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L'Italien wins state Senate primary

BY TIM LIMA
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Someone from Andover will be the next state senator for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex district in January 2015.

Voters in yesterday's Democratic primary cast their ballots for Barbara L'Italien, a member of the School Committee, a long-time resident, and a former state representative from Andover.

In November, she will go up against Republican Alex Vispoli, also a long-time Andover resident, a member of the Board of Selectmen, and a former candidate for statewide office.

"It will be a challenge, it really will," L'Italien told The Townsman during her victory party at Salvatore's Restaurant. "Alex is well-known and well-respected. His son, Kevin, and my son, Andrew, were best friends all through elementary and middle school and went to Boy Scouts together, so it will be an interesting contest."

But Tuesday night was an evening to relish a victory, which was quite lopsided, as L'Italien took 52 percent of the vote to 36 percent for Lawrence School Committee member Pavel Payano and 10 percent for Doris Rodriguez, also of Lawrence. Voters in Andover, Dracut and Tewksbury voted

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Finegold concedes Treasurer's race



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Barry Finegold is embraced by his wife, Amy, and flanked by his daughters, Ava and Ella, after giving his concession speech Tuesday night in the upstairs room of Palmers Restaurant and Tavern in Andover.

Tells supporters he's 'proud of campaign'

BY DOUG MOSER
Staff Writer

State Sen. Barry Finegold lost his bid for state Treasurer Tuesday, falling short by about 47,000 votes in a three-way race to former Brookline selectman Deb Goldberg.

Finegold, who declined to run again for Senate to focus on his Treasurer run, had netted about 130,000 votes as of deadline at 11 p.m. Tuesday. Goldberg tallied up about 183,000 at that time, and state Rep. Tom Conroy, D-Wayland, earned about 110,000.

"I'm proud of the campaign we ran," Finegold, 43, said Tuesday evening to supporters at Palmers Restaurant

"I had a great time running statewide. I'll never forget where I've come from."

State Sen. Barry Finegold

& Tavern in his hometown of Andover. "I had a great time running statewide. I'll never forget where I've come from."

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Goldberg will face Republican businessman Michael Heffernan in the Nov. 4 general election.

Finegold was raised in Andover and Tewksbury and attended public school in both towns, graduating from Andover High School.

In 1995, at age 24, he became the youngest

member ever elected to the Andover Board of Selectmen, beating out two long-time incumbents. A year later, he was elected as state representative for the 17th Essex District consisting of parts of Andover, Tewksbury and Lawrence. He was elected to his current state Senate seat for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District in 2010, and won a second term in 2012. He has served as the Senate chairman of the Joint Committee on Election Laws since joining the Legislature.

On Tuesday night, Finegold said he did not know whether he would continue in public service. He is a founding partner of the law firm Dalton & Finegold.

Lights go out for some voters

BY BILL KIRK
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Voters were unfazed by a power outage that struck downtown on Election Day, knocking out electricity to precincts at The Center at Punchard on Whittier Court.

A steady stream of voters entered the first-floor voting location, although some were a little confused because the lobby was so dark.

"I didn't think it was open because it's dark," Kate Margoles of Abbott Street said. "But I saw people standing outside with signs so I figured it must have been open."

The machines all continued working despite the 1 1/2-hour outage, thanks to built-in, back-up batteries and because town workers acted quickly to hook them up to generators.

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Opening up the Shawsheen

Dam removal, bridge plan spur interest in the river

BY BILL KIRK
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It's been dammed, diverted and dumped in.

Ever since the Industrial Revolution hit New England, the Shawsheen River has been used as an energy resource, a reservoir and a receptacle for rubbish.

While parts of the 25-mile, slow-moving stream that runs from Bedford to Lawrence

have been opened up for canoeing, hiking and kayaking, much of it remains unused, underutilized and in some cases unknown, particularly as it runs through downtown Andover.

Now, however, that urban stretch of river seems poised to make a comeback as an environmental and recreational asset rather than as an

eyesore to be hidden under culverts and overpasses or behind stone walls and fences.

The Rhode Island-based Center for Ecosystem Restoration, with town backing, went before the Conservation Commission this week seeking the first of a half-dozen local, state and federal permits needed to remove the Balmoral and Stevens Street dams.

The initiative, backed by nearly \$1 million in grant funding from the U.S. Interior Department, will make the river free-flowing once again — at least as far as Ballardvale — creating more suitable habitat for native species of fish and other wildlife that have been stymied for a century or more by the man-made, mid-river barricades.

Meanwhile, the owner of two riverfront properties on either side of the river near the Essex Street bridge will soon be asking the commission for permission to build a pedestrian footbridge over the river, creating a river-focused business opportunity as well as a link in a growing Shawsheen River trail system.

Orit Goldstein of Ozzy

Properties in North Andover owns Dundee Park as well as an historic mill on Red Spring Road. Work on that property is ongoing as it is being converted into a mixed development for light commercial uses, according to Ellen Keller, vice president of Ozzy Properties.

More recently, the company purchased a property on the other side of the river, at 14

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Andover Day

Thousands of people flooded Main Street downtown on Saturday for a hot and steamy Andover Day. The 90-degree temperature didn't stop the crowds from enjoying the annual event hosted by the Andover Business Community Association. Story, more photos, page 13.

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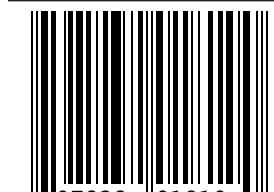
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Town officials said they had heard that an electrical transformer on Highland Road blew at around 4:34 p.m. on Tuesday. Initially, National Grid said 1,042 customers were affected and that power would be restored by around 7 p.m.

Plant and Facilities workers for the town scrambled to make sure power continued flowing to the four voting machines for precincts 1, 7, 7a and 8 at The Center at Punchard, which serves as the senior center.

The machines for precincts 1 and 8 were plugged into an emergency generator that is used to power the computer servers in the basement of the Town Offices next door. The extension cords were run out through the windows of the Town Offices, across a grassy courtyard, and into windows at the Punchard Center, where they were plugged into the machines.

Town workers then brought a portable,

gas-powered generator and set it up in the parking lot just outside the center and plugged it into the two voting machines for precincts 7 and 7a. Some workers complained about the fumes from the generator, which was moved away from the window so as not to blow carbon monoxide into the building.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy said the outage "hasn't disrupted the election," although it was the first power outage he had ever experienced as a town clerk.

"It's just a matter of getting better light in here," he said, as he sat in the darkened lobby while voters stood by in the dark, awaiting instructions. Several police officers were on hand with flashlights as well.

Town workers were able to plug some lamps into the generators and high-powered lights were at the ready in case the outage lasted into the evening.

Fortunately, power was restored by around 6 p.m. and the machines were fully functioning.



BILL KIRK/Staff photo

With help from natural light, poll workers and voters at The Center at Punchard went about their business Tuesday despite a power outage that lasted about 90 minutes.

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for L'Italien, while voters in Lawrence went with Payano, but by a slim margin.

In Andover, L'Italien got 2,371 votes, or 74 percent; Payano took 405 votes, or 12.5 percent; and Rodriguez got 245 votes, or about 8 percent. Final numbers for the other three communities were not available as of press time Tuesday night, but unofficially her win in Dracut was fairly lopsided as well.

"Thank you everybody for all of your help," she said as she entered Salvatore's Restaurant in Andover, where two dozen supporters applauded. "This is the first hurdle to this race. We need all of your help to continue to do well. I'm very, very grateful for the support and let's celebrate."

With the win, L'Italien



BILL KIRK/Staff photo

Barbara L'Italien addresses supporters at Sal's Restaurant in downtown Andover after winning the Democratic primary for state Senate Tuesday. She will face fellow Andover resident and Selectman Alex Vispoli in the final election in November for the seat being vacated by Sen. Barry Finegold. L'Italien's win on Tuesday guarantees the seat will remain held by an Andover resident.

moves one step closer to making a return to the

Legislature, after serving as a state representative from 2003-2011. The Senate seat is being vacated by two-term state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, who lost in his bid for state Treasurer on Tuesday.

"I'm really grateful for the support from people in all four communities," L'Italien said, noting that she had support from Dracut State Rep. Colleen Garry, whom she worked with for eight years in the state

Legislature. "She knows that I really care about people and that I work really hard and take the job very seriously."

She also mentioned that she had a "working knowledge" of Tewksbury from campaigning there two years ago, which helped her gain even more support from voters there this time around.

Andover, she said, "has been my hometown for the last 12 years and I had some Lawrence folks who really understood my record and that's why they supported me as well."

Rodriguez and Payano were gracious in defeat despite the disappointing result.

"This has been a great experience," Rodriguez said. "I congratulate (L'Italien) and I want to publicly say that I'm supporting her as the Democratic representative for state Senate on the ballot."

Payano said he will continue working on education and jobs in Lawrence.

"I am very grateful for the support that Lawrence gave me in this race," he said. "The outcome wasn't exactly how we would have liked it, but we are very proud of the work we have done."

Staff Writer Bill Kirk contributed to this report.

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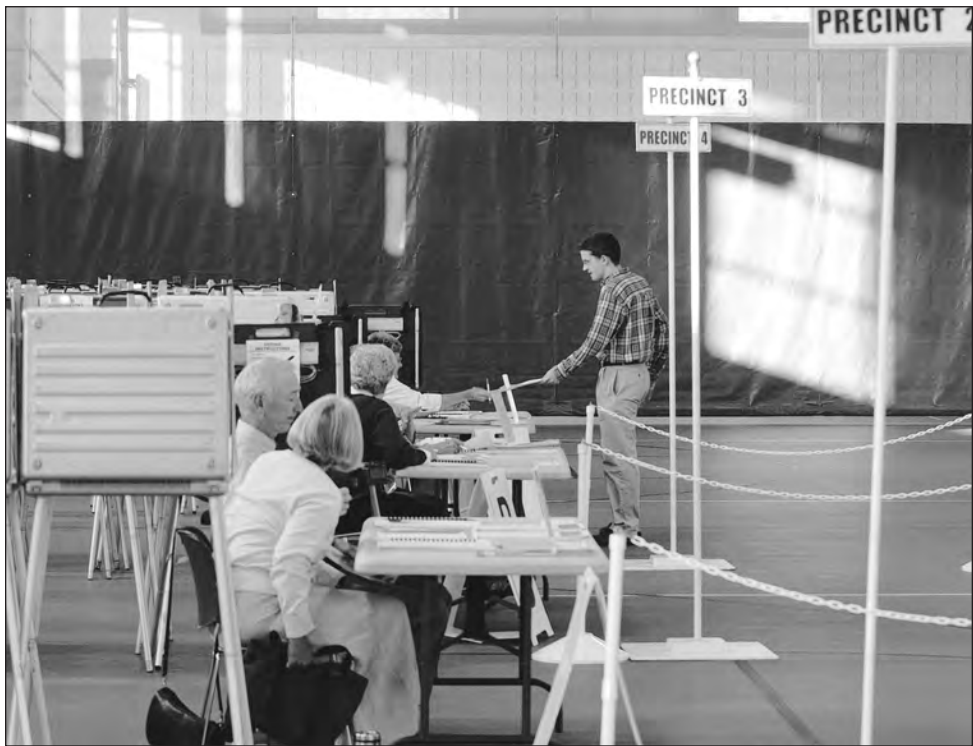
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DOES GUM HEALTH AFFECT THE HEART?
While there have been many recent studies showing that people with gum (periodontal) disease are at increased risk for heart disease, a 2012 American Heart Association review cast some doubt on this conclusion. However, a more recent study published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association* provides proof of a causal link between gum disease and heart disease. In the most recent study, researchers tracked the gum health of 420 people (average age 68) for three years by conducting clinical exams and analyzing certain bacteria that cause gum disease. This information was correlated with changes in narrowing of the arteries atherosclerosis in the carotid artery observed via ultrasound. They found that, as gum health improved, carotid narrowing slowed significantly.
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Poll workers help a lone voter at Andover High School early Tuesday morning.

Andover results: Local, statewide races

By BILL KIRK
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Across the state, it was a day of small turnouts and big surprises.

In Andover, 18.4 percent of the town's registered voters went to the polls, helping local candidate Barbara L'Italien win big in her Democratic Senate primary.

Local voters went big for hometown favorite Barry Finegold, giving the sitting state senator 61.5 percent of the vote for state treasurer over rivals Deborah Goldberg and Thomas Conroy. But Finegold did not get the same support statewide.

Andover voters also helped Seth Moulton win over veteran U.S. Rep. John Tierney in the Democratic primary. Andover Democrats gave him 497 votes to Tierney's 237 votes, for a 58 to 28 percent margin of victory.

Andover Democrats cast their votes for gubernatorial



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Voting was slow first thing Tuesday morning at The Center at Punchard, one of two voting locations in Andover. But activity picked up through the day, with a more than 18 percent voter turnout in the end.

candidate Steve Grossman, giving him 41 percent of the vote to Martha Coakley's 39 percent. But as of press time, it appeared Grossman had lost by just a few percentage points statewide.

In the vote for Attorney

General, Andover did what the rest of the state did — giving Maura Healey the nod over Warren Tolman.

Republicans in town also voted overwhelmingly for Charlie Baker in the Republican primary for governor.

Coakley cruises to victory in Democratic primary for governor

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

Martha Coakley snatched the Democratic primary for governor Tuesday night, setting the stage for a high-stakes, big-money showdown with Republican nominee Charlie Baker in the Nov. 4 election.

Coakley, the state's attorney general, outpaced her rivals, Treasurer Steve Grossman and former White House official Don Berwick, with strong showings throughout the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. She won in blue-collar, urban centers like Salem, Gloucester and Lynn, but also took a majority in affluent towns north of Boston.

"Tonight, you have sent a powerful message," Coakley told a roaring crowd of supporters gathered in a palatial ballroom at the Fairmont Copley Plaza, after being introduced by outgoing Gov. Deval Patrick. "The insiders, the big money super PACs won't be deciding this election. It will be decided by hard-working men and women and families who just want a fair shot."

The mood was somber less than a mile away, at the Park Plaza Hotel, where Grossman's supporters gathered for his primary party.

"It's very disappointing," said Shawn McGreedy, a Grossman supporter from Boston. "I really feel he had a chance at winning

the race and he would have made a superb governor. But now we need to focus on November and beating Charlie Baker."

Grossman conceded the race shortly before 10:30 p.m., calling on supporters to rally behind Coakley in the November elections.

"We ran we fought and we stood for something that matters," Grossman told supporters, with his elderly mother watching him on stage. "We created an energized army of shareholders."

Coakley will be paired with Steve Kerrigan, a Democratic strategist who won the party's nomination for lieutenant governor Tuesday, beating Mike Lake and Leland Cheung in the primary. In Massachusetts, candidates for governor and lieutenant governor run separately in party primaries but are matched on the general election ballot.

In November, Coakley and Kerrigan will battle Baker, a venture capitalist from Swampscott who easily beat Tea Party-backed Mark Fisher to win the Republican primary, and Karyn Polito, Baker's pick for lieutenant governor who faced no opposition. Independents Evan Falchuk, Jeffrey McCormick and Scott Lively are also running for governor.

Patrick, a Democrat who has occupied the governor's office for eight years, isn't seeking a third term.

In the race to succeed Coakley, Democrat Maura Healey edged out Warren Tolman in the Democratic primary race for attorney general.

State officials predicted lackluster turnout for the primaries, and local election officials reported a trickle of voters throughout the day.

Secretary of State William Galvin said Monday he expected 15 to 20 percent of the state's 4.2 million eligible voters to cast ballots.

Coakley, who suffered an embarrassing loss to Republican Scott Brown in a 2010 U.S. Senate race, is seeking to become the first woman to win the governor's office in a general election. She has run a more disciplined and organized campaign than her ill-fated Senate bid, focusing on her accomplishments as attorney general including prosecuting banks and mortgage lenders for violating the state's foreclosure laws.

But Coakley has come under fire from Democratic and Republican rivals for some of those actions, such as her agreement to allow Partners HealthCare to acquire Hallmark Health Systems, which owns Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford and Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Coakley has defended the deal, which settled an anti-trust investigation, but her rivals have argued that it will expand Partners' market control and ultimately drive up health care costs.



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3 indicted in \$1M computer theft scheme

By TIM LIMA
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Three area men — two who remained at-large as of early this week — were indicted last week on charges in connection with a \$1 million computer parts theft ring from Hewlett-Packard in Andover.

Local police together with the Essex County District Attorney's office are seeking the public's help in finding Jose Padilla, also known as Juan Santana, 29, of multiple addresses in Merrimack Valley, and Jose Del Rosario, 28, of Lawrence.

A third man, Richard Gomez, 30, of Salem, N.H., was arrested July 30 in connection with the case.

All three men were former employees of the Hewlett-Packard facility in Andover.

The indictments allege that the men removed high-value



Jose Del Rosario



Jose Padilla

said. An Essex County grand jury indicted the three men on larceny and money laundering charges. Gomez and Padilla were also indicted for falsifying corporate books. Assistant District Attorney Philip Mallard previously said the three men allegedly falsified company records to cover their tracks.

central processing units out of computers and replaced them with inferior parts prior to the computers being shipped from the Andover warehouse. The high-value units were allegedly then sold online on eBay and elsewhere, officials said. According to officials, the men concealed their alleged thefts by repeatedly targeting small portions of large shipments.

The retail value of the parts stolen from Hewlett-Packard is estimated to be approximately \$1 million, officials

still seeking two additional suspects, but did not identify the men by name.

Gomez, a 10-year-employee of Hewlett-Packard, worked as a second-shift warehouse manager, where he was in charge of handling various computer parts and disassembling them. Andover Police Commander Charles Heseltine previously said that Gomez was making several hundred thousand dollars from the sale of the computer parts and spending the money lavishly on such things as cars and trips for his family and himself. He is expected to be arraigned in Salem Superior Court in the near future.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Padilla and Del Rosario. Anyone with information on their whereabouts is asked to call Andover Police Detective Kevin Auferio at 978-475-0411.

Medication Disposal Day Sept. 27

The Andover Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and TRIAD (partnership of seniors, law enforcement agencies and support/protective services) will be holding a Medication Disposal Day on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., Andover.

Residents are encouraged to gather expired, unused and unneeded medication and drop them off. The medication disposal is completely anonymous and free

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Anyone with questions should contact officer Robin Cataldo at the Police Department at 978-475-0411, ext. 1004.

BoomerVenture returns for fall with classes, seminars

The new season of BoomerVenture classes begins this week. Here is a look at some of the highlights of the upcoming season:

Energize With Exercise: Fun, aerobic and weight-training workout, Mondays at 3:30 p.m. through Nov. 10, \$55; and Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 13, 6 p.m., \$50.

Nordic Walking: Cardio workout while hiking Andover Village Improvement Society trails with specialty poles; rated a top workout for mental fitness, Wednesdays through Oct. 15, 3:50 p.m., \$27.50.

Zumba Intervals: Weight training and cardio fitness as you dance, Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 13, 3:30 p.m., \$50.

Serenity Yoga: Gentle yoga with meditation, Thursdays, Sept. 25 through Nov. 13, 7:15 p.m., \$44.

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Oct. 2: Sugar Merry-Go-Round presented by nutritionist Art McDermott

Oct. 9: Estate Planning Workshop presented by Patrick Curley

Oct. 16: Work and Play

Balance presented by registered nurse Karen Pischke

Oct. 23: ReServe, put your experience to work and making a difference, presented by special guest Sue Tucker

Nov. 6: Cyber-Crime, protect online identity presented by Greg Page

Nov. 13: Online Big Data (Is Big Brother Tracking You?), presented by Greg Page

To guarantee sufficient class size, registration is requested for all programs

and activities. Fitness classes require a yearly health form.

Classes may be audited for free for the first time and then joined late, pending space.

Individuals may sign up in person at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, first floor, or download a registration at www.boomerventure.com and send it to 36 Bartlett St., Andover 01810, c/o BoomerVenture. For more information, call Karen Payne-Taylor at 978-623-8321.

Phillips replacing underground steam lines

By TIM LIMA
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Wondering what all the construction on Main Street adjacent to Phillips Academy is about?

The private school this summer began phase one of a multi-phase underground steam line replacement project, according to Phillips' capital project manager, Stefan Csiga.

The steam line travels under Main Street through a tunnel believed to be built in the mid-1920s. The steam

and condensate piping is now being replaced.

In addition, Csiga said the concrete tunnel is receiving superficial repairs and two new steam vaults are being built at both ends of the tunnel.

A new concrete steam tunnel also is being built adjacent to School Street.

A construction management firm was retained by the academy for the project. The work is expected to be completed by the end of September.

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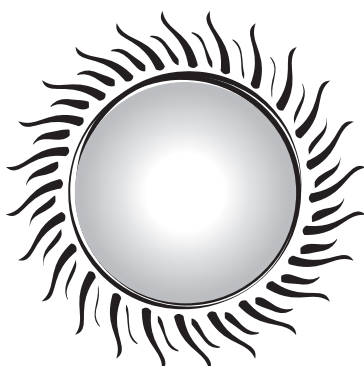
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Showing their local support

Many voters turn out for Andover's own

By BILL KIRK

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Voters beat a steady path to the polls Tuesday, with about 18 percent of those registered casting a ballot in either the Democratic or Republican primary.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy said the turnout was about what he would have expected for a primary, hovering at around 11 percent at 4 p.m. But then it ballooned some, with 4,209 out of 22,849 registered voters ultimately turning out by the time polls closed at 8 p.m.

Voters interviewed at The Center at Punchard, where Precincts 7, 7a, 8 and 1 are located, said they came out for a variety of reasons.

"I know who I don't like and I'll decide between the others when I get in there," said Denise Keough, 62, of Countryside Way, as she and her husband, Tom, 63, entered the Punchard polls together. She said she only liked one of the candidates running for governor — Donald Berwick, a pediatrician and the former administrator of Medicare and Medicaid under President Obama.

Her husband agreed. "It's a vote against the other two," he said, noting that he didn't like either of the other Democratic candidates — Attorney General Martha Coakley or state Treasurer Steve Grossman — for the state's top job.

"It's a statement against the status quo," Denise said. They said they would likely vote for Barry Finegold in his bid for state treasurer.

Finegold, currently a state senator from Andover, was in the race against state Rep. Thomas Conroy and Deborah Goldberg, a former Brookline selectman.

"He's our old neighbor," Denise said. "We'll probably vote for him."

Barbara Bhiladvala, 74, of Agawam Lane, came to the polls for one person: Charlie



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Campaigners were out early Tuesday morning at Andover High School, one of the town's two polling locations.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Workers wait for voters soon after the polls at Andover High School opened at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Baker, a Republican candidate for governor.

"I think he's a real honest person and has a lot of experience," she said of Baker. "It will be a good change from the Democratic governors we've had."

Many people going to the polls on Tuesday were there for hometown favorite Barbara L'Italien, a former state representative and currently a member of the Andover School Committee.

L'Italien faced Lawrence candidates Pavel Payano and Doris Rodriguez in the Democratic primary to replace Finegold in the state Senate.

"I voted for Barbara L'Italien," said John Dugan, 59, of Elm Street, voting at the high school on Shawsheen Road. "I know Barbara, and my wife has worked with her for many years and I think she's a nice representative for our district. It would be nice to have her back again."

Kate Margules of Abbott Street, voting at The Center at Punchard, agreed.

"Barbara is honest, hardworking and really dedicated," she said. "I really appreciate all that she's done."

L'Italien, who faced off against Lawrence Democrats Pavel Payano and Doris

Rodriguez, took her hometown handily.

She will now face Andover Selectman Alex Vispoli, who was running unopposed on the Republican side, in the finals in November.

Margules said she didn't even care about the governor's race.

"I truly came out for Barbara," she said.

Meanwhile, a number of people were there for Seth Moulton, another candidate with Andover connections. Moulton, making a run at Democratic Rep. John Tierney, attended Phillips Academy in town before moving onto Harvard and then joining the military.

Nina Scott of Stonehedge Road, located on the Phillips campus, where she teaches, said she had heard Moulton speak several times at the school and was inspired by what he had to say.

"He spoke to the students about service and democracy," she said. "I never had him in class, but I was always crazy about him. He's the real deal. He's as uncorruptable as a person can be."

The winner of that race faces former Republican state representative Richard Tisei in the final election in November.



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Tom and Denise Keough of Countryside Way voted Tuesday at The Center at Punchard. Among those they threw their support behind was their old neighbor, state Sen. Barry Finegold, in his bid for state treasurer.

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Senior News

The century club

Their advice for reaching 100-plus? Stay active, eat right — and dance

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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As a senior housing community looks to be built on a former farm on Lowell Street, two residents who hardly look their 100-plus age are proof that people are living longer and communities like Andover need to be ready to accommodate them.

"My car died before me," laughed the very energetic Amy Misenti, who drove until she was 96.

She's now 103, widowed, a bit hard of hearing and gets around with a walker. But she had a ball at her recent birthday party at Andover Commons, an apartment complex for those over 65 on Railroad Street where she's lived since it opened in October 1981.

There were just 15 apartments back then and Misenti was thrilled to get one.

Three months later, in January 1982, Vivian Simone moved in. The 101-year-old has been there ever since, too.

They are the only two original residents of Andover Commons, which has grown

to accommodate 167 residents today, according to resident coordinator Eleanor Cox. The complex, which is owned by Corcoran Management Company, also welcomes disabled residents as well as seniors.

Misenti, a Lawrence native who married a guy from Shawsheen Village and settled in Andover, is the oldest resident at Andover Commons, Cox said.

Simone, who was born in Europe and moved to Lawrence when she was 7, is close behind. She, too, married an Andover man and settled in town, eventually buying a house on Juniper Road.

The pain from arthritis slows Simone down some, and she also uses a walker. Quiet and a bit on the shy side, she does miss driving her own car and the sense of independence that came with it.

"I drove everywhere," said the widowed Simone, who was behind the wheel until she was 92.

Both Simone and Misenti donned tiaras as they were

feted at the birthday bash for the centenarians that was hosted by Cox and the complex's property manager, Bethany Hollingworth.

"They are just wonderful residents ... they really get around, are very social and people are surprised when they find out their ages," Cox said.

The women reflect what is a national trend — many people born when William Howard Taft was the 27th president of the United States (1909-1913) are still enjoying life.

"People are living longer. Look at us," said Misenti, whose daughter is 74 and grandson is 50 years old.

U.S. census data shows that one in about every eight Americans — or 39.6 million people — were age 65 and older in 2009 (the latest year that data is available). Seniors at that time represented 12.9 percent of the country's population.

By 2030, that number is expected to grow to about 72.1 million, more than twice the number of older Americans



Courtesy Photo

Amy Misenti, 103, left, and Vivian Simone, 101, are the two remaining original residents of Andover Commons Apartments. They say staying active is the key to their longevity.

than there were in 2000. It is expected that by 2030, the 65-plus population will be 19 percent of the population.

What advice do Misenti and Simone give those hoping to reach their milestone? Seated in a pretty landscaped courtyard at Andover Commons, the women shared some insights as well as their secrets for looking so good at 100-plus.

They say enduring emotionally difficult days makes one stronger. Both women

survived heartbreak as they lost their husbands. Simone's husband, an accountant, died at age 59 from a heart attack. The couple's only child succumbed to cancer.

They both agreed that staying active as they aged has been integral to their longevity. The two women worked well past the typical retirement age. Misenti was a bookkeeper until she was 70, while Simone worked

until she was 80, first for her husband's accounting company, then Raytheon and the Internal Revenue Service.

"People don't retire at 65 anymore. They keep working and I think that's why we live longer," Misenti said.

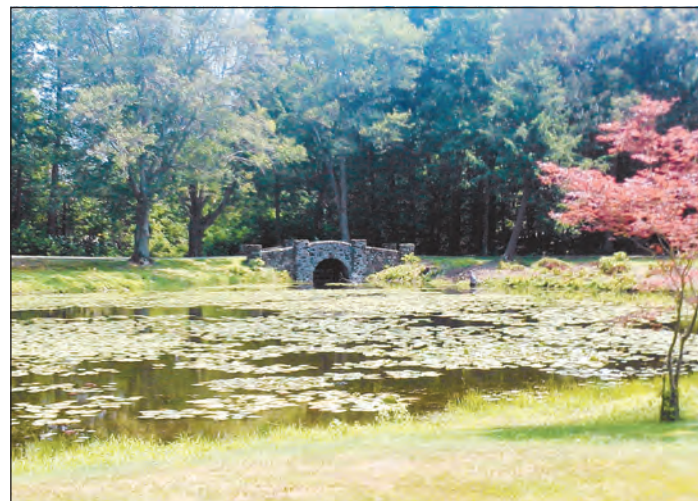
For Simone, a good diet filled with lots of vegetables also has been a plus. And Misenti said she walked a lot in her earlier years, which helps extend life.

"Plus, I danced I loved to dance," Misenti said.

Parallel perspectives

LEFT: Jack Holmes contributed this rainy view of Main Street in downtown Andover for the exhibit. RIGHT: Kathleen Dolan provides a tranquil view of the bridge in West Parish Cemetery. For more photos, visit our website www.andovertownsm.com.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Seniors share their views of Andover for new Cultural Council collaboration

From the stone footbridge at West Parish Cemetery to Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy to the start of the annual Thanksgiving Day Feaster Five road race, the sites and scenes Andover seniors value most about their town paint a picture of the place they call home.

Their view of Andover is the focus of a new display gracing one of the front windows of CVS on Main Street in the downtown.

The exhibit is the culmination of a project launched this past spring by the Andover Cultural Council.

Called "In Our Eyes: Andover 2014," the initiative sought to compare and contrast views of the town as seen by its youngest and

oldest members, according to the cultural council.

Local students and seniors alike were posed the same question, "What is your Andover?" and were then asked to photograph sites depicting what the town means to them.

The students' perspectives went on display earlier this month at Memorial Hall Library in town. Working with their art teachers, the youngsters created photo collages for the exhibit.

Now, it's the seniors turn to show off their favorite spots in Andover through photos. Their images, which were transferred to vertical banners, went on display last Friday in time for Andover Day. Karen Payne-Taylor and Andrea Zaines at The Center at Punchard (senior center) helped coordinate their portion of the collaborative project.

"In Our Eyes: Andover 2014" was initiated in response to a community-wide survey by the Cultural Council that indicated residents believe the local student and senior population are most deserving of town arts funding.

"This is the first time that the cultural council has involved itself in generating a project of this nature," chairwoman Leslie Seaton Malis said in a release.

"We were so pleased with the varying vantage points and images of the town that the photos depict. And perhaps this project will help spark an interest in photography for some of our younger residents. Clearly, we already have some wonderfully accomplished photographers among the seniors."

Seaton Malis said the council hopes the similarities and differences highlighted by the juxtaposed views in both exhibits can serve as both a source for discussion and a catalyst for future efforts that build on the theme.

The photos will remain on display at both the library and CVS through the end of the month.

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Smith Purdon Fund eyes family, youth initiatives

The Smith Purdon Directorate of West Parish Church in Andover has announced its funding cycle for the 2014-2015 year.

The Smith Purdon Fund was created in 1975 with a \$500,000 bequest from Susanne Smith Purdon to West Parish Church. The granddaughter of Peter Smith, one of the founders of the Smith & Dove flax mill, Smith Purdon carried on her family's tradition of interest and support not only to the church, but also to the Town of Andover.

The mission of the fund is to provide financial support for innovative programs in the Merrimack Valley that enrich family life with a goal of positively impacting the lives of children and youths. In the past, the fund has focused on new and innovative programs, especially those with broad



Photo courtesy Andover Historical Society

Susanne Smith Purdon's \$500,000 bequest to West Parish Church has helped to fund innovative programs benefiting family life and youths in the area.

impacts within the community. Fund managers say that will continue to be a priority, but existing programs with new approaches and ideas

will also be considered.

Last year, more than \$20,000 was awarded to eight area organizations. In previous years, seed money from the Smith Purdon Fund has benefitted a variety of start-up programs.

Organizations wishing to submit applications are encouraged to visit www.westparishchurch.org and click on the Smith Purdon Fund tab, where funding information, application instructions and an online application form are available.

Grant applications will be accepted through March 1. Funding requests must be submitted online, and will be responded to within two months or held (with notification) for further consideration.

Anyone with questions should call the West Parish Church office at 978-475-3528.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

September is National Senior Center Month and this year's theme is "Experts at Living Well." The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, is celebrating with a variety of programs.

Grill Night and BoomerVenture Bash: Thursday, Sept. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. This will be The Center's last summer outdoor meal. Selections include a main course (salmon is the night's special), salad, drink and dessert starting at \$5 per meal. The Jazz Disciples will perform starting at 5 p.m. Reservations and advance payment required.

Annual Open House: Friday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Activities at The Center will be showcased and representatives of all of the groups as well as the Council on Aging will be on hand to answer questions from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event begins with a free continental breakfast at 9 a.m. and there will be a free luncheon buffet at noon. TRIAD will present "Shifting Gears," a safe driving workshop with Michelle Ellicks of

the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, at 10 a.m. Local journalist Tana Goldberg will present "What You Think You Know and What the Data Shows," an Age Boom Academy offering at 1 p.m.; registration is required for her program.

The Golden Age of Television: Mondays, Sept. 15 through Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy the early pioneers of the small screen as participants laugh, cry and reminisce about the stars and their shows; sponsored by Northern Essex Community College's College of Older Learners program; \$12.

Tech Talk: Learn what one can do with a smartphone, Monday, Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m. Bring your manual and charged phone; \$3.

Causes and Consequences - Remembering WWI: Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Oct. 16, 1:30 p.m. One hundred years later, society is still living with the consequences of World War I. Don Robb explores how and why the war happened and how it affects us today; \$15.

Open Art Drop-In Studio: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30

a.m. An open, drop-in group for artists with no instructor. Bring your own materials; free.

Current Events Discussion: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, special current events discussion focusing on the events of the day, at The Townhouse, Main Street; part of regular coffee and conversation, weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Free movies: Mondays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Call or check newsletter online for listing.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing. All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Talk explores spiritual approach to conflict resolution

International speaker John Tyler will present "Conflict Resolution: A Spiritual Approach" on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. at Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St.

A former labor union organizer with degrees from Princeton University in New Jersey and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, Tyler taught political science at Princeton and the University of Pittsburgh. He is now a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing.

He will discuss how forgiveness and love can lead to healing family strife, national conflicts and even physical bodies in the free, one-hour talk.

The public is invited. For more information, stop by the Christian Science Reading Room at 36 Main St. in downtown Andover, call 978-475-6787 or visit www.christianscienceandover.com.

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Apple dipping and more at Rosh Hashanah story hour

In honor of the upcoming Jewish New Year, Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley in Andover invites children ages 3 through 5 and their parents to a Rosh Hashanah story hour on Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 40 Railroad St., Andover.

After listening to "Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashana" and "Apples and Honey: A Rosh Hashanah Lift-the-Flap Book," youngsters will sing songs and make an apple and honey plate to bring home. They will also enjoy the Rosh Hashanah tradition of dipping apples into honey for a sweet new year. Whole Foods will provide the food.

The free program is open to the community. Reservations are requested by Friday. Email Eddirector@BethIsraelMV.org or call the office

at Congregation Beth Israel at 978-474-0540.

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel holding kickoff

Boston-area author Jessica Keener will be the guest speaker on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. as the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley hosts its first meeting of the season.

In her debut novel, "Night Swim," published last year, Keener tells the story of a 16-year-old girl coming of age in suburban Boston during the 1970s.

Refreshments will be served at the event, which will be held at the synagogue, 501 South Main St. (Route 28), Andover. Admission is free. For more information and to RSVP, contact Amy Lee at Amy-lee@comcast.net before Sept. 19.

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Dog Park in final stages

A dog park without a fence just won't work. That's what is missing at the town's new dog park near the leaf compost site on High Plain Road, so its scheduled Labor Day opening was postponed.

But the delay won't be too long. The fencing was still on track to start being installed late last week.

"We are saving some money by installing the fence after Labor Day," said local veterinarian and dog owner Tracie Fountas of Andover, who serves as the top dog for the Friends of

Andover Dog Park. She and her veterinarian husband, George, own River Road Veterinary Hospital in town.

The park's opening will follow once the fence is up.

Plans to build a dog park in town have been in the works for a few years. The dog lovers in Andover set about to raise the money privately to bring a dog park to town. And they did.

Fountas has said her group raised about \$35,000 for the park through fundraisers, donations and a "buy a brick" campaign that will

lead to the creation of a brick path welcoming the four-legged visitors to the site.

The town donated a little more than a half-acre of conservation land on High Plain Road, abutting the town's leaf composting site, for the park.

Canine support in town is clear, with 2,335 registered dogs currently residing in Andover, according to the town clerk's office, where dog licenses are issued.

— *Judy Wakefield, staff writer*

HEALTH BRIEFS

Andover Health Division flu clinics

Three "High-Dose" Flu Clinics for local seniors ages 65 and up are scheduled for this month at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Sept. 23
- Thursday, Sept. 25
- Tuesday, Sept. 30

All of the clinics will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., by appointment only.

Call the Health Department at 978-623-8295 to schedule an appointment. Consent forms will be available at the Health Department, Town Offices, senior center and on the town website at www.andoverma.gov.

[andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov).

Center holding Holistic Spa Day

Clear and Now Holistic Healing, 52 Main St., Andover, is holding a Holistic Spa Day on Saturday, Sept. 13. Visitors will be able to sample the center's services, including energy healing, acupuncture treatment, Akashic Records Consultation and holistic massage.

For more information and costs, contact Liz Varney at liz@clearandnowhealing.com or 617-855-9221 or visit www.clearandnowhealing.com for more information.

Senior Mini Health Clinics continue

The Andover Health Department has scheduled a series of Senior Mini Health Clinics for the year.

Clinics are offered every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court.

In addition, clinics are held monthly at Andover Commons and Frye Circle.

The upcoming schedule is:

Andover Commons: Oct. 6, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, all from 2 to 3 p.m.

Frye Circle: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 24, and Dec. 22, all from 1 to 2 p.m.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call the Health Department at 978-623-8295.

SHAWSHEEN

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Dundee Park Drive, currently the home of the Parker Door Co.

Keller said that Ozzy Properties also purchased a small lot of land on the river, adjacent to the Dundee Park building, where one side of the pedestrian bridge could be based. The other side would be at the company's Red Spring Road property.

Keller said it's still early in the planning stages, but the goal would be for the bridge to be a window of sorts onto the river.

"People used to turn their back on the river," she said. "Now, we've all recognized it's a wonderful resource. We are trying to face the river. We want to see it and enjoy it. We love the river and want to bring people closer to it."

One possibility is for a restaurant to be built on the Red Rock Road site, which would give diners great views of the water and the wildlife.

For the time being, the door company will remain at Dundee Park Road site, but will eventually move out.

"The idea is to create a single, cohesive campus that is all part of Dundee Park," she said, adding, "We don't have a plan for that (14 Dundee Park) building yet." Ozzy Properties purchased the site in February 2013.

Meanwhile, the pedestrian bridge, along with the removal of the dams, have brought renewed vigor for the Shawsheen River Greenway, envisioned as a trail system that runs from Ballardvale to the Lawrence and North Andover lines.

"A multi-use path along the Shawsheen's banks

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Andover Trails Committee website

could connect key features of the community," states the Andover Trails Committee website. "Between Ballardvale and Shawsheen Village, a river trail would link commuter bus parking, train station, high school and middle school, post office, shopping centers, Penguin Park and existing conservation and AVIS lands."

Local businessman Mark Spencer, owner of Water Analytics, has been working with members of the community on such a trail, but declined to comment specifically about it, saying it was still a work in progress.

"It's really preliminary," he said. "We are looking at different options for the Greenway. We are contemplating a trail that would provide pathways along the Shawsheen so people could enjoy it and the bridge would possibly be part of it."

"It's a great idea," he added.

The town's conservation director, Bob Douglas, said he is starting work this week on a Shawsheen River trails master plan, using high school interns and other town staff to document access points and trail possibilities along the river.

He said the pedestrian bridge and the dam-removal projects are just the latest in an ongoing river restoration

effort.

The dam removal project, in fact, will "affect the most wetlands of any project we've permitted in the last 10 years. It's a massive restoration effort and it will have huge effect on the river and wetlands. It is a huge environmental plus."

According to Tom Ardito, director of the Center for Ecosystem Restoration, this week's Conservation Commission meeting was just the first step in a multi-phase, six- to eight-month process of obtaining permits for the project.

"The first stage of permitting is at the municipal level," he said. "It's a Notice of Intent under the Wetlands Protection Act."

The group is actually filing two applications — one for each dam.

Meanwhile, the group will be seeking three more permits for each dam from the state, and one for each dam from the federal government.

In the end, once the dams are removed, boaters will be able to travel unimpeded from the base of the Ballardvale dam to the Merrimack River for the first time in more than 100 years.

"You will actually be able to go all the way to the Atlantic Ocean," Douglas said.



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Opinion

Andover connections boost primary turnout

Andover voters didn't exactly rush to the polls on Tuesday. But at 18.4 percent turnout, they did better than many other communities, where turnout hovered closer to 10 or 12 percent.

That may have been the result of races that had a local flavor, from Seth Moulton, a graduate of Phillips Academy, running against long-time Congressman John Tierney, to a state Senate primary race that featured a member of the Andover School Committee.

Even the treasurer's race had a local tie — Barry Finegold, a prominent attorney and real estate owner in town who started his political career years ago with a successful run for selectman. He lost, but he was in it to the end.

Moulton isn't exactly one of Andover's own, but he spent some of his formative years in town, going to Phillips Academy before moving on to Harvard and then, eventually, the military where he did four tours of duty in Iraq. He was up against John Tierney, the Salem Democrat whose name was smeared with the scent of corruption due to the dealings, or misdealings, of his in-laws.

Two years ago, Tierney ran against Republican Richard Tisei in the final election and won fairly easily. But Moulton was a different story: A Democrat with a military pedigree and no political record that Tierney could shoot holes in. Moulton gave Democratic voters a viable option. Now it remains to be seen if he can beat the Republican.

Meanwhile, Barry Finegold, who has been an elected official for two decades now, must retire from public life, at least temporarily, having lost in his bid to be the Democratic nominee for Treasurer.

Many people locally were sure that Finegold would win. His support of Demoulas employees during the Market Basket shutdown seemed like it would carry him to victory, but it wasn't enough.

Perhaps most interesting to Andover residents is that the race for state Senate will have two Andover public officials running against each other. The seat represents Dracut, Tewksbury and Lawrence as well as Andover.

Barbara L'Italien, who won the Democratic primary Tuesday night over two rivals in Lawrence, will face off against Republican Alex Vispoli.

While L'Italien is a School Committee member, Vispoli is a member of the Board of Selectmen. They have both lived in town for years. They have both proven themselves to be good public servants.

L'Italien said she thinks that in the final election in November, she and Vispoli will draw from the same base in Andover, but that the real battleground will be in Dracut.

At her party Tuesday night at Salvatore's Restaurant, several residents of Dracut were in attendance. Last weekend, Vispoli was splitting his time between Andover Day and Dracut Old Home Day.

Whatever happens in November, it is likely to have the hallmarks of many Andover political bouts, where rivals may disagree, but won't be disagreeable.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Jim Redmond of the Andover Historical Society uses a printing press from the 1800s to print a pamphlet for Abigail Bjune, 5, of Andover, with her name on it. He was one of several expert and volunteer craftsmen engaging visitors during the 1829 House Party that the Historical Society hosted during Saturday's Andover Day celebration.

Rice video shows us brutal reality of 'domestic violence'

Bill Burt

It is one thing to hear about domestic violence, which always sounds pretty bad, like a couple in a disagreement and the husband taking it a little too far — maybe even getting physical.

It's another thing altogether when you actually see domestic violence, particularly the left hook that connects with the jaw of Janay Palmer — now Janay Rice — in a video that surfaced this week.

In the first video that was released documenting a February night in a Las Vegas casino hotel where Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice was staying with his fiancée, Janay, we saw the incident from the perspective of a camera in the hallway outside of the elevator. Rice drags Janay out of the elevator after an apparent assault. For this he received a two-game suspension from the Ravens.

On Monday, however, America got another perspective on that night, this one far more disturbing and with much harsher penalties.

A new video shows Rice throwing a full-on punch to Janay's face, knocking her out cold. And now, Rice has been indefinitely suspended



FILE PHOTO

Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice speaks alongside his wife, Janay, during a news conference in May. A new video that appears to show Rice striking then-fiancée Janay Palmer in an elevator last February has been released.

from the NFL, and released by the Baltimore Ravens.

This has been a bizarre story.

Rice, for the most part, seemed to have been dealt with by his football team and the NFL for what occurred. Certainly, Janay, who went on to marry him late in March, had let bygones be bygones.

Sure, it's likely that 99 percent of the country felt his penalty — the two-game suspension — wasn't firm enough. Yet, he really did seem sorry.

Rice was scheduled to return to practice last

Friday, a day after the Baltimore Ravens' second game against the Steelers last Thursday.

Then came the video from inside the elevator, courtesy of the TV version of the National Enquirer, TMZ.

That changed everything. America witnesses in most graphic detail what domestic violence actually looks like. That's a whole lot different than hearing about it.

Rice hammers Janay in the jaw before she bangs into the elevator wall.

And then America sees something equally disturbing: Rice's reaction: No big

deal. Rice doesn't look scared or worried or upset. Rather, he gets busy trying to drag his partner out of the elevator. He's unsuccessful, so leaves her legs inside the elevator, the remainder of her body outside, and nudges her with his foot to see if she can maybe get up.

Then he turns her around and her upper torso ends up inside the elevator, while Rice talks to a few men.

He shows zero concern for his fiancée. Zero. That's the scariest part for me. She's treated like she's nothing, left lying on the floor.

That Rice apparently has been forgiven by his now-wife has absolutely nothing to do with this crime and his new punishment. He deserves everything he has coming his way, including public opinion.

That video is disturbing and the act heinous and deserving of severe punishment. Rice's football career, which was nearing the end anyway, is unimportant, collateral damage.

Above all, Rice has put a face and a name on the reality of domestic violence.

It's about time we really understand.

Bill Burt is the executive sports editor of *The Eagle-Tribune*, *The Townsman's* sister paper.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Eighteen percent of the town's registered voters — less than 1 in 5 — cast ballots in Tuesday's state primary election. What led to your decision to vote or not to vote?

- I feel it's my civic responsibility to vote in every election, national to local, regardless of the contests on the ballot.
- I turned out at the polls to support a specific candidate(s).
- I skipped out on voting because I didn't feel strongly about any one candidate or issue.
- I hadn't followed the campaigns and didn't know who to vote for so didn't feed the ballot box.
- I didn't know there was an election Tuesday.
- I'm not registered to vote.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you agree with a new state law that removes domestic violence arrests from the police log, shielding alleged perpetrators from the public eye. Here's how you voted:

- NO. Domestic violence is a serious criminal act and should be treated like every other crime, with public scrutiny and awareness. **92 percent.**
- YES. Domestic violence is a personal, private matter and there's no need for me to know someone else's business when it doesn't affect me. **8 percent.**

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the *Andover Townsman*:

100 Years Ago Sept. 11, 1914

Saturday morning, a horse owned by J.P. West decided to create a little excitement in town and so became unmanageable and ran away down Central Street. The wagon was overturned by F.H. Foster's residence and the driver was thrown out, but escaped with slight bruises. The wagon, however, was badly damaged.

The squash vines are

drooping their heads in black despair as a result of Jack Frost's visit this week. Ice is reported in Andover's cold spot, Frye Village. No skating as yet.

Miss Annie S. Lindsay has returned from her vacation and is ready for business at her rooms in the Carter Block. She also wished to announce that she is agent for A.W. Moore's Blood and Nerve Remedy for Rheumatism.

75 Years Ago Sept. 7, 1939

Calvin Deyermond and Milton Craig, pictured in a photo, were awarded gold medals last Saturday afternoon as the Poms Pond bathing beach season drew to a close with the annual carnival. Deyermond's medal was for helpfulness

and leadership, and Craig's for improvement in swimming, diving and life-saving.

Union Street, one of Andover's danger spots, had another accident Tuesday afternoon when Ramona Pageau, 10, of 1 Fletcher St. was struck by an auto while she was reportedly crossing the street to meet a playmate. She was treated by a doctor for bruises about the head. Lillian Wallace of Lowell Street was the operator of the car. She reported that she swung left in order to avoid hitting the child.

50 Years Ago Sept. 10, 1964

"Come with me into a whole new world," says Shawsheen teacher Martha Howe to two brand new first-graders set for the adventures that await brand

new readers. Exploring what lies ahead on the first day of school are George Starks and Andrea Haeffling, shown in a photo. Public schools opened today, operating with regular schedules for all but first-graders and kindergarten students.

Effective Sunday, the Unitarian Universalist Church will begin holding services in Andover at 13 Chestnut St., according to Rev. Keith C. Munson. Services will continue at this location until construction of the congregation's new church complex on Lowell Street is completed, the pastor said.

Marcelle W. Farrington (Mrs. Charles), eight years a resident of Andover, assumes duties this week as editor of *The Townsman*.

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TownsBeat

90-DEGREE FUN

Andover Day 2014 heats up the downtown

By BILL KIRK
bkirk@andovertownsmen.com

The fact that it was one of the hottest days of summer for an event billed as fall's biggest street fair didn't seem to matter to the thousands who turned out for Andover Day on Saturday.

With humidity soaring and temperatures climbing into the low-90s, families from all over town and the region flocked to downtown, where booths lined sidewalks on both sides of Main Street and its offshoots and stores opened their doors to shoppers for the annual event hosted by the Andover Business Community Association.

As music cascaded out over the crowd from the main stage at Elm Square and the community stage farther down Main Street and the smell of food from local eateries wafted in the air, throngs of people wandered from booth to booth, chatting with friends or seeking out a piece of shade.

"You can escape the sun, but you can't escape the heat," said Keith Saxon of the Andover Recycling Committee as he stood under the canopy covering his group's display booth. Posters of past and future recycling events were on display as Saxon handed out leaflets and other information about upcoming events.

The day seemed to offer something for everyone — from good food and musical entertainment to some good rides for the little ones.

"It's a lot bigger than it's been and more entertaining for the kids," said local resident Julianne Fallon, 38, who was there with her husband and three children. "There are more rides. There's more stuff for the kids."

Her husband, Dan, also 38, was towing 4-year-old Gavin and 6-year-old Mila in a red wagon.

"There are so many people and the kids like to come and see all their friends," he said.

It wasn't just the people that the kids found interesting, however.

Zoe Enright, 9, of Andover, said she liked seeing man's best friends as well.

"It's really fun," said Enright, who was at the carnival in the parking lot near Andover Village Square with her mother, Meredith, and sister, Brook. "I like all the dogs and seeing my friends."

Andover residents Rick Mosher, 51, and wife Laura, 44, agreed that the event seemed more robust than it's ever been.

"It's changed a lot," said Rick, who has lived in town since 1995. "It's less of a just-Andover event, it's more global. There are more outside vendors. It's very lively."

At the Andover Historical Society, which hosted an 1829 House Party at its headquarters at 97 Main St., some 14

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Ted Entertainment DJ Ted Teichert of Andover keeps the music going in between the band performances on the main stage.



Chinese Lion Dancers from Yang's Martial Arts in Andover, Alex Gamble, front, and Ethan Donahue, hidden from view in back, both 17, dance in the street. Thousands of people withstood the heat and humidity on Saturday to attend the town's annual Andover Day celebration sponsored by the Andover Business Community Association.



Gwen Sweeney, 12, buys a T-shirt at the Colleen Ritzer table. Andover Day 2014 was dedicated to the high school teacher from Andover who was killed last year. The Andover Business Community Association, which organizes Andover Day, donated a portion of the proceeds from vendor booth rentals to the Colleen Ritzer Scholarship Fund.



Frederick Martin, proprietor of Heavy Metal Forge, demonstrates the art of blacksmithing in the 1800s at the Andover Historical Society. The organization turned its Blanchard House headquarters on Main Street into an 1829 House Party for the day, with volunteers dressed in traditional costumes and craftsmen offering a variety of activities.



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Brady Hart, 2, of North Andover, checks out one of the large sunflowers on sale during the day from the expanded Andover Farmers Market in honor of Andover Day. The market is run by the Andover Historical Society.



Henry Champagne, 4, of Boxford, can't hide from the heat as he takes a breather inside the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Company stagecoach.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

CELEBRATION

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volunteers dressed in traditional garb stood outside talking with passersby.

Carrie Midura, programs and public relations manager for the organization, was one of those wearing a full-length dress. She said the heat didn't sap the enthusiasm of volunteers.

"It's been great," she said. "Everyone's dressed in just as many layers. The Historical Society is grateful to all the volunteers."

They didn't just dress up, either. The volunteers also ran an historic printing press, demonstrated knitting and sewing, and generally helped the hundreds of visitors who came through its doors.

A number of children and their parents watched with rapt attention as a traditional blacksmith, hovering over a charcoal fire, banged his hammer on red-hot iron.

Midura said her friend, Frederick Martin, who hails from western Massachusetts, agreed to come to Andover Day to demonstrate his trade and possibly sell a few handmade items from his forge.

The folks at the Historical Society weren't the only ones dealing with the heat and humidity.

Anna Peppe, of Pizza Goddess Catering in North Reading, fed logs into her mobile oven, which reaches a temperature of 700

degrees, she said.

Barely breaking a sweat, she swept some embers out of the way with a metal brush and slid a couple of pies into the oven as smoke belched out of the stack.

It was her first visit to Andover Day and Peppe said she thought it was a good event. She was pleased to be selling a lot of pizza.

"This is a great turnout considering the weather forecast," she said, with thunderstorms holding off until the tail end of the festivities. But for most of Andover Day, the sun was out and the sky was blue, with the occasional passing clouds.

Christine Hines, 49, of North Andover, accompanied by her daughter, Madeline, 12, said she comes every year and always looks forward to seeing friends and neighbors, as well as her workout buddies at Latitude Fitness in town.

"It's great to see people we know," she said. "And my daughter likes the cotton candy."

Bill Starr, 43, of Andover, who joins Hines for heavy-bag boxing classes at Latitude two or three days a week, agreed. He enjoyed breakfast at the Lantern Brunch at Andover Village Square with his wife and 6-month-old child before taking in the festivities.

"Everybody's got a smile on their face," he said. "I haven't heard one kid screaming, not even my own."



Faith Njeri, 7, of North Andover, strikes a pose wearing her balloon hat.



One-time "American Idol" hopeful Casey McQuillen of Andover entertains her hometown crowd as she performs on the main stage with her band.

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Education

Schools to learn new safety tool A.L.I.C.E. protocol aims to enhance emergency action plans

By TIM LIMA
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Andover public schools are hoping to give students, teachers and administrators more options in the event of an emergency.

And the town's education leaders are turning to A.L.I.C.E. to help them.

A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. It's not a systematic process, but rather a list of options that are provided to keep schools as safe as possible.

Andover police Sgt. Mark Higginbottom explained the A.L.I.C.E. safety protocol to the School Committee at its meeting last week.

"What A.L.I.C.E. does is enhance our current crisis plans," he said. "We realize that each school has a crisis plan in place, but what A.L.I.C.E. does is add to that plan. It allows some proactive strategies to be added to it to give people some options in the event of a critical incident."

Higginbottom showed a short video that highlighted the steps local schools now take for lockdowns, which is the current safety method used in Andover. Students locked doors, turned off lights and sat quietly in what was deemed a safe area of the classroom.

But some question if those safety procedures are enough, while some studies

indicate they are not.

Under A.L.I.C.E., more information would potentially be broadcast over the intercom explaining the location of a shooter, for example. If teachers and students knew where the immediate threat existed, they could better determine if evacuating or barricading the door would be the appropriate action, some believe.

As the situation develops, it is possible that students and staff will need to use more than one option," according to FEMA's Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans.

"Those in harm's way should make their own

decisions. While they should follow the plan and any instructions given during an incident, often they will have to rely on their own judgment to decide which option will best protect lives."

Opponents of the A.L.I.C.E. have argued that small children are incapable of making these types of decisions or that the training involved would be harmful.

Special education classrooms are also said to not be properly addressed under the A.L.I.C.E. protocol.

"It's not well known, but one of the classrooms in Sandy Hook was actually an autism classroom," School Committee member Barbara L'Italien said, referring to the Connecticut school

where 20 children and six adults were killed by a lone gunman in 2012. "It was probably a very challenging circumstance at best. They were very young children. I know because one of the organizations I belong to honored two of the teachers who perished trying to shield those children."

"I'd strongly suggest, given the high numbers of autistic kids who we now have and keep in the public school system, that you might want to collaborate in that instance about how you may train that kind of a classroom, working with folks that have a real background in behavior therapy."

Higginbottom said those issues would certainly be

addressed if plans move ahead.

"This is all kind of brought together when we do training with teachers and other staff members, addressing those specific concerns and needs, absolutely," he said.

Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath said the A.L.I.C.E. protocol has been part of the discussion at quarterly school safety meetings with the town's police and fire chiefs.

She said the district has wanted to implement the new protocol for some time.

The next step will be to introduce the protocol to school employees and families and collect their feedback.

Opening note

Andover High Show Choirs perform at Voices of Hope

The Andover High School Show Choirs wowed the audience at last weekend's Voices of Hope benefit concert at North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly.

Andover's all-female, 38-member Nothin' But Treble and 45-member combo From Start to Finish joined together to perform a 7 1/2-minute tribute to the Beatles for the series.

Hosted by WBZ's Jordan Rich, the concert was a celebration of singers and songwriters gone too soon. Voices of Hope was started by Greg Chastain in 2009 as a means of fighting cancer through funds raised utilizing the performing arts.

The concert directly benefitted Massachusetts General Hospital's Cancer Center. To date, Chastain's organization has been able to donate over \$250,000 to date in support of cancer research.

This was the inaugural event in an exciting 2014-2015 season for the nationally competitive Andover Show Choir groups, led by Andover's Director of Choral Studies Mark Mercer as well as choreographer Beth Kennedy.

Both of Mercer's top performing groups will be showcasing their competitive programs for the first time in Andover on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.



The combined Andover High School Show Choirs – Nothin' But Treble and From Start to Finish – on the stage of North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly last weekend, where they performed a Beatles Tribute for the Voices of Hope benefit.

CLASS REUNIONS

Andover High School class of 1964

The Andover High School class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th reunion on Friday, Sept. 19, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Andover Country Club. For more information, contact Jim or Debbie Brent at 978-475-7650 or email jdbrent@verizon.net.

Andover High School class of 1979

The Andover High School class of 1979 will hold its 35th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury. Tickets are \$50, which includes appetizers and music. Casual dress. Checks can be made payable to AHS Class of 1979 and mailed to the class, 179F Pleasant Valley St., Methuen 01844. For

more information, check out the Andover High Class of 1979 35th Reunion Facebook page or email andoverhighclassof1979@gmail.com.

Andover High class of 1974

The Andover High School class of 1974 will have its 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury Holiday Inn at 4 Highwood Drive.

Organizers are putting together a weekend of events, which could include a brunch, hikes and leaf-peeping outings and a round of golf in addition to the main function. Suggestions for additional activities are welcome.

Members of the 1973 and 1975 graduating classes are also welcome to attend.

Tickets for the reunion itself are \$75. Checks should

be made payable to "AHS Class of 1974" and mailed to either Kevin J. Burke, 340 Main St., Apt. 201, Melrose 02176-4662 or Patty Healy-Osborne, 1 Old Nashua Road, Amherst, N.H. 03031-2806. PayPal is accepted by Healy-Osborne by using her email address, heals74@gmail.com, and indicating being a friend of AHS Class of 1974. The class email address is andoverclass74@gmail.com.

For more information, to register, to see who is attending and to stay updated, visit www.Andover74.org. For more information, contact Healy-Osborne at 603-672-9092 or heals74@gmail.com or Burke at 781-665-1785 or kjb_a@verizon.net. Anyone interested in booking a room at the Holiday Inn should call the hotel directly at 978-640-9000; reduced rates are available.

A warm welcome



Phillips Academy seniors, pictured with PA mascot Gunga, gather on the corner of Chapel Avenue and Main Street last Friday to cheer on new students as they first arrive to campus. The annual welcome to campus for newcomers is a school tradition. In total, 364 new students from around the world arrived last week. Phillips' 2014-2015 student body is comprised of 1,138 boys and girls.

ON CAMPUS

Sara Famiglietti, a senior majoring in accounting and Joshua Velez, a sophomore with an undecided major, were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Shawna Fox and Phillip Igoe were named to the chancellor's list and Romy Abouhmad, Connor Gaffney, Benjamin Gikow and Christopher Laquidara were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at UMass Dartmouth

Cameron W. Poole and Andrea J. Schweitzer were among 472 graduates of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, this spring. Both received Bachelor of Arts degrees. Poole majored in classics and Schweitzer majored in government and environmental studies with a policy concentration.

Samantha Hall was named to the spring dean's list at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

Heather Youngman was named to the dean's list at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., for the spring semester. A psychology major, she is expected to graduate in 2017.

Elizabeth Cranney received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lasell College in Newton this past spring. She majored in fashion communication and promotion.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Austin Prep hosts secondary schools fair

Austin Preparatory School, 101 Willow St., in Reading will be hosting its fifth annual North of Boston Secondary Schools Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 6:30

to 8 p.m.

Students and their families from throughout Northeast Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire are invited to attend the free event to gather information about private secondary schools. One does not have to be an Austin Prep family to attend. More than 50 schools from

across the region will be on hand to talk about their private secondary schools programs. Visit austinprep-school.org or call 781-944-4900 for more information.

To submit an item for the Education Notebook, email townsmam@andovertownsmam.com.

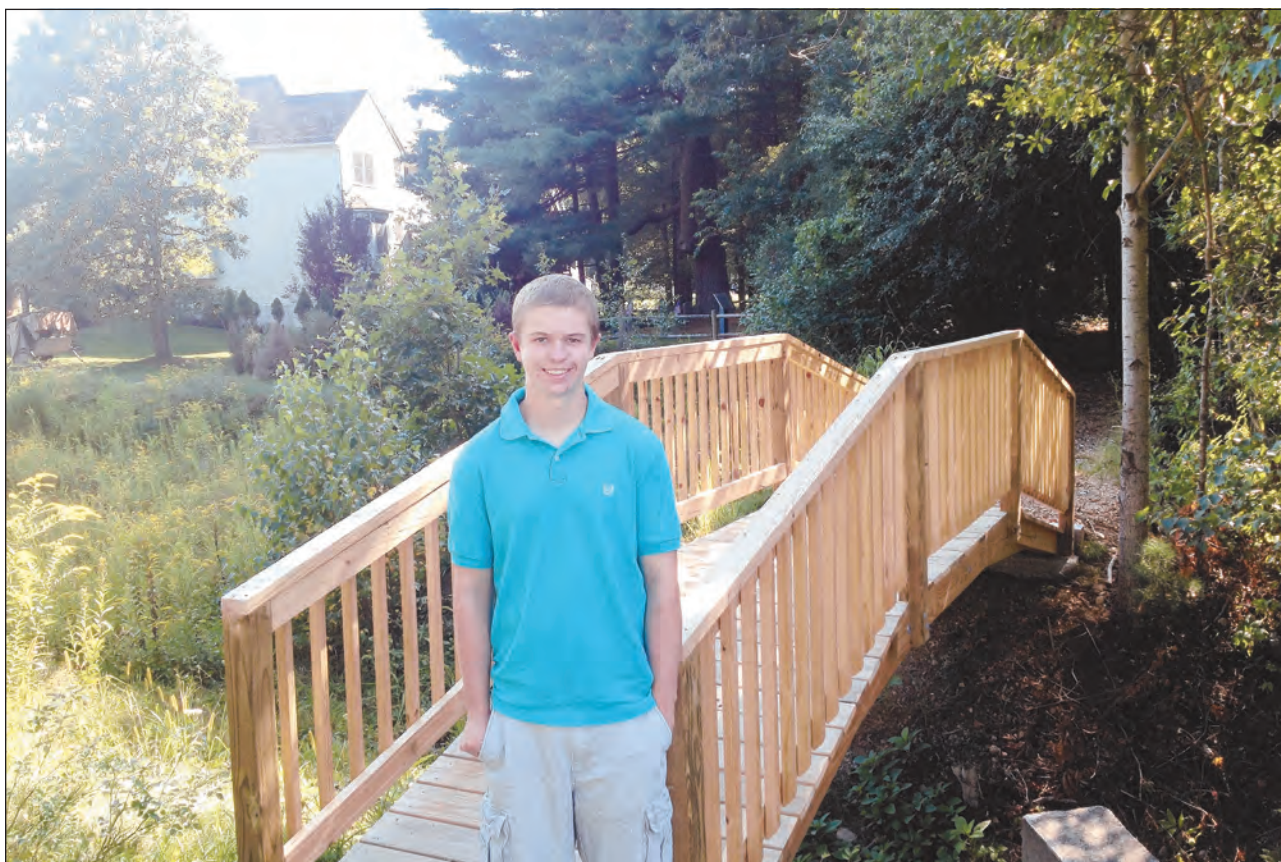
Clean up



A group of dedicated fifth-graders at South School rolled up their sleeves to get their school in tip-top shape for the first day of class last month. The youngsters volunteered their time and energy to clean up South School's atrium. They spent more than two hours picking weeds, filling bird feeders and pruning bushes in preparation for opening day. The team included, from row, from left, Amelia Fisher, Abigail Miller, Molly Agostino and Julia Kole, with Franklin Huntress at the tree in back.

Townspeople

BRIDGING TOWN HISTORY



Jeffrey Page, 16, stands at the edge of the footbridge to the historic Woodbridge Cemetery. He built the bridge for his Eagle Scout project.

Eagle Scout candidate builds critical link to early cemetery

BY TIM LIMA
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For years, the historic graveyard sat almost hidden from view, on a tiny plot of land behind homes in a residential neighborhood.

Overgrown brush obscured the narrow path into the cemetery, where six gravestones and additional fieldstones rest near a small stream and tall grass in the semi-dense wooded area.

In recent time, a fence extending beyond a neighboring home rendered the late 18th-century graveyard largely inaccessible.

Jeffrey Page thought those buried there deserved more respect than that.

So the 16-year-old junior at Groton's Lawrence Academy set out to open up the graveyard again to visitors for his Eagle Scout project.

Page lives across the street from Woodbridge Cemetery on Douglass Lane, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. He believes the history of the burial ground that was adopted by the town in 2002 is something worthy of recognition and appreciation.

"My family had gotten the history of the cemetery when we originally moved in," said Page, a member of Boy Scout Troop 73 in town. "I found it really interesting and we see people coming through all the time. They were wondering how to get back there though, because they didn't want to walk through someone's yard or go around into that big overgrown mess that used to be the path to get into the cemetery."

"So, it came to me to build a bridge to get to the cemetery to make it more accessible for people who would like to look into that part of Andover's history."

The cemetery was created in the late 18th century as the original resting place of direct descendants of the Rev. John Woodbridge, the first minister in Andover, as well as the Jenkins family.

According to the theories of Charlotte Lyons, the historian at South Church in Andover, some 17 people are believed to have once been buried there, including Revolutionary War veteran Col. Benjamin Jenkins. Today, nine remain, including three Jenkins children.

"The three Jenkins were babies who were buried on consecutive days; my guess is they all died of a disease," she said.

The William Jenkins House still stands adjacent to the cemetery plot at 8 Douglass Lane, formerly Jenkins Road. The house is believed to have been built before the American Revolution by Jenkins' grandfather, Samuel Jenkins, and is known to have housed runaway slaves as a stop on the



Jeffrey Page works with his volunteer team to construct one of the three trusses to support the footbridge and the footing forms. For more photos, visit us online at andovertownsman.com.

Underground Railroad. The street is now named for noted abolitionist Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), who visited Andover several times beginning in the 1840s in his early years as a speaker for the abolitionist cause. Douglass was among those who stopped at the Jenkins home, according to Lyons.

"Jenkins was probably Andover's most profound abolitionist — both in word and in deed. His home was a safe house," she said.

In 1882, the Jenkins family moved the remains of eight of its family members to Spring Grove Cemetery in town, likely because of available space to ensure they would all remain together. The three children, however, were left at Woodbridge, the reason for which is not entirely clear.

"It may have been too much to bury them all in town and together," Lyons said.

Page, the son of Phillip and Carolyn Page, got to learn the history of Woodbridge Cemetery in 2009 while working on his Life Scout rank. He cleaned up the area for his community service project, working with the town's Spring Grove Cemetery Commission, which oversees Woodbridge today. He then decided to take things a step further for his Eagle Scout project.

His plan to reconnect the public with Woodbridge Cemetery via a 21½-foot long, slightly arching wooden footbridge played out over the course of more than 15 months.

The project called for removing the section of fence that extended onto town property, building a footbridge over an 18-foot drainage culvert to provide better access to the trail leading to the cemetery, and installing a rope fence along one side to better define it. His proposal required a stack of paperwork and gaining the support of many town groups and leaders, including the Conservation Commission and town manager.

Page devoted 400 hours to the project, and got his



Jeffrey Page digs into the soil as he prepares to set the footing forms in place.

troop members and others, including younger sister, Rebecca, to lend a hand, too.

To help cover expenses, he raised nearly \$1,500 and received a \$100 grant from Lowe's through the Boy Scouts of America Lowe's Grant Program. Lowe's also offered a 20 percent store discount on materials and Woburn Cement donated three-quarters of a yard of cement. Mulch for the trail was donated by one of Page's neighbors.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., a ribbon-cutting ceremony will signal the official completion of the project. Page, who is in the process of finishing up the requirements for his Eagle Scout rank, will speak, along with his Eagle Scout adviser Rob Graham and local historian and Andover Historical Society president Jane Cairns. The public is invited.

The footbridge, however, is already garnering praise. Recently, a grateful 90-plus-year-old gentleman who had previously been unable to access the cemetery enjoyed a visit there. And earlier this week, the Andover seniors walking tour traveled there for one

of its jaunts.

"I love what Jeff has done," Lyons said. "It sheds a light on the Woodbridge Cemetery — a slice of Americana. This is a part of small town history that was saved. It's nice and a compliment to town history."

Lest We Forget: Abbie Jane Chandler, an original 'government girl'



Andover Stories

Jane Dietzel Cairns
Andover Historical Society



COURTESY OF ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL
Andover's Abbie Jane Chandler was one of the original "government girls" during the Civil War.

"We all adored Miss Abbie Jane Chandler," remembered Sarah E. Merrill, the West Parish minister's daughter, who was about 10 years younger than her pretty Sunday School teacher. "All of our brothers and Peter Smith adored her, too."

Abbie Jane Chandler was born in 1840 on a farm in the West Parish (located near the present-day site of the clubhouse of the Andover Country Club) that had been owned by generations of her family. She was the youngest child and only daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Gates) Chandler.

A member of the first class of the Puncture Free School and a student at Abbot Academy, she graduated from the State Normal School at Salem, Mass., in 1859. She taught at the West Centre School for the summer and winter terms of the 1860-1861 school year, receiving \$232 for her 10 months of work.

But teaching at a country schoolhouse must have seemed sadly flat, once war was declared and so many young men of Abbie Jane's acquaintance had joined up.

Her admirer, Peter D. Smith, left with the Andover Company in July 1861. Her brother, Joseph Jr., remembered as "an obliging and active young man," worked at Draper's Bookstore in Andover before joining Co. A of the Mass. 26th Infantry in October 1861. He died of consumption in March 1863 in New Orleans. Another brother, George Gates Chandler, who had moved to Iowa before the war, joined the Iowa 24th in August 1862.

Abbie Jane moved to Washington, D.C., and was appointed one of the first 29 lady copyists in the recording division of the newly formed Internal Revenue Office.

The financial requirements of the war had required a great expansion in the Treasury Department's responsibilities and personnel needs. With the enlistment of most of the city's male clerks, educated women were found to be, according to one Treasury official, "hard-working, efficient, (with) excellent work habits and integrity" — at half the salary of the men they replaced.

One Union officer wrote in his diary: "A notable feature on the streets of the Capitol is the female government employees; especially the Treasury girls. They are generally young and of good families — for it takes some influence to get into a department. There are many black sheep among them, however. They get \$600 a year, which is little when board is hard to get at \$30 per month, and an ordinary room costs \$20 per month."

Among the first female office workers in the country, these "government girls" were often suspected of immoral behavior by those who were disconcerted by the idea of men and women working in close physical proximity.

But the city of Washington, which had exploded in population during the war years, offered entertainments, especially theatrical, that were unavailable to middle-class women in Andover, or even in Boston. And in addition, living in Washington allowed Abbie Jane, at least once (in April 1864), to pass through the city's ring of fortifications to visit friends in Alexandria, Va.

After the war, Abbie Jane married Peter D. Smith at Andover's West Parish Church in November 1867. Smith, several years younger than Abbie, was the son of Andover industrialist Peter Smith. As an officer of the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, Smith served most of the war uneventfully in the defense of the city of Washington before taking part in the Battle of Spotsylvania, where he was wounded by the loss of the middle finger on his right hand. Peter and Abbie raised three daughters, and were both active members of the Andover community for the rest of their lives.

SCOUT NEWS

Pack 76 Registration Night set for Sept. 16

South School's Cub Scout Pack 76 Parent Information & Registration Night will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the South School cafeteria, 55 Woburn St., Andover.

Pack 76, which is led by Cubmaster Nick Warne. Kids are welcome.

For more information, contact Christine Mergendahl at cfmergendahl@verizon.net.

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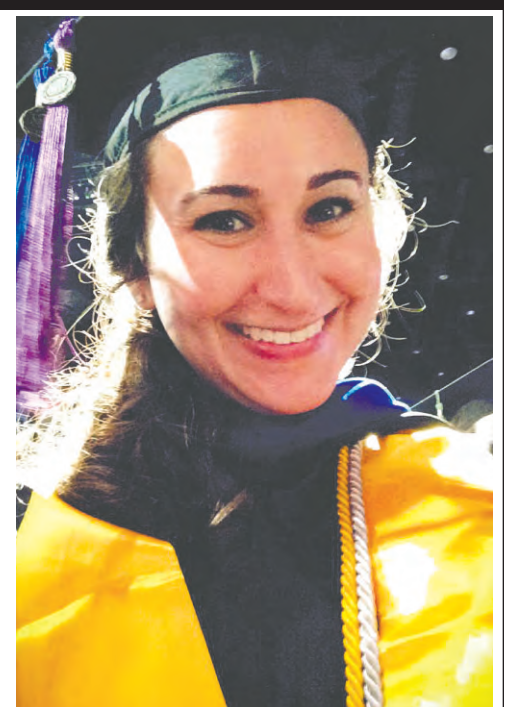
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Sports

WARRIOR SPIRIT

Leone
overcomes
concussion to
be a triple threatBY DAVID WILLIS
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It was never a question to Jess Leone, not even when she was left to recover in a dark, silent room.

She was going to play sports again, without fear.

"I never thought about not playing again," she said. "I always thought, 'I am going back to sports and I will play the same way.' Sports was something for me to look forward to."

Three years ago, just a day after being promoted to the varsity field hockey team, Leone suffered a serious concussion that not only halted her athletic career, but forced her to miss nearly a month of school and left her with migraines.

But Leone would not let the incident rob her of the sports that she loved, returning to stand out for Andover High field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse.

Going into this week, she had already helped the Golden Warriors field hockey team to a 2-0 start to its season.

"She has just been phenomenal for us since she joined the team as a freshman," Andover field hockey coach Maureen Noone said. "Her leadership is quiet, but she always has the kids ready to go. She has played every position I have asked of her, from defense to forward to midfield. She just wants to play."

Growing up in Georgetown, Leone played soccer, hockey and lacrosse. But after her family moved to Andover before her freshman year she decided to switch fall sports and try out for field hockey.

"I had played soccer my whole life, but a lot of girls who were on the Andover hockey and lacrosse teams played field hockey and I wanted to get to know them," she said. "Plus, it seemed a lot like hockey. The only problem was I shoot lefty in hockey, and they don't make lefty field hockey sticks, so I had to learn to play righty."

Leone was a quick study in her new sport, earning a late-September call up to the varsity team that season. But trouble struck just one day later.

"It was a Sunday and I was playing a pick-up (ice) hockey game," Leone remembered. "Someone hit me from behind. It caught me off-guard and I hit my head on the ice.

"My head hurt and I felt nauseous, but I ignored it and kept playing because there wasn't much time left — something I should not have done. I never thought I would have a concussion."

But a visit to a doctor the next day confirmed that Leone had, in fact, suffered a concussion. The only method for recovery, she was told, was time.

"I couldn't do anything," she said. "You can't watch TV or read when you have a concussion. I was out of school for three weeks. Then I would go back to school for half a day and would have to leave because of migraines and would



Courtesy photo

Jess Leone's aggressiveness has always been a key part of her game, even after suffering a concussion, making her a standout in field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse.



File photo

Despite a concussion suffered on the ice, Jess Leone has continued to stand out in hockey. Here, she celebrates a goal last season.

be out again for a few days. I would just sit in a dark room and talk to my mother.

"It was all very tough socially, because I had just moved to Andover and was getting to know people. I had to start all over."

Finally, after a month away, Leone was given medical clearance to return for the end of the field hockey season, even getting into a few games.

"At first, I was just working the scoring table," she said. "Then I got to play in a few games, and that was a lot better

than keeping score."

Leone was in the stands with the JV team later that season when the Golden Warriors field hockey squad won the Division 1 state title.

"That was so cool to watch," she said. "I would love to experience that myself on the field."

Since then, Leone has just about done it all at Andover. This winter will be her fourth on the varsity hockey team. Last winter saw her scoring nine goals,

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► High School Football

Andover
High School
steam-rolls
into season

STAFF REPORTS

With traditional rival North Andover on deck, the Andover High School football team got down to business in a big way in its season opener last Friday night.

E.J. Perry IV threw three touchdowns as the Golden Warriors rolled over Cambridge Rindge & Latin 48-0 on their opponents' turf.

"It feels great to start out on the right foot," the sophomore quarterback said. "Last year, we started the season off shaky, but the defense really stepped up and put that zero on the board."

Perry who split time last year with Oliver Eberth, who is now starting at St. John's Prep, completed 15 of 27 passes for 289 yards.

Two of the scores came on big plays — a 48-yard pass to Dan Gemmill and a 69-yard strike down the middle to Juan Quelis.

"It was a very good way to start off," head coach E.J. Perry III said. "We even missed out on a couple others that could have blown the game wide open."

Senior Kevin Chen, the new starting running back, had a strong debut for the Golden Warriors, rushing for 102 yards, including TDs of 28 and 3 yards.

Perry IV said of his teammate, "Chen and me had two tough weeks of practice, but now we really have our tempo down and my mojo with him is great."

The unsung heroes of the game would have to be Andover's offensive line.

"Our line was tremendous. It starts and ends there," coach Perry said.

"My offensive line is really helping me out," Chen added.

The Golden Warriors' defense was as aggressive as its offense, forcing Cambridge to punt on all but two drives and recovering two fumbles on the remaining drives.

Andover also managed to keep Cambridge's quarterback to just one completion on 10 attempts. All told, the Falcons had seven passing yards on the game.

One player who was noticeably absent from the field and the sidelines was Eagle-Tribune All-Star nose tackle Omel Bonilla. Coach Perry declined to comment.

Now, the Warriors take on North Andover at home Friday night. The match-up has proven memorable in recent years.

"North Andover is all we are thinking about," coach Perry said. "We will be ready."

"It feels great to start out on the right foot... Last year, we started the season off shaky, but the defense really stepped up and put that zero on the board."

North Andover
quarterback E.J. Perry

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BRIAN DUFFY

Senior
Football

Duffy, the 6-foot-2, 218-pound senior captain, had a big day in Andover High's 48-0 win over Cambridge this past Friday. The linebacker and offensive guard was a key performer on both sides of the ball. He led the defense with 11 tackles, which included a sack and two tackles for losses. He also had a batted ball. On offense, he opened huge holes for running back Kevin Chen, who rushed for more than 144 yards. A three-year starter, Duffy is also great in the classroom, scoring more than 2000 on his SATs. He is considering a few Ivy League schools next year.



Brian Duffy

AZITA BAKHTYARI

Senior
Volleyball

Azita Bakhtyari, Andover High volleyball's senior captain, entered this fall season after a highly successful club season, which included a great performance at the nationals in Chicago in August. She picked up where she left off in Andover High's opener against Haverhill, leading the Golden Warriors with 21 assists, five kills, three digs and 16 service points. The reigning MVC's Most Valuable Player is expected to be one of the best players in the state this fall.

Azita
Bakhtyari

► Andover High Roundup

Murtaghs, swim team open with convincing splash

SWIMMING

Caroline Murtagh won the 200 freestyle in 2:11.75 and Alison Murtagh took the 200 IM in 2:26.53 as Andover bested Melrose 96-72 last Thursday, Sept. 4. Morgan Starkweather won the 50 freestyle, Jess Ford took the 100 freestyle, Nikole Rudis won the 100 backstroke and Sophia Allen took the diving for the Warriors.

VOLLEYBALL

Bakhtyari, Warriors roll Azita Bakhtyari notched team-highs in service points (16) and assists (22) to help Andover roll past Haverhill 25-18, 25-12, 25-13 last Friday, Sept. 5. Wyllie Boughton added 12 kills, Maddie Repucci had six blocks and Mackenzie Kennedy chipped in with 12 digs for

the winners.

GIRLS SOCCER

Alois, Ameen find net

Veronica Alois scored two goals and track star Hannah Ameen netted her first score of the season as Andover opened with a 5-2 win over North Andover last Thursday, Sept. 4. Meredith Van Antwerp and Courtney Grygiel added one goal apiece and Emily Hespeler made eight saves.

FIELD HOCKEY

Roche, Vieira lead way

Tori Roche netted a pair of goals and assisted on another to pace Andover in a 4-0 win over Danvers this past Saturday. Emma Ingram and Kat Vieira each scored once and Jess Leone and

Brenna Keefe had one assist each.

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Kat Vieira scored two goals as Andover opened its season with a 5-0 drubbing of Bishop Fenwick last Thursday, Sept. 4. Brenna Keefe, Jillian Hughes and Tori Roche each added single goals, Caroline Curtin had two assists and Megan Hartnett made four saves for the shutout.

GOLF

Caveney takes win

Colleen Caveney won 2-and-1 to help Andover roll past Teakbury 16-4 last Thursday, Sept. 4. Nick Scarpa, Jimmy Nussbaum, Cole Spencer, Will Dutton and Jason Spencer each chipped in with victories for the Golden Warriors.

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Nick Scarpa claimed one of four

Andover individual victories, but the Golden Warriors fell in their season-opener to Belmont 40.5-31.5 last Wednesday, Sept. 3. Mark Nardone, Charles Alagero and William Dutton each added wins for the Warriors.

BOYS SOCCER

Mauge's goal for naught

Edgar Mauge scored a goal, but Andover lost its opener to North Andover 2-1 last Thursday, Sept. 4. Stas Curreri assisted on the Warriors' goal.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Warriors in fourth

Andover placed fourth overall at the Clipper Invitational this past Saturday.

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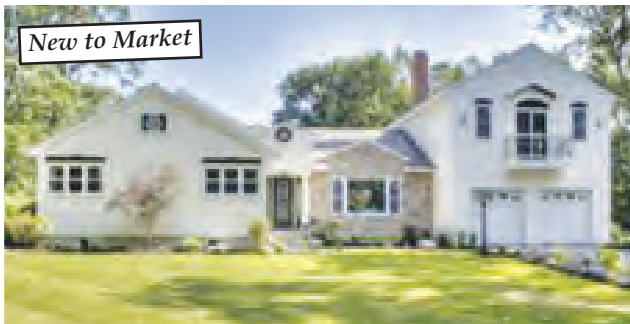


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Hazardous waste collection Saturday

The Department of Municipal Services is holding a special fall household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St.

Residents should refer to the town's Recycling/Trash

Guide for a list of items that will be accepted and information regarding any applicable fees.

The spring household hazardous waste collection will take place on Saturday, May 16, as planned.

Also, an additional fall collection for X-ray, camera and cathode ray tubes as well as electronics is set for Saturday, Sept. 27. It will also be

held at West Elementary, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The spring CRT collection will occur on Saturday, June 6.

The new events expand on the regular collections that occur in the spring. All take place at West Elementary.

The town reminds residents waiting to drop off items that lines will not be allowed to form early at any of the collections.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

650 Brookside Drive, Unit C: Mary Blazonis to Quyen Nguyen, \$163,000

9 Brown St.: Peter C. and Margaret L. Lai to Gabriel B. and Kathryn Freitas, \$535,000

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