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BREAKING GROUND

Today's event puts focus on \$44M school

By NEIL FATER

The construction began months ago with a new entrance road. On Tuesday, students were peering through a safety fence to see workers pour concrete footings for the building. But today, Thursday, it will really be official.

With the typical pomp, circumstance and speeches, the new Bancroft Elementary School will have its ground-breaking ceremony.

The event holds greater meaning than is typical because for much of the previous school year a lawsuit by neighbors had stopped the project. If a settlement hadn't been reached, said Tom Deso, building committee chairman, the case might have been in the courts for two years.

"We had a period of time here for several months where we really wondered, 'Are we going to get this project done?'" said Deso, who worried that at some point the state might pull its money from the project. "This is a symbolic moment. This is a big moment for the town. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of people.

"Now we know we're going to have a new Bancroft School. Two years from now all the students of Bancroft will be going into a brand new school, and that's pretty exciting," he said.

In a morning ceremony today, every student at Bancroft Elementary will wear little, plastic hard hats and will have a chance to pick up a shovel and turn over some dirt that will be used in the project. They'll sing the Bancroft song and hear something that they've probably never heard before.

"At the end of the ceremony we're going to ring the Bancroft bell [in the school's eastern tower] which hasn't been run in many, many years," said new Principal Mal Forsman.

The public is invited to a noon ceremony at the construction site, which will include singing by students in the fourth and fifth grade and the official ground-breaking.

Due to the limited parking at the school, all those attending the noon ceremony are asked to park at the Harrison Ice Rink located on the Phillips Academy campus on South Main Street. Shuttles will be available from there to take guests to the construction site, and will return



Kindergartners at the Bancroft School grab an elevated view from the top of their playground equipment to watch the new construction during their recess.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo.

guests to the parking lot following the ceremony, according to the school system.

"We really look at this as a community celebration," said School Committee member Annie Gilbert, noting the number of people who voted at Town Meeting for the \$44 million school, and who offered input at a variety of meetings.

The new building was needed because of structural problems with the existing school. But there are mixed emotions in town about losing the existing school and its whimsical design that reminded children of a



Some Kindergartners at the Bancroft School watch the construction as others continue on with their recess.

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Increased costs, lawsuit have altered school plan

By NEIL FATER

The plan for the new Bancroft Elementary School approved at Town Meeting has seen more than \$1.4 million in changes, and the loss of two playing fields. Officials expect to know within the

next two weeks if price fluctuation will have any more effect on the school plan.

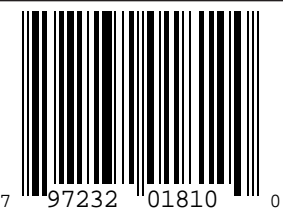
A lawsuit by neighbors upset with elements of the project postponed construction by about a year, until

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Marshalls site filled

Planet Fitness, Sport Clips coming to mall

JUDY WAKEFIELD Staff Writer

A huge retail hole at Shawsheen Plaza is being filled — finally — as workout chaine Planet Fitness is moving into the former Marshalls retail space. Another, smaller empty retail space at the plaza will be leased by Sport Clips, a hair salon chain that specializes in haircuts for men. Sport Clips will move into the former K2 Indian Bazaar space, next to Elements.

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The empty former Marshalls store at Shawsheen Plaza in Andover.

► MCAS results

Andover High advanced in math

...but high 'needs improvement' at two elementary schools

JUDY WAKEFIELD Staff Writer

Andover's MCAS report card for this year shows the upper grades in town making honors but some lower than typical scores at some elementary levels. At Bancroft Elementary, more fourth-graders scored in the "needs improvement" category for English than is the state average; and at South Elementary more students scored in the "needs improvement" category in math than is the state average.

Thirty-five percent of Bancroft's fourth-grade English scores landed in the "needs improvement" category while 38 percent of South's fourth-grade math scores did the same.

The statewide average for "needs improvement" is 30 percent for English and 36 percent for math for fourth-graders.

The MCAS scores for spring 2012 were released last month by the state's Department of Education. Here's a closer look at

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: In 1837 a Greek Revival structure was built on Central Street in Andover as Christ Church. A fire in 1886 destroyed the building, and fortunately John Byers had already offered to donate stone for a new building, that was dedicated in 1887.



NOW: Looking down Central Street, Andover, one can see several churches, South Church, left, and Christ Church in the center.

Walk Oct. 14 to help area poor

More than 1,200 walkers are expected to walk five miles in an effort to help people living in poverty in the Lawrence area by attending the 13th Annual Hike for Hope on Sunday, Oct. 14, at Merrimack College in Andover. Money raised at the Hike will benefit Capernaum Place, a transitional housing facility operated by Lazarus House Ministries Inc.

Capernaum Place helps families to get on their feet by providing housing while parents follow a targeted work and education plan meant to have people supporting their family on their own within two years.

Bridget Galvin, event manager said, "It is so exciting to

see how the Hike for Hope all comes together after six months of planning to be a fun day for families and individuals but even more significant is knowing that this walk will transform the lives of Capernaum Place guests and their families."

You can still register online and collect donations for the Hike for Hope at hikeforhope.org. The registration fee for adults is \$25 with a required minimum pledge to raise \$50, for teens 13 to 18 the registration fee is the same with minimum fundraising of \$25, children younger than 13 can register for \$15 with no minimum requirement. On the day of the event you can register

starting at 11:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies starting at 12:30 p.m.

The Hike is followed by a free barbecue; along with family-fun activities like bubbles, moon bounce, balloon art, photo booth, carnival games and face painting. Walkers will be entertained during the fun activities and barbecue by SpeechLess, "an ensemble group from Boston that plays a mix of groove-oriented jazz, pulsing R&B and instrumental funk," according to Lazarus House.

For more information contact the Event Manager at Lazarus House Ministries at (978) 269-5206 or email at events@lazarushouse.org

Thousands of local cases affected by state chemist

The Essex County District Attorney's Office faces what it calls a "herculean" task of poring over thousands of cases that hinged on the work of now-former state crime lab chemist Annie Dookhan.

An estimated 8,451 cases in Essex County, which would include cases involving Andover, may have been tainted by Dookhan's involvement. In interviews with state police, Dookhan has admitted to making educated guesses about samples rather than testing them, as well as to tampering with samples so they would turn out to be positive for drugs when initial tests came back negative.

"It's mind-boggling," said

Carrie Kimball Monahan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, whose office is now sorting through the list of samples that came from police departments in Essex County. She called the task of going through all of the cases "herculean."

At the same time, defense attorneys are also reviewing old cases. Of the 8,451 cases in this county, the vast majority involved public defenders or other court-appointed counsel, leaving the attorneys to pore over 7,000 cases. And that's on top of the rest of their work.

The county's courts also are working to get a handle on the scope of the problem. The Salem Superior Court clerk's

office has been fielding a spate of motions, including lawyers in pending cases seeking delays in trials, and lawyers for those already convicted seeking motions for new trials and stays of sentences being served.

There's talk of a special session being created to handle all of the cases.

Until then, said Monahan, prosecutors are handling the matters on a case-by-case basis.

"It is such an enormous, unprecedented amount of work," said Monahan. "We're pretty much at capacity as it is."

—Julie Manganis

Political forum of local candidates next Friday

The Service Club of Andover will host a political forum on Friday, Oct. 12 at the Andover Country Club. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. with the forum scheduled to begin at 7:30. This event is open to the public and the breakfast is on the Club.

Scheduled to attend are: Barbara L'Italien and Jim Lyons candidates for the

18th Essex District; Sen. Barry Finegold and Paul Adams, candidates for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex Senate Seat;

Kevin Cuff and Frank Moran, candidates for the 17th Essex District; and

Jack Wilson, Paul Iannucillo and Brian Corrigan, candidates for the Register of Deeds, Northern Essex County.

Legal aid programs launch foreclosure defense project

Neighborhood Legal Services and Merrimack Valley-North Shore Legal Services will participate in a two-year effort to provide legal representation for homeowners facing foreclosure or eviction in northeastern Massachusetts.

The effort is part of the Attorney General HomeCorps Borrower Representation Initiative, a statewide project funded by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office using money obtained in settlement of a lawsuit over the foreclosure

practices of several banks. The two legal services programs will dedicate four attorneys across the region to help homeowners avoid eviction, investigate fraudulent foreclosures and provide legal representation in foreclosure cases.

Both legal services programs have extensive experience representing low-income residents with housing-related legal issues.

For more information or to apply for free legal help, visit mass.gov/ago/homecorps or call 617-573-5333.

October health clinics

The Andover health department will offer senior center clinics on Wednesdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31

from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 978-623-8295.

Electronic, appliance recycle fundraiser

Electronics and Appliance Recycle Day will be held on Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover.

Fees are \$5 for items such as computers, scanners, and copiers; \$10 for items such as dishwashers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, dehumidifiers,

refrigerators, air conditioners, exercise equipment, lawn mowers, small engine items, and snow blowers; \$10 to \$25 for televisions; \$10 monitors; no charge for car batteries and cell phones.

For more information, contact Dennis Wood at denwaynewood@yahoo.com or 508-277-7513.

St. John's Prep admission open house on Oct. 20

St. John's Prep in Danvers will hold an admission open house Saturday, Oct. 20 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

All open house sessions will begin in Brother Benjamin Hall on the Prep campus at 72 Spring St., Danvers.

Seventh and eighth grade students and their families interested in learning more about St. John's will have the opportunity to talk with the headmaster and principal, learn about the academic programs, explore co-curricular opportunities, and take part in student-led tours of the school's 175-acre campus.

Faculty, coaches, parents, current students and representatives of the school's more than 70 clubs and organizations will be on hand to answer questions.

St. John's also offers the Eagle for a Day Student Shadow Program for current eighth graders interested in spending a typical day on campus and attending classes with Prep students. The shadow program begins on Oct. 10 and runs through March.

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Merrimack Valley Chamber to host debate for Congressional candidates

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a debate for the Massachusetts Congressional Candidates - Congressman John Tierney, Richard Tisei and Daniel Fishman - on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at North Andover High School in the auditorium, 430 Osgood St., North Andover.

The debate will start at 7 p.m., but the candidates are

invited to arrive by 6:15 p.m.

The Chamber will develop questions and will also ask the audience to write questions and drop them in a basket. Two or three questions from the audience, drawn randomly by the Town Manager, are anticipated to be asked. All candidates will be asked to answer each question.

The MVCC has not, and will not, endorse any candidates but believes it important to provide its members and the public with an opportunity to hear from the candidates.

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BANCROFT: Work begins

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castle. It's open classroom concept led to more noise, but also a different, team teaching approach to education that some people favored.

"There's no denying [the current school] is a unique building and people have strong emotions about it, one way or the other. It means a lot to a lot of people. I've had three children go through the building, so it means a lot to me," said Gilbert.

But she remembers moving buckets around the media center to catch dripping water when she would volunteer in the school.

"We're all found of its quirks, but we all acknowledge we need a new structure," she said. "We've worked hard to make another building the community will be equally proud of. We have tried to bring the best of what worked into the new Bancroft as best as we can."

Recognizing the elementary students' attachment to their existing school, Forsman indicated that educators also are trying to include students in developments taking place at the construction site. Gilbert said that part of the contract with the architect calls for architects to come into the classrooms and talk about the project.

"It's a general focus on keeping the children involved in the construction and understanding what's going on. While it's going to be difficult to give up this school, we wanted to give them the opportunity to embrace the new school," said Forsman.

Forsman expects to pose a Question of the Week about the construction and have a piece of construction equipment in the lobby to see if students can guess what it is. Later this month, they will join construction workers to do stand and stretch exercises during safety week.

PLANS: Overages may force changes

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a settlement was reached. Town officials say that construction costs rose during the year of delay, leading to an estimated \$2 million increase. As part of the settlement, the town agreed to reduce the number of fields on the site from three to one, at least for now.

The loss of the two playing fields means the new building will have less play area than the current building, by about 7,500 square feet, according to Tom Deso, School Building Committee chairman, "and we'll have 120 more students on the site."

School Committee member Annie Gilbert said she expects the town will look at putting playing fields on water-department land on

the side of the school from the West Knoll-area neighbors who sued. This is land where Bancroft Elementary's portable classrooms are now.

The town also has spent \$50,000 on a retaining wall for the neighbors, \$40,000 in legal costs and \$200,000 to change architectural drawings.

The School Building Committee found \$2 million in possible cuts or ways to do things differently, said Deso. He said town officials have agreed to about \$1,450,000 of these changes, and are holding the remaining \$550,000 in reserve, until they are sure the cuts are necessary.

The changes already approved include ideas such as seeding the lawn area instead of laying sod, saving \$100,000 by buying smaller trees and shrubs than

originally planned, and moving some items such as bookcases out of the construction budget and into the furniture and equipment budget that will be spent later in the project. Smaller items include removing \$90,000 for new playground equipment and \$10,000 for a climbing wall in the gym.

Among the items on the chopping block if more cuts are made is to save \$250,000 by using brick rather than natural stone on the exterior of the building.

"We wanted to do [stone] because we thought it would be more in keeping with the surroundings, with the neighborhood," said Deso.

"That's the biggest single item," said Gilbert. "I'd like to see it be stone. We gathered a lot of feedback from the

community that they'd like to see that but, ultimately, that's not going to offset the quality of education."

About 60 percent of bids on different parts of the school-construction project have come in as early this week, and Deso said the costs have run about 15 percent higher than estimated. The remaining 40 percent of bids will come in within the next two weeks.

Deso and Gilbert say the town will know how much it needs to cut or alter in the project then.

Andover does have about \$2 million remaining in its contingency account. Because this is a new structure, it is expected that the town could use some of this money to avoid cuts or alterations.

"Once we get out of the ground with the building it's pretty cut and dry. Most

of your changes at that point are going to be minor coordination issues that don't cost a lot, so then you can take more of a risk with how much money you're going to keep set aside for contingencies," said Deso.

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Business

Resident given cruise for his volunteer help with cooperatives

Walden Swanson of Andover received the Cabot Community Celebrity Award for his volunteer work with the Green House Project and other cooperatives.

Swanson was recognized by Cabot Creamery Cooperative for what it calls "his selfless volunteerism with cooperatives." Walden and a guest [joined] more than 41 other altruistic individuals and their guests on an all-expense-paid Alaskan cruise honoring them for the volunteer work they do in their communities."

Swanson joined winners from 23 states on the Cabot Community Cruise as well as Cabot staff and representatives from program partners AARP Create the Good and Points of Light, on the eight-day, seven-night excursion. Local radio stations in more than 20 markets chose some of this year's "Community Celebrities," while others were recognized from recent Cabot programs, including Reward Volunteers iPhone app and the 2012 Cabot Community Tour, an



Andover resident Walden Swanson won an Alaskan cruise based on his volunteer work with cooperatives, according to Cabot Creamery.

eight-week celebration of co-ops, communities, and volunteers along the East Coast, according to the company.

Cabot said its 1,200 farm family owners "recognize the importance of volunteerism and want to acknowledge the unsung heroes of local communities for their hard work and efforts. While the winners of this trip typically shun praise, Cabot's farm family owners want the notion of 'community celebrity' to evolve into a

broader recognition of selfless volunteerism.

Swanson grew up in Texas and graduated from the University of Texas. He got involved with cooperatives in the early 1970s and has worked almost exclusively in that arena ever since. He was inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C., according to the Board of Coop Metrics, a company that provides data warehousing to cooperatives across the country in numerous industry sectors.

Walden's work with cooperatives has been his career, but it's also where he volunteers. He has been involved in the Green House Project, which was financed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The project has created an entirely new nursing home model where all the rooms are formed in a circle around a hearth and community living space. The residents are no longer isolated down long, barren hallways, and their quality of life is visibly improved, according

to the release. This model of care has been featured in Parade Magazine and on PBS News Hour, and it is being adopted in many states. "The bottom line is that it dramatically improves care and quality of life without increasing cost," said Cabot.

Cabot wrote that Swanson also worked with USAID in the 1990's in Eastern Europe where he and his team helped bring market and cooperative solutions to local economies. He worked on grain shipment projects, drafted business plans for emerging companies and industries, and brought improvements to dairy herd management. He did this while working in association with the National Cooperative Business Association.

"I help where I can and offer advice based on my years in the industry, but [others] do the heavy lifting," Swanson was quoted as saying. "Cooperatives have found a new life, and it's great fun to watch them prosper. I love the David versus Goliath story."



From left, Cocoanuts owners Jen Reuss and Tara Shea.

Resident opens speciality snack store in Boston

Andover resident Jen Reuss and her business partner Tara Shea have opened a new business, Cocoanuts Boston, at 28 Parmenter St. in Boston's North End.

The store is open Tuesdays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and sells a variety of artisan chocolates, gourmet nut mixes and specialty snacks, as well as gift baskets.

"We have been fortunate to align ourselves with many local artisans. We think it's important to support local business," said Reuss in a release. Lark Cookies from Essex, Harbors Sweets of Salem, Quinn Popcorn, Yes Chocolates, Cow & Crumb, and Little Bits Toffee are some of the local artisans on the store's shelves. The owners also recognize the niche they serve in the community, and see the store as a nice complement to the many restaurants and bakeries, she said.

"We know that we will

be ever-evolving," Reuss added. "We really want to be responsive to what our customers are looking for." She said the shop will be carrying a line of raw chocolates this fall and will be adding depth to their chocolate bar repertoire to cover vegan and organic requests. "We are happy for the feedback, and we are always looking to better enhance the store," she said.

Friends since they were 11, both owners share a distinct memory from when they were 16 of one day hoping to own a retail store together in Boston.

"Being able to do this together after a couple of distinct careers (Jen worked in advertising and Tara in healthcare) is pretty incredible," said Reuss. "We feel so fortunate to be here."

Reuss lives on Elm Street in Andover with her two children, Grady, 9 and Logan, 6, both students at West Elementary.

Ready to book their honeymoon



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo.

Jason Roberts and Danielle Chamberland choose The Andover Bookstore as the location for their wedding, with guests lined up amidst a backdrop of shelved books.

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Gould honored for 30-year career with charities

VNA of Middlesex-East will hold its 20th Annual Gala Auction on Saturday, Nov. 3 and will honor Andover resident Diana Gould, who will retire as the agency's development manager at the end of 2012. The event will be held at the Crestview in Woburn and benefits the VNA's Sawtelle Family Hospice House.



Diana Gould

Gould has been orchestrating special events for charitable groups for more than 30 years including PTAs, private schools, hospitals, neighborhood projects, and the visiting nurses. She has successfully raised many thousands of dollars for a wide array of good causes, according to a VNA release.

As development manager for the VNA of Middlesex-East since 1999, she created and nurtured relationships with individuals and businesses to support the home health and hospice mission. Prior to joining the VNA, Gould was development director for Boston Regional Medical Center. She has also worked as a grade school teacher for the Tewksbury Public Schools.

The event features both a silent and

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live auction, reception hour and dinner. Individual auction tickets are \$100, sponsorships which include a table of ten range from \$800 to \$3,000, and program book ads range from \$175 to \$500. The agency welcomes donations of items for bid such as gift baskets, gift certificates, sports memorabilia and tickets, art and jewelry.

VNA of Middlesex-East serves 36 Greater Boston communities. For more information on the Auction, contact Jennie Perkins at 781-224-3399, ext. 2303 or jperkins@vnaofme.org.

NECC hosts grant program

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Northern Essex Community College is offering a new program for un- and under-employed adults who want to prepare for careers in high demand technology and health care fields.

Students in the program can take advantage of a college and career navigator who will assist them with the college process and facilitate access to services including financial aid, tutoring, and advising.

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with the next group starting Oct. 29.

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"This grant is helping us reshape our academic programs," said Megan Shea, project director. "It is designed to help students, especially clients of our one-stop career centers, gain a foothold in the job market."

The \$20 million grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor to the Massachusetts Community College System. Community colleges across the state are developing programs in targeted areas including life sciences and biotechnology, information technology, health care, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and financial services and entrepreneurship.

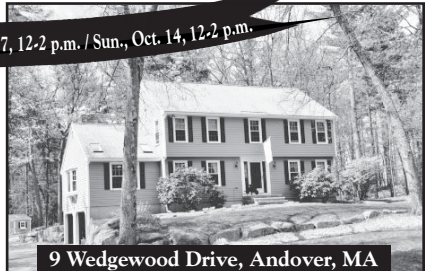
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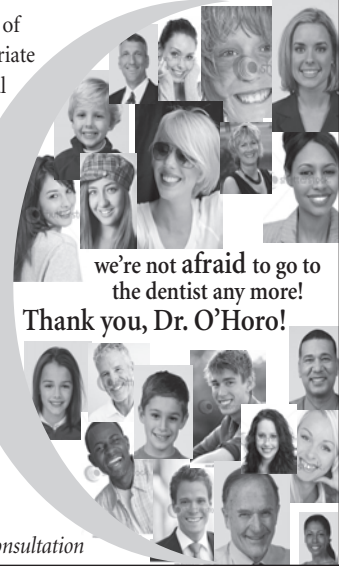
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FITNESS: New tenants for plaza

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From a retail perspective, Shawsheen Plaza has been quiet for well over a year as at least four businesses have left and replacement tenants have been tough to find. But there seems to be a new trend emerging as three of those retail spaces are no longer empty. The Indian bistro restaurant, Raagini's, opens soon at the former Card Smart space, leaving the former Tuesday Morning space on the plaza's empty list.

The former Marshalls site has been vacant for 18 months. Planet Fitness filed plans last week with the zoning board to begin its permit process to occupy the space. First up, is a variance request to allow the installation of a 200-foot Planet Fitness sign. The town limits retail sign size to 80 feet. But, Marshalls had a 200-foot sign above its main entrance and the request is expected to be approved, according to a Planet Fitness spokesman.

Described online as "the most innovative health club brand in the United States, known for absurdly low prices," Planet Fitness costs about \$15 for a monthly membership.

The sign variance issue comes up at tonight's Oct. 4, zoning and board of appeals meeting. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, second floor.

"We've already met with planning officials and showed them our plans...the sign is appropriate," said Taylor Mandell, regional manager for Planet Fitness franchises located in Essex and Middlesex counties.

Plans on file in the town's zoning office show seven gooseneck lights decorating the words "Planet Fitness" as the grand entrance sign. Planet Fitness is called an anchor store at Shawsheen Plaza in those plans which argue that a big sign identical to the size of the former

Marshalls sign is therefore warranted.

Stop & Shop owns Shawsheen Plaza and just announced that Sport Clips will be opening in the former K2 InBazaar space, Suzi Robinson, Public & Community Relations, Stop & Shop New England Division, said in an email.

"Sport Clips will be opening in the near future as well. I don't have dates," Robinson said. "We have several other deals in the works, but cannot confirm anything else yet."

But, Planet Fitness is confirmed. The site is a 17,500-square-foot space that will be filled with workout equipment, Mandell said.

While there are other Planet Fitness gyms nearby,

including in Tewksbury and Danvers, Mandell said Andover's demographic was a key reason why the gym wants to be located in town.

Mandell said the tentative grand opening date is Jan. 15, 2013.

"We'll have our pre-sale memberships in mid-November," he also said.

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Meanwhile, Sports Clips boasts a hip barbershop theme on its website. The salons are equipped with flat screen televisions playing sports, and there are massage chairs in the shampoo area.

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Jan Michl, right, and Jan Sudyka paint the fence around the Bowling Green in Andover.

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Sports

BACK IN ACTION

Biles overcomes shoulder injury, starring in goal

By DAVID WILLIS
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There was a time the idea of returning to sports deeply frightened Olivia Biles.

"I was terrified at first," said Biles. "I was scared I would be injured and have to go through everything again. Overcoming that fear was the hardest part for me."

A starting goalie for her first two high school seasons, a severe shoulder injury and subsequent surgery left Biles on the sidelines for her entire junior soccer season.

But this season, after a year of rehab and preparation, Biles has returned to the pitch as a standout in goal for the Golden Warriors, who entered the week with a 6-1-2 record.

"I could not be more excited to be back," said Biles. "I can't even put it into words to be honest. Being out last year was very hard for me, so I worked really hard to be back to the goalie I wanted to be."

Biles quickly emerged as a standout in net, appearing in 27 varsity games in her first two high school seasons, including a pair of state tournament victories.

But, in the summer before her junior season, Biles' athletic life was thrown into disarray.

"Ever since I started playing sports my shoulder would always pop out because I had loose ligaments," she said. "It would go out when I threw or shot a ball, then pop back in. I never thought much about it because it would just hurt for five minutes then go away."

One day, however, at a basketball showcase at Brandeis University, it was a difference story.

"I was going for a ball and a girl kind of pushed me from behind,"



Courtesy photo.

After missing all of last season with a shoulder injury, Olivia Biles has returned in fine fashion as the goalie for the Andover girls soccer team this season.

she remembered. "I looked at my shoulder and it was about five inches out of the socket. I kind of blacked out because I think I hit a nerve. My entire arm was numb, then the feeling starting coming back and it was excruciating pain. "The trainer came over and I told her, 'I can't feel or move my arm.' I knew something was wrong. I had

only been at the camp for an hour, and my mother had to come back to pick me up."

Biles soon saw a doctor, and was diagnosed with a complete tear of her labrum, the ligament that attaches the shoulder joint.

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Football stays hot, tops powerhouse

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

UP NEXT:

Andover knew it was the underdog.

The Golden Warriors were facing state powerhouse Xaverian on Friday, a team three years removed from an undefeated Super Bowl championship season, featuring a player already committed to play football at college legendary powerhouse University of Michigan.

"Everyone talked down to us, telling us Xaverian was going to win," said linebacker Chas Heseltine. "Even my parents came here thinking Xaverian was going to win."

But Andover High quickly showed they were more than up to the task.

The Golden Warriors took control with two touchdowns in the first 4:45 of play, and hung on to beat Xaverian 15-13 on Friday.

Andover entered the game ranked No. 15 in Eastern Mass., while Xaverian was No. 13. The Warriors moved up to No. 11 following the win.

"We came into the week knowing Xaverian is one of the best teams in the state, playing in the best division in the state," said senior Cam Farnham. "So to beat them, and show a public school and play with a catholic school, is huge."

Xaverian entered the game with plenty of hype, including Michigan-bound defensive lineman Maurice Hurst Jr., the son of former New England Patriot Maurice Hurst.

"We heard in the off-season we couldn't beat Xaverian with Maurice Hurst," said linebacker Jake Flaherty. "So to get that win is huge for us. It was a big confidence win."

It was an unlikely play that proved the winning margin, when quarterback C.J. Scarpa recovered a

loose ball for a two-point conversion.

"I saw the ball was alive and I tried to pick it up," said Scarpa. "I tried to pick it up, but I missed the ball and I tried to keep nudging it forward into the end zone then I tried all I could to get on it."

Scarpa and Farnham gave the Golden Warriors the lead just 22 seconds into play, when they connected on a 77-yard touchdown pass.

"The play was actually going to be a run," said Farnham. "But C.J., the smartest quarterback in the state, audibled into a seam. The safety came up and I was wide open. C.J. made a perfect throw, my hands were a little slippery but I made the catch."

Scarpa added another score with 6:06 to go in the first, on a 16-yard touchdown to Andrew Delour. He finished the day 13-of-25 throwing for 203 yards.

Flaherty again paced the defense, making 16 tackles and recovering a fumble. Heseltine added 10 stops and Mark Zavri made eight tackles and an interception before leaving the game in the third with an apparent

See FOOTBALL, Page 7

Coaching greats Collins, Hixon to be honored

Barry Connors and a small committee have set up a day to honor former Andover coaching greats Dick Collins and Wil Hixon at halftime of the Golden Warriors' football game against Lawrence High next Friday, Oct. 12.

Collins, who coached football and track at Andover for 37 years, has been a teacher, coach and member of the school committee for 54 years. He won two Super Bowls as coach of the Golden Warriors in the 1970's, and made it to another, was named National

Track and Field Coach of the Year and is a member of both the Massachusetts Football Hall of Fame and Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hixon coached football and baseball at Andover, but is best remember for his legendary career as coach

of the Golden Warrior basketball team. In 24 years at Andover (1959-60 to 1982-83) Hixon was 377-122, won the 1970 Eastern Mass. Class C championship and six straight Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament

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Keefe, field hockey stay perfect

FIELD HOCKEY

Meagan Keefe continued her scintillating season with three goals and two assists as Andover remained undefeated by rolling over Lowell 6-0 on Monday. Weezie Gross added two goals of her own, while Christine Aumais rounded out the scoring with a goal for the winners.

Tamara Rutfield scored a goal as Andover blasted Dracut 5-0 last Thursday. Bridget Morris, Brianna Smith and Jaclyn Torres each added a score for the winners.

Brianna Smith and Jess Leone each scored a goal and assisted on another as Andover rolled over Lawrence 6-0 last Monday. Weezie Gross added a goal and an assist, Christine Aumais, Julia LeBlanc and Morgan Manning each scored a goal and Nicole Schena and Andrew Pennock combined for the shutout.

SWIMMING

Awiszus takes 3 wins
Maevie Awiszus won the 200 freestyle (2:02.88) and 100 freestyle (57.27) and swam

on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover downed Central Catholic 90-72 on Friday. Soojin Kim chipped in with wins in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle and Emily Edwards took the 100 breaststroke for the winners.

Emma Cammann won the 50 freestyle (24.51) and 100 freestyle (55.62) and swam on the winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays as Andover downed Belmont 95-83 last Monday. Deborah Daly took the diving and Ashlee Korsberg won the 200 IM, 100 backstroke and was a member of the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Warriors keep cruising
Marcela Bolanos tallied 14 service points and three aces to lead Andover past Masconomet 25-20, 25-5, 25-19 on Monday. Lauren Murtagh had 18 assists and Sarah Weimer added nine digs for the winners.

Liz Wait notched 17 kills and five blocks as Andover rallied to edge Central Catholic 25-19, 19-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-12 on Saturday. Molly Cronin added 11 kills

and seven blocks, Lauren Murtagh had 21 assists and Sarah Weimer tallied 11 service points and 16 digs for the winners.

Sarah Weimer scored seven service points and eight digs as Andover cruised past Lowell 25-16, 25-6, 25-11 last Monday. Chelsea Hu added five kills and Molly Cronin had five blocks for the winners.

BOYS SOCCER

Offense red hot

Demetri Kostakis, Sam Kelly and An Huynh each scored a goal as Andover topped rival Central Catholic 3-0 last Tuesday. Mike Maldari and Ray Forster each added an assist and Kyle Surehan made six saves for the shutout.

Despite 13 saves for Connor Merinder, Andover lost to Lowell 2-0 last Thursday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Caveney paces winners
Basketball star Devon Caveney scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover beat Chelmsford 2-1 on Saturday. Sophie

Draper scored the other Andover goal, Veronica Alois had an assist and Olivia Biles made three saves for the win.

Veronica Alois stayed hot with a goal, but Andover fell to Central Catholic 2-1 last Tuesday. Olivia Biles made seven saves for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Galant paces Warriors

Max Galant took sixth overall in 16:29 over 3.08 miles as Andover beat Dracut (23-35) and Lawrence (20-38) but fell to Lowell (18-48) last Wednesday. Golden Warrior Peter McGinn placed 10th and Andrew Wang was 13th.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Aruri leads the way

Leila Aruri placed second in 18:22 over 3.08 miles as Andover downed Dracut (23-35) and Lawrence (15-50) but lost to Lowell (28-29) last Wednesday. Also for the Golden Warriors, Sarah Rothman was fifth and Megan McPhee was sixth.



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Meagan Keefe scored three goals on Monday as the Andover field hockey team stayed undefeated.



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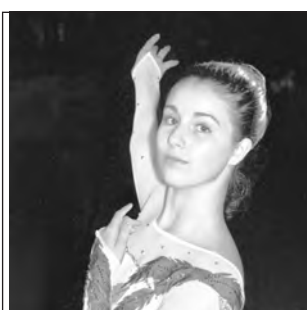
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Skater Kate Nuzzolo earns double gold designation

Kate Nuzzolo, a high honors student in her sophomore year at Andover High School, has become a "double gold medalist," according to the United States Figure Skating Association. Nuzzolo attained this accomplishment by passing her Senior Freestyle test at the end of August.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover skater Kate Nuzzolo credited the assistance of her coaches, family and friends with helping her achieve the rank of double gold medalist with the United States Figure Skating Association.

To even qualify to take this test, skaters must have already passed a Senior Moves test and several others including Basic Skills, Moves and Freestyle. Kate has completed more than 37 USFSA tests since she began skating at the Phillips Academy Ice Skating rink at age 5, according to a release.

at the rink, Leslie Sharrio, Beth Duxbury for choreography, and Andrew Korda for ice dancing, according to her family. She noted, "My coaches are a huge part of the reason I have accomplished everything I have. They are like a second family to me."

Kate began competitive figure skating when she was 7, winning medals across the Northeast as far as Lake Placid, N.Y. Part of her training includes on-ice practices, off-ice workouts, lifting weights and ballet. Like other serious skaters, Kate is managed by a team which includes her primary coach Arlene Collins, who is also the assistant director

To pass a Senior Freestyle Test, a skater must perform a set of required elements set to music within a four minute time period. The include:

- 4 different double or triple jumps one of which must be a Lutz
- Axel type jump
- 2 different jump combinations with (2 double jumps) or (a double and a triple)
- Flying spin (minimum of 6 revolutions in position)
- Spin in one position (minimum of 6 revolutions)
- Spin combo with all 3 positions and 1 change of foot (minimum of 2 revolutions in each position and 5 revolutions/foot, and 10 revolutions total)
- 1 step sequence and 1 spiral sequence, covering the full ice surface

Her program was inspired by the movie, "The Black Swan."

Kate said in an email that, "It's a lot of pressure in that program. There is basically no room for error. Two mistakes, or simply not having good enough skating quality could allow the judges to fail you." Over the years she has spent well over 200 hours volunteering as a Basic Skills assistant at the Phillips rink, and hopes to give private

lessons in the future. She will continue on competing at the highest level

of figure skating (Senior) at gold medalist through ice competitions, as well as continuing on to become a triple dancing.



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COACHES: Will be honored next week

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titles. He won 469-146 in 30 years as a coach at Raymond (N.H.) High, Plymouth (N.H.) High and Andover High. He is a member of the Massachusetts Hall of Fame. Andover will honor them

for their work during the Lawrence game, and any alumni, friends, family or anybody who knows Collins or Hixon can meet at Dylan's Restuarnt after the game to talk about memories.

current Andover football team, as both coached current Golden Warriors head coach E.J. Perry. Perry was MVP of both the football team, the basketball team and he won the Class B State Title under Collins in track.

BILES: Back after shoulder surgery

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"They told me I had to have surgery, because if it popped out again I would have permanent nerve damage," she said. "Then, right after surgery I got mono(nucleosis). So it was a very, very hard time for me. It was a very tough few months."

Biles was finally cleared to return to sports a month into the high school basketball season, but the step was initially a frightening one.

shutouts in a row. She came back super strong, and her technical abilities have improved a lot. She devoted herself, and has stepped in and done a great job."

Once the 2011 soccer season started, Biles did all she could to help the team from the sidelines, giving advice and moral support. But missing out on her junior campaign was a difficult hit.

"I was terrified to shoot or take a layup because I was scared my shoulder would pop out again," she said. "I didn't want anyone to touch me. I started with just simple dribbling and defensive drills, and had to work my way back to really playing."

Biles now has her eyes set on playing college soccer, and has received interest from schools such as Ithica, Union and Endicott. But she is now focused on a big senior campaign.

"I still wanted to be a part of the team and was at every practice and every game," she said. "But it was tough to be there just watching every day. I am a very competitive person, and I had worked so hard to get better at my position. Then, once I was injured all I could do was sit there. I wanted to keep playing and getting better and I couldn't."

Biles was able to work her way back to contribute to the Golden Warriors' third straight Division 1 state basketball title. She then set her sights on soccer once again.

"I was so ready to be back out on the turf and play for Andover High," she said. "It has been so much fun, and I want to continue the success. I feel like we have a very good team this season."

Her coach could see the time away was difficult. "It was extremely tough on her," said soccer coach Meghan Matson. "She was our starter, and for a multi-sport athlete like her to have to step back was rough. It was hard on the team too because she is such a leader."

"I just started playing soccer as much as possible," she said. "I practiced every day, I played club soccer. I knew it was going to take a lot of work to get back to where I wanted to be. I was so excited to be playing soccer again."

FOOTBALL: Big win

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knee injury. "I want to say this game was for Zavrl," said Flaherty. "We just blitzed the crap out of them and got pressure in the backfield all night. They couldn't handle it."

So far this season, Biles has certainly returned in fine fashion. In seven starts, the senior has allowed just three goals, opening the season with five straight shutouts and adding a 2-1 victory over Chelmsford. "She has been great so far," said Matson. "All those

PASSING: A — Scarpa 13-25-1, 203; X — DeCarr 6-18-2, 85
RECEIVING: A — Cam Farnham 4-77, Andrew Deloury 3-40, Will Heikkinen 2-40, Sylvester 3-41, Cam Davey 1-5; X — A.J. King 3-54, D.J. Sperzel 1-13, D.J. Pagliuca 1-12, Joe DeNucci 1-6

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MCAS: Results are in

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some of the highlights:

Bancroft had 60 percent of its 89 test-takers in fourth grade scoring in the "proficient or higher" category for English Language Arts, more than 10 percent below all other elementary schools in town. Just 12 percent scored in the "advanced" category. The scores of 35 percent are in the "needs improvement" category. Both of those scores were not as good as the state average, as 13 percent of fourth-graders statewide scored in the "advanced" category and 30 percent scored in "needs improvement" category. The school did much better in fifth grade as 87 percent were "proficient or higher" in English Language Arts.

Other elementary school scores for the "proficient or higher" category for fourth-grade English Language Arts were at least 11 points higher than Bancroft - ranging from 71 at South to 87 at Sanborn. West Elementary scored a 74 while High Plain scored 81.

Fourth grade math scores at South were noticeably low as just 61 percent of the 107

test takers scored in the "proficient or higher" category. Thirty-eight percent (40 kids) scored in the "needs improvement" category compared to 36 percent statewide. West Elementary was only a point higher in the "proficient or higher" category with 62 percent of the 153 fourth-graders tested. Other fourth-grade math scores in the "proficient or higher" category were at least nine points higher - Bancroft scored 71; Sanborn scored 78; and High Plain scored 80.

Andover High School had a whopping 76 percent of 435 test-takers in 10th grade (about 330 kids) score in the advanced category for math compared to a statewide average of 27 percent.

English Language Arts scores continue to be very strong in Andover middle schools. All three middle schools scored 91 percent or higher in the "proficient or higher" category. Doherty Middle scored 97 percent for all three grades (6, 7, 8); West Middle scored 92; and Wood Hill scored 91 for their "all grades" scores.

Science and tech/engineering scores were much lower at all three middle schools,

although still better than the state average. Doherty scored 73 percent for all grades in the "proficient or higher" category while West Middle and Wood Hill each had 63 percent in that category. The state average is 54.

While "very pleased" with the terrific math scores at Andover High School, Superintendent of Schools Marinell McGrath said lower math scores in elementary school don't necessarily add up to trouble. She said there is a wide gap in how kids think

System-Wide MCAS Results

Grade and Subject	Proficient or Higher		Advanced		Proficient		Needs Improvement		Warning/ Failing		Students Included	CPI	SGP	Included in SGP
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GRADE 03 - READING	83	61	27	15	56	46	14	30	3	9	520	94.3	N/A	N/A
GRADE 03 - MATHEMATICS	82	61	46	27	36	34	13	25	5	14	520	92.4	N/A	N/A
GRADE 04 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	74	57	20	13	54	44	22	30	5	14	512	90.1	55.5	480
GRADE 04 - MATHEMATICS	67	51	25	16	42	35	29	36	3	12	512	89.6	60.0	480
GRADE 05 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	84	61	29	17	55	44	12	28	4	11	511	93.7	62.0	484
GRADE 05 - MATHEMATICS	82	57	50	25	32	32	15	26	4	17	512	93.2	64.0	484
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	79	52	45	22	34	30	18	34	3	14	510	92.7	N/A	N/A
GRADE 06 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	89	66	38	18	51	48	8	22	3	11	472	95.3	62.0	448
GRADE 06 - MATHEMATICS	83	60	48	27	35	33	13	24	5	16	477	91.7	46.0	453
GRADE 07 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	94	71	33	15	61	56	5	21	2	7	533	97.9	57.0	504
GRADE 07 - MATHEMATICS	77	51	38	20	39	31	18	30	5	18	535	90.6	49.0	505
GRADE 08 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	96	81	41	18	55	63	2	14	2	6	516	98.8	58.0	489
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	76	52	45	22	31	30	17	28	6	19	514	90.0	57.5	486
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	65	43	7	5	58	36	29	38	5	20	515	86.7	N/A	N/A
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	95	88	60	37	35	51	3	9	2	3	453	98.5	40.5	396
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	92	78	74	50	18	28	5	15	3	7	453	97.1	59.0	392
GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	88	69	49	24	39	45	9	25	2	6	429	96.0	N/A	N/A
ALL GRADES - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	87	69	35	19	52	50	10	22	3	9	3,517	95.5	56.0	2,801
ALL GRADES - MATHEMATICS	80	59	46	27	34	32	16	26	5	15	3,523	92.0	55.0	2,800
ALL GRADES - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	77	54	33	17	44	37	19	32	4	13	1,454	91.5	N/A	N/A

and solve math equations at that age.

"We would be concerned if we did not understand what is occurring longitudinally with cohorts of students coupled with our understanding of how children develop mathematical thinking and their ability to think abstractly," McGrath said in an email. "There is great cognitive variability in students ages 9 to 11."

Fourth grade math is a big change for students, she said. "In the early grades,

students can 'see' that $3 \times 3 = 9$ readily through the manipulation of objects and study of patterns of numbers. Beginning in fourth grade, a student can not so easily 'see' that $27 \times 45 = 1,215$ due to the level of abstraction," McGrath said.

She called fourth grade math a "stepping stone" as students step from concrete math to the more abstract nature of math. Math understanding shifts again in grades 7 and continues through grade 12, she said.

"If we look at our fourth grade MCAS scores historically, 67 to 74 percent of our students have scored in the proficient/advanced category while in fifth grade - when they are able to

think more conceptually and abstractly - our students' MCAS scores in the proficient and advanced categories are historically in the range of 82 to 86 percent," McGrath said.

MCAS scores are analyzed by teachers and principals who make instructional and curricular decisions. Staffers determine if more time is needed on a particular topic, they identify the best strategies for that topic and get supplementary materials if needed, McGrath said.

"We are fortunate to have strong teachers and programs in mathematics. I believe our teachers are preparing our students to understand, use and apply mathematics," McGrath said.



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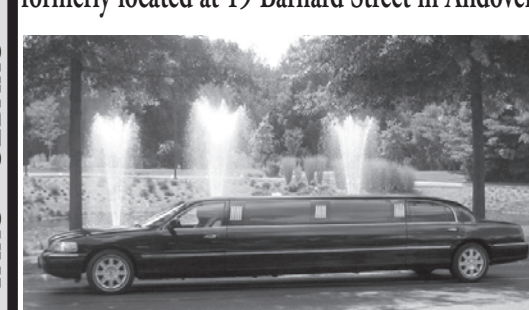
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Education

IRS tool to ease FAFSA process

The Internal Revenue says it wants to help minimize time spent on the completion of the Department of Education's Free Application for Federal Student Aid. By using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, applicants can automatically transfer required tax data from their federal tax returns directly to their FAFSA form. This IRS tool is a free, easy and secure way to access and transfer tax return information onto the FAFSA form. Using the tool saves time, improves accuracy and may

reduce the likelihood of the school's financial aid office requesting that you verify the information. Applicants who cannot use the IRS DRT to meet college requests for verification, may need to obtain an official transcript from the IRS. Transcripts are not available until the IRS has processed the related tax return. To order tax return or tax account transcripts, visit IRS.gov and select "Order a Transcript" or call the toll-free Transcript line at 1-800-908-9946.

Learn about Destination Imagination

Students, want to join or start a Destination Imagination team? You can. DI is a non-profit, volunteer program that offers kids a chance to solve open-ended challenges creatively. Members of teams of up to seven students (at any grade level, from kindergarten to grade 12) work together to solve their team's problem by developing a unique solution. Teams present at state tournaments, a showcase of kid creativity and ingenuity. If you are interested in learning more about how your child can be involved, DI organizers invite you to come to a Townwide Information Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Doherty Middle School at 7 p.m.

ON CAMPUS

National Society of Collegiate Scholars welcomes Alyssa J. Solomon

Alyssa J. Solomon of Andover has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel, and service projects both on campus and in the community," Stephen E. Loflin, NSCS founder and chief executive officer, said in a release. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and it the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has nearly one million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states, the district of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



Andover native Alyssa J. Solomon is now a member of the NSCS

St. Lawrence class of 2016

Samuel Pratt, a graduate of Andover High School, has enrolled at St. Lawrence University as a member of the class of 2016.

UMass Boston dean's list

The following Andover students were named to the University of Massachusetts Boston dean's list for the spring 2012 semester, according to a recent release from the school: Charlotte Dowden, Molly Gentz, Mary Pettoruto and John Scira, Jr.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Flynn studies conflict resolution

Eight local high school students from Beverly, Andover, and Marblehead, including Isabella Flynn of Andover, stepped away from the beach, the campground and the recreation center to spend a week at the end of August participating in a summer program learning and practicing conflict resolution and mediation skills to prepare for school. The program, sponsored by North Shore Community Mediation Center in Beverly, provided the students with the same skills of mediation used by experts around the world, according to the center. Included were lessons on active listening, overcoming biases, trust building, problem-solving, and the formal mediation process found in courts and schools across the country. "Through numerous role-plays, group discussions, and activities, the students came to understand their role as neutral listeners who don't determine the outcome or decide who is right or wrong. They explored the impact of conflict in their own lives, identifying different conflict styles and gaining constructive communication skills," said a release from the center. "These students can now join

a growing movement of young people advocating peace and the eradication of violence and bullying in their schools and communities."

Andover resident nominated as James Otis Scholar

John Chahraban of Andover, a senior at St. John's Prep, was nominated as a James Otis Scholar and invited to Faneuil Hall for the James Otis Lecture series. Each year, the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocate asks educators across the state to nominate students as James Otis Scholars.

Two named semifinalists in NMSC program

Two Andover High students were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program: Evan Doyle and Stan Huang. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout highschool, 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.

SNEAK PEEK



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Kindergartners at the Bancroft School grab a peek through the mesh of the new construction during recess.

Major milestones ahead on Bancroft

BY NEIL FATER

At recess time, young Bancroft Elementary School children press their little faces up to the mesh fencing so they can get the best view of the construction going on. School Committee member Annie Gilbert has a hard hat she must wear when she visits the construction site for the new Bancroft Elementary School being built next to the current school. "I was walking by the kindergarten playground," she said. "Kids came up to me and said, 'Are you one of the builders?'"

Clearly students are excited about the project going on next door to their school. And kindergartners have the best view, as the new building is being constructed nearest to their classrooms. There will be a lot of interesting moments for them. Principal Malcolm Forsman said that while students are enjoying the sight of all the construction equipment, noise hasn't negatively affected their school day. "The construction has not impacted the learning to any degree that's worth mentioning," he said. "It's been all positive as far as our interaction with the construction..."

Having a building completely separate takes away a lot of the anxiety and ongoing planning that needs to be done." Here are some of the key moments ahead and the dates school officials expect them to happen if the project goes according to plan: **Now:** Concrete foundation being poured **December 2012:** Steel beams erected **March 2012:** Topping off ceremony planned to celebrate placement of highest steel beam. Students will sign the beam and watch a crane place it at top of the building.

August 2013: The building will be weather tight, meaning much of the work ahead will take place within the new school building. **April 2014:** The new school will continue to use the existing, older school building until the end of the year. **Late June 2014/early July:** Demolition of the old building begins. **September 2014:** Kids move into their new Bancroft Elementary School. **October 2014:** Landscaping of the school grounds, including of the area where the now demolished former school once sat, is completed.

Summertime focus on curriculum

Schools on the Schools

Nancy A. Duclos

Editor's note: School leaders have asked to periodically submit columns they say will inform people about what is going on in the public schools. The Townsman includes columns from the community and its officials as space is available.

Summer might be a time for teachers to be away from the classroom, but it's also a time when they pursue individual and group projects that strengthen the instructional program for all of Andover's students. While many of us were out biking, boating, and going to the beach, over 100 Andover Public School teachers used the quiet summer months to complete curriculum projects proposed early in the spring. Administrative teams are now in the process of reviewing this curriculum work, which represents over 1,500 hours of dedicated time. Each spring, teachers, program advisors and administrators identify curriculum projects that will move the district's teaching and learning plan forward. Teachers

at every level then write proposals for this work and block out part of their summer to complete it. High school teachers representing all departments completed course curriculum documents as part of the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation self-study. These documents align expected course outcomes with state standards, and provide teachers with a blueprint for instruction. Middle school teachers developed enhanced math investigations and problems that will provide students with more opportunities to apply math skills to problem-solving situations. Elementary teachers, working collaboratively across grade levels and schools, studied ways in which the phonics program (Foundations©) can be integrated into the daily literacy block. They also identified where and how that program is aligned to the new English Language Arts State Frameworks.

In addition to writing curriculum, teachers in the district made use of the summer break to pursue further coursework or training. The district sent many high school

teachers to the Advanced Placement Summer Institutes for math, science, and English. Over sixty elementary instructional aides and specialists attended a one-day training to learn the language and methods of Open Circle (our social/emotional skills program at the elementary level). A team of elementary teachers took part in a multi-district collaborative and developed writing prompts and rubrics designed to give teachers additional resources to track student growth. More than 30 teachers in the district attended or presented at a three-day technology Edcamp where they shared best practices in the integration of technology in the classroom. Summer professional development is not only for teachers. Our school leaders also participate in professional development opportunities. This past summer assistant principals, principals, the assistant superintendent and the superintendent attended conferences and participated in webinars offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Teachers 21, Wellesley College, NEASC, National Association of Elementary School

Principals, Merrimack College, The Learning and Brain Society on topics which included: school leadership, school safety, learning and brain research, how technology transforms brains, teaching and learning, global ethics, reading, new teacher evaluation model, investigating complaints of harassment and bullying, technology integration, and school culture and change. Within the district, the Leadership Team participated in two multi-day "retreats" to review the district's strategic plan, discuss the 2012-2013 curriculum and staff development initiatives and FY 13 goals. So, while most people think of summer as a time when schools are closed, the reality is that our teachers, administrators and school leaders spend many of their days doing work that enhances the curriculum, culture and classrooms throughout the school system. We applaud this work that will move our district forward. Nancy A. Duclos is the Andover Public Schools assistant superintendent for learning and teaching. People can contact her by e-mail at nduclos@aps1.net.

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Obituaries

Michael F. Paicopolos, 92

A N D O V E R — Third Middlesex District. For many years, he was an active board member of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Woburn. Michael F. Paicopolos, of Andover (formerly of Somerville and Woburn), September 29, 2012. He was born in Stoneham, one of nine children born to Greek immigrants, the late George and Bella Paicopolos. Mike spent most of his years residing in Woburn and Somerville.



He was a star athlete at Woburn High School, serving as captain of the varsity football team in 1938. He also played semi-professional baseball. Mike was active in sports his whole life, serving as a coach and president of the Somerville Little League in the 1960s.

During World War II, he served as a sergeant in Patton's Third Army as it moved through France and Germany. Returning from the war, he worked at MIT's Barta Building in Cambridge, helping in the construction of the revolutionary Whirlwind Computer, the first modern digital computer. Mike's name appears on a tribute to the Whirlwind at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. He later moved on to MIT's Lincoln Laboratory and then the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, where he worked until his retirement.

In 1968, he ran as the Republican nominee for the Massachusetts State Senate from the

After retirement, he was a volunteer for the United Way.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 67 years, Irene, also of Andover. He also leaves behind his son Ernest, daughter-in-law Gail Bloom and grandson Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, all of Andover. He is survived by four sisters; Janet Paleologos of Woburn, Mary Vespucci of Winchester, Helen King of Woburn and Marie Manzi of Methuen. He is survived by one bother, Harold Paicopolos of Woburn. He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers; Rose Smithell, Spiro Paicopolos and Peter Paicopolos. He also leaves behind many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, Wednesday, October 3 at 11 a.m. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, Tuesday, October 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment was privately held. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.



Alexina Poland (right) with her friend "Fan" resting by Alice Buck's memorial "set on the highest point of Indian Ridge."

Alice Buck and Harold Rafton: Two Lives – One Mission



Andover Stories

Doug Mitchell

Andover Historical Society

History is replete with people performing extraordinary acts that change the course of the future. Rarely does one town have two people who, in the course of their ordinary lives, make such an extraordinary impact on their town as to change its history. Alice Buck and Harold Rafton were two such people. Amazingly their efforts as early environmentalists were similar in effect and separated by nearly 60 years. Each one's actions

were initiated in response to dramatic changes taking place in their community.

Alice Buck was born in 1842 in New York City where her father, Edward Buck, was a successful lawyer. Mr. Buck, with his wife, daughter and son, moved to Andover when Alice was 1. Her father had been elected a trustee of Abbot Female Seminary and had taken a new position with a law firm in Boston, Mass. The family moved into their new home at 19 School St. in Andover, directly across from the seminary entrance. Alice Buck received her early education at the "Fem Sem," but attended a finishing school run by Mrs. B. B. Edwards located on Main Street.

As a consequence of her educational freedom, she developed an interest in botany at a young age. With her father and her brother, she pursued an "outdoorsy" lifestyle with frequent carriage rides to hilltops, and walks in nearby woodlands. Alice Buck never married, and she developed an interest in aiding others, particularly male students of Phillips Academy and female students of Abbot Academy. As the population of mill workers grew in town, she assisted in education efforts for this largely immigrant population in Andover.

Alice Buck was an early supporter of the efforts at village improvement. When the idea of a women's club was suggested, she took a lead role in organizing

committees. From her mother's keen interest in literature, she developed an abiding interest in reading and discourse. She chaired readings of great classical works. She was an ordinary woman pursuing her varied interests and social connections in a somewhat typical life in the late 1800s. In her 55th year, that would all change.

Harold Rafton was born in 1890 in Roxbury, Mass. and spent his early years in that town. He described himself as a "sickly youngster" who was unable to engage in many of the activities of his peers. He was an academically-gifted individual who was admitted to Harvard at age 15. His chosen field was physics, but the school needed students in its chemistry program, so Harold switched to that field. Following graduation, he spent a few years in various pursuits. With the advent of World War I, he began his service as a first lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service.

Rafton professed to have an interest in ornithology and became a regular early morning "birder." In the 1920s, he began his long-time business career in the paper industry and became active in waste product recycling. While working and living in Lawrence, Mass., he organized a new company and located this business in an industrial building on Haverhill Street in Andover.

In 1928, he and his wife, Helen, moved to a house in the Shawsheen Heights area of Andover. During his professional career, he was granted patents in techniques for coating paper which enabled his business to grow significantly. With business success came the opportunity to move to a new house on a new street – Alden Road. Harold and Helen Rafton raised a daughter and assisted in the usual parent-teacher activities. Outside of the local connections, Harold was also a founder and early president of the Humanist Fellowship of Boston, active in the Harvard Club and several technical societies. Nothing in his life would suggest that he was to become the "conscience of the town" of Andover. That would all change in his 65th year.

Alice Buck and Harold Rafton never knew each other. Buck died in 1907 while Rafton was still in college. Though they were separated by decades, they each made a lasting contribution to the town of Andover. Alice remains largely an unsung hero, save for a commemorative tablet on a rock. Harold was bestowed lasting recognition by having a tract of open space named in his honor. He was also the recipient of numerous honors.

Next Week: Our story of Alice Buck and Harold Rafton will continue, as we write of their efforts as early environmentalists.

RELIGION

Merrimack Valley Hadassah dinner at temple Oct. 4

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Fall Kickoff dinner on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. at Andover's Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road.

Shalhavit-Simcha Cohen, from the Harvard Happiness Project will present "What Makes Us Happy?" which the group calls "an exciting interactive presentation featuring tools for becoming more motivated, refreshing your life and increasing your well being."

Cohen, the winner of Miss Fitness Israel 2011, is a model, actress, producer and educator.

The evening will continue the celebration of Hadassah's Centennial, with a send off for members attending the October convention in Israel.

Hadassah was founded 100 years ago by Henrietta Szold and is now the largest women's organization in the U.S. The organization raises money for programs in both the U.S. and in Israel, including the Hadassah Medical Organization, according to a release.

The cost for the dinner is \$36 and reservations must be made by tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 28. For information about reservations or how to join Hadassah, e-mail the chapter at HadassahMV@gmail.com.

St. Paul's hosts Fairy Tale Players

The Fairy Tale Players Children's Theater, whose performers were seen during Andover Day, will present "Little Red Riding

Hood" on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 9:30 and 11 a.m., at the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Church, 396 Main St., North Andover.

Tickets are \$5 per person, and doors open 15 minutes before the show. Performances combine energetic storytelling, audience participation, live music, improvisation and stagecraft education to introduce children to self-expression, dramatic play and the performing arts, according to the group. For more information: fairytaleplayers.org.

Special memorial service at Beverly Hospital

The 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, located on the upper campus of Beverly Hospital, 85 Herrick St., Beverly.

Those wishing to attend are asked to call the Community Relations Department at 978-283-4000, ext. 585.

St. A's Mass of Remembrance for miscarried, stillborn children

A Mass of Remembrance for all babies who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth or in early childhood will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

All are welcome— especially mothers, fathers and families who want to honor their children and heal from the tremendous pain of their passing, according to organizers.

World learns from Columbus's mistake

The world learned something when Christopher Columbus made a mistake.

On Oct. 12, 1492, Columbus ran into America. That event linked Europe and the Americas. It changed history for both worlds.

Columbus was probably born in Genoa, Italy in 1451.

Genoa was a port city. Its seafaring merchants traded in the Mediterranean. They brought spices and cloth from South and East Asia, an area they called the Indies.

Columbus went to sea when he was 14. He sailed to Africa, Greece, and England. He studied navigation and currents. He learned Spanish, Latin and Greek. Columbus drew ideas from ports across the known world. He read ancient astronomy.

He decided he had found a better way to the Indies. By sailing west, he believed traders could cut out middle men along the routes and make more profit.

Columbus's idea

Scholars knew the Earth was round. They thought there was one big land mass (Europe, Africa and Asia) and one ocean.

They did not know the Earth's exact size. But, they believed the distance across the ocean was too far for ships of that day. They feared the crews would starve or die of thirst before they reached Asia.

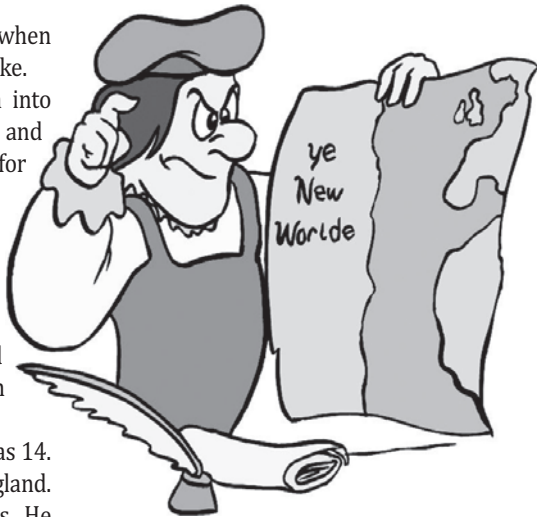
Columbus studied ancient maps and theories. He calculated that the distance across the ocean to Asia was 3,000 miles. He was wrong. The distance he wanted to travel was actually 12,000 miles!

The voyage

Columbus had married a noble woman in Portugal. Portugal refused to pay for the trip because officials disagreed with his numbers.

He turned to Spain. After eight years, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to help. Italian investors paid the rest.

The Santa Maria, the Pinta and the Nina



sailed from Spain on Aug. 3, 1492. The Santa Maria had 52 men. The Nina and Pinta each held 18 men. After the Canary Islands, they sailed west into uncharted waters.

The discovery

About 3,000 miles to the west, sailors spotted shore birds. They followed the birds to land in the Bahamas on Oct. 12.

Columbus thought he had sailed to the Indies. He called the people "Indians."

Columbus returned to Spain with gold, tobacco, pineapple, turkey and chili peppers.

Explorers soon realized that Columbus had found two huge new continents.

Without his error, Columbus would not have sailed west. Europeans would not have learned about the Americas.

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Opinion

FAMILY FUN

Time to retire sick leave buyback

If anyone out there working in the private sector has sick leave buyback benefits, we've never heard about it. Most people haven't.

It's a perk that's granted almost exclusively to public employee unions around the country, meant to encourage them not to be dishonest by calling in sick when they're not.

The thinking goes that no matter how many paid sick days an employer offers — five, 10, 15 a year — employees will take every one of them whether they're sick or not, creating headaches for those who need to keep fire trucks manned and teachers in the classroom.

Thus, an incentive. Public employees can cash in unused sick days when they leave, to the tune of tens of thousands of dollars. That means taxpayers effectively pay them twice — once for the hours they worked, and a second time for not cheating.

It's faulty thinking, of course. Those of us in the private sector know that most workers don't have to be paid extra to be honest. They will take time off when they're sick and will come to work when they're well.

We think most public employees are no different; they're honest and hardworking, and they don't need special incentives to encourage them to stay that way.

Around the nation, state and local governments facing unsustainable retirement costs have come to the same conclusion. They are moving to rein in or eliminate payments for unused sick time.

Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski first talked about doing so back when police Chief Johnson retired in the early 1990s. While there have been changes, Andover taxpayers are still paying for unused sick leave.

Many point out that current union members are not to blame for this system; they're simply accepting a benefit for which they have bargained in good faith. Many have probably factored those big sick-leave windfalls into their retirement planning, so the system can't be dismantled abruptly. But it's been nearly 20 years since Johnson's golden parachute.

This is a system that creates havoc for budget planners, who can be socked with hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments that cannot be planned for in advance. It's a system that's unfair to taxpayers, who must pay millions of dollars for a benefit they will never see themselves.

Even the way the payments are handled is inequitable, since retiring workers get their buyback at their current rate of pay, even if it was earned at a lower rate.

It's true that unions have been asked to make sacrifices in the past few years, particularly in the area of health care. But it's also true that their benefits were more generous than those in the private sector, and they still have benefits, such as defined pension plans, that are disappearing for other workers.

In the long run, sick leave buyback is the kind of benefit that fuels taxpayer resentment, a holdover from a different era.

There are plenty of other ways to ensure that public employees are fairly compensated and can retire with dignity. This perk is one that deserves to fall by the wayside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scott Brown not what he says he is

Editor, Townsman:

Scott Brown shed his "nice guy" public persona and his "people's senator" title the day he declared that Elizabeth Warren could not be a Native American based solely on the color of her skin.

In my view, he is incredibly cynical in his efforts to appeal to Massachusetts voters by using outdated racial stereotypes as a way to win an election.

Elizabeth Warren has responded to his questions and concerns about her family history. It is now up to the voters of Massachusetts to judge the importance of this issue when they go to the polls on Nov. 6.

According to a recent campaign mailer, Scott Brown claims to be an independent leader for Massachusetts. However, his senate voting record demonstrates otherwise.

He has repeatedly voted with the Republican Party leadership against the interests of Massachusetts voters and their families. He voted no to renew Student Loan relief. He co-sponsored the effort to limit women's access to health care insurance coverage at work. He voted no to give women equal pay for equal work. Brown voted no to help 9/11 responders exposed to toxins get needed health care coverage. He voted no to protect clean air regulations.

Scott Brown's support for jobs for Massachusetts citizens is just as abysmal. He voted no to promote American jobs while discouraging off-shore jobs, no to protecting 22,000 Massachusetts teacher, firefighter, and police jobs, no to creating 11,000 Massachusetts infrastructure repair jobs, and no to providing summer jobs for teens.

Scott Brown has been carping about alleged checked boxes for several months now, but has not produced any evidence to demonstrate that his claims are truthful. By masterfully muddying the political waters during the campaign, he has avoided the need to defend his own voting record on jobs, health care, education, the environment, and many other issues that are important to Massachusetts voters. With little time left in the campaign, it is high time that Scott Brown begin defending his past senate votes, and engage in meaningful dialogue and debate with Elizabeth Warren.

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The horse known as Big Ben pulls a wagon driven by Bobbie Donovan and full of members of the DeNitto family at Ironstone Farm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Finegold is big supporter of schools

Editor, Townsman:

Barry Finegold is a strong advocate for Andover's schools - and a proponent for increasing investment in education programs that will prepare our students for tomorrow's world. Recent examples:

Heworked to secure an additional \$608,000 for our schools - which will enable us to accelerate adoption of innovative programs that enhance critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.

Finegold worked to ensure that the legislature fully fund their Special Education obligations, resulting in a \$200,000 increase in eligible reimbursements to Andover from last year.

He is a catalyst in building new bridges between Andover schools and area Universities - that will result in increased professor/teacher collaboration and adoption of new-generation classes at Andover High School. Andover needs Barry Finegold in the State Senate. Please join me in supporting him on election day.

DAVID BIRNBACH
86 Osgood St.

The writer identified himself as an Andover School Committee member.

Parking zeal not a welcome moment

Editor, Townsman:

Salvatore's restaurant or whoever owns that Park Street building seems to be sending the wrong message to the would-be-faithful customers. A drastic measure on stopping parking in this lot - to the tune of \$150 paid to the Elm Street Auto tow company - is outrageous.

A breakdown of these costs are as follows for the less than 1-mile tow: \$100 for towing services; \$35 for "storage," even though my car was still on the truck and did not touch the lot; lastly, \$15 for gas. A construction worker at the Park Street site stated they have been taking over 100 cars out per day lately and gave us the phone number to the Lupine Road tow lot.

The stores that housed Rugged Bear have sat empty for over a year. This initial activity of construction enforcement around parking in this lot while shopping and supporting our downtown merchants come without a warning. There have always been signs to state it is a private lot, however the stores are not open and a more civilized approach would be a warning ticket to explain they want to keep space open for the construction vehicles.

HOW TO WRITE LETTERS

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All letters, without exception, are subject to editing. We edit letters for length, clarity, taste and libel.

No "form letters" will be published. Form letters are those written by an organization that asks members to sign them and submit them to newspapers. Letters must be your own words.

We have been looking forward to Salvatore's opening, which has been slow in coming. However, if this is the opening reception, it has fallen very short on quality and customer service to say the least.

As an avid supporter of our Andover businesses and frequent diner of local restaurants I am moved to take action. So for the other 99 residents who may have paid the insulting fees, what would businesses do if we all did not show up when they open their doors? I am sure a credit of \$150 will not occur, but it would be a good start.

SHARON N. FISHER
Garfield Lane East

Protests over video show some can dish it out, but not take it

To: Islamists and their supporters, sympathizers and apologists

Re: Your protests over a video

From: A New Englander

In America, we are free to think, believe, and say pretty much what we wish. I wish to say to you the following:

We in America fought for our freedom of speech and we live by that freedom. We express that freedom and are accustomed to saying publicly what we think and believe, even as we, at the same time, debate the limits of that freedom. We do not approve of slander or incitement to riot, for example, and don't approve of offensive or hurtful behavior, and so we continually ask ourselves, where does one draw that line? That debate is ongoing and that line revisited regularly. That's the way participatory government works. It's an ongoing work in progress wherein everyone agrees to follow the same rules. We even have rules about objecting, protesting, and demonstrating, and seeking

redress. Which brings me to the point. Destruction of property, injuring others, threatening death and taking of life is unacceptable behavior in a civil society under any circumstances.

Because, in our American society, individual and communal backgrounds and traditions are so different, and the ways we think - our beliefs - so diverse, we have agreed that we must all have a part in making these rules and the rules must include protection of the minority opinion and minorities. This is embodied in our covenant with one another, our pact for how we get along, what we, as citizens, pledge our allegiance to, our Constitution.

A theocracy simply wouldn't work for us here because there are just too many traditional, honorable, divinely inspired, and effective pathways that promote and celebrate the blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and do honor to our Creator, to attempt (or permit) that we select one and deny all the others. In fact I don't think it would work for you, either. When has a theocracy ever worked for you or anyone, either in antiquity or medieval and modern times? Not if the purpose of that society was to go beyond glorifying God to addressing evolving issues of human dignity and civil liberties in the face of unprecedented realities and normal human strivings. Not if it was to disavow violence against others and live in peace. Not if all stated rules and regulations were to be enforced uniformly, not selectively, as has been your history. Muhammad said that one's allegiance to Islam was stronger than the allegiance to one's tribe or group and early Muslims swore to this and yet Sunni Muslims and Shiite Muslims continue to despise and kill one another. Something's still not working. It would seem that the enemy of the good isn't always that which is bad. Sometimes it's the

uncompromising quest for someone's particular view of perfection, including a God's.

Editor, Townsman: You are right about one thing. We Americans believe that the desire to think and believe as one's own conscience dictates and to have a voice, too, and speak out, are universal human striving and we don't hesitate to speak out in support of these values everywhere and anywhere in the world. And we'll do this even when - especially when (as now) - a particular example, like this video, may be personally abhorrent. And it's not that we're reluctant to protect God, either. For those of us who believe in God, God doesn't appear to need our protection.

When I first heard there was an uproar over the way a religious figure was hatefully depicted in a video I assumed it was another of your familiar vitriolic videos depicting Jewish figures as odious and despicable. I quickly learned that the video, while offensive and hateful, was not leveled by you but rather at you. The table, it seems, was turned; you were now on the receiving end. And, if the test of character is how one behaves in adversity, it seems some of you have failed that test badly. Some of your behavior seems no different than that of a 4-year-old having a tantrum or a narcissistic adult with thin skin and poor self-esteem having a tantrum, the first being an incomplete, undeveloped person, the latter a failed character. Shame on you. In today's world with nuclear warheads it is irresponsible, if not insane, to call for the death of a family, a tribe, a community, a people, a nation for any reason. If a God appears to require it I'd suggest arguing with that God. (Personally, I believe God enjoys a good argument, certainly more than seeing His creations destroyed.) In sum, it seems you, islamists, can dish it out but you can't take it. Don't try to justify your bad behavior by arguing that Islam is under threat. We already know Islam is under threat. But, don't you see, it's you who are that threat. It is you who debase the soul of Islam with your promulgation of hate, bullying, and violence, along with the cultivation and celebration of the blood sacrifice. (And please don't claim to speak for all Muslims when you declare that civil society is not what Muslims need, want, or merit; not when so many Muslim men are too terrified to speak out and too many Muslim women are denied a voice in the first place.)

Look. This isn't the 8th century. A video depicts a religious figure you value in bad light. Demonstrate, protest, say your peace, but move on. Get over it, get real, and get a life. If you can dish out this poison you should at least be able to swallow some of it.

LAWRENCE CLIMO
Salem Street

New number for RMV Customer Service

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announced a new telephone number for Registry of Motor Vehicles business and transactions, 857-DOT-8000/857-368-8000. Over the next year, customers will become familiar with the 857-DOT area code and exchange as MassDOT offices across the Commonwealth transition to the new number. The telephone transition will result in annual phone bill and maintenance savings of approximately \$422,000.

Measuring up



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo
Joy Lamar, center, smiles as Katie Rasmussen takes her measurements while Allie Zhang works on her vest during a program at Kid's Club in Andover.

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TOWN TALK

Supporting Andover High grad Jess Katz

Friends and family of Jessyca Katz, Andover High Class of 1986, are rallying to help her in her battle with brain cancer.

They have a fundraising event they've dubbed "Say Yes for Jess" planned on Nov. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Point St. Dueling Pianos, 1 Davol Square, Providence, R.I.

Katz was diagnosed in July 2011 with a stage IV glioblastoma multiforme. Since that time, she has gone through radiation, chemotherapy, multiple brain surgeries and many trips to the emergency room, according to her friends and family.

For ticket info email her sister Danyka Katz Penick (Andover High Class of 1989) at dpenick39@gmail.com. People interested in helping the cause or in reading more about Jessyca Katz's story online, can visit her Caring Bridge page at caringbridge.com/visit/jessycakatz/.

10:30 to 11:40 a.m.) the congregation will have a brief, spiritual "blessing" of the solar panels. If the weather is fine, immediately after the service people will go outside to the south parking lot, for a ribbon cutting and celebration celebrate. In case of poor weather, the event will be in the church's fellowship hall.

Street sign updates

Have you noticed any new street signs in town? New signs are cropping up all over. Department of Public Works Director Chris Cronin said it's a mandatory federal highway regulation to keep street signs up-to-date. DPW crews are following the mandate.

"If we're paving a street, see an outdated sign, we replace it," he said.

The newer signs are easier-to-read and reflective. The old street signs become scrap metal, Cronin said.

- Judy Wakefield

Hospital cares for cat burned in three-alarm blaze

Andover Animal Hospital is taking care of a cat badly burned in a New Hampshire fire.

It writes: "On Thursday, Sept. 6, Perry Hill Farm in Bedford, N.H. suffered a devastating loss due to a three-alarm barn fire. Virtually the entire barn structure and indoor arena burned completely to the ground. Owners Harriet and Elissa Finks, mother and daughter, lost 14 of their beloved horses, and they thought three of their cats. After the seven ponies that were saved, relocated to a family friend's farm, only Miss Colby the Pig and Puffy the Miniature Stallion remained on the property.

"Sunday morning dawned bright after the rain and Miss Colby, much to Elissa's dismay, hopped right up first thing in the morning and started marching down to her previous home - or the wreckage that remained. On the way, Miss Colby made a sudden detour to a group of rocks, where Elissa heard an eerie sound. [It was] a cat meowing that sounded exactly like Gumbo - one of the cats that was presumed dead in the fire! With burns covering all four of his feet, both ears, and one side of his body, he was rushed to the hospital! Currently, Gumbo the Fire Survivor is receiving daily bandage changes to all four feet and special care for the burns he received. He will stay in the care of Andover Animal Hospital until he recovers."

Donations can be made at the Andover Animal Hospital on Route 133, or send checks payable to The Shadow Fund c/o the Andover School of Law to 233 Lowell St., Andover MA 01810.

Sun, worshippers: Solar panels to be dedicated at South Church this Sunday

South Church will dedicate the PV solar panels that have been installed on the 300-year-old church's roof this coming Sunday, Oct. 7.

During the regular worship service (from about

Special Olympics athletes, mentors welcome at meet and greet

People interested in learning about an Andover Special Olympics basketball team that pairs athletes with other youth mentors are welcome at a "meet and greet session" on Oct. 9.

The Andover Rising Stars is a unified player-development league in which Special Olympic athletes are paired with mentors. The team includes athletes from the ages of 8 to 22 years old and is staffed with SOMA certified coaches.

To find out more about team, people can come to the meet and greet session on Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Pike School gymnasium at 34 Sunset Rock Road in Andover

Boys & Girls Club host annual College Fair

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence is hosting its sixth annual College Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 136 Water St., Lawrence.

College representatives from UMass Boston, Lincoln Technical Institute, Curry College, University of Southern Maine (ME), Stony Brook University (NY), Merrimack College, Fitchburg State University, and many more schools from the New England area will be in attendance.

Representatives will speak about programs, financial aid and scholarship opportunities available at their respective schools. The College Fair is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rhandy Audate at Rhandy.Audate@lawrence-bgc.com or 978-683-2747, ext. 141.

Electronic, appliance recycle fundraiser

Electronics and Appliance Recycle Day will be held on Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover.

Fees are \$5 for items such as computers, scanners, and copiers; \$10 for items such as dishwashers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, exercise equipment, lawn mowers, small engine items, and snow blowers; \$10 to \$25 for televisions; \$10 monitors; no charge for car batteries and cell phones.

For more information, contact Dennis Wood at denniswood@yahoo.com or 508-277-7513.



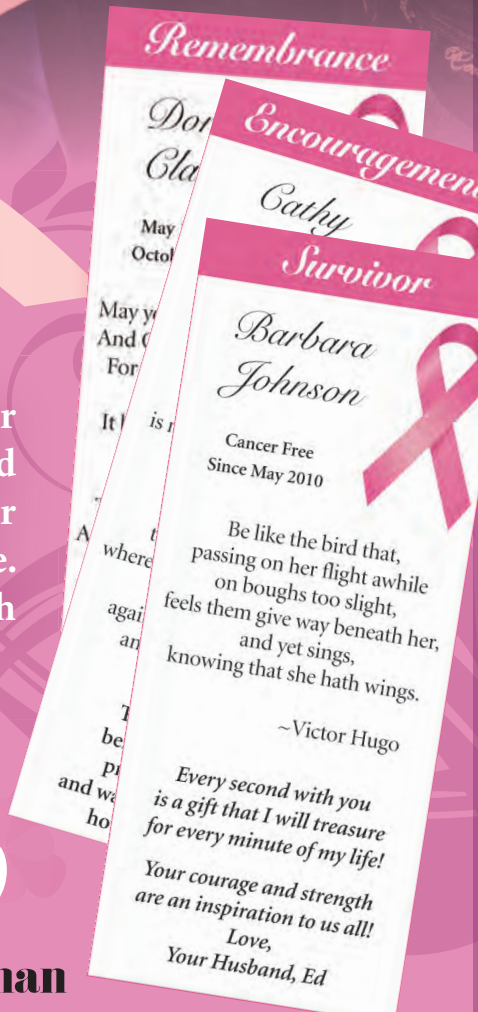
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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, "Los Valientes," a world premiere chamber music theater production, performance will feature songs and concert/vernacular music by Latin American composers, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus of Merrimack College in North Andover, \$12. The Rogers Center for the Arts is wheelchair accessible; 978-837-5000.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

FORMER GOVERNOR TALK, with Michael Dukakis, Northern Essex Community College's Haverhill Campus, to share his experiences as the Democratic nominee for president in 1988 and his thoughts on the importance of voting and civic engagement. Free and open to the public, held in the Technology Center, Room 103 A/B, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill, 10 to 11:30 a.m. The college's Contemporary Affairs Club will host a voter registration drive in conjunction with the presentation and Northern Essex Professor Richard Padova of Andover will display political campaign memorabilia from his collection.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

FOSTERS POND PUBLIC PADDLE, 9 a.m. to noon, Andover Conservation land on Fosters Pond in Andover. The Shawsheen River Watershed Association hosts, canoe and kayaks. Folks are encouraged to bring their own boats and canoes, kayaks, paddles, and flotation vests available to lend on a first-come, first served basis; shawsheen.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Lori McKenna at The IVY CHORD Coffee House, United Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading, \$22 general admission; 781 944 0494, uureading.org/concerts.

CHOWDERFEST, The Ipswich LIONS club hosts, noon to 3 p.m., in the lot (behind the Commuter Rail Station) next to EBSCO Publishing off Market Street in Ipswich. Authentic Ipswich Clam Chowder will be offered by area restaurants. In addition, there will be music, activities for children and the whole family.

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

MARCHING BAND SHOW, The Andover Marching Band, under the direction of Joseph Wright, will host the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductor's Association (MICCA) Performance Festival at Andover High School's Lovely Field, 1 p.m. Five bands and their color guards, from the surrounding region compete and demonstrate their performance skills.

FREE CLASSICAL MUSIC, at the Lawrence Public Library, 2 p.m., pianists Lynne Wilby and Christine Petrucci perform a four-hands piano show featuring the music of Mozart, Schubert, Dvorak and Debussy; 978 683 8222.

LIVE BARBERSHOP STYLE MUSIC, Merrimack Valley Chorus presents "Star Quest: In search of Dot Dot Dot", with special guest, North Shore Acapella, 2 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. The Merrimack Valley Chorus is an award-winning women's show chorus singing four part harmony in barbershop style. "Star Quest: In search of Dot Dot Dot" follows the crew of the spaceship SS Merrimack as they try to save a shrinking (but musical) planet. The story unfolds via a wide variety of a cappella songs sung by the chorus and numerous quartets, \$13-18; merrimackvalleychorus.org.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

MEETING, Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, 1 p.m., at Atria Marland Place, Stevens Street, Andover, for Annual start of the Club Year with English Tea & Crumpets; (978) 475-2645.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

HISPANIC COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, Juan Rangel of Chicago, will speak at both Lawrence High School and later in the day on the NECC Haverhill campus in the Hartleb Technology Center. Lecture titled "Hispanics in America: The Next Successful Immigrant Group," 8:45 to 10 a.m. in the Lawrence High School Performing Arts Center, 70-72 North Parish Road, Lawrence. At noon he will present the same lecture in Room 103AB in the Technology Center on the NECC Haverhill campus, 100 Elliot St. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information on this lecture contact Judith Kamber, dean of professional development at 978-556-3955, jkamber@necc.mass.edu.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

FREE LIVE MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present RAUMexpanded, open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 8 p.m. Boston-based percussionist Bertram Lehmann joins forces with visiting German pianist Wolfgang Torkler for the debut of their first duo-project entitled "RAUMexpanded."

Ball in the House to sing for youth center

A men's cappella group will perform next Sunday to help Andover Youth Services get a house of its own. The Andover Youth Foundation will hold a fund-raising concert on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Wood Hill Middle School featuring performances by nationally recognized

men's cappella group Ball in the House, whose repertoire runs from classic R&B to pop and gospel. Ball in the House has performed with such artists as The Beach Boys, Gladys Knight, The Jonas Brothers, Jessica Simpson, Fantasia, Blondie, The

Temptations, Smokey Robinson, KC & The Sunshine Band and Kool & the Gang, according to the group's website. They perform about 250 concerts per year. Next Sunday's concert also includes special appearances by

the Andover High School Show and Chamber Choirs. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10 at the Andover Youth Services house on Pearson Street, or for \$15 at the door. All proceeds will go toward building the Cormier Family Youth Center.



Courtesy photo
The President's Own United States Marine Band, pictured here on the South Portico of the White House, is the oldest performing musical organization in the United States. It was established in 1798, and performs at the White House more than 300 times annually.

U.S. Marine Band to play free Collins Center show

Andover residents are invited to a free concert that should make mid October feel like the Fourth of July.

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 for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

People are asked to stop by the Andover Veterans' Service Office for tickets. Please indicate how many tickets you need - limit of four tickets per request.

While residents can mail a

self-addressed and stamped envelope to the Andover Veterans Services Office, 36 Bartlet St., such mailed requests must be received by the Veterans Office no later than tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 5 to ensure processing.

Tickets are also available at the Andover Senior Center.

State supports Andover cultural, arts programs

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has awarded grants totaling \$47,190 to cultural organizations, schools, and art programs in Andover. These grants support a wide variety of cultural activities and projects that benefit local residents, while supporting jobs in the nonprofit cultural sector, said state Sen. Barry Finegold in announcing the grants through a press release.

Grant recipients in Andover include:
Andover Cultural Council (\$4,090)
Addison Gallery of American Art (\$10,000)
Andover Chamber Music Series (\$3,000)
Andover Choral Society (\$2,700)
Andover Historical Society (\$2,500)
New England Classical Singers (\$3,000)
Northeast Document Conservation Center (\$21,900)

The grants were part of MCC's \$8 million statewide investment in the nonprofit cultural sector.

"MCC grants help to ensure that the unique cultural resources in Andover and the extraordinary breadth of cultural activity across the Commonwealth continue to flourish and benefit our citizens today and for years to come," Finegold said. "The impact of state support for the arts, humanities, and sciences is significant. The Andover Cultural Council really makes an effort to support a variety of groups and programs so I look forward to see what the Council introduces the town to this year."

Hundreds take in Addison's new fall colors

The Addison Gallery of American Art's Sept. 30 opening reception for its fall exhibits was attended by more than 400 guests.

The Addison, the world's first art museum devoted entirely to American art, is a free museum in Andover, on the campus of Phillips Academy, and is open to all.

The main fall exhibit, "American Vanguards: Graham, Davis, Gorky, de Kooning and Their Circle, 1927-1942," will remain on view through the end of December.

Another exhibit, "Pekupatikut Innuat Akunikana / Pictures Woke the People Up: An Innu Project," includes a feature that can be seen before one even enters the Addison. Large banners have been installed on buildings throughout campus as a component of this exhibition.

The final current exhibition "People, Places, Things: Symbols of American Culture," as well as the Innu Project, will be on view through Jan. 13.



COURTESY PHOTO

Top right: The Addison Gallery of American Art's Sept. 30 opening reception for its fall exhibits was attended by more than 400 guests.

Bottom right: From left, Chris Cook, director of the Addison from 1969 to 1989, poses with artist Larry Stark, and Addison curator Jaime de Simone in the exhibition "People, Places, Things: Symbols of American Culture." The show includes a portfolio of 50 silkscreens Stark created in the early 1970s, during Cook's tenure, representing the 50 states in the early 1970s.

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Andover youth playing with Boston Symphony Orchestra

Mari Nagahara, 13, performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra during its Opening Night Gala on Sept. 22.

Mari was one of eight young cellists from the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras who performed alongside eight professional cellists from the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the event on opening night of the BSO.

This evening also marked the start of a new partnership between the two organizations called "BYSO/BSO:

Partnering for the Future." Other young Andover musicians in the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras also will perform at BYSO's 55th Season Opening Concert on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. at Symphony Hall. Boston Youth Symphony, BYSO's most advanced orchestra conducted by Music Director Federico Cortese, will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and Stravinsky's Petrushka. The performance will also feature musicians from BYSO's Repertory

Orchestra and Junior Repertory Orchestra, according to the orchestras.

The following students from Andover will be performing at Symphony Hall at this concert:

- Aditi Kannan, 12, violin;
- Tiffany Lam, 17, viola;
- Mari Nagahara, 13, cello;
- Miki Nagahara, 17, violin;
- Brett Sawka, 13, double bass;
- Sasha Scolnik-Brower, 17, cello; and
- Katharine (Katie) Yu, 15, violin.



Eight BYSO cellists at the Opening Night Gala event, including Mari Nagahara of Andover pictured front row, right.

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Something modern this way comes



Beth Sousa and Kevin Welch rehearse as Lady Macbeth and Macbeth for a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth offered at Merrimack College.

College offers contemporary Macbeth

A contemporary production of Shakespeare's Macbeth will be performed at Merrimack College's Rogers Center for the Arts Oct. 11 to 13. Set in the current day but presented in the original language, "this Macbeth is a dark look at the psychology of ambition and madness," according to the college.

Adapted for the stage by the Genesis Project under the direction of Fr. Richard J. Piatt, O.S.A. and Claire Kinton '12, "this contemporary version of Macbeth asks what happens in a digital age where our 'king,' the

so-called king-makers (the media) and the population itself suffer from an increasing paranoia about enemies real and imagined, foreign and homegrown," according to a release from the school. "Unlike any other version of Macbeth you will see, Fr. Rick's vision and modern take on current socio and political issues eerily pairs perfectly with the plot and original objective of the play."

"While violence abounds in this play, the real horror is the realization of the seeds of destruction we are able

to plant, and the full blown evils we are capable of perpetrating," Fr. Piatt said in the release.

The production features a cast of students, alumni and associate actors for Merrimack Theatre and is co-produced by the Onstagers, Merrimack's student drama organization, and the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

An opening night reception will follow on campus where over-21 ticket holders can pick up a Macbeth scotch glass (while supplies last) and partake in a single malt

scotch tasting.

The school warns parents that the production contains images of graphic violence and is not considered appropriate for children under 15. The play is approximately 90 minutes long with no intermission.

Macbeth can be seen Oct. 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. each night at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Tickets are \$15 and available online at merrimack.edu/rogers or by calling the box office at 978-837-5355.

Film series to showcase classics

The free, Tambakos Classic Film Series 2012 will continue with three movies in October, culminating with a Halloween showing of the 1925 classic "Phantom of the Opera."

All films are shown for free at the Rogers Center for the Arts, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Commentary for each starts at 6:30 p.m. and the films begins at 7 p.m.

The Tambakos Film Collection and the Tambakos Classic Film Series at Merrimack College commemorate the life and passion of alumnus Demmy (Peter) Tambakos, a member of the school's Class of 1974. At the time of his accidental death, Tambakos was an aspiring screenwriter.

The films showing in October are listed below, along with a description provided by the Rogers Center:

"Leolo" on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

"Leolo" is a 1992 film by Quebecois director Jean-Claude Lauzon. The film tells the story of Leo Lauzon (Maxime Collin), a young boy living in a Montreal tenement with his dysfunctional family. He uses his active fantasy life and the book "Lavalee des avales," by Quebecois novelist Rejean Ducharme, to escape the reality of his life.

Gilbert Sicotte, as the adult Leolo, narrates the film. The cast also includes PierreBourgault, Andree Lachapelle, Denys Arcand, Julien Guimar, and Germain Houde.

"The Tempest" on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

In Shakespeare's fantastical thriller, the magician Prospero orchestrates spirits,

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monsters, a grief-stricken king, a wise old counselor, two treacherous brothers, and a storm at sea into a fantastical conspiracy bringing banishment, sorcery and shipwreck into the lives of two hapless lovers to stir and seal their fate.

Here Prospero takes female form as Prospera, who breaks her magical staff against an entrancing volcanic landscape at the end of her heroic quest.

"The Phantom of the Opera" on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m.

"The Phantom of the Opera" is a 1925 American silent horror film adaptation of the Gaston Leroux novel of the same title directed by Rupert Julian.

The film features Lon Chaney in the title role as the deformed Phantom who haunts the Paris Opera House, causing murder and mayhem in an attempt to force the management to make the woman he loves a star.

It is most famous for Lon Chaney's intentionally horrific, self-applied make-up, which was kept a studio secret until the film's premiere.

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Eyes on disguise



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Residents have a chance to be part of a masquerade ball just in time for Halloween. The Crystal Ballroom at the Town House, in Andover's Old Town Hall will offer big band music for listening and dancing on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. Pictured, from left are Andover Senior Community Friends organizers Brenda Afshin, Dan McDuffie, Audrey Nason, Ann O'Sullivan and Johanna Webster. Tickets are \$10 for singles and \$18 for couples and are available at the senior center and Andover Bookstore.

Rotary Club brings comics to town Oct. 12

A number of Boston's best comedians will be bringing the laughs at the second annual Rotary Club of Andover Comedy Night on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 124 Old River Road. Comedians will include Dave Rattigan, Jim Colliton, Stephen Bjork and Steve Calechman. "Last year's Comedy Night exceeded our expectations of a great time for all 250-plus people in attendance. The best part was the successful fund raising for our many Rotary community projects. This year's annual Comedy night will be even better - and [the night] is becoming Andover's biggest comedy event," Mark Spencer, club president, said in a release. Tickets can be purchased at rotaryandover.org for \$25 per person. A table of eight costs \$200.

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Townspeople



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A new addition was added to the Faith Lutheran Church on Route 28.

Allelujah... addition done!

Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street dedicated its new addition last Sunday morning, Sept. 30.

The celebration started with a special worship service where all of the church's musical groups—which include a choir, contemporary praise band, adult bell choir and children's chime choir—performed.

"This was a celebration for all ages and it was just a wonderful event for all," said event organizer and Andover church member Alan Thoday.

The service also recognized the many members of Faith Lutheran who have contributed to the planning and building effort, Thoday said. After the service, a special procession was held, and the tours of the new space began. Refreshments, badminton and other games, face painting and arts and crafts for the kids followed.

The renovation included 1,625 square feet of space for its fellowship, Christian education, youth group and storage space. The work also includes a covered entrance and installation of a sprinkler system throughout the entire church. A pair of skylights help brighten the sanctuary.

Faith Lutheran Church opened on South Main Street, in January 1967, and now has over 850 members from the greater Andover area.

- Judy Wakefield



A custom puzzle was made as a fundraising project for the new addition to the Faith Lutheran Church.



Parishioners celebrate the new addition on Sept. 30.

1932: State seeks 1,130 acres here for home for 'feeble-minded'

Bill Dalton



Over 80 years ago, on Jan. 29, 1932, Penobscot Chief Needahbah went canoeing on Fosters Pond.

This was notable for two reasons: no one remembered an Indian rowing on the pond, and the pond had been ice free all winter. It was so warm that Mr. and Mrs. Willard Davis, whom the chief was visiting, had stayed at their summer cottage on the pond every weekend since summer ended. However, a few days after the chief's row Andover received a wicked blizzard.

Chief Needahbah (who was born Roland Eugene Nelson) lived in Old Town, Maine, where much of his tribe lived, and he was the tribe's librarian. He owned a cottage on the shore of Moose Lake, was a legendary guide, and lectured at colleges throughout the country. Until his death in 1954, the chief was a feature attraction at sportsman shows, often acting as the master of ceremonies.

In addition to his famous loon call and native songs, recordings of which can be purchased online, the chief had a famous trout fishing fly named after him.

In 1932, Andover was struggling with unemployment caused by the Great Depression. Given the difficult economic conditions, some town workers volunteered to accept a decrease in salary. A Town Meeting voted down an appropriation of \$15,000 to allow town departments to hire 200 of the town's unemployed. Miss Lotta Johnson, the town's public welfare worker, asked that anyone needing work done, such as chopping wood or painting doors, call her at telephone number 19 to help relieve the unemployment situation. The Finance Committee slashed \$60,000 from the town budget due to a loss of revenue and recommended a lower tax rate to encourage people to pay their taxes.

In the same year, the State Department of Mental Disease was attempting to obtain options on 1,130 acres of land around Bellevue, Argilla, Osgood, and Dascomb roads in order to build a big facility for the "feeble-minded." Many people refused to grant options, but the state threatened it had other ways of getting the land.

There were several farms on the land. Most townspeople and the Andover Townsman were opposed to the school because they didn't want Andover to be known as the place where the "feeble-minded" were kept, nor did the town want to see so much farmland disappear.

Although the state sent representatives to the town to garner support, they gained no ground. The matter faded away as the Depression deepened and the state ran out of money.

No one uses "feeble-minded" anymore, and I know it's offensive. I use kinder words when I can. However, when words are contextually important, as "feeble-minded" was in the above story, I use them. I once used the word "squaw" in a column, taking it from an old history, and was chastised by a woman from Idaho. She said that word insults Native Americans. I researched the word, and she was partly right: some people think it's insulting and some don't. As a matter of good manners I try not to needlessly offend, so I won't use the word again unless it's contextually important.

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

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago—Oct. 4, 1912

Andover has a new physician, Dr. E.D. Lane, a homeopathic doctor of Lynn, who has opened an office over Whiting's store.

John Anderson, the local blacksmith, has purchased a lot of land on Chestnut Street through the Rogers & Angus Agency.

The number of books issued at the Memorial Hall library for home use

during September was 2,356 volumes.

If you want to know how a Dutch supper should be served, go to the Workmen Hall on Friday, Nov. 10, and see the Grange ladies do it.

Frank E. Gleason vacated his coal office on the corner of Main and Essex streets this week and has moved into his new quarters over Valpey Bros. store.

Remember the fair and entertainment of the Helping Hand Society at the Free Church, Oct. 25.

75 Years Ago—Oct. 1, 1937
Rev. Albert Coursin Morris, vicar of the Church of the Ascension in Boston, yesterday accepted a call to the rectorship of Christ Church, vacant since the resignation early in the year of Rev. Charles W. Henry. Rev. Morris will commence his new duties the first Sunday in November.

Ms. Reta Arkinson of 24 High St. on a shopping expedition with two other local public school teachers, had her pocketbook stolen from her in a Lawrence store on

Saturday night. She had put the bag on a chair, and when she turned around, it was gone. It contained ten dollars in bills and her driving license.

With only Andover and Lawrence showing a stronger Republican vote than in November of 1936, Lawrence Connery, brother of the late Congressman was elected to the vacancy at the special election on Tuesday with a margin of 13,280.

Frederick E. Bennett of 51 Enmore St. was removed

to the Lawrence General hospital Monday morning suffering from first degree burns received when he was repairing some fuses. He was burned from the wrists to the elbows of both arms.

50 Years Ago—Oct. 4, 1962

Ever hear of a pig that ate paper, lots of paper? Well neither has the pig farmer. And that's the gist of a sad story surrounding the local garbage collection—lots of paper in the garbage pails. And fat little pigs just don't

like a diet of ink and paper, or paper bags or shirt bags. From complaints heard clear across the town, it has become apparent that the municipal garbage collection is one of the most monstrous headaches a bidder could inherit. For most of those putting paper in the swill have also complained bitterly when the pail full was left right where it was.

A representative group of merchants met Monday night, and agreed to form a realty trust to redevelop the

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UNITED TO END ALZHEIMER'S

People, many clad in purple, took to the Andover streets this weekend to show their support for those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is actually several walks in various locations, and it includes a walk in Andover that begins at Brickstone Square off York Street in the Shawsheen area of town.

The event came to Andover in 2008, and until recently was known as the Memory Walk. Many walkers carry fabric flowers with a message to a loved one, which they "plant" in a garden as part of the event.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

People walk under the archway of balloons to start the event. Thousands of people of all ages participated in the Northeastern Massachusetts Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday morning which began in Brickstone Square in Andover. People carried colorful pinwheel "flowers" during the walk that have the names of loved ones on them in show of support for the cause.



Andover cousins Riley O'Connor, 7, left, and Kerry Ross, 6, carry their balloons while walking with family members.



People carried colorful pinwheel "flowers" during the walk that have the names of loved ones on them in show of support to end Alzheimer's. Long time friends all formerly of Andover show their support. From left: Mary Beth Kabat, Christine Darling, Sharon Coon, Sherry Puchacz and Anne Stevens.



Nicole Pagliccia and her son Cole, 2, play with a pinwheel "flower" before the walk. She was walking with other family members in memory of her nana, Jeanette Elie. The family wore T-shirts with her photo on the back during the walk.

TOWNSPEOPLE

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commercial area if Urban Renewal is accepted at Town Meeting. A subcommittee was named to continue a study of the trust and work out the fine points of the organization. Named were Stanley Swanton, W.R. Hill, Robert Jeffreys, Douglas Pitman, Joseph B. Doherty and Atty. Robert Zollner. McDonald Systems Inc, of Chicago, is prepared to begin construction of its take-out food stand on North Main Street, near the Plaza. The plan had been reported earlier this year, but construction had been held up for several months. Building Inspector Arthur Peatman issued a building permit last spring, which still covers the construction.

25 Years Ago—Oct. 1, 1987

The Andover Board of Selectmen Monday night refused to enter into a \$4.8 million contingency purchase and sale agreement for the Champy parcel with owner Steven DeCrosa. In an unexpected action, the board instead voted 5-0 to begin eminent domain proceedings to obtain the land for affordable housing development. Four new wings were recently added to Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street. Pastor Dennis Kohl says the additions were necessary to serve a fast-growing community. But, he added, the building will probably have to expand in another 20 years.

Andover Recycling Inc. saved the town \$18,000 over June, July and August. For those unclear about how this happens, let me remind you that the town is now paying on an average of at least \$60 per ton for every ton of trash dumped at the North Andover incinerator.

Residents running the race against cancer

On Oct. 7, Caroline Hodge, Tabitha Ross and Deborah Sloan, all of Andover, will be running in the 12th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, as members of the official Dana-Farber team.

Each of the nearly 500 Dana-Farber team members are committed to raising at least \$500 to support adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber.

Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund have partnered with the B.A.A. in the half marathon for ten years. During this time, runners on the Dana-Farber team have raised more than \$3 million to fuel lifesaving discoveries. The 13.1-mile rolling course is an out-and-back loop that runs along the Emerald Necklace park system. It will begin and end in White Stadium in Boston's Franklin Park.

For more information, visit RunDanaFarber.org.

'SBLI superstar volunteer' earns cash for her school

Andover resident Cathy Boese was named an SBLI Superstar Volunteer and will also receive a \$500 donation for her school - Bancroft Elementary.

A mother of four, Boese initially hesitated to get involved at Bancroft Elementary School, according to a release from SBLI and PTO Today.

"Now a PTO leader, her low-pressure approach is attracting new volunteers and helping build a sense of community," said the release. "Boese's style is to lead by example, and her soft approach works. People don't run the other way when they see Boese coming. By fostering a sense of community, she manages to round up plenty of volunteers who really want to be involved. And like all good leaders, she knows how to delegate."

"I think it's knowing the people and recognizing what their strengths are," Boese was quoted as saying of her success in keeping volunteer ranks vital.

A way to honor parent volunteers like Boese for their tireless efforts,

the Superstar Volunteers program is a joint national effort from SBLI and PTO Today that commends those who are the first to raise their hands, and the last ones to leave, according to a release.

Residents running for office

The Service Club of Andover will host a political forum on Friday, Oct. 12 at the Andover Country Club. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. with the forum scheduled to begin at 7:30. This event is open to the public and the breakfast is free. Scheduled to attend are:

Andover residents Barbara L'Italien and Jim Lyons candidates for the 18th Essex District;

Andover residents Sen. Barry Finegold and Paul Adams, candidates for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex Senate Seat;

Andover resident Kevin Cuff and Frank Moran, candidates for the 17th Essex District; and

Andover resident Jack Wilson, Paul Iannuccillo and resident Brian Corrigan, candidates for the Register of Deeds, Northern Essex County.

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Handstad - Moskowitz

~ June 23, 2012 ~

Kelsey Ann Handstad, daughter of Dave and Joan Handstad of Andover, MA, was married on June 23, 2012 to Joshua Seth Moskowitz, son of Barry and Tammy Moskowitz of Nashua, NH. The ceremony took place in the Palm Garden Room at the Marriot Long Wharf (Boston, MA) with a reception, dinner, and dancing following. The bride's college classmate, Karen McPhedran, served as Maid of Honor and the groom's brother, Jeremy Moskowitz, was the Best Man. Members of the wedding party included Amelia Taylor, Andy Ivanovich, Catherine Valley, Eric Handstad, Jerry Alder, Jessica Moskowitz, Rami Hussein, Timothy Ulm, and Todd Levin. Kelsey graduated from Andover High School in 2004, received her Bachelor's degree in English from Lesley University, and Master's in Education from Simmons College. She teaches English at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. Joshua graduated from Bishop Guertin High School (Nashua, NH) in 2003, received his Bachelor's degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University, MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management, and MS and PhD degrees in Chemical Engineering from MIT. He will work as a Senior Consultant for Deloitte starting in October. After honeymooning in St. Lucia the couple now resides in Boston.

Spirit of Ironstone summed up in 2 words: What rain?

Deedee O'Brien

Ironstone Farm

On Sunday, Ironstone Farm hosted its first Annual Barbara DeNitto Memorial Horse Show for riders with disabilities. About 200 people gathered at the Lowell Street facility for the event – 75 of

them volunteers. The cloudy day that turned into rain by mid-morning wasn't apparently noticed as riders entered the ring astride Ironstone's horses with perseverance and determination. Spectators huddled - no umbrella's allowed around horses! - with smiles and encouraging applause at every accomplishment.

Not one complaint was heard.

This is what struck me. People who face adversity every day of their lives come to a day that they have worked hard for weeks to prepare for, after some two months of beautiful days, and they are dealt just about the worst weather possible for that time of year. But they don't care – there are way too many more important things to care about. Like their performance before their families, the good fortune of their teammates, the comfort of their horse, the camaraderie with their volunteer, the eyes of the kindly judge.

And then there was the food ... tasting so much better in the rain! For years Ironstone Founder Dick Donovan maintained, "It never rains at Ironstone Farm" – using terms like "a heavy mist", "Irish dew", "liquid sunshine" to describe the obvious. For years Ironstone has stood firm on events being held "in all weather."

But to be there during a rainy day event such as Sunday's is indeed testament to the claim that "it never rains" – as the undaunted smiles of riders with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities permeate the property, supported by the laughter and enthusiasm of their families – just happy to be there and watch their loved one have the opportunity to compete at a sport they never dreamed possible. It is their spirit that defies the

weather – and their courage in the face of adversity most of us can't even imagine that overcomes a simple obstacle like rain.

The glow of the riders' anticipation and genuine excitement warmed the place so much that the sun might as well have been shining, because that's what we will remember the next day.

There are a hundred stories that surround this Ironstone event – and many "firsts."

It was a first annual in memory of Barbara DeNitto, long time instructor at Ironstone who launched and managed the Special Olympics Equestrian Sports in all of Massachusetts from 1988 to 2010 the year she passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Barbara's husband, children and grandchildren were in attendance and presented the first perpetual Good Sportsmanship Award in Barbara's name to B.J Landry of Chelmsford, a young man with Down syndrome who has been riding at Ironstone for more than 20 years.

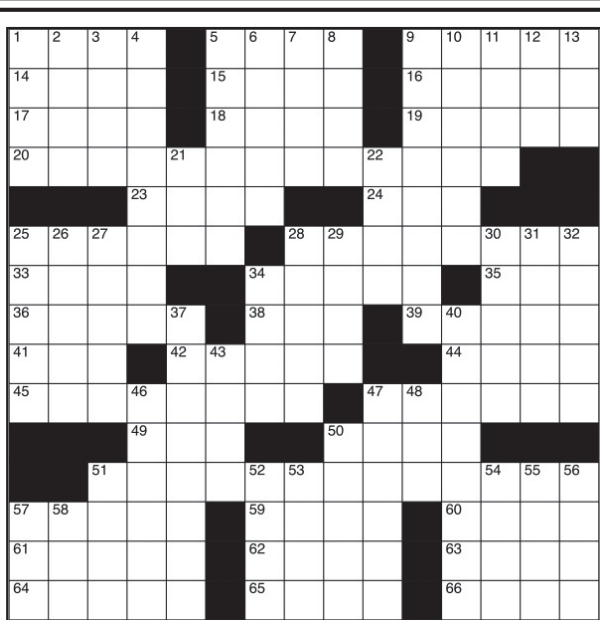
It was the first drill team performance of DeNitto's Bandito's – a group of young adults with disabilities ranging from Down syndrome to brain cancer who had been Barbara's students for two decades – all riding to a music medley of Back in the Saddle, Happy Trails and Rawhide. Now coaching the team is Jaime Velez, an instructor



COURTESY PHOTO
Amy Griffin of Andover seems to be enjoying the day.

wife Anita, Kevin Fahy, Jorge Sanchez and his son, Billy, had never worked together before, but the group turned the expected burgers and dogs into a feast for the 200 guests.

The Mission Continues is a nationwide non-profit organization started by a retired Navy Seal who encourages soldiers returning from serving their country to continue their service – by becoming involved with nonprofits helping those in need. The real story? Jeff met Kevin recently in an insomnia clinic for veterans with PTSD. They took on the "challenge" of feeding Ironstone's wet crew with over-the-top abundance at exactly the right time – satisfying 200 cold, hungry people in under 50 minutes. Jorge, who lost a leg in the Iraq War, did the cooking with his son beside him and didn't sit down - or stop smiling - all day. At the end of the day he stated that it was his best time since coming to this area after his return from war. Jeff, who is also retired Navy Seal and now on the board of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, and the team brought leftovers to the Lowell Transitional Living Center at the end of the day. Their response to Ironstone's riders' smiles and families' enthusiasm was to make the cookout an event in itself, changing the dynamics of the day to an all-inclusive team effort and resulting in a joyful – and meaningful - memory for everyone.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Free from danger
- 5. Dull in appearance
- 9. Mothers
- 14. Grand ___ racing
- 15. Department in France
- 16. Into a state of difficulty
- 17. Two-toed sloth
- 18. Printing liquids
- 19. Genus Bouteloua grasses
- 20. Jagger's band
- 23. Pulls
- 24. No longer is
- 25. Waldorf and tossed
- 28. In constant agitation
- 33. Actor Ladd
- 34. Spanish diacritical mark
- 35. No (Scottish)
- 36. Fruit pastries
- 38. A male ferret

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cowboy's boot prod
- 2. River in Florence
- 3. Small liquid container
- 4. Triumphantly happy
- 5. Deeds, actions or events
- 6. Surrounds
- 7. Requests
- 8. Superlative of "good"
- 9. Tycoons
- 10. Start anew
- 11. Extinct ratites
- 12. OM
- 13. Patti Hearst's captors
- 21. Method of birth control
- 22. Indebted to
- 25. Dulled by surfeit
- 26. 1836 siege of U.S.
- 27. Gull genus
- 28. Imaginary perfect places
- 29. Czech & German River
- 30. 3rd largest Finland lake
- 31. Nostrils

- 39. Strike with fear
- 41. Australian flightless bird
- 42. ET says, "___ home"
- 44. Minerals
- 45. Personal backgrounds
- 47. Purplish red
- 49. Major division of geological time
- 50. Chapeaux
- 51. Guitarist in 20 across
- 57. Ivanhoe author Sir Walter
- 59. New Rochelle college
- 60. Scoring area
- 61. Donate income regularly
- 62. Carthage queen
- 63. Beige
- 64. Cow emitted sound
- 65. Endymion, 1st King of
- 66. Japanese rice beverage

- 32. Long necked birds
- 34. Norse god of thunder
- 37. Lively & energetic
- 40. Prom flowers
- 43. Degree of warmth
- 46. Boil over with anger
- 47. Chocolate trees
- 48. Israeli airport code
- 50. Official language of India
- 51. Japanese stringed instrument
- 52. Prevent from being seen
- 53. Churn up
- 54. Cape near Lisbon
- 55. Not light
- 56. Change direction abruptly
- 57. Immediate memory
- 58. AFL-___: labor organization

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