great body of water. Now river land is available to relocate that elusive town yard location.

Robert Stefani
332 South Main St.

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NOTHING BUT BLUE SKIES



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Michelle Corey of North Andover helps fix her friend's display of sunglasses from Nest during Andover Day.

Andover's quarter billion dollar secret: underfunded retirements

Greg Rigby

For decades the town managers and selectmen have written blank checks for the employee retirement benefits they negotiate in contracts.

Retirement benefits are tied to employee wages and over time, as wages increase, the benefits increase through cost of living allowances, promotions, longevity increases, and additional education achievements. The town manager and selectmen have decided that rather than pay for all the retirement benefits when they are earned to postpone paying for more than half of them until they are due, essentially shifting today's benefit burden to future taxpayers. This process is called PayGo.

This, of course, means the future liability or debt gets larger every year, but it also means more money is available in the current year to fund new projects like a youth center, a new town yard, or a boathouse on the Merrimack. It's an easy choice until the benefits have to be paid in a future years. As long as the taxpayers don't notice the growing debt it's not a problem until the employees want their benefits paid.

This is similar to paying only half of your monthly mortgage payment and

spending the “savings” on an annual Disney World vacation. It's an easy decision with the kids, and much more fun, but your mortgage grows larger each year. As long as the bank doesn't notice the growing mortgage balance it's not a problem until they want their money.

Until recently towns did not report these growing liabilities ANYWHERE. They weren't “required” to report them, so even though they were real and they existed the thought process was, why upset the taxpayer?

The problem with my analogy, is that unlike taxpayers who get information on town financials at the discretion of the town management and the politicians, banks actually know if you're not paying your full mortgage every month.

When the stock and real estate markets were flying high in the wild 1980s and '90s this approach appeared to work pretty well. Investment returns offset a good portion of the shortfall in funding. However, in spite of these market trends Andover and other towns were building large deficits in future benefits. At its best, Andover reached a high of 80 percent funding of the pension money only in one year (which by the way is the minimum for private sector

funding — under 80 percent, the pensions are considered at risk).

Then came the market collapses of the last decade and no longer did the town have a bottomless pit of revenues, yet the retirement debts continued to grow. The town manager and selectmen, assumed the position of a flock of ostriches and buried their heads in the sand content in believing the markets would recover and solve the problem. These debts, after all, were not “on the books.”

By 2009 the town could no longer ignore the retirement debt they had accumulated and the regulators were requiring full disclosure of the future benefit liability. When the town leaders took their heads out of the sand in 2009 they owed nearly \$300 million in “unfunded retirement liabilities” or debts. As one selectman said in the fall of 2011 at the mid year revue, “I can't get my hands around this OPEB liability...where did this come from?” The answer was simple, over the years the selectmen promised it in contracts never understanding what the future liability would become, but never asking that question either. Each year they kicked the can down the road adding a few stones to the can.

Today the can is heavy with

stones and it hurts to kick it any further.

So, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, which solution will the town leaders choose? Will they negotiate lower benefits by going up against the unions in town and the union-supported state legislature? Will they begin to pay the full benefit expense each year, at a cost of more than an additional \$9 million in 2011 and more in each subsequent year and reduce town services accordingly? Will they assess each property in the town to cover the full benefit expense, requiring a more than 20 percent increase in the average tax bill? I suspect, if history is any indication, they will continue to propose new pet projects and go back to imitating a flock of ostriches while the debt grows by a few more million each year.

This fall I will be submitting a series of columns on these unfunded liabilities to show why municipal employees and taxpayers should be concerned about the underfunded pension plan. It is a potential time bomb that could easily devalue Andover real estate in one single act.

Andover resident Greg Rigby is an independent investment advisor and past member of the Andover Finance Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building inspector's career defined by her dedication

Editor, Townsman:

With respect to the recent story of Kaija Gilmore's difficulty, let me hasten to say that “outrage” has become too common as the currency for public discourse. As I think of Kaija, I can say she always impressed me as bright, dedicated, and a bit brusque.

In fact, when I was on the Board of Selectmen, I was not in favor of hiring her, but did vote for her appointment when the town manager assured me he was asking her to attend training in people skills. Frankly, she blossomed. Though always direct (sometimes painfully), she helped Andover in many ways. Her good work saved us when the High School expansion was built. She was always logical and devoted to the best in any building enterprise.

As to the present episode, bear in mind it was after hours. She should not have gone to the site but did so when summoned. This was a sad error in judgment. Outrage does not summarize my feelings. Sadness does. Therefore, I rise to wish Kaija Gilmore well and to thank her for her work in Andover. I hope healing and recovery will occur, and her considerable gifts will come shining through.

Dr. Larry Larsen

28 Andover St.
The writer was an Andover selectman from 1991 to 2000.

Business owner says Finegold's action won her vote

Editor, Townsman:

My family and I have been small business owners in North Andover for 30 years and like many others in the area, lost phone, credit card and Internet services due to the fire set in Lawrence. Unlike others, our services were not fully restored until Friday, Sept. 12, twelve days after the fire.

We reported we were without service to Verizon on Monday, Aug. 27 and upon learning the extent of the problem understood it could be days without service. We made a conscious decision to give Verizon time to restore service and did not contact them again until Wednesday, Aug. 29. For the next week we called daily to get an update only to hear that they were working on it. On Wednesday, Sept. 5 we were told that we were scheduled to be fully restored by 10 p.m. that night.

When we still didn't have service Thursday, we contacted Verizon and were told that our “ticket” had been closed. One of our seven lines had been restored and a mistake had been made when the problem was originally

reported so we'd need to wait an additional four days. There was no way to get it done earlier.

At that point, having exhausted all of my other options, I contacted State Sen. Barry Finegold's office to see if he could help. He and his staff were eager to help solve our problem. Within minutes I had a call from a Verizon supervisor and a half an hour later four Verizon trucks were at my business. All service was restored within 24 hours.

Without Finegold's intervention, our business would not have had our service restored for days. Finegold cares about small businesses in the Merrimack Valley and understands their needs. I urge people to vote for Senator Finegold in November. He saved us from losing clients and got our service back when we were told it couldn't be done.

He was there for us when we needed him and he will always be there for you.

Donna Christopoulos
10 Hampton Lane, Andover

The writer is the owner of Design Lighting, 350 Winthrop Ave, Route 114, in North Andover.

State Rep. candidate: Lawrence mayor must resign

Editor, Townsman:

I have called for Lawrence

Mayor William Latigua's resignation. I also call for all elected and other public officials (including my opponent for the 17th Essex state representative seat, the Lawrence City Council president), to state their intentions on the matter.

The blatantly obvious is often referred to “passing the smell test.” Hints and allegations, recall efforts, intimidation, conduct unbecoming and now indictments have no place in government, and every public official, elected or otherwise, should reveal their intentions on the resignation calls before us as the Laplante 4 so courageously have done. Hiding behind statements such as “they deserve their day in court,” “let justice to do its job,” or “support” is cowardice, politically opportunistic (or hopeful) and just plain falling down on the civic responsibility of which officials have publicly sworn.

For many of us who stand with the Laplante 4, look to restore a level of civic professionalism and pride, and are not afraid to show a backbone in its process, this case stinks worse than the Tanares trash truck.

Kevin M. Cuff
Beacon Street

Cuff is an Andover resident running as an independent candidate for the new 17th Essex state representative seat that will represent parts of Andover, Lawrence and Methuen.

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TOWN TALK

Andover home to be reality TV star

Watch out, Honey Boo Boo. An Andover home is hitting the reality TV circuit, if only for one episode.

HGTV's "House Hunters" was in Andover Saturday shooting segments at a three-bedroom ranch for sale at 104 Bailey Road. On the show, home buyers visit three homes and then pick one to make an offer on.

The home is listed at \$369,000, according to information from agent Lisa Johnson. The episode with the Andover home will likely not be televised for several

months.
— Neil Fater

Battle of the bands stepping off soon

Speaking of the marching band, it will host, for the first time, the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductor's Association Performance Festival at Andover High School's Lovely Field on Sunday Oct. 7, at 1 p.m.

Five bands and their color guards, from the surrounding region compete and demonstrate their performance skills to an enthusiastic audience. Andover High's marching band is under the

direction of teacher Joseph Wright.

The public is invited to attend and support the AHS Marching Band, according to its boosters. A variety of refreshments will be available.

Once a century performance

Barbara Bruns will perform the inaugural organ recital for the new organ at Christ Church, Central Street, on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

The last time a new organ was installed at Christ Church was in 1888.



COURTESY PHOTO

Crowds check out the offerings during the 2010 Giant Yard Sale in the Park at the corner of Chestnut and Park streets.

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Items include baby and children's clothing on sale, household and kitchen items, doll accessories, books, knickknacks, toys, sports equipment, decorative pieces and

more.
The rain date for the event is the following day, Sunday, Sept. 23.

If you want to sell some items, late spots may be purchased before 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21 for \$10 per spot.

For more information, call 978-623-8279 or stop by the DCS office at 36 Bartlet St.

Boosting the band 5 cents at a time

Residents might want to start saving their bottles and cans to help improve Andover music.

The Andover Marching Band Redeemable Bottle

Drive is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20, at the West Middle School parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents are encouraged to drop off their redeemable bottles and cans, and the money from those containers will help the band pay for items that

it needs.

Be a Hater

The Tambakos Film Series is underway at the Rogers Center on the campus of Merrimack College.

Featured next Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. will be the 1995 French film "La Haine" or "Hate."

"La Haine" is a black-and-white drama/suspense film written, co-edited and directed by Mathieu Kassovitz. It is about three young friends and their struggle to live in the banlieues of Paris.

The title derives from a line spoken by one of them, Hubert: "La haine attire la haine" or "hatred breeds hatred."

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by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD



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Arts & Entertainment

Taking art off the page, into your hands

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Memorial Hall Library is inviting people to get creative this October with four adult programs featuring different hands-on craft and art projects.

"With the 'Let's Create' series, come try something new, or learn more tips for something you already create. Participants will leave with a finished project from each program. There's still time for hand-made holiday presents,

thank you cards, and hostess gifts," said a release from Emily Classon, community services librarian.

Space is limited for each program. To register, people are asked to visit mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32.

PROGRAMS

LET'S CREATE, MOSAICS

On Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., people can join mosaic and stained glass artist Leslie Doherty for a hands-on lesson

with glass tile mosaics. Participants will create a trivet or small wall plaque to keep. Doherty, owner of Ways of Color, has worked with stained glass for over 20 years and teaches throughout Massachusetts, according to the library.

LET'S CREATE: ZENTANGLE

On Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m., people can discover their inner artist with the zentangle method of creating artwork through repetitive patterns.

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An image by Florine Stettheimer (1871-1944) titled *Fourth of July Number 1, 1927*, an oil on canvas, 28 x 18 inches, is available for viewing at the Addison Gallery of American Art. It was a gift of the Estate of Ettie Stettheimer.



Audrey Powers, 7, smiles as she looks toward her mother while on the flying swing ride during Andover Day downtown Andover. TIM JEAN/Staff photos

SUN, FUN AND TONS OF PEOPLE FOR ANDOVER DAY

BY NEIL FATER
Near perfect weather led to perhaps the most successful Andover Day yet.

Thousands descended on Main Street this past Saturday, as the downtown was closed to traffic for a civic festival that has become one of the most well attended events of the year.

People were able to enjoy a variety of entertainment, with performance stages hosting musical groups at each end of downtown Main Street. A kind of mini Clown Town, with a handful of carnival rides by the amusement company used by the Andona Society, was available to young children in the town's Olde Andover Village parking lot.

To top it off, 60 artists showed their works in the Park one block off Main Street, as Art in the Park was held on the same day.

"I used to always come [to Bazaar Days] with my daughter when they were younger. It was fun," said Diane Sherry of Andover



Barrett Conrad, 12, left, and his sister Abby, 13, of Andover, look over matted photographs during Art in the Park downtown Andover.

Street, who attended Andover Day with her husband of 43 years, Colin. "It's been a long time since I've been. All the kids are older and married now. We said, 'It will be nice to go and see

what it will be like, if it will be like the old days.'"

Bazaar Days was a popular event for several decades, promoting the downtown and its businesses. After it petered out, a new

downtown business group, the Andover Business Center Association tried to create a new event, Andover Day.

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Laura Vaun of Andover rocks the bass guitar with the Rockoholics.



Donna Robinson of Andover looks over a woodblock print by Linda Mahoney during Art in the Park in downtown Andover.



Erika Merrill, left, and Lena Vaun, both 13, of Andover, are surprised by Paul Riopelle, Andover Domino's Pizza General Manager, with a free pizza after buying one. He was closing up the stand at Andover Day.

'American Vanguards' raises Graham, opens tomorrow

The Addison Gallery of American Art opens its fall exhibition season this month with a trio of new shows, headlined by "American Vanguards: Graham, Davis, Gorky, de Kooning, and Their Circle, 1927 - 1942."

"American Vanguards" opens on Sept. 21 and runs through Dec. 30. The Addison reports: The show focuses on the enigmatic

and charismatic John Graham (1886-1961) and his circle of New York artists, including Stuart Davis, Arshile Gorky, and Willem de Kooning. Along with others in Graham's orbit, such as Jackson Pollock and David Smith, they played a critical role in developing and defining American modernism in the 1930s. "American Vanguards" showcases more than 95 works of art from this vital period that demonstrate the inter-connections and common sources among the members of Graham's circle.

Brian T. Allen, Addison director, said in a release, "This long-overdue exhibition rediscovers John Graham, who has remained little known despite his close links with so many internationally renowned artists. American

Vanguards puts Graham's art and charismatic influence in the context of his time. By bringing together works by the New York artists of Graham's circle, made during the years of their association with him, the show testifies to dialogue and cross-fertilization as well as common sources and stimuli between these artists."

On Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m., the Addison will present a panel discussion concerning American Vanguards with the three curators. The discussion will be followed by a reception, from 3 to 5 p.m., celebrating the Addison's fall exhibitions. Both events are free and open to the public.

Also at the Addison this fall, is "Pekupatikut Innuat Akunikana / Pictures Woke the People Up: An Innu Project vital period that demonstrate the inter-connections and common sources among the members of Graham's circle. This exhibition explores the representation of the Innu people of Labrador and the cultural, economic, social, and environmental challenges they have faced since their forced settlement in the 1960s. The

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

PSYCHIC READINGS, 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenosza Ave., Haverhill. \$20 for each 15-minute session. Appointments are booked at the door only. 978-521-1686, winnekenni.com.

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILT GUILD MEETING, 7 p.m. at Holy Angels Church Hall, Plaistow. Patty Sawyer will give a talk on being a quilt judge. Quilters of all levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. \$5 for guests. mvquilters.wordpress.com.

"A JOURNEY TO HISTORIC ARMENIA II," 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. Edward and Mary Ann Kazanjian will present in pictures, video, and music their 2,000-mile return journey to Armenian lands in modern-day Turkey. Sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library and the Knights of Vartan. 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32, mhl.org.

AUTHOR VISIT, 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., Andover. Eric Jay Dolin will present his latest work, "When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs and Money in the Age of Sail." Free and open to the public. 978-475-0143, andoverbookstore.com.

DICKENS TALK, Gerald Dickens, an actor, producer and the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, will perform "Doctor Marigold," a one-man show based on an original public reading Charles Dickens gave during his 1867 tour of America, which stopped in Lowell. A favorite with the author's Victorian audiences, "Doctor Marigold" tells the heartwarming story of a traveling salesman who adopts a young deaf girl as his friend and companion. The show will be simultaneously interpreted into American Sign Language.

7:30 p.m., O'Leary Library Learning Commons, Room 222, South Campus, 61 Wilder St., Lowell, part of Dickens in Lowell, a seven-month celebration of the author's life, work and his travels in Lowell and throughout America, \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for all others at the door or through brownpapertickets.com. Gerald Dickens will autograph books after the show; uml.edu/dickens.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

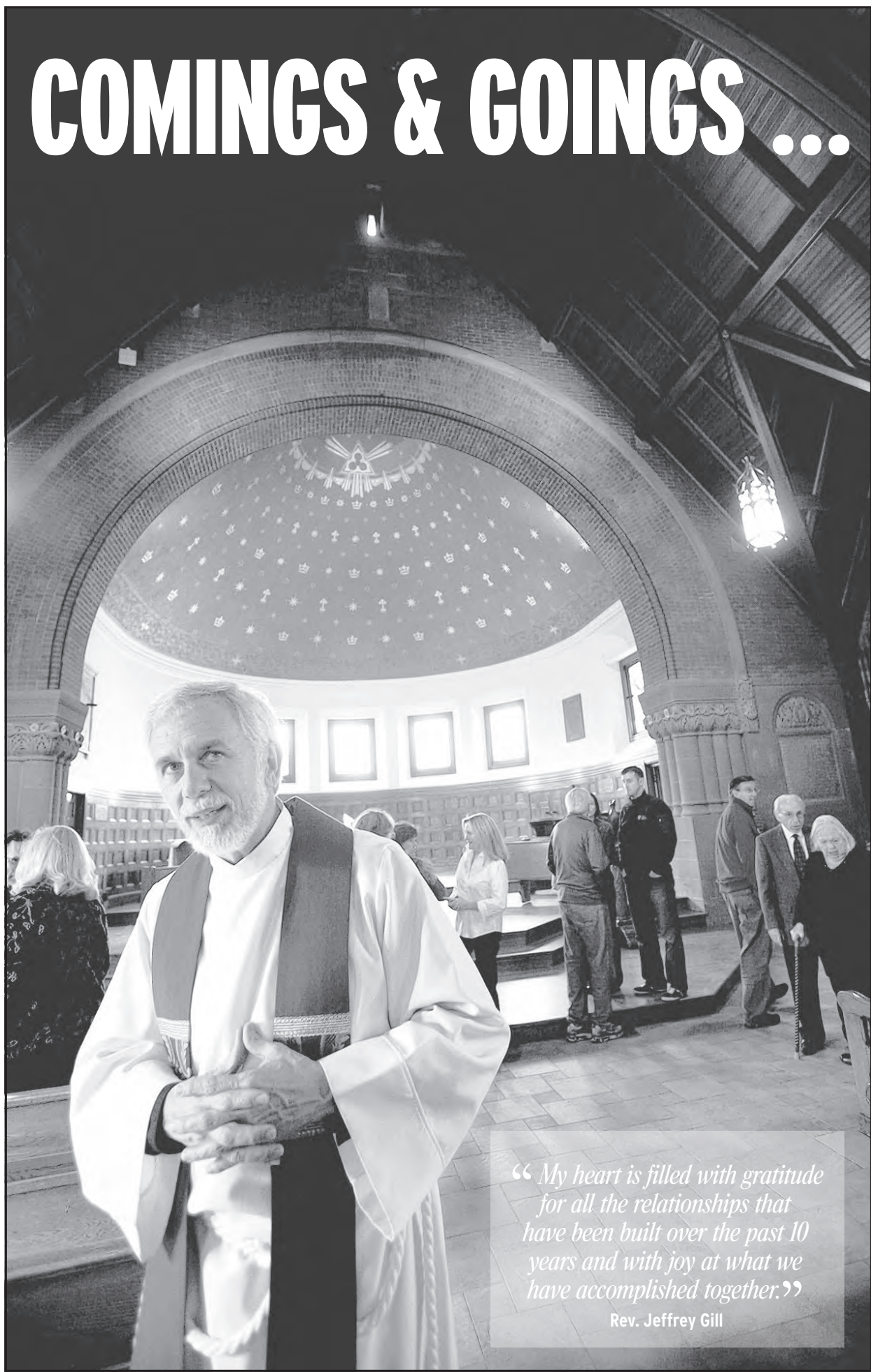
LIVE THEATER, "The Odd Couple," Spotlight Theatre, at the Riverside Memorial Church, 278 Groveland St., Haverhill, \$15, \$13 seniors; 978-380-8509, tickets@spotlightplayhouse.org. Also performing on Sept. 22, 28, 29 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 2 p.m.

TRAILS & SAILS KICKS OFF, Essex Heritage has partnered with recreational organizations across Essex County to offer opportunities at 200+ free family events at over 120 sites throughout the 500 square miles of the Essex National Heritage Area. Visit www.trailsandsails.org to view the listing of events. A limited number of free printed guides are available at all 10 Essex National Heritage Area Visitor Centers, including the Lawrence Heritage State Park and Buttonwoods Museum Regional Visitor Centers.

FILM SCREENING: "BETWEEN THE FOLDS," 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Route 114, North Andover. Includes a reception for the Peabody Award winning filmmaker, Vanessa Gould. An origami/paper folding demonstration will follow. The one-hour film. Free.

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Townspeople



COMINGS & GOINGS ...

“My heart is filled with gratitude for all the relationships that have been built over the past 10 years and with joy at what we have accomplished together.”

Rev. Jeffrey Gill

JAN SEEGER/Staff file photo

The Rev. Jeffrey Gill of the Parish of Christ Church stands in front of the newly renovated apse as parts of the church's new organ are delivered this past fall. He has accepted a position in Oregon and will soon leave the parish.

Christ Church rector heading West; new organ to be demonstrated

Christ Church is entering a new chapter, with its rector soon moving to Oregon to be closer to his grandchild, and the parish set for its official introduction to its new organ.

The Rev. Jeffrey Gill was appointed as priest-in-charge on Sept. 1, 2002, eight months after the sudden death of the Rev. Dennis Jarry. He was installed as rector of Christ Church on Sept. 15, 2005.

He will leave Andover to become rector of the oldest Episcopal church in Seattle, Wash., the Trinity Parish Episcopal Church, which he described in a letter to church members as “an historic downtown parish with an urban focus” that is a destination for the performing arts.

“My heart is filled with gratitude for all the relationships that have been built over the past 10 years and with joy at what we have accomplished together. And I can't wait to see what God is up to



Courtesy photo

Barbara Bruns is set to play the official inaugural recital on the new Fisk organ at Christ Church.

next for this great parish,” West Coast for Carolyn and he said. “It will not surprise me, especially these past 15 months since the birth of our grandson. In addition

to the fact that our daughter Liz and her family live in Portland, Ore., our son George will be leaving Boston and moving to southern California this fall. With all these things in mind, Carolyn and I have also decided to make a move.

“Carolyn and I are very excited by this new challenge and the opportunity to be closer to our family. At the same time, leaving Christ Church will not be easy for us. Our ties to this parish and community go back nearly 30 years. The past 10 years as your rector have been a distinct highlight of my life and ministry.”

New series of music performances

On Saturday, Sept. 29, Christ Church will kick off the inaugural series of music performances featuring the new organ built

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Sept. 20, 1912

A new teacher, Miss Grace Pennock, has been secured for the North school and has assumed her duties. She is being assisted by Miss Helen K. Hardy of West Andover.

Harry Dalton, the eldest son of Mrs. M.E. Dalton of the Metropolitan broke his wrist on Thursday afternoon while playing football with the Christ Church team. The accident happened in front of the parish house.

The work of remodeling and repairing the Metropolitan has been completed and the store is now up to date in every respect. A telephone has been installed and facilities increased for the serving of ice cream, sodas, cake, etc.

William Anderson of High Street has left the employ of the United States Worsted Co. in Lawrence and accepted a position with Bride & Grimes, on Essex Street.

The Courteous Circle of King's Daughters met at the South Church last Tuesday evening with a large attendance. After a business session, the various members present related their experiences of the summer, and refreshments were served.

75 Years Ago Sept. 17, 1937

David L. Nicoll and William J. Stewart, first and fourth respectively in the civil service eligible list, were appointed regular police officers at a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday morning.

Edward D. Sirois, Republican and Lawrence Conery, Democratic, winners of the Congressional nominations in the seventh congressional district, also led the field here by comfortable margins Tuesday.

Still kings of the diamond after 25 years, the old Andover Royals, now all in the 40s, gave a demonstration of their old-time power in defeating the Shawsheen White Hopes at the playstead last Friday night 15-7.

The railing at the bridge near the engine house on Union Street, South Lawrence, which has often fallen victim to skidding cars, folded up again on Monday night when the car of Haverhill Street

man crashed into it. The man was unhurt as the car plunged down the steep embankment, remaining upright.

Chats about the big leagues, politics, etc., are to be taboo at the police box located now at the center of the edge of Elm square. A new box has been built, with the words painted thereon: “Please Do Not Visit The Officer.”

50 Years Ago Sept. 20, 1962

Sixty percent of the town's eligible voters turned out for the primary Tuesday, in a demonstration of interest in the selection of candidates for November's election. A total of 5,696 men and women cast ballots out of a total registration of 9,483.

Town department heads had a fast look at the state's effort to legislate ethics—the lengthy and far-reaching conflict-of-interest law—on Tuesday morning. And most seemed in agreement that the legislature should revise the statute before its effective date May 1, 1963.

There are many changes apparent today as Phillips Academy, one of the nation's oldest and largest independent boarding schools, begins classes for its 185th year.

Charges that one School Committee member was putting another member “on the spot” were hurled at the session Sept. 11. Dr. Milton J. Meyers accused member Vincent P. Davey of putting Chairman Robert J. McIntyre “on the spot” by asking him to see his reasons for approving the appointment of a Junior High School principal when all of the board could not be present.

25 Years Ago Sept. 17, 1987

Five Andover High students and two Andover residents attending Phillips Academy are among 15,000 chosen as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Just three weeks after 262 computers were installed in Andover schools, a break-in at the Bancroft Elementary School resulted in the theft of a single computer and computer accessories. The computer was recovered Tuesday morning when a Bancroft student found it hidden under an outdoor

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Cookies for a Cause



Courtesy photo

Andover Girl Scout troop 60919 was part of the “Cookies for a Cause” event at Hanscom Air Force Base during Labor Day weekend. In honor of the Girl Scouts 100th anniversary the Andover girls sold and donated 100 boxes of cookies which they brought to Hanscom to be flown to troops overseas. In total, over 1,000 people attended the event and over 30,000 boxes of cookies were sent. From left, Ruth Bramson, CEO of Girl Scouts Eastern Mass., and Andover Scouts Maria Papadopoulos, Amanda Clark, Abigail Zerbey, Olivia Gaspar, Elvena Bielecki, Sydney Mario, Lauren Kramer and Madeline Zerbey, who sang the national anthem at the event. The adult in the back is Lou Ann Kelley, a Scout Council staff member who helped to organize the day.



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Public Notice

In accordance with Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, the Andover Public School District is making every effort to identify children who may be entitled to an evaluation and specialized educational services. Children are eligible for such services until they receive a high school diploma or turn 22. (Please note that the receipt of a G.E.D. does not terminate eligibility.) Children who have dropped out of school still have the opportunity to participate in a publicly funded special education evaluation, as needed. The child's town of residence (Andover) is responsible for conducting such an evaluation.

Should parents or children themselves (age 18 or above) have concerns about a child's ability to learn and suspect that there may be a disability interfering with the child's learning process, please contact the Student Services Office, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810, or call the office (978-623-8540), so that we may assist you in determining appropriate next steps. (If the child is currently enrolled in an Andover public school, please contact the Evaluation Team Facilitator in that school building.)

Please note that preschool screening for 3 and 4 year old children is conducted periodically throughout the school year. Information regarding that process may be obtained by contacting the Shawsheen School (978-623-8850).

BLUE AND WHITE DELIGHT

Andover and other area residents were able to experience Greek culture last weekend at the two-day Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church' annual Greek Festival.

The event offered Greek food, shopping, children's activities, Greek music and dancing. People were able to literally go from morning to night on Saturday, as the festival and its variety of offerings ran from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the church at 71 Chandler Road.

Photos by Jan Seeger



Friends, Suzan Kritzas, left, of Andover, and Alexandra Coios Dimou and Patricia Coios of Haverhill talk together over dinner.



Parishioner Jim Patsios of Andover, center, carves up slices of gyro during the Greek Festival.



Ana Vasilakis serves greek pastries.



Friends, right, Rosemarie Lahage of Methuen and John and Josephine McDougall play cards together after dinner.

Sisters, right, Lisa DiDio and Denice DiDio shop for jewelry during the festival.



Father and son, Stavros and Nick Liatsos of Andover, talk together over dinner.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Andover Senior Center, located at 30 Whittier Court, on the first floor of the School Administration Building, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is required for all events, which are open to community, pending space.

For more information, visit andoverseniorcenter.org or call 978-623-8321.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: French Resistance conversation on Friday, Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$4. The speaker is John Katsaros, author of "Code Burgundy: The Long Escape," who will tell his story of being shot down as a 20-year-old aerial gunner on his 11th mission

on a B-17 "Man O'War" over Nazi Germany.

MUSIC FROM THE GASLIGHT ERA: A dinner show on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. \$9 by advance ticket only. Enjoy popular music from the early 1900s with John Root, multi-instrumentalist. Menu: Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings.

TECH TALK: Say hello to your cell phone. Monday, Sept. 24 at 1:30 p.m. \$3. Learn the basics and features beyond the telephone call. Bring your phone!

COMPUTER 101: Wednesday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m. \$3. Talk about your expectations for computer

use and find out the basics for your first computer.

SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE: There will be an open house on Friday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free. Join a morning of events as Andover's center celebrates Senior Center Month. Visit the center's many groups to see what is of interest to you. All groups welcome new members.

HAIKU: Join a free workshop and readings on Monday, Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. as part of a program called "In a Breath: The Art of Haiku."

FALL CRAFTS FAIR: Friday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SKIN SCREENING: Andover dermatologist Dr. Andersen will provide a free, private, basic skin screening. on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

WHEN TO WORRY: MEMORY LOSS: Attend a program called "When to Worry: Memory Loss in Normal Aging vs. Dementia," on Friday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. The offering is free and people will discuss such issues as how the brain stores information and how to tell if memory issues are serious or a normal part of aging. The program is presented by Northeast Senior Health.

Making a Home



The Rotary Club of Andover recently helped with a Habitat for Humanity project at 100 Park St. in Lawrence. From left are Chuck Humphries, Howard Perkins, Megan Loughley, Steve Manson, Bob Halpainy, Mark Spencer, Chris Krupa, Jim Greeley, Ken Fehl and Don Gottfried.

ORGAN: Demonstration and recital planned

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by the Gloucester firm C. B. Fisk, Inc. The organ will be heard in demonstration and in recital. The church said in a release that "The experience for the listener will be like seeing how a book is made and then hearing an interpretation of great masterpieces from that book."

At 5 p.m. David Pike and Greg Bover of C.B. Fisk, will discuss and illustrate the range of sounds the new organ has been designed to

produce. "Questions of how an organ works, how it is built, how it produces the range of soft woodwind flutes to triumphal reed trumpets will be answered. This will be a chance not often offered and not to be missed," according to the church.

Following a short break, at 7 p.m. Barbara Bruns, organist of Christ Church, will be



Barbara Bruns

heard in recital on the new organ. Bruns has performed in recital for the American Guild of Organists' conventions, can be heard on recordings, and is pianist and organist for The Boston Cecilia. Her thoughts on the literature for organ have been consulted in the design of Fisk Opus 137.

Barbara Bruns has chosen

a program for the inaugural recital that displays French, German and Italian works and two masterpieces of J.S. Bach.

Doors will open at 5:15 for the organ talk and demonstration. After a brief intermission, seating for the recital will begin at 6:30. The events are open to all. Tickets are not required. A donation is suggested of \$15 per adult, \$10 for seniors and students, to benefit the music series and organ fund at Christ Church.

Celebrations

To place your celebration, please visit: www.andovertownsmen.com/celebrations

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staircase behind the school building.

George Danneman was refused reinstatement to the Andover Housing

Partnership Committee after the citizen advocate made an impassioned presentation to the Board of Selectmen Monday night.

According to the school administration, there were

very few problems with the opening of school this year. Yet, the one problem that did occur is of great magnitude—an over-crowded first grade program at South Elementary School.

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Engagement

Botelho - Earls

Karen and Michael Botelho of Newburyport and Susan and Steven Earls of Wilmington are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Elyse Susan Botelho and Michael Raymond Earls. Elyse is a 2007 graduate of Newburyport High School. She received her Bachelors in Math and in Education from UConn in 2011 and her Masters in Math Education from UConn in 2012. She is employed as a math teacher in the Wakefield school system. Michael is a 2006 graduate of Wilmington High School. He received his Bachelors in Psychology and Family Studies from UConn in 2010 and his Masters in Education from Salem State University in 2012. He is a Fourth Grade teacher at the McCarthy School in Peabody. The two met 6 years ago while working at Camp Rotary in Boxford. They will wed on New Year's Eve 2012!

Engagement

O'Donnell - Gibson

Paul and Ann O'Donnell of Reading, MA along with Bill and Martha Gibson of Wells, Maine proudly announce the engagement of their children Erin O'Donnell and Ben Gibson. A July 5, 2013 wedding is planned.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

GIANT YARD SALE, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 23: 978-623-8279, or stop by the DCS office, 36 Bartlet St.

32ND ANNUAL SPECIAL FIELD GAMES, at the Haverhill campus of Northern Essex Community College. Individuals of all ages with special needs participate in a variety of athletic events. We are always looking for both athletes and volunteers of all ages and abilities to take part in this

exciting day filled of games, raffles, music, fun and more. Everyone is a winner. For more information about the games and to find out how to register, log on to www.serviceclubofandover.org.

KIDS ITEMS SALE, gently used children's items including baby equipment, toys, clothes, books, 8 a.m. to noon, \$1 admission. Under 14 free. Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford. Cash Only. Sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples; nashobavalleymom.org, (978) 376-2934.

CRAFT & GIFT FESTIVAL, Austin Preparatory School, MultiPurpose Facility (gym), 101 Willow St., Reading, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission is \$3; Julianne Bloise, Manager of Public Relations, [\[austinprepschool.org\]\(http://austinprepschool.org\), 781-944-4900 x849.](mailto:jbloise@</p>
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FALL FESTIVAL, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., North Andover Knights of Columbus, 505 Sutton St. Hosted by the North Andover Merchants Association. Food vendors, merchants and crafters are sought. Rain or shine. Also includes live music, children's games and activities, a haunted house for all ages, hay rides, a beer and wine tent, an evening bonfire and hot chocolate at dusk. Email syllf19@comcast.net or patroche375@comcast.net, northandovermerchants.org.

FALL FAIR, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 23 Trestle Way, Georgetown. Proceeds will help the elderly tenants. Includes tables of baked goods, a white elephant table, clothing and miscellaneous items. Coffee and doughnuts will be offered from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 978-352-2728.

SPICKET RIVER CLEANUP, 9 a.m. to noon. The Methuen Rail Trail will work with Groundwork Lawrence. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Registration from 8 to 9 a.m. A barbecue lunch will follow the cleanup. Methuen Rail Trail will

host a children's game on the trail. Find answers to the clues along the trail. The Methuen Rail trail will hand out prizes at the depot building on Railroad Street from 10 a.m. to noon. 978-685-3639, email tim65@comcast.net.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen. 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), redcrossblood.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

SECOND ANNUAL SUNDAY "REGGAE ON THE RIVER" SERIES (LIVE REGGAE), 4 to 8 p.m. at Salvatore's, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. With Dreadlocks. Rain or shine. Free admission, family-friendly, free parking. 978-521-5680, 978-291-0220.

CRAFT FAIR, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at VFW Post 8349, 26 River St., Methuen. Features readings by guest medium, Laurie Xanthos. Proceeds will benefit the building and maintenance fund. 978-688-6647.

"ANNE BRADSTREET: FOUNDING MOTHER & FIRST POET," 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the poet's birth, Susan Lenoe will give a one-woman performance of Bradstreet's life. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council. 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32, mhl.org.

PSYCHIC FAIR, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 6 Main St., Pelham. Proceeds will benefit the American Diabetes Association. Free admission. Psychic tarot and oracle card readers, as well as a medium, will offer readings for \$20. Several vendor and craft tables will be set up. Additional vendors/crafters needed. If interested, call 978-771-2718.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FORMER WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL RETIRED EMPLOYEES, noon at The Roma Restaurant, Middlesex Street, Haverhill. 321-720-3673.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliot Way, Haverhill. 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), redcrossblood.org.

MHL'S MOVIE NIGHT, 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. Attend the movie and enter to win the DVD. 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32, mhl.org.

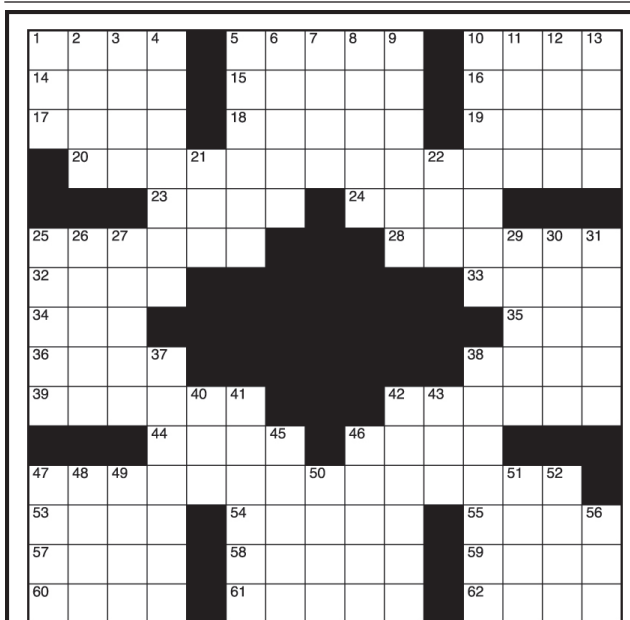
TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

MERRIMACK VALLEY PFLAG CHAPTER MEETING, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. 781-891-5966, email merrimackvalleypflag@gmail.com, gbpflag.org.

INFORMATIONAL HEALTH TALK: "MRS.A," 10:30 a.m. at the Methuen Senior Activity Center, 77 Lowell St. Presented by Amy Ewing, city of Methuen health nurse. 978-983-8825.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 2 to 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland. 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), redcrossblood.org.

"PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY'S TREASURES," 7 p.m. at the Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen. Learn the basics of preserving documents, books, letters and more. Free. 978-686-4080.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Auricles
5. Sharpening strap
10. Supplemented with difficulty
14. Jaguarundi
15. "7 Year Itch" Tom
16. European defense organization
17. Camber
18. Kittiwake genus
19. 3rd largest French city
20. Used for instant long locks
23. Harangue
24. Grabs
25. Formally withdraw membership
28. Magnitude relations
32. El Dorado High School
33. Porzana carolina
34. Earl Grey or green

CLUES DOWN

1. Formerly the ECM
2. A native nursemaid in India
3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
4. Ironies
5. Peaceable
6. Between
7. Cessation of activity
8. "Little House" actor Merlin
9. Lying in one plane
10. Joins the military
11. Knock out
12. British School
13. Puts on clothing
21. Radioactivity unit
22. Helps little firms
25. Podetiums
26. Fluid accumulation in tissues
27. Backed seat for one

Solution in Classified Section

35. Dog's tail action
36. Friends (French)
38. Lessen the force of
39. Dermaptera
42. Views
44. From a distance
46. Bleats
47. London Games 2012
53. Let the body fall heavily
54. Collect a large group
55. ABA ____ Honeymoon
57. Give over
58. Glue & plaster painting prep
59. Middle East chieftain
60. Removed ruthlessly
61. AKA bromesoin
62. A dissenting clique
29. From farm state
30. Speak
31. Gurus
37. Deluged
38. In addition to
40. Oldest Yoruba town
41. A place to shelter cars
42. ____ and Delilah
43. Toothpaste tube cover
45. ____ and Juliet
46. Mussel beards
47. Prevents harm to creatures
48. Gorse genus
49. A method of doing
50. Young Scottish woman
51. Latticework lead bar
52. Invests in little enterprises
56. The products of human creativity

LIBRARY

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According to the library, "This creative, inspiring, and relaxing practice only takes minutes to do and few materials. Zentangle is great for people on the go and anyone looking for a few minutes to themselves. Learn how to create beautiful artwork with just a few simple pen strokes, and it's

no harder than writing your name."

The event is described as a relaxing, fun, and creative experience, presented by librarian and certified Zentangle teacher Emily Classon.

LET'S CREATE: CARDS

On Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., learn how to create handmade cards for the season. Create several cards using rubber stamps,

coordinating papers, and fun embellishments. The session is presented by librarian and Stampin' Up demonstrator Diane Giarrusso.

LET'S CREATE: MANDALAS

On Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2 p.m., learn about mandala. From Sanskrit meaning circle or whole, it describes a circular design found not only in nature but also in Buddhist, Christian, and Native American sacred art traditions. In

psychology, mandala is seen as a metaphor for the self.

"In this fun and relaxing workshop we will work with colors, shapes, and patterns to create our own mandalas using pen, pastel, colored pencil, and collage. The process of making mandalas allows us to listen to our inner spirit and to be present in the moment," according to the library. This session is presented by Karen Beaver.

ANDOVER DAYS

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If anything, Andover Day has become bigger than anything that came before it.

Lady Jayne's Gourmet Popcorn, one of dozens of food vendors at the event, estimated that it had popped 100 pounds of kernels as of about 3 p.m., and served 350 gallons of their crunchy snack. It was the first day for the new business started by Andover residents Scott and Jo-Anne Gibson, and named

after Jo-Anne's mother.

"This was our kickoff. Our goal was to hit today because we knew there would be 10,000 people here," said Scott Gibson. "Today's been an incredible day."

Because so many people were expected, most new businesses -- or even businesses planning to open soon -- made a point of being there, such as Sense of Wonder, Fischelli's Pastry Shop and Mad Maggie's Ice Cream. With 129 tents on Main

Street representing local businesses and nonprofit organizations, people had a chance to find a new favorite place or hobby. Wess Murphy, executive director of Andover TV was able to tell people about the town's cable TV station and its studio inside Andover High School's Collins Center.

"A lot of people don't know that we exist - or how we exist," he said. "It's a good time. Awesome weather."

Kids carried balloons, kicked apart plastic blocks in the hands of martial arts instructors, and even wowed the crowds with their musical abilities on the stage at the southern end of downtown Main Street.

"We just moved into town and came in to explore and take in some of the local venue," said new Pilgrim Drive resident Kerry Buckley, as her son Sean had a Batman symbol painted on his cheek. His sisters, Jaden and Ainsley, elected to have a sun and a shooting star painted on their faces, while

their cousin Kalli Archambault chose an ice-cream cone.

"It's such a beautiful day and you get to take in some of the local vendors. It's nice to get to know the [community]," said Buckley.

Calvin Deyermond split the day helping both the Town Republican Committee and the Veterans Services tables. He said Andover Day provided him a chance to catch up with old acquaintances and make new ones.

"It's great for me because you get to see a lot of people you haven't seen in a long time," said Deyermond. Later he joked, "I'm a newcomer to town - I've only been here 66 years. I get to meet a lot of new people who have come, who think Andover is the place to be."

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Music and drama spice up autumn at Rogers Center

A variety of music and drama will provide color to the fall entertainment season at the Rogers Center on the campus of Merrimack College. Included is a tribute to jazz great Benny Goodman including one of his former orchestra members.

Here's what's coming up at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover:

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra presents its "13th Annual Pops Concert" on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$20, or \$15 for college employees, students and seniors. All tickets at the door are \$20.

Anne Bradstreet's 400th birthday gala concert "Celebration of Her Life" highlighting one of the area's historical figures will be offered for free to the community on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m.

The concert includes poetry set to music, featuring Cappella Clausura, Essex Chamber Music Players, North Andover High School Scarlet and Black Singers, New England Classical Singers, and Susan Leno as Mistress Anne Bradstreet.

The Core Ensemble presents the premiere performance of "Los Valientes" on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

This new chamber music theater production was commissioned by Merrimack College for a chamber music trio and a solo actor exploring the artistic and political passions of Diego Rivera, the unwavering commitment to human rights of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, and the pursuit of social justice by Mexican American desperado Joaquin Murrieta aka Zorro, according to a release.

This premiere performance will feature songs and concert/vernacular music by Latin American composers.

General admission seating is \$12.

The college's Department of Visual and Performing Arts presents "Macbeth" Oct. 11 through 13 at 7:30 p.m.

"Shakespeare's classic drama about unbridled ambition and political machinations receives a fresh treatment by The Genesis Project (last season's "The 9/11 Effect")," according to the Rogers Center. "Presented in the original language and featuring a cast of students, alumni and associate actors of Merrimack Theater, this 'Macbeth' is a dark look at the psychology of ambition and madness."

Parental notice: This performance contains images of graphic violence. It is not appropriate for those under 15 years of age.

General admission seating is \$15, \$10 seniors and \$5 all students.

A Moment in Time presents "A Tribute to Benny Goodman" on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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Included will be such timeless jazz classics as "Don't Be That Way," "Avalon," and the iconic swing performance of "Sing, Sing, Sing."

All tickets at the door are \$35. Advance tickets are \$30, \$25 students and seniors.

The Onstagers Dramatic Society of Merrimack College presents "Dead Man's Cell Phone" on Thursday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2 and 8 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$10.

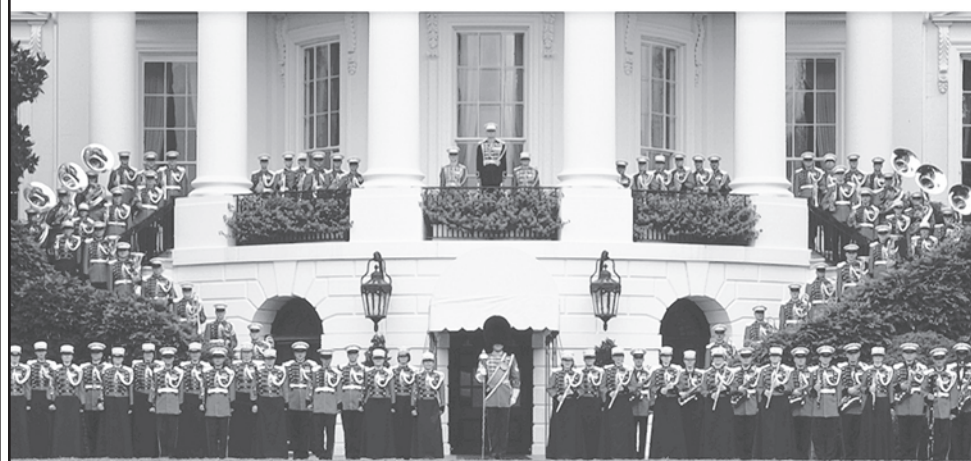
Tony Kenny and his entertainers will try to transport the audience to "Christmas Time in Ireland" on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

All tickets at the door are \$30. Advance tickets are \$25, \$22 students and seniors.

For more information or tickets to any event above, visit merrimack.edu/rogers or call 978-837-5355.



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Longtime members exhibiting at Whistler House Museum

Bernard Petruzzello and Vassilios Giavis will have their work on display through Oct. 27 at the Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell.

Giavis, a well-known figure in Lowell, spent many of his early years working at his family's business, Giavis Market. He is a painter and illustrator of historical sites, diners, people, and cityscapes.

As a former member of the Copley Society, he was designated a "Copley Master" after painting a prize-winning painting of the Blizzard of '78 back in 1979.

Giavis has been a long time artist member of the

Lowell Art Assoc., Inc./Whistler House Museum of Art, and a former member of its Board of Trustees. He has a studio at the Brush Gallery on Market Street in downtown Lowell.

Giavis's paintings in this exhibit include two from a series of Golden Gloves paintings: At the Golden Gloves in 1992 and Strategy for the Fight.

Petruzzello studied at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts School, and worked for many years in the graphic arts field.

He taught figure drawing and painting for many years at the University of Lowell (now UMass Lowell).

Petruzzello painted many landscapes and seascapes around New England. Figures and still-lives were also a favorite subject.

"When I lost my eyesight, I dabbled in other art forms such as sculpture and textile arts. The only difference is that I can now only see all of these things in my imagination," he said.

Petruzzello's work includes an early draped nude, Model Resting, as well as recent abstract works.

An artist reception was held last Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDISON

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project has grown out of a partnership between the artists and the Innu that spans decades and has actively engaged the community, according to the Addison.

Comprised of approximately 100 objects—including historic photographs by explorer William Brooks Cabot and anthropologist William Duncan Strong, archival footage by documentary filmmakers such as Richard Leacock, 1969 photographs by Ewald and her Innu students, and contemporary photographs, video, writings, and banners by Ewald, Gottesman, and the Sheshatshiu community — Pekupatikut Innuat Akunikana will explore the representation of the Innu over time as well as document Ewald and Gottesman's efforts to use photography and video to revitalize Innu culture. The material explores the unsettling and transforming effects of the shift from the Innu's traditional nomadic lifestyle to a sedentary one and offers the opportunity for interdisciplinary community

dialogues through the exploration of themes ranging from the impact of the settlement of indigenous peoples to the art of storytelling and the rights to cultural property.

Along with a residency by Ewald and Gottesman at the Addison, "Pekupatikut Innuat Akunikana" will include the installation of a series of 10 large banners based on images from the exhibition throughout the Phillips Academy campus, a series of educational programs and events, and a week-long visit to Andover by six representatives of the Innu community in October. The Addison is hosting a reception celebrating "Pekupatikut Innuat Akunikana" on Saturday Oct. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. The reception, which is free and open to the public, will offer an opportunity to meet the artists and members of the Innu community from Labrador.

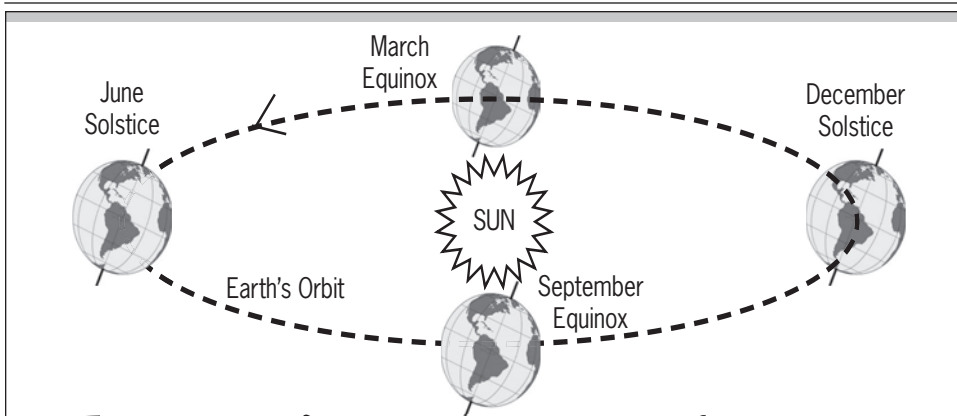
The exhibition "People, Places, Things: Symbols of American Culture" will round out the Addison's fall exhibitions and also has opened.

According to the Addison,

"From the American flag to the Coca Cola logo, People, Places, Things celebrates the rich visual material that is at the foundation of American cultural identity. Paintings, prints, and photographs drawn from the Addison's collection include images of the modern city and industrial power, the changing landscape of the American West, the diverse faces of the country's citizens, and scenes documenting car culture and the open road. Works by artists such as Childe Hassam, Thomas Hart Benton, Robert Frank, Walker Evans, and Larry Stark document people, places, and things that define and commemorate the many facets of national identity."

Exhibition curator Jaime DeSimone will lead a gallery talk for "People, Places, Things" on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.

The Addison Gallery of American Art, is located off Chapel Avenue on the Phillips Academy campus. It is open to the public from Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.



Equinox brings season change

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In six months, the Earth is on the other side of the sun. So, the seasons are reversed.

Autumn starts in the Northern Hemisphere when the top of the Earth begins to lean away from the sun. The days get shorter and darker. Temperatures start to cool down. Leaves turn color and many fall from the trees.

As days get shorter in the Northern

Hemisphere, winter sets in with really cold temperatures. This year, winter will arrive on Dec. 21.

An equinox marks the beginning of autumn and spring.

An equinox is one of the two days a year when the sun is directly over the equator. It occurs on Sept. 22 or 23 and again on March 20 or 21.

On the equinox, the nights and days are just about the same length everywhere on the Earth. The word equinox means, "equal night," with 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night.

In some tropical regions the temperature change is less drastic. It is more common for the people to call their seasons rainy, hot or cool. Some areas identify their seasons as tornado season, hurricane season, or wildfire season.

No matter what we call the seasons, it's interesting to see how humans and wild-life adapt to the changes. Some animals hibernate, some migrate and some brave the temperature changes.

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CHILD CARE
ATTENTION CAREGIVERS!
If you are a PCA, CNA, Nurse or offer personal care services please go to the business and service directory and check out the category for Adult Care. Yours services are needed!

DRIVERS
First Run
Experienced TOW TRUCK DRIVER needed APPLY WITHIN - No Phone Calls! 1608 Main St, Tewksbury MA 01876

7d Licensed Van Drivers
transport special needs students. P/T, split shift, \$11/hr. Save on Gas! Use company van for your commute. Help with 7d license available carl@nrbus.com 978-291-0351

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
THIS OUT
VOCALISTS for 60'S Band
One Singer for 60's Rock U/ Roll Band. Practice Weds & Sunday nights. Must for fun & some ggs. Newton, NH area. Leo 603-365-6804

GENERAL HELP WANTED
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DRIVER CDL-A
3-5 yrs experience. Physical work. Boston area. Early hours, good pay Call 603-748-1134

GIANT GLASS is Hiring!
Customer Service Reps. Please contact Donna Richmond at: drichmond@giantglass.com

METAL FABRICATOR
Ipswich Bay Glass Co. Inc. is the largest commercial glazing contractor in New England. We are located in a three building complex in Rowley, MA. Approximately thirty minutes North of Boston. Ipswich Bay Glass Co. Inc. currently has immediate openings for metal fabricators. This position consists of assembling various types of aluminum curtain walls and window framing, as well as installing glass. Candidates must be mechanically inclined and have experience reading and working with blueprints. Experienced individuals from related trades such as carpentry, millwork or sheet metal are encouraged to apply. Benefits include paid health insurance, pension and annuity plans, holidays and vacation. Hourly wage is based on experience of the candidate. Overtime is available. Ipswich Bay Glass Co., Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Please forward all inquiries via email to cjanvin@ibglass.com or via fax at 978-948-2903.

Newspaper Home Delivery
PCF Inc. is seeking Delivery Service Providers (DSPs) for newspaper home delivery routes. DSPs are independently contracted. Most routes are 7 days per week, 2-3 hours daily, starting around 3AM. \$400-\$500/bi-weekly. Routes in Gloucester, Essex, Andover and Peabody. No \$\$ collections. Must be 18 or older. Call: 1-800-515-8000

First Run
NOW HIRING ALL POSITIONS APPLY AT 55 Newbury St., Peabody, MA 220 Main St., Wilmington, MA Mgrs. pls. fax resumes 781-623-7959

First Run
On Site Trash Removal North Andover area Must have own pickup truck. 7 days a week Call Mike 781-771-6090

Production Supervisor
Custom packaging manufacturer located in Peabody, MA has an excellent opportunity for a hand on Production Supervisor. Qualified candidates must possess strong oral & written communication skills, excellent math skills & have 2+ years of supervisory experience. Must be able to lift 60lbs. Experience in manufacturing required. An ISO 9001/AS9100 chemical or packaging background preferred. Email to: hrdept12@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE
First Run
OFFICE SUPPORT/ RECORDS SUPPORT
Lawrence, MA Entry-level position involves verifying insurance information, opening clinical files, filing charts, answering phones, forwarding calls, greeting clients and other functions as needed. You must be able to utilize computers, work independently, respect confidentiality and pay a close attention to detail. We provide excellent training, opportunities for career advancement and a competitive benefits package. South Bay is committed to diversity and welcomes bilingual and multi cultural applicants. Come bring your strengths and skills into play as a member of our dedicated team of professionals. Write to: Recruiting, South Bay Mental Health Center 1115 West Chestnut Street Brockton, MA 02301 Fax to: 508-580-5162 or email at: jobs.to@southbaymentalhealth.com www.southbaymentalhealth.com

Personal Lines Customer Service Rep Experienced Only
Auto & Home Insurance. Bilingual. Fax resume to 978-794-8583 or email to joanne@JKMillsins.com

First Run
The Governor's Academy
- Advancement Office FT Annual Fund Admin. Coord. position Please view our job posting and

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Start Online Today! avonnh@aol.com
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TRADES/INDUSTRIAL
First Run
Attention Forklift Technicians!
USED EQUIPMENT MANAGER
Are you considered one of the better technicians in your dealership?
Do you have good paperwork, computer and communication skills? If so, its time to advance your career! NITCO is looking for a Used Equipment Manager and you could be a perfect fit. Please call 978-203-2185 to speak to Jeff about a great opportunity!

HAIR DRESSER
Booth renter or PT Employment For Windham, NH Salon. Call Heather 603-421-0678

Merchandise
BABY ITEMS

ATTENTION!
Beware of anyone replying to your ad offering to send you a check for shipping and you sending them back the difference. Also beware when responding to classified ads that ask you to send shipping cost. Possible scam!

Maclaren Stroller, \$75. Graco-pedic car seat, \$50. Alfa-Omega Elite car seat, \$50. Call 978-685-1417, North Andover, MA

CEMETERY LOTS
PURITAN LAWN - Peabody Ma
2 lots, (four spaces).
Call for details. (781) 944-0403 eves.

ELECTRONICS
First Run
Samsung 17", Flat screen Hi Def TV, \$90. Cambridge Sounds Works, 3 piece Audio system, includes sub woofer and 2 satellite speakers, \$90. Teac VCR, \$10. Call 978-469-0979

FIREWOOD FOR SALE
ADS in this category must show prices by cubic feet. Half a cord is 64 cu. ft. and a cord is 128 cu. ft.

DRY! DRY! DRY! SEASONED SPLIT 16" OAK \$295 SEASONED 2yr. old \$345. Same Day Delivery M. Kovalchuk 978-204-9483

FIREWOOD: Cords 128 cu. ft \$300. Fully seasoned and dried, all hardwood, hand loaded, no debris. Free Delivery within 8 miles of Haverhill, MA Call 978-360-5792

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: KD Firewood, lawful stacked measurement, delivered and stacked. www.firewoodguy.com or 603-437-0940

HARMAN MARK II, wood/coal stove \$650. Vermont Castings Resolute Wood Stove \$500 both stoves in GREAT SHAPE! Call (603) 642-5154

SEASONED FIREWOOD
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"WOODBODY" - FIREWOOD
Seasoned + green cordwood. Grapple loads, full + half truck. 603-642-3864

FREE ITEMS
CHRISTMAS TREES
Come and cut yourself!
8' and 12' tall.
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FREE 2 White Overstuffed Livingroom Chairs just come and get them (978) 281-3448

FREE FIREWOOD
108 Commercial St., Gloucester, MA You pick up no charge ask for Sam (978) 283-0286

FREE Upright Piano, by Hardman, pristine condition, with bench. Very attractive. Take it away. Rockport. (978) 546-7708, leave msg.

FUEL
ATTENTION FUEL CONSUMERS:
All ads in this classification run in our 10 paper "Classified Connection" that covers the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire.
Ads appearing in this section may or may not deliver to this entire market.
Prices may reflect a "local" delivery area only and may be higher for an extended delivery area.

FURNITURE
BEDROOM SET, 7pc solid cherrywood, sleigh. New in boxes. Sacrifice \$895. Call 603-235-1773

Brand New Recliner! Never used, medium brown color, \$250. Call 603-327-5585/603-890-5756

First Run
BRAND NEW WRITING DESK can be used as computer/table or TV stand combo. Asking \$100 or best offer. Call 978-927-1933

Jobs-Professionals

FURNITURE
Camelback Sofa, blue and white checkered, purchase general stock store, 72" Long, \$200 Call 978-685-1417 North Andover, MA

CHANGING TABLE/DOUBLE DRESSER, crib which converts to junior bed assorted toys, \$400. 978-374-8586

DINING ROOM TABLE, 4 chairs, and china cabinet \$400 978-374-8586

Dry Sink, good condition, \$50 Hutch, large, good condition, \$125 Call 978-468-7778 S. Hamilton, MA

First Run
KITCHEN/DINET SET -Walnut, Oval table 48"x36" with separate leaves, 4 chairs, excellent condition, \$140 978-745-3790

● Kitchen/Dining rooms set Beautiful 48" butcher block pedestal table solid maple w/ cherry stain, 2-12" leaves extend to 72" 2 arm chairs 6 4 side chairs new \$3000 sell \$875 ●Dining Room Set 72"L x 44" W Beautiful Mahogany/walnut veneer top, 2-19" ext. leaves, 2 arm chairs 6 4 side chairs cost new \$4500 sell \$975 MOVING 978-681-7526 No. Andover

First Run
Loveseat Recliner with console - Leather, mahogany, From Ashley Furniture, excellent condition , \$1250 new, Asking \$600/best offer Call 508-643-7600

SOFA dark floral blue, and LOVESEAT, pillowback, in raspberry Both in good condition. \$150 each. (978) 688-9064

First Run
TV Stand, Teak finish, 60" long, \$90; upholstered floor chair, beige \$75. Mint condition. Call 978-469-0979

WEAVING LOOM - 4 Harnesses and 4 Treadles. Direct tie up system, floor space 28x32 unfolded, 28x13 folded. \$100 Call 978-922-3198 After 4pm.

GARAGE SALE
THIS OUT
AMESBURY, MA: 35 MIDDLE RD. Sat 9/22 8am-2pm
Audio equipment Sub Woofer and Speakers, VCR, Aiwa Mini System, Suzuki Blvd saddle bags and pipes porcelain dolls and lots more.

MULTI-FAMILY
ANDOVER, MA: 40 York St. Sat. Sept 22, 8:30-1:00 black wrought iron table 6 chairs. Vintage Heritage Drexel Chairs, Electric Lawn mower, Vintage furniture AND much more!

THIS OUT
ANDOVER, MA 9/21, 9/22 & 9/23 8am-2pm
6 Highvale Lane - BallardvaleCollectors Dream! Antiques, furniture, tools, china ; Imani, Spode etc. Nauticals, household, Hitchcock Furniture.

MULTI-FAMILY
ANDOVER, MA: 2 Locust St. Sat. 9/22, 10-2pm furniture etc. Sofas dining room set craft-matic bed tools & more. Call anytime before Saturday (978) 346-9759

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652 Andover Street
Our HUGO Annual Yard Sale!!!

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GARAGE SALE
Estate Sale!
FREMONT, NH: 248 Danville Rd. (2 mi.North four seasons camp ground) Sat. 9/22 & Sun. 9/23. 9-3pm Antique appliances, Lionel train set, TVs, Vcr's, telephones, kitchenware etc.

GEORGETOWN, MA
81 Elm St., Sat. 9/22, 8-3pm RAINDATE Sun. 9/23. 60 inches hand crafted carousel, oriental rugs, antiques, stuff, etc.

EVERYTHING MUST GO!
GROVELAND, MA Sat Sept 22, 9am-2pm 15 WASHINGTON STREET Furniture, toys, tools and much more!

YARD SALE
HAVERHILL, MA - 168 East Broadway, (Off Groveland Street), Sat. Sept. 22, 8 A.M. Yard Sale, furniture, clothing, toys, quality household items, Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 23

MULTI-FAMILY
HAVERHILL, MA: 23 Dexter Street Sat. Sept. 22, 8 am - 1 pm
Kid's toys, clothes, Vintage NE Patriot collectible items(clothes, clocks, jewelry, etc). Die Cast collectibles, including Matchbox collectible cars, Hot Wheels, Military Diecast Vehicles, Muscle Machines, Johnny Lightning Corvettes--all priced for quick sale. Shoes, pocketbooks, clothing (like new) jewelry, games, Atari, household items and much more!

MULTI-FAMILY
HAVERHILL, MA: 44 Lake Street, Off Rte. 97, Saturday, Sept. 22, 8-3, GIANT YARD SALE, antiques, collectibles, furniture, toys, etc...

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