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MOTHER NATURE'S WRATH



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Shawsheen Rubber at 220 Andover St. had a temporary sandbag wall installed at the Ballardvale Dam on Wednesday, Sept. 16, so the company's consultant could scope out the damage and design a repair plan. At left is consultant Anders Bjarngard of GZAGeoEnvironmental, Inc., with Ed Hughes, a dam safety engineer with the state Office of Dam Safety.

Temporary sandbags shore up broken Ballardvale dam

BY TERRY DATE tdate@andovertownsman.com

A stone dam on the Shaw- soon. sheen River that has withnot withstand the power of 12-13, due to heavy rain.

dam and will present a The dam regulates the flow flow through the sluiceway

The damage took place stood the test of time could over the weekend of Sept. by approximately 12 p.m. other approvals for the dam

repair plan to the Andover of the Shawsheen River, and to eliminate any possibility Conservation Commission water collects in a mill pond of continuing damage to the at the dam.

(Thursday, Sept. 17) and repairs are expected to take Mother Nature when part of Last Wednesday, Sept. water started to slowly fall anywhere from 30 to 90 the retaining wall holding it 16, the company had a tem- over the dam," said John days, estimated Bob Dougtogether gave way, releasing porary sandbag wall con- Filer, general manager of las, director of the town torrents of water and under-structed on the right side of Shawsheen Rubber company. of Andover Conservation "Today (Friday, Sept. 18) Division. The Shawsheen Rub- way retaining wall gave way we have full flow over the ber company has reviewed — to stem the flow of river dam and we had workers return and reduce the side

sluiceway."

"The pond was filled The town permit and

Schools give Jennifer Meagher **\$100K** settlement

Andover English teacher wins civil suit against school department

> By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

A civil complaint filed against Andover Public Schools by English teacher Jennifer Meagher has been resolved, with the presiding judge ruling in Meagher's favor.

The Andover School Committee recently voted to authorize a negotiated \$100,000 settlement.

Meagher was terminated by the Andover School Department in late June 2012 for "conduct unbecoming a teacher" after she urged colleagues not to cooperate with Andover High School's re-accreditation process through emails sent from a personal computer at home.



The Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Labor Relations determined that Meagher was unjustly terminated and that her First Amendment right to free speech had been violated. The town of Andover, as ordered by the hearing officer, reinstated Meagher's employment and compensated her for lost wages.

Meagher then filed a federal civil suit seeking additional damages from the Andover Public Schools for abridging her right to free speech. In a press release from School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert, the additional damages are described as "above and beyond the back pay and interest (Meagher)

damage to the Ballardvale water.

mining an adjacent building. the dam — where a sluice-

Repairs will be made to

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Bungalow on Porter Road gets 12-month reprieve

By Terry Date tdate@eagletribune.com

The Preservation Commission has placed a 12-month delay to demolition of a circa 1915 bungalow at 33 Porter Road.

Barring someone moving the craftsman-style home or another preservation effort it will be razed after the year is up and replaced with a newly built single-family house.

Commission members voted unanimously, 5-0, for the demolition delay at their Sept. 8, public hearing.

Commission Chairman Karen Herman said the house is in good condition.

"It is a nice little craftsman-style house," she said in an interview. It's of a size



On Sept. 8, 2015, the Andover Preservation Commission imposed a 12-month delay to See BUNGALOW, Page 3 demolition of this bungalow at 33 Porter Road.

Senior housing eyed for downtown district

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@eagletribune.com

When Joe Ponti retired, he looked around his 2,900-square-foot house on Allen Road and realized it was time to move on.

Or, more precisely, move down - to a smaller-sized house with less maintenance, lower energy costs and a more affordable property tax bill.

"The kids were grown up and we didn't need the space," said Ponti, 68. "We wound up in a ranch near downtown with half the square footage, half Andover senior citizens debt-free.'

Ponti wants more

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What: Discussion on

IF YOU GO

senior housing options When: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall Library, third floor meeting room

Why: To get public input on proposed Town Meeting warrant article

Who: Members of Council on Aging, senior citizens, baby-boomers

the taxes and a third- to have the same kind of less energy bill. Now I'm opportunity, but worries

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Selectman cleared of any ethics issues

Teachers' union had raised questions over Landry's role in health negotiations

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@eagletribune.com

Selectman Bob Landry said Ethics Comhe has become the victim mission issue of a "political attack" by the a ruling on teacher's union for his role in whether trying to save taxpayers nearly Landry, a \$1 million by switching health health insurinsurance plans.

Since he was elected nearly should be six months ago, he has with- allowed to stood at least two state ethics negotiate challenges from the Andover health insur-Education Association, the ance contracts. union representing the town's 825 teachers and school sion said he could. workers.

president of the AEA, went an "investigation and issue a for two reasons: First, I believe

and asked

that the state ance broker,

Landry

The state Ethics Commis- him.

before the Board of Selectmen formal opinion" into whether this is retaliation for my very Landry should be allowed to public criticism of the AEA at negotiate health insurance the 2014 Town Meeting when, contracts for the town because as a resident, I publicly critihe is a health insurance broker cized the AEA for blocking by profession.

though the state Ethics Com- have saved Andover taxpaymission has ruled twice that he ers and employees almost \$1 has no conflict of interest, and million annually. even though he voluntarily sought a ruling from the Eth- Union leadership are tryics Commission which cleared ing to keep me out of health him of any conflict of interest, insurance negotiations. I the AEA continues going after was elected on a promise to

"In my view, the AEA's com-Last month, in a more for- plaint to the Ethics Commis- school employees and retir-Shortly after Landry was mal request, Costello penned sion was nothing more than ees. It is a massive financial elected to the Board of Select- a lengthy letter asking the a political attack," he said. "I problem for the town and men in March, Kerry Costello, Ethics Commission to conduct think they are going after me

changes to Andover's health Landry said that even insurance plans that would "Second, the Teachers

reform the health insurance plans we offer to town and

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Selectman Bob

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DAM

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the retaining wall and any damage to the foundation of the Shawsheen Rubber building at 220 Andover St.

Heavy rain over the weekend of Sept. 12-13 caused a surge in Shawsheen River flow from upriver. The flow undercut stone foundation blocks and boulders in the sluiceway retaining wall.

Eroded blocks and boulders rolled into the river and one of the two-ton blocks tumbled down the sluiceway and blasted open the stack of stop logs used to restrict the flow of water at the side of the dam.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, residents, among them former town manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, stopped to see the temporary sandbag wall constructed at the side of the dam.

contractor, T Ford, was on site with an excavator and they looked like giant reus- a dam safety engineer with repair project. able grocery bags — into the state Office of Dam the water forming the wall. Safety.

Scoping out the wall for damage was GZA GeoEn- Hughes said. vironmental's principal



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The rubber company's Shawsheen Rubber at 220 Andover Street had a temporary sandbag wall installed at the Ballardvale Dam on Wednesday, Sept. 16, so the company's consultant could scope out the damage and design a repair plan.

"I came out for a look,"

lowered enormous plastic engineer, Anders Bjarn- GZA GeoEnvironmental, normal rainfall during the Douglas said. sandbags with handles — gard, joined by Ed Hughes, Inc., as its consultant on the past summer, Douglas said. "To preserve the health sheen and the mighty

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, the wall was first installed, it said. The river's plants, mately, the Atlantic Ocean. mill pond, just upstream of staunched the water flow fish, crayfish and larvae the dam, was at its lowest so well that it had to be need the fresh water flow, the remnant rock dam, are level in 100 years, due to the adjusted and allow some he said. Shawsheen Rubber hired breach and the lower than water to flow downriver, On Sunday morning, 2016, Douglas said.

Later, after the sandbag of the river," Douglas Merrimack River and, ulti-

Sept. 13, residents who live along the river, upstream of the dam, first noticed the extremely low water levels in the Shawsheen River.

Douglas said earlier that the breach, if left unrepaired and exposed to continuous water flow, would pose danger to the public and the adjoining mill building.

"It was unsettling to see so much of the bankway eroded by the force of the water, and it is just a matter of feet away from the critical corner foundation of the mill building," Douglas said.

Shawsheen Rubber, at 220 Andover St, owns half the circa-1838 dam.

Shawsheen Rubber hired GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., of Newburyport as its consultant.

The Ballardvale Dam is one of three dams in Andover, originally used to harness water power for mill production.

They are the only dams, with the exception of the remnants of an old rock dam, also in Andover, that stand between the Shaw-The two other dams, plus scheduled to be removed in

HOUSING

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that people are moving out them. of town because affordable, smaller homes like the Meeting and sent out to one he found are in short thousands of baby-boomsupply.

learned a lot," he said. - people want to live inde-

smaller dwellings like the one he found. Further, there are a lot of senior citizens out there who can afford A survey funded by Town

ers last year revealed what When I downsized, I Ponti thought all along area.

"When I downsized, I learned a lot," he said. What he learned was that there is great demand for smaller dwellings like the one he found. Further, there are a lot of senior citizens out there who can afford them.

Town Meeting he and a handful of other - senior citizens. members of the Council on On Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. on the Aging have been meeting third floor of the Memorial mittee said they don't have ing about ownership." and brainstorming ideas Hall Library, Ponti, along pre-conceived ideas about reality.

officials, including Senior Peter Morris and Schwarz, public. Planner Lisa Schwarz, to will host a 90-minute panel come up with an idea that is discussion on senior hous- ier to downsize, which was still in its planning stages: ing options. According to a reinforced by the survey," that it is not talking about an "In-Town Independent draft of a flyer on the event, Living Overlay District," the Council on Aging memwhich would make it easier bers and town staff will be for developers or home- looking for testimony about owners to build single-fam- the kinds of housing that

CORRECTION

Open for Lunch!

want to see Andover. Some of the questions live there, Ponti said. to be discussed include: "What senior housing ing in perpetuity," he said. options would you like to do you think?"

demographic of people cur- would propose it as a war- mer and Whittier streets. For the past few months, rently moving out of town rant article for next May's Town Meeting.

They have met with town Ann Grecoe, Joan Duff, hear from members of the options but has to tell peo-

"We want to make it eas- ing opportunities. Ponti said.

Small-scale housing

tenets that the proposed Lowell Street. ily homes or small condo seniors and baby-boomers overlay district would be built on, however.

For example, Ponti ments to just four units. said, "concessions would "Keeping seniors in town be granted to allow seniors is good business," Ponti (or builders) to buy a lot on said. "They will continue which a small house could to pay taxes and there will be built." Currently, such be a demand for services a lot couldn't be developed in town, which is good for within existing zoning local businesses." codes. oped as a senior single- or so from the center of family home, it would be downtown. deed-restricted so that

only another senior could

"It would be senior hous-

Another idea would be to see? Where should it be make it easier for someone located? Why Now? What who owns a large home to convert it into multiple Once the group reaches condos, such as the fourcomplexes on undersized agreement on the wording unit complex built from two lots to cater to a whole of the overlay district, they homes at the corner of Sum-

> O'Connor, a local realtor, noted: "We are not talking Members of the subcom- about rentals. We are talk-

She said that as a realto make Ponti's vision a with subcommittee mem- what the overlay district tor, she frequently is asked bers Margaret O'Connor, should include, but want to about downtown housing ple there are limited hous-

> The group also stresses large-scale developments such as those currently proposed for Elm Street and There are some basic the Strawberry Hill Farm on

The district may even restrict the size of develop-

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What he learned was that pendently near services there is great demand for provided by the downtown **Andover Townsn**

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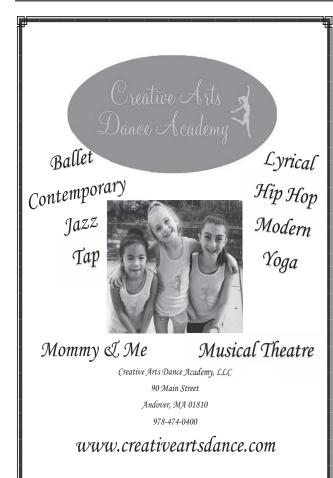
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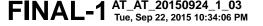




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BUNGALOW

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that the commission likes to save, she said.

Andover Building Inspector Chris Clemente said smaller existing homes typically cost much less than the homes they are replaced with, making them more affordable.

"For a young couple, a young family," he said.

The tear-down trend started in town about 10 years ago, he said. If someone buys a smaller 2,000-square-foot home for \$300,000 and spends \$100,000 improving it, the person still can't sell it for the \$800,000 sion" would command, he interview that he plans to said.

Clemente said.

number of bungalows left house. in the downtown area, around Chestnut and Sum- ers," he said. mer streets, and some interspersed with other style mission members are ter Road, he said.



STAFF PHOTO TERRY DATE

On Sept. 8, 2015, the Preservation Commission imposed a 12-month delay to demolition of this bungalow at 33 Porter Road in Andover.

that a newly built 5,000- to Porter demolition is builder ably in Andover, before it is 6,000-square-foot "McMan- Gerard Welch. He said in an demolished. build a single-family home Andover's survey of historic "It's economy of scale," on the 3/4-acre lot and would homes. be interested if someone Andover still has a good wants to move the existing said the addition on the back property be retained.

Herman and other com- 1980s. homes in areas such as Por- hopeful that someone will summer camp for the owners save the house and move for many years.

The applicant for the 33 it to a new location, prefer-

of the house was featured in "We are putting out feel- Better Homes and Gardens magazine in the 1970s or

The bungalow served as a



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The property, at the corner of Porter and Manning Way, was once part of the Manning farm, according to the Andover Historic Preservation Web site.

The current owner is listed on the demolition application as Michelle Randazza P.R., Estate of Margaret J, Randazza.

Welch made application for the demolition on July 17.

No one spoke for or against the demolition at the Sept. 8 hearing, Herman said.

If the applicant finds someone willing to move the house, the commission will reopen the demolition delay hearing.

The commission's deci-The home is listed on sion also includes a provision that large copper beech and oak trees at the The commission chairman Porter Road side of the

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MEAGHER

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received."

The judge in the civil case agreed with the Massachu- attorney could be reached setts Department of Labor for comment. Relations and ordered the Andover Public Schools to further compensate Meagher.

According to the press release, after consultation with the Town of Andover's insurance carrier, the School Committee voted to authorize a negotiated settlement of \$100,000. The settlement will be paid by the insurance carrier and will not affect town or school operating budgets.

"In voting to accept this settlement," Gilbert said in the press release, "the School Committee felt it was inadvisable to devote any further resources to

this matter."

When asked if the committee felt the settlement was fair, Gilbert declined to comment.

Neither Meagher nor her

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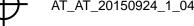
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OBITUARIES Flames, fountain and pillars of stone

Kali A. Dargoonian, 27 Years October 10, 1987 — September 19, 2015

ANDOVER - Kali A. Dargoonian, a lifelong resident of Andover, and beloved daughter of Thomas H. and Dena L. (Dixon) Dargoonian of Andover, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Saturday morning, September 19, 2015. She was 27 years old.

Kali was born in Cambridge, Mass., on October 10, 1987. She was a graduate of Andover High School, Class of 2006, and had attended Middlesex **College and Empire Beauty** School. Kali was the proprietor of Salon Tas of Lowell. In her spare time, Kali loved to go snowboarding and snowmobiling. She also loved horseback riding, music, and fashion. She were held in the Burke-Magliozzi will be dearly missed.

Thomas and Dena, she is sur- September 23, 2015, from 4 to vived by her devoted sisters, 8 p.m. Relatives and friends atrah and her husband, Jeffrey Youth Services, C/O Bill Fahey, and many cousins. Kali was 01810. For additional information, also the niece of the late Mia please visit, www.burkemagliozzi. Dixon.



ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours Funeral Home, 390 North Main Besides her loving parents, Street, Andover on Wednesday, Kristen R. Dargoonian of tended. Kali's funeral service and Andover, and Kendra Lynne interment will be privately held. Dargoonian of New York, N.Y.; Donations in Kali's memory may be aunts and uncles; Denise and made to promote community outher husband, David Pathia- reach, awareness and education kis of Derry, N.H., and Debo- for substance abuse at Andover Manning of North Andover; 37 Pearson Street, Andover, MA com.

John J. Lyons, 94

DANVERS — John J. Lvons of Danvers, age 94, formerly of New Bedford, Andover and Bradenton, Fla. passed away of natural causes on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Twin Oaks Center. He was the husband of the late Lillian (Wobecky) Lyons, with whom he shared 71 years of marriage.

Born in New Bedford on April 18, 1921, John was the son of the late James and Julia (Kares) Lyons. A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was awarded five battle stars. He was a graduate of Holy Family High School and the Univer- Dobravolsky of Cedar Park, sity of Massachusetts Dart- Texas. He was "Grampy" to mouth. He worked in the tex- 12 grandchildren and 22 tile industry in New Bedford great-grandchildren. He was until 1956 when he accepted a predeceased by two sisters position as an Industrial Engi- and is survived by three sibneer with Western Electric in lings, Theresa Wetzel of New North Andover.

He resided in Andover for Brockton and William Lyons the following 24 years where of Bradenton, Fla., as well as he was active in St. Augus- several nieces and nephews. tine's Parish. He was a mem- **ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours** ber of the Andover Knights of will be held on Friday, September Columbus serving as Grand 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Burke-Knight from 1963-64. Upon Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North

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BY TERRY DATE

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Square at 89-93 Main St.,

What is that?

columns.

A man arrested in Andover Healey. "We will continue to week.

heroin over 200 grams, pos- struggling with addiction." session with intent to dis- Casellas was arrested in Superintendent of the Mas- ran his operation. tribute fentanyl, unlawful June in a joint operation sachusetts State Police. At the time of arrest, possession of a firearm, and involving Massachusetts "This showed how, working authorities seized approxipossession of a firearm with State Police assigned to the together, we are able to dis- mately one kilogram each an obliterated serial number. Attorney General's office, mantle high-volume drug of heroin and fentanyl, more

Once it is up and running, you'll see a fountain with cascading water reflecting off the stone Take a peek down the from the Main Street side, entrance to Andover Village to the east.

From the opposite side, and you'll see a set of stone the west, the back of the square, you'll see a fire pit It's fan shaped, a seven-fin- -- a metal sculpture of burngered hand, a statue of sorts ing wood fired by a real gas that will sport a fountain on flame. Or something like one side and fire pit on the that. It's kind of hard to picother in the coming weeks. ture at this point.

Chris Huntress designed It's a pair of opposites, a Yin and Yang sort of thing the courtyard and did the at Andover Village Square, fire pit design and Fenton says John Fenton, managing added the fountain, he said. about the odd and curious.



STAFF PHOTO TERRY DATE

A soon-to-be finished fountain at Andover Village Square off This is a weekly feature Main Street. It will include a pair of opposites -- fire and water elements.

Man indicted following heroin arrest in Andover

state Attorney General Maura Departments.

in June on charges of heroin work with our law enforce- a prime example of how responsible for distributing trafficking was indicted by an ment partners to tackle the state, local and federal law heroin to Massachusetts and Essex County grand jury this heroin and prescription drug enforcement agencies can New Hampshire. veek. epidemic from all angles, work together to make a city Authorities arrested Casel-Jose Casellas, 37, of Law- including getting these lethal and a geographic area a safer las in Andover and a search rence, was indicted on Mon- drugs off of our streets and place for people to live, work warrant was executed at a day on charges of trafficking out of the hands of those and raise their families," said Lawrence residence out of Colonel Richard D. McKeon, which authorities allege he

operation in the Lawrence "This investigation was area that they believed was

ting agent, three guns, kilo In June, authorities from presses, digital scales, and

He will be arraigned in Essex the Massachusetts State organizations around the than 11 kilograms in cut-Superior Court at a later date. Police Transportation Drug state." "We allege that this defen- Unit (TDU), the U.S. Drug dant was a major player in an Enforcement Administration the State Police TDU began other packaging and disextensive heroin and fentanyl (DEA), and the Lawrence, an investigation into an tribution materials at the distribution operation," said Andover, and Methuen Police alleged drug trafficking residence.

Residents invited to Zero Waste Day

By GABRIELLA CRUZ gcruz@andovertownsman.com

volunteers will be on hand bikes.

on Saturday, Sept. 26, rain hold goods, baby gear, based on size. or shine. The event begins building supplies, pet supat 9 a.m., and more than 75 plies, books and media and the Tewksbury Recycling recycling items, visit www.

to receive items until 1 p.m. Items collected from the Congregational Church, and The Tewksbury Zero event are distributed to 14 sponsors urge people donat-Waste Day partners with local non-profit organiza- ing items to follow a simple Organizers of the 7th the Andover Zero Waste tions. Volunteers will also guideline, "If you would annual Tewksbury Zero Day, which takes place be accepting recyclable not share it with a friend, Waste Day are welcom- in May, to collect usable items including off-rim please don't bring it to Zero ing Andover residents to items from Tewksbury and tires, inkjet cartridges and Waste Day.' bring unwanted, gently Andover residents. Dona- batteries at no cost. Elecused items to the Wynn tion categories include tronics will also be accepted located at 1 Griffin Way in Middle School parking lot clothing, furniture, house- for recycling at a small fee Tewksbury. For more infor-

Committee and Tewksbury zwdtewksbury.org.

Wynn Middle School is mation about the event and The event is sponsored by acceptable donation and

Gala for seniors next Friday

By GABRIELLA CRUZ

Drug Take Back Day

dispose of expired, unused

BY BILL KIRK

dancing until 10 p.m. at

retirement in 1980, he and Main Street, Andover. A funeral his wife moved to Bradenton Mass will be held on Saturday, Sepwhere he enjoyed golf and ten- tember 26 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Aunis well into his 80s. In 2008, gustine's Church, 43 Essex Street, the couple moved to Danvers Andover, followed by interment in where their son resided.

dren, Sharon and husband Mi- the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, chael Connolly of Woodstock, 60 Walnut Street, Wellesley Hills, N.Y., Dennis of Danvers and MA 02481. Kathy and husband, Walter

Spring Grove Cemetery. In lieu of He is survived by three chil- flowers, donations may be made to

Bedford, Margaret Benoit of

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SEPT. 15

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of a Class A substance.

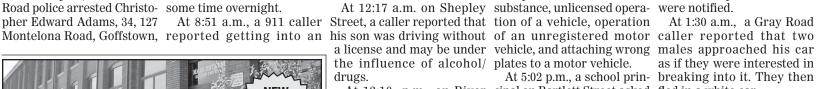
possession of a Class A There was no injury. substance.

police arrested Priscilla R. dents getting into a fight on 16 from her house on High At 7:05 a.m., a car crash Perry, 34, 21 Heritage Lane, Stevens Street. An officer Street. was reported on Lowell Natick on warrants for shop- filed a section order for one Street. An officer requested lifting and larceny.

At 8:32 p.m., a Cross Street transported by ambulance to an ambulance for two people. At 12:14 p.m., on Old resident returned home and Lawrence General Hospital. on River Road said she River Road police arrested noticed that a jewelry box Ryan Christopher Pha- was missing

SEPT. 16

Way, Manchester, N.H., and charged him with possession At 7:46 a.m., a Vine Street excessive use of the horn. resident reported his wallet At 12:14 p.m., on Old River was stolen from his vehicle









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Department, in conjunction to prevent substance abuse. with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host a Department is proud to local event to participate in support National Drug National Drug Take Back Take Back Day every year," Day on Saturday, Sept. 26 Chief Patrick Keefe said in a at West Elementary School. press release. "I encourage The event will begin at 10 all residents to stop by the a.m., and medications will West Elementary School on be accepted until 2 p.m.

Day provides residents cations never end up in the with an opportunity to wrong hands."

of the individuals and he was

Road and issued a verbal

SEPT. 17

or unwanted prescription drugs through a free and The Andover Police anonymous event that aims

The Andover Police the 26th to ensure that their National Drug Take Back unwanted and unused medibkirk@andovertownsman.com

A gala dinner dance dent, Amelia D. Misenti, is scheduled for next 104, of Andover, will be Friday night, Oct. 2, to given a special honor. She honor local senior citi- was born June 21, 1911. zens, including retired Tickets for the event are Town Manager Buzz \$60 per person and are Stapczynski.

The dance, put on by Punchard. Andover Senior Commu- Music will be provided nity Friends Inc., starts by D.B.'s Orchestra. She at 6 p.m. with cocktails, may even be given the followed by a program Boston Cane, currently in and awards from 7 to a glass case in Town Clerk 7:30 p.m. with dinner and Larry Murphy's office.

the Andover Country Club. The town's oldest resi-

available at the Center at

At 3:54 p.m., on River Road a report of two elderly resi- stolen some time on Sept. her.

SEPT. 18

At 4:11 p.m., a resident of the apartments. At 11:49 p.m., an officer was being harassed by her stopped a vehicle on River ex-boyfriend.

warning to the motorist for Smith, 33, 3 Judith St., reported that a 27-year-old St. Apt. 1, Lawrence, and Danville, N.H., was arrested woman had overdosed. She charged him with OUI, secon River Road and charged was transported to Lawrence ond offense, speeding and with possession of a Class A General Hospital. Detectives marked lanes violation. At 12:17 a.m. on Shepley substance, unlicensed opera- were notified. the influence of alcohol/ plates to a motor vehicle.

At 12:10 p.m., on River cipal on Bartlett Street asked fled in a white car. Road police arrested Tanya to speak to an officer about L. Tobin, 40, 134 Crawford an issue with a staff member. St., Lowell, on a warrant for At 7:21 p.m., a Bullfinch

N.H., and charged him with accident on Dascomb Road. operating after suspension. Drive resident came in to suspended license. At 6:16 p.m., a walk-in speak with an officer about At 3:53 p.m., police received reported a jewelry box was a neighbor who is harassing

> employee at a Railroad Street Dion, 19, 10 Winter Circle, apartment complex reported Rockland, and charged him an attempted break-in at one with disorderly conduct,

SEPT. 19

At 1:30 a.m., a Gray Road a license and may be under vehicle, and attaching wrong males approached his car from Memorial Circle asked as if they were interested in to speak to an officer about At 5:02 p.m., a school prin- breaking into it. They then vandalism to her motor

At 4:33 a.m., on Chandler ating a motor vehicle with a house.

SEPT. 20 At 2:48 a.m., on Murray At 8:17 p.m., a maintenance Way, police arrested Michael

trespassing and resisting arrest.

At 10:08 p.m., on Route At 12:43 a.m., a 911 93, police arrested Juan R. At 4:39 p.m., Joseph D. caller on Blanchard Street Canario-Galvez, 33, 9 Butler

SEPT. 21

At 9:36 a.m., a walk-in vehicle.

At 6:22 p.m., a Stevens Circle, police arrested Kevin Street resident reported M. O'Rourke, 31, 348 Marl- coming home and finding borough St. Apt. 4, Boston, her front door unlocked and and charged him with oper- computers missing from the





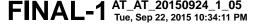
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FROM PAGE ONE

Youth Center construction enters homestretch

BY TERRY DATE tdate@eagletribune.com

After meeting at the Town met for the first time in the to be some time in October. place they are overseeing the construction of — the \$6.4 ing a dozen people who have million Cormier Youth Center. helped make the center a real-

and fellow members gath- smell of paint and polyureered at tables in the lobby of thane in the air. 40 Whittier Court on Thursday, Sept. 17, and learned the Costagliola, chairwoman of end of most of the construc- the Andover Youth Foundation is clearly in sight. Ihor tion, a private group formed Raniuk. town construction 20 years ago to build the project manager, said the youth center. project is expected to be complete and a full occupancy said. The Foundation's public/ permit issued by the end of private venture on the projthis month.

issued a partial occupancy lion, the town contributing \$2 permit, for everything but the million and the Wood Founda- for the community and for multi-purpose room where tion \$700,000. the floor is being installed

sealed off until funding can be procured to finish those parts of the building.

Youth Services Director Bill Offices each month for 3-1/2 Fahey announced no grand years, members of the Youth opening date but said later Center Building Committee that the opening is expected

Before Thursday's meet-Chairman Chris Huntress ity stood in its gym, a faint

Among them was Diane

"It's been a long haul," she ect has been a good one, the house on Pearson Street, she The town has already Foundation raising \$3.7 mil- said.

Along the way the Youth of the new center. and curtains for the stage Foundation expanded its and windows need to be hung. mission to include support- include drama, sports, edu- needs only a final urethane School. Some unused space at the ing Andover Youth Services, cation and presentations on coat on the floor and wall panback of the building, as well which has provided pro- healthy living. The center els over the wallboard. as the kitchen, will remain grams for thousands of young will also support programs

Committee."



STAFF PHOTO TERRY DATE

On Thursday, Sept. 17, members of the Youth Center Building Committee met for the first time at the Cormier Youth Center, where construction will be complete by the end of September. Members toured the building including the gym.

people, most recently out of a for elderly residents.

'Punch list' "It takes my breath away,

lines and center court logo members will review the were finished a week ago. The major work left to be

done at the Center is the floor in the multi-purpose room, the testing of its lights off' and sound system, and hanging of stage and window said the Center may eventucurtains.

inspections for any items that room and workshop. need attention.

the punch list," he said.

done as of last month.

The multi-purpose room, a emy donated \$500,000 toward Ataide said. its completion.

At Thursday's 7 a.m. meet- the Old Town Hall is to be 15. The location has yet to be the youth," Costagliola said ing, Mike Cronin, project man- installed in a grassy area determined. ager for project contractor across from the center's Center programs will Dagle Electric, said the gym entrance, at Doherty Middle the center serving Andover

> Inside the Center's lobby a commemorative plaque will the kids, where the kids can The wood floor gleamed. Its hang. Building Committee belong," she said.

Landry said he thought that the town to switch from Blue some sort of preferential or

Commission, and has "sum-She went on to write that marily declared that he had no

fund the health insurance bud- has taken an "active role" insurance strategy."

Landry had been successful, "Although Mr. Landry may up investigation, we are satishe may have received "some not currently have a direct fied that this matter does not sort of direct or indirect ben- conflict of interest, we believe require any further action on In early August, Costello efit" from getting the town to there is the potential for one our part."

plaque's design.

Unfinished space 'sealed

Looking ahead, Huntress ally, if funds are raised, use Otherwise what remains an unfinished space at the are punch list items include far end of the building for an caulking, painting and final audio-visual room, conference

That area was not part of "We are marching through the Center's original intended use and will be sealed off, said The project was 97 percent Ed Ataide, Andover deputy director of plant and facilities.

Another area that was not setting for arts and education part of the Center's original activities, was added to the intended use, and will also project after Phillips Acad- be sealed off, is the kitchen,

The Building Committee The building's exterior is will meet for what is expected complete. A flag pole from to be their final time on Oct.

> Costagliola looks ahead to vouth

"A place by the kids, for

LANDRY

Continued from Page 1

reform. '

still very much alive.

on a topic. It's an additional to the minutes. component or variable by an otherwise."

ing to create the appearance on commission. of impropriety when there is none.

Voluntary ruling

his business.

they know I plan to continue Town Counsel who suggested of Andover's insurance plans, to push hard for significant he check with the State Eth- including health insurance." ics Commission. Landry said Costello said that even he is paid commissions from would be the end of it. though the Ethics Commission various health insurance com-

any of us know if he did get He argued he has no potential

sation I receive from each insurer is based solely on According to a timeline of the clients I have placed with events compiled by Landry, he them," he wrote. "I receive issued a more formal request met with Town Counsel Tom only standard commissions for an "investigation" in Urbelis just a couple of days from all insurers. ... Also, if whether Landry's business after he was elected to find one argued I may garner favor and public dealings may repout what kind of disclosures from the selected insurer, that resent a conflict of interest. he needed to make regarding would also meanI would lose In an Aug. 6 letter to the favor with the other insurers Ethics Commission, Costello

letter, stating that he has benefits. Mr. Landry receives move to Tufts. At the meeting, Landry "never had and will never brokerage commissions from efits broker and has met with whatsoever, in any of the town including Tufts Health Plan."

ency. I worked with the Ethics

put the issue to rest once and

AEA letter

But that was not to be.

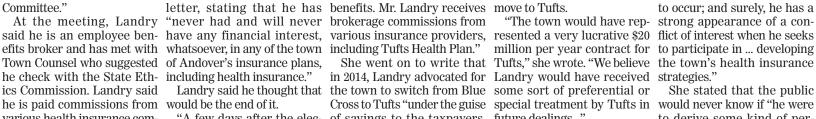
wrote: "We believe Mr. He then worked with a state Landry has either a real or sure of Appearance of Conflict because of his past attempts to Tufts Health Plan for the

"A few days after the elec- of savings to the taxpayers. future dealings..." the time."

2014 Town Meeting to under-

She said she believed that if

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She stated that the public to derive some kind of per-She said that now that sonal benefit from something "Is there any way of knowing

No further action In an Aug. 19 letter from the

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custom window treatment options.

the deputy chief of investiga-However, she states, Landry tions with the department wrote that his case had been "I also believe I responded get appropriation, apparently in health insurance negotia- reviewed and discussed and

"Relying on information until there's concrete data while also negotiating health March 30 Board of Selectmen already made the decision to men executive sessions on col- you provided, including the insurance contracts on behalf meeting when she raised this stay with Blue Cross/Blue lective bargaining and health disclosure you filed with the office of the Town Clerk, and She went on to say that on any other necessary follow-



Landry retorted, "she's try- of the town because he works issue. I had thought this would Shield." "The commission compen- for all."

has cleared Landry, the issue is panies. "In his view, there is no tion, I learned that there may We believe he may have been conflict and no opportunity for be a potential perception of a in contact with one or more Landry is an elected official, he had a hand in" regarding "That's where it stands," she financial gains and he is wait- conflict of interest," he said. "I of the Tufts sales representa- having been voted into office the town's insurance matters. said. "It doesn't mean it will ing to hear back from the State addressed this issue immedi- tives who were in active nego- in March 2015, he has sought automatically close the gate Ethics Committee," according ately and with full transpar- tiations with town officials at clearance from the Ethics for sure?" she asked.

On the other hand, how would role would be as a selectman. prehensive as possible. any kind of bonus from them? for financial gain by working respectfully to Kerry Costello, as a way to force the town to tions and has "participated in terminated. I'll take a person at their word as a health insurance broker president of the AEA, at the move to Tufts, even after it had closed-door Board of Select-

On March 31, Landry sent Commission for almost a week objective third party. It think a letter to the Ethics Commis- to make sure that the proper Landry "then tried to influ- conflict of interest as a private Ethics Commission to Landry, it's a reasonable public per- sion explaining what he does procedure was followed and ence the voters at the May insurance broker." ception that should be vetted. professionally and what his that my disclosure was as com-

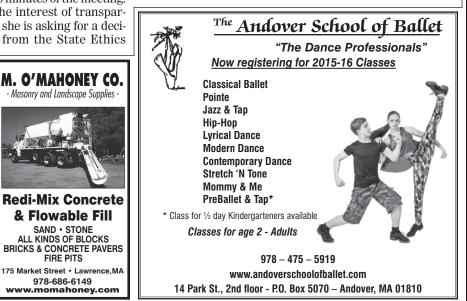
Urbelis suggested he contact where I also have business. the Ethics Commission.

at the Commission.

Landry, an insurance broker, early April. "could be considered as having ing to minutes of the meeting. "In the interest of transparency she is asking for a decision from the State Ethics

On March 27, he called and Ethics Commission attorney a very strong potential for left a message with an attorney on how to fill out the "Disclo- conflict of interest violation On March 30, Costello went of Interest" form, as required to influence the Town of before the Board of Select- by state law. The form was filed Andover's decision to move men and publicly stated that with the Town Clerk's office in from Blue Cross Blue Shield

In it, he goes over much provision of employee and a conflict of interest," accord- of the same ground as in his retiree health insurance





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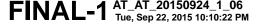
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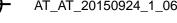
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ON CAMPUS

The following local resi- David Ortiz. dents have graduated from UMass Dartmouth: Nicholas **Curtin, Connor Gaffney, Benjamin** named to the dean's list for a junior at the university, is Gikow, Christopher Laquidara, and academic achievement during majoring in geology.

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the spring 2015 semester at the University of Rochester Brianna Jessie Rockwell was in Rochester, N.Y. Rockwell,

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PADONI/S THE STATE

Destination Imagination gears up for new season

By GABRIELLA CRUZ gcruz@andovertownsman.com

The organizers of Destination Imagination will hold a town-wide informational meeting Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Doherty Middle School.

The meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m., will acquaint prospective parents and students with the non-profit, creative problem-solving program. Through Destination Imagination, Andover students are challenged to create original, imaginative solutions to open-ended problems with an emphasis on teamwork and creativity. Stephanie Maze-Hsu, the

program, not only volun- in Destination Imagination." and non-competitive events. teers, but has also seen its lasting impact firsthand.



from the Wood **Hill Middle School** participated in the Destination Imagination competition last year at the **Greater Lawrence Technical High** School, including Lizzie Jones as a witch. File photo

Sixth-graders

Andover Coordinator of the direct result of their years compete in both competitive

Parents interested in students to choose chal- attending the informational "My own children partici-lenges from six areas, meeting are asked to send pated from early elementary including technical, scien- their child's school and school through their col- tific, performance, improv, grade level as an RSVP to lege years," Maze-Hsu said. structure and community. the town's Destination Imag-"Their ability to be thought- They then work in groups ination representative at ful, responsive leaders is a to develop solutions and andoverdikids@gmail.com.



DI, as it's called, allows

Courtesv photo

One of the images featured in "Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families," a touring collection on display this month in Andover's elementary schools and town library.

A display of diversity

'Of Many Colors' exhibit speaks to changing face of Andover

BY CAITLIN WALSH cwalsh@eagletribune.com

a proposal for funding "Of For students, she saw the When the Andover Coali- Many Colors: Portraits of learning potential, tying into tion for Education was Multiracial Families" in their social studies and math the elementary schools, classes, for example. Educathe group was immediately tors brainstormed ways to

approached last June with having multiple layers.

incorporate it into the curric-ACE members agreed that ulum, with students perhaps the photo exhibit would be sharing artifacts indicative a great way to kick off the of their culture, pinpointing their place of origin for "The beginning of the their heritage on a map, and For teachers, Glickstein envisioned it helping them "Of Many Colors" was pio- to identify and discourage ers this fall. The class was The collection, which has previously presented to high The general community, graphs and interviews with she said, stands to benefit 20 families who "have bridged through the exhibit itself, the racial divide through which is on display through or adoption," according to the tary schools as well as the project's website. It has been circulation area at Memorial used in schools, colleges and Hall Library on North Main "On the community side, oping empathy and caring in it is to elevate awareness of students, teachers and staff our changing community in a celebratory way," Glick-"We have a growing popu-stein said of the project's Stefani Traina, the comlish, and we're really wanting munity services librarian at to celebrate that diversity," Memorial Hall Library, said said Lisa Glickstein, grants that while no specific events coordinator for the Andover have been planned for the exhibit, information about it Glickstein spearheaded the is included in the library's fundraising to bring the col- weekly electronic newsletter "We always like to collabothe parent teacher organiza- because we serve all ages tions at all the local elemen- and are in a unique position to reach a broad audience,"



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intrigued by the project.

school year.

school year is a lot about gathering statistics on the family, community," Jenni- changing demographics in fer Srivastava, the director Andover. of ACE, said. "We thought it coincided nicely."

neered by the Family Diver- threats or behavior based on sity Project, a nonprofit stereotypes or individuals' organization in Amherst identities. An optional class devoted to educating people on the topic is being offered about racial identity and to elementary school teachracism.

been touring the country school teachers. since 1993, includes photointerracial relationships and/ September in the elemencommunities to help create Street. safe environments by develmembers.

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lation in Andover whose first reach. language at home is not Eng-Public Schools.

lection to Andover, acquiring as well as on its website. the financial support of ACE as well as contributions from rate with the community tary schools. She viewed the project as Traina said.

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Dentistry by Design welcomes new dentist

recently joined Dentistry by to learning and engagement, Design in Andover. Dr. Meaney received his Bachelor of Science Israel and Jewish communities from the University of Con- abroad. necticut and went on to receive his doctorate degree from Bos- community, she has held a ton University School of Den- number of board positions at tal Medicine. He completed her previous synagogue, Temhis clinical externship at the ple Sinai in Sharon; led Tikkun Codman Square Community Olam events; and is co-chair of Health Center in Dorchester.

continuing education courses Andover. to ensure that he is practicing the latest techniques on every Local psychologist patient. His dedication will help continue the practice's reputation as an excellent provider of dental services. He is a mem- gist with a private practice ber of the American Dental in Andover, and the director Association, the Massachusetts of Substance Use Services at Dental Society, and the North North Shore Medical Center in Shore District Dental Society.

Combined Jewish Philanthropies welcomes Pollinger

has joined Combined Jewish who are simply famous for Philanthropies (CJP) as vice being famous, as well as the president of planning. Poll- preoccupation with being inger brings over thirty years entertained. of experience in product and service development to the sign copies of his latest book CJP team. Prior to joining CJP, on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. Pollinger was the managing at the Andover Bookstore, 89 director of Global Business Main St. His discussion will Developmentat at Cambridge examine how society's obses-Associates.

oversee the programmatic arm and voyeuristic predispositions of CJP. She leads a team of 40 all contribute to an obsession professionals and helps iden- with celebrities. tify, develop and implement programs intended to meet http://hugobookstores.com/

the varied needs of the Greater Boston Jewish community. These programs cover a wide Dr. Peter Meanev has spectrum from social services and fostering connections with

A volunteer leader in her fundraising for her current con-Dr. Meaney takes frequent gregation, Temple Emanuel of

pens second book

Dr. Michael Levy, a psycholo-Salem, Mass., has published his second book.

"Celebrity and Entertainment Obsession: Understanding Our Addiction" explores why society is obsessed with Andrea Pollinger of Andover celebrities, including people

Dr. Levy will discuss and sion with beauty, vulnerability In her new role, Pollinger will to addiction, the need for idols,

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Hike for Hope returns to The Park Benefit for Lazarus House Ministries will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 By Gabriella Cruz

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Nothing like talking a walk through downtown Andover with your closest friends in the fall. All 1,000 of them.

Next weekend, area residents will have a chance to do just that when the Hike for Hope steps off from The about 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4.

offers scores of services to turnout. less fortunate residents of the Merrimack Valley.

House Ministries. "Churches walk starts at 1 p.m. come, schools come, families come. Because it's been 15 the largest local fundrais- women. years, we're starting to see ing walks in the Merrimack ful to live in such a generous community.'

known in the Merrimack Val- lies each year. ley, is commonly mistaken as a one-or-two service provider, Burns-Murtha explained.

"A lot of people think we're just a thrift store and soup kitchen, or just a homeless shelter," she said. "But with nine buildings and all of the programs we offer, we're

IF YOU GO

When: Sunday, Oct. 4 | Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., race begins at 1 p.m.

Where: The Park on Bartlet and Chestnut, Andover. What: A three-mile walk through Andover followed by entertainment, BBQ and live music

Why: To raise funds for Lazarus House Ministries

Park at the corner of Bart- doing everything we can to During the 2015 fiscal year, let and Chestnut streets at break the cycle of poverty." the ministry gave out more first year in downtown

fundraising event drew to families through its food raised \$183,000 for Lazarus The hike benefits Lazarus crowds of more than 1,000 pantry, and at its emergency House Ministries. Burns-House Ministries, 412 Hamp- people, and event staff hope shelter and transitional Murtha is confident that, shire St., Lawrence, which to top last year's record housing facilities, provided because of the community's

services that Lazarus House Ministries provides to impov-The ministry, though well- erished individuals and fami-

cludes the traditional, three- occupied by children. Along the growth trend. For those "Hike for Hope brings mile walk through Andover, with its three thrift stores, are interested in donatthe community together," but also boasts food and soup kitchen and food pan- ing to the ministry but who said Maureen Burns-Murtha, entertainment. Registration try, Lazarus House opened cannot attend the Hike for events manager at Lazarus begins at 11:30 a.m. and the Ishah House this year, a Hope event, Lazarus House transitional housing facility is always accepting food. Hike for Hope is one of for homeless or at-risk single clothing and furniture dona-

different generations com- Valley and is responsible by Lazarus House, all are of operation. ing back. We're very grate- for funding many of the free aimed not only at helping people get out of poverty, to register for the Hike for but more importantly, how to Hope, visit hikeforhope.org. stay out of poverty and build For other donation informacareers, relationships and tion, visit lazarushouse.org.

self-confidence. The ministry provides English language instruction through Rosetta Stone and classroom-based learning. Those who are successful with learning English can then participate in culinary training programs, housekeeping work studies and other career training services.

Last year, being the event's The 2014 Hike for Hope than 86,000 bags of groceries Andover, Hike for Hope nearly 32,000 bed nights continued generosity, this The 16th annual Hike iin- -- 59 percent of which were year's event will continue tions. Visit their website for Of the programs offered drop-off locations and hours

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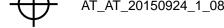
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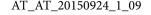
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Health insurance, pensions weigh heavily on town budget

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Is the town really facing financial ruin, as stated by former Finance Committee member Max Arai in his resignation letter, as reported in last week's Townsman?

We're not so sure but it's a point clearly worth discussing. Arai was appointed to the Finance Committee last year. From the start, he challenged conventional wisdom on a number of topics, including whether the town was doing enough about its long-term liabilities, such as pensions and retiree health care.

He and many others in town, such as Selectman Bob Landry and Retirement Board member Thomas Hartwell, believe the problem is much larger than town officials have made it out to be. They say that the town is facing a burden of \$250 million - a quarter-billion dollars - in long-term liabilities.

They say that unless the town gets a grip on personnel spending, the problem will only continue to grow. The only way to get a grip on spending, they and others argue, is to fundamentally change municipal union contracts. The only way to do that, however, is to negotiate with the unions. And even then, it may not be possible because state law dictates how employees must be compensated. The only way to change state law is to have the state Legislature pass new laws that give cities and towns the flexibility they need to negotiate contracts that will reduce the long-term liabilities.

But that ain't going to happen.

At least as long as the Legislature is run by elected officials who care more about getting re-elected than doing the right thing for taxpayers. So it's not really the Finance Committee's fault that the town is in such dire straits.

Finance Director Donna Walsh said the town is doing what it can to deal with the problem - putting money aside every year to help fund the liabilities. A committee has been formed that is working on a strategy to deal with it.

She agrees with Arai that things are about to change. New rules starting in FY 2018 will require every community in the state to list the pension and health care liabilities. In the interests of transparency, that's a good thing. Now, taxpayers will be able to see how big the problem really is. But it won't change much.

"It's always been in there," she said. "Now it will be recorded on the balance sheet. It doesn't change our actual liability. It only makes it more visible."

And it won't just be in Andover. "Every community will be in the same boat," she said, adding that bond-rating companies, which in effect set a community's borrowing rates, are more interested in whether or not a municipality has a strategy.

"They are looking for a solid plan," she said. She believes Andover's plan is solid and that the town will retain its stellar bond rating.

There are other elements of the problem, however, that are out of local control.

In 2011, she noted, a bill was never acted on by the Legislature which would have changed the number of years an employee had to work before getting lifetime health insurance. Now, someone who works for 10 years can get lifetime health insurance once they reach the age of 55. Someone who works for the town for 20 years gets that lifetime coverage no matter how old they are. This has created a huge burden. The town's health care budget has gone up millions of dollars a year, and now sits at about 10 percent of the annual spending plan. Walsh said the town and unions are working together to bring down health insurance costs in other ways. For 2016, she said, the town and unions changed the plan and increased the deductible to employees. The result was that overall, the cost of health insurance only increased 6 or 7 percent, rather than the forecasted 10 percent increase.

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SPEAKING ON SMALL BUSINESS



Nam Pham, assistant secretary of business development for the state, highlights the importance of small business as guest speaker at the VIP Luncheon in conjunction with last Wednesday's Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Andover Country Club.

Inspiring Andover Woman: Atty. Anna M. Greeley, First Woman Town Treasurer



Gail Ralston Andover Historical Society

Let me introduce you to Atty. Anna M. Greeley. Anna grew up in town where her father, James E. Greeley, was the popular owner of downtown's Greeley's Market. Mr. Greeley was also a visible and active member of a number of town organizations. announced she would run for Anna clearly followed in her town treasurer. father's footsteps.



Anna Greeley's photograph appeared in the Andover Townsman in 1955 when she

MISS ANNA M. GREELEY

the position as Assistant Trea- were associated with Atty. surer of her father's business Greeley in her law practice, and maintained law offices in and Town Collector-Treasurer both Andover and Boston.

her retirement in 1970.

An Andover town philoso- employees. phy seems to be "when you want something done, ask a 39-year School Committee busy person." And this was member William A. Doherty. certainly true of Atty. Gree- Mr. Doherty, a classmate of ley. Not only did she have Anna's at Punchard, pointed her public appointments and to her devotion to the Town her private practice, but she and to the Schools. He praised also found time to add her her strength of conviction, membership to many local making decisions according organizations. Active in St. to her own conscience, even Augustine's Church and on when those went against the Parish Council, she also majority opinion and public Born in Boston in 1905, committee's concerns stating, served as Regent of the Catho- pressures. He honored her Anna first attended the Read- "the repair and maintenance lic Daughters of America. She relationship with her father, ing schools but graduated of school buildings and pur- was the corresponding secre- even stronger after her from Punchard High. She chasing of supplies are more tary of the Andover Chapter mother died. Mr. Doherty felt received her undergraduate properly the responsibility of of the American Red Cross, "she took on (her father's) degree from Boston Univer- the School Committee. The a trustee of the Margaret G. ways, the abilities and the sity and her LLB from Portia committee can see no educa- Towle Fund of Andover, the thinking of a good man." Law School in Boston, now tional advantage of material Lawrence Garden Club and the Andover Historical Soci- tions is, of course, not unusual. Fortunately, taking this ety. Atty. Greeley was also a In fact, we now are fortunate ted to the Massachusetts Bar stand did not hurt her politi- former secretary-treasurer of to have Donna Walsh, Finance A glimpse at Atty. Gree- Accounting, Treasury, Assess-Public life for Atty. Greeley Treasurer that same year. ley's funeral mass at St. ing and Central Purchasing. began in 1950 when she was When announcing her candi- Augustine's in 1975 showed elected to the School Com- dacy, she pointed to her expe- the respect she had in town. and Atty. Anna M. Greeley mittee, later becoming its rience in financial matters Mass readers included School proved an inspiration and chair. Finding herself in this during her then 16 years as Superintendent Dr. Richard F. role model for all those who position in 1956 during the a practicing attorney where McGrail and long-time Moder- followed – women and men. divisive move to Andover's she specialized in related ator James D. Doherty. Bear-Town Manager form of gov- work, including investment ers included Attys. Andrew ley (Andover Townsman scan ernment, she spoke of the management. She also held Shea and Phillip Sullivan, who from 1955)

Myron H. Muise. Included in Her bid for Town office was the delegations of attendees successful and she continued were members of The Lawas Treasurer by appointment rence Bar Association, Bon - following the change to the Secours Guild, the Court Town Manager system - until St. Monica, and many other town officials and town hall

Offering the eulogy was

While taxpayers are still on the hook for half the deductibles, it was progress.

"The town and unions are working together to help solve this problem," she said.

the New England School of savings." Law. Atty. Greeley was admit-Federal Bar in June 1941.

in November 1938, and the cally, as it had other town the Board of Trade. officials, when she ran for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Today, women in town posi-

& Budget Director, overseeing

But there had to be a first,

Images: Atty. Anna M. Gree-

WEB QUESTION

The Preservation Commission, a town board that doesn't usually make headlines, has been in the news a lot in recent months. They have been busy reviewing developers' plans for demolishing different buildings around town - from historic barns to relatively new homes and even the colossal Franciscan Center on River Road.

Do you think the town should try to save old buildings? Yes. They give the town character.

No. In America, there is a concept called private property.

If you own it, you should be able to do whatever you want with it.

Yes. Older buildings are like living links to our past and we must preserve history whenever we can.

No. Old buildings, if not maintained properly, are an eyesore and a danger to the surrounding neighborhood.

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Training needed to fight opiates

Editor, Townsman:

The two letters to the editor by Howard J. Shaffer and Bob Pokress of Sept. 3, 2015, Police Department. In school departments, staffing exists as health professionals. a first line of defense to combat pupil concerns. One question to answer: is staffing adequate to handle opiate addiction?

I was employed by New York 'Refreshing' take on City during the heroin epidemic in the 1960s and 1970s and saw many approaches to combat huge problems, ranging from incarceration to honest attempts to help "kick the and Ross B. Elkin was the best Resources Administration, I have read in your newspacreated special units to help

addicts move into viable treatment, and shortly after, did the same during the AIDS epidemic. Because a few of HRA's commissioners were social workers, the agency mandated staff to professionalize their pointed out not needing to hire training at various universities social workers to the Andover and were paid to do so. I doubt that can be done for Andover's

> **Robert Stefani** 332 South Main St. Andover

national politics

Editor, Townsman:

Your recent letter to the editor from W. Edwards Deming habit." My agency, Human and most refreshingly honest per in the last 31 years I have lived in town.

ken to like a grownup. How and the more we ask and what we all know is com- of the numbers related to monsense but have been led spending and ideas in politiwrong.

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Numbers don't lie, but they

How wonderful to be spo- can be an inconvenient truth nice to have someone confirm demand sensible discussion to believe from the political cians' minds for more spendclass that the things taught ing (and votes), the less we us by our parents, what we will be swayed by the emohave learned in our own life tions for free healthcare, free experiences and we know in cell phones, free college eduour gut to be true is in fact cation, free daycare, bigger social security checks, free We cannot have it all. Noth- solar installations and elec-

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Kudos to Deming and Elkin. **ROBERT R. MCCUMBER** 23 Arundel Street

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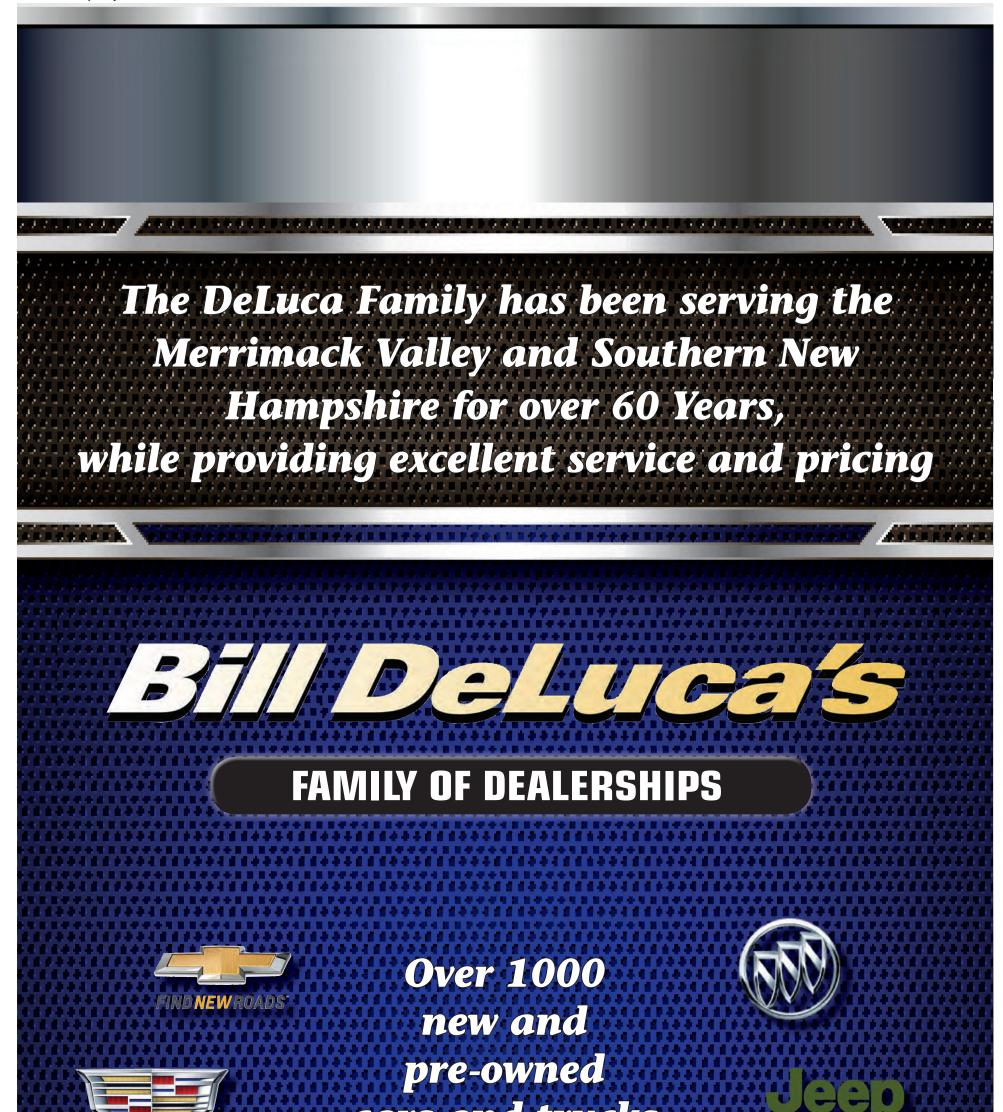
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Trails and Sails tour highlights West Parish Garden Cemetery



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The arched entrance gate on Reservation Road marks the beginning of a tour through West Parish Church Garden Cemetery as part of the Trails and Sails event that was held on Saturday.

The West Parish Historic Cemetery Tour takes visitors back in time

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

It was a beautiful day to look at a cemetery.

Close to 30 people embarked on a tour of West Parish Garden Cemetery Saturday afternoon, under blue skies and comfortable temperatures. The tour highlighted the cemetery's history, stopped by notable grave sites and took visitors through The Chapel at West Parish, built in 1909.

"I think people liked the chapel most," said Superintendent Mark Atwood. "People enjoy hearing stories of days gone by and learning about local history." Atwood also said tour participants really enjoyed hearing the history of textile mill owner William Wood and the details of his life and death. "We've been doing this for at least 10 years now," Atwood said. "It's absolutely something we will continue to do." The Trails and Sails tour featured two other stops in Andover this weekend, including the Shawsheen River Greenway Walk and the Opening Reception for the Fall Exhibitions, both on Sunday. The Shawsheen River Greenway Walk highlighted old mill buildings, a stone railroad bridge and took participants through downtown greenway pieces, all of which have not been visible to the public for many years. Walk participants also toured the Purden Reservation in the middle of town. A new season of exhibitions was on display at the Addison Gallery of American Art, and guests were invited to take in exhibits



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ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERI-CAN ART, The new exhibitions were inspired by artists' friendships and collaborations: "Converg-ing Lines: Eva Hesse and Sol LeWitt," "In Tandem: Inspirations and Collabora-tions," and "Words in Air: Jennifer Caine and Rachel Hellman in Collaboration"; free admission to gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave., Andover; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

PASSAGES ART EXHIBIT, Oct. 1 through 31, held in cooperation with West Parish Garden Cemetery and the Andover Historical Society. Two-dimensional artwork will be displayed at the historical society while West Parish will host the threedimensional art installations; opening reception Friday, Oct. 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; outdoor open house and historic walk Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to noon, West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; www.andoverhistorical.org/passages.

AUDITIONS

THE NEW ENGLAND CLASSICAL SINGERS, holding auditions for all parts, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. The 30 voice SATB choral group, based in Andover, performs three concerts during the season, in December, March and May; rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 7:15 to 9:45 p.m.; auditions will consist of voice quality and placement, vocal range placement, sight reading ability, and aural recognition; a solo piece is not required; singers should have choral experience and sight reading ability; www. newenglandclassical.org.

AUTHORS

ANDOVER BOOKSTORE, 89R Main St., Andover: Author events, Pendred "Penny' Noyce, "Remarkable Minds," launch party and signing Monday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m.; Dr. Michael Levy, "Celebrity and Entertainment Obsession: Understanding Our Addiction," Thursday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m., **POETRY READING,** Thursday,

includes book signing and discussion; Paul Tremblay, "A Head Full of Ghosts," Thursday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.; "Stories and S'more's" with author Laurie Faria Stolarz, Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m. All events begin at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted; free; 978-475-0143; http://hugobookstores.com/ andover. Oct. 29, 2 p.m., Edgewood LifeCare Community, 575 Osgood St., North Andover. Local author and Edgewood LifeCare Community resident, Mariève Rugo, has recently published her second book of poetry, "The Only Afterlife"; the poems encompass memory, love, family, war and death; complimentary refreshments will be served and copies of the book will be available for purchase; 978-738-6145, www.edgewoodrc.com.

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Andover Cultural Council seeks grant applicants

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

arts, sciences and humani- more applicants. ties. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 15.

To improve the cul- cil awarded 18 grants sup- cations for a wide variety tive applicants to contact us each of the state's 351 cities ture and quality of life in porting projects including of projects, but places spe- prior to submitting an appli- and towns, the Massachu-Andover, the Andover Cul- concerts, classes, museum cial emphasis on those that cation. We want to do all we setts Cultural Council is the tural Council is welcoming exhibits, lectures and aim to foster diversity in the can to make the process as largest grassroots cultural organizations, schools, art- workshops. With its bud- community, encourage com- un-daunting and straightfor- funding network in the ists and residents to apply get increase, the council is munity involvement and pro- ward as possible." for grants to help fund excited to have the opportu- mote collaboration between locally based projects in the nity to offer more money to community groups. Typi- chusetts Cultural Council tion, email the council at

Andover," said Leslie Seaton able to fund, which makes tural councils across the cil.com. Complete guidelines The Andover Cultural Malis, Cultural Council chair- the process more competi- state with a goal of promot- and applications forms can Council received \$5,800 in woman, in a press release. tive than applicants may ing the availability of cul- be found online at www. available funding this year, "It means we'll be able to expect.

which is nearly an \$800 support a greater range of increase over last year's events and activities."

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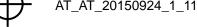
"ANDOVER CARES" FESTIVAL, Saturday, Oct. 17, 3 to 8 p.m. in the Park, Chestnut and Bartlet streets, Andover. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Andover, the festival will feature live music, local entertainment, and family fun; the club hopes to raise awareness and money to address the opiate epidemic; club members will be selling "Heroin Crisis: Andover Cares" buttons for \$20 and \$10 for students; funds will be used to support the education component of Andover's comprehensive threetiered plan of intervention, enforcement and education; all proceeds from button sales and the festival will go to the Andover Cares Fund; www.rotaryandover.org, email and over cares info@ gmail.com.

FAMILY

CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE CAR SHOW, Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Melmark New England, 461 River Road, Andover. Members of the Bean Pot Region of the Antique Automobile Club

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inspired by artists' friendships and collaborations. Attendees were treated to refreshments as they took in the gallery's Fall exhibitions.

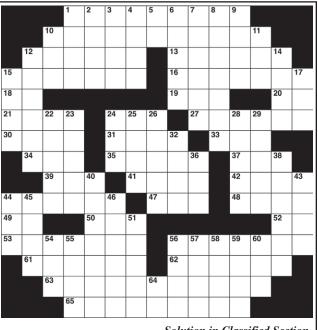
The Trails and Sails tour continues next weekend, Sept. 26-27, with the Paddle the Shawsheen event setting sail from Andover. Over the course of its twoweekend spread, the Trails and Sails tour is expected to draw 4,000 visitors to the Essex National Heritage Area, a 500-square-mile area home to 26 national landmarks, nine state parks and two national parks.





PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

LEFT: Visitors walk among the tombstones during a tour of West Parish Church Garden Cemetery as part of the Trails and Sails event. RIGHT: The stained glass of the cemetery chapel was featured on the tour.



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- Zealand 20. Atomic #63
- 21. Missing soldiers
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- 34. CNN's founder

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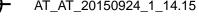
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Townspeople

Andover man follows his dream to Napa Valley

A college phenom learns chemistry, bottles Desire

By JUDY WAKEFIELD jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

It's a long way from Andover, Mass., to Napa Valley, Calif.

Just ask 2008 Andover High School graduate David James, who did the grueling, 57-hour drive in a moving truck six years ago.

It was a journey driven by the young man's desire to become a winemaker. And to date, he can proudly say, he has succeeded.

After working as a "cellar- moment happened. rat" cleaning fermentation tanks for a couple of years, yard in the mountains and he worked his way up the learned all about the soil and ladder, learned the tricks of weather," he said. "Then, the the trade, and even navigated vineyard owner showed up the legal maze of a distribu- on a motorcycle and invited tion deal.

calls "Define," is for sale on his wine. Then, he dressed in dents will even get a chance white linen tablecloth and we to taste it at a special sip- tasted his wine. He was a stoping-event tomorrow night, ryteller and had great stories happiness in every moment" getting married next month, growing the perfect grapes ping reactions. Shawsheen Village.

How it began

so many of his classmates. He transferred his college more. After matriculating, he went credits to Napa Valley Colwas a family vacation to Italy rent. James was on his way. that changed everything for him

The son of wine enthusiasts, he reluctantly went on $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Finding}}\xspace$ a niche

HOMETOWN WINE TASTING

■ WHO: Winemaker David James of Napa Valley, Calif., who grew up in Andover, shares his rose, Define.

■ WHEN: Friday, Sept. 25, 5 to 7 p.m.

■ WHERE: Andover Classic Wines in Shawsheen Village ■ NOTE: Define sells for \$22.99 a bottle.

"We went to a vineus to see his state-of-the-art Now, his wine, a rosé he laboratory where he made want to do."

"I really wanted this."

- and that's when his "aha" representation of his "seek said James, now 28, and that method and focuses on used for fermenting. Define lot," he said.



the East Coast. Local resi- a jacket and tie, put down a David James, 28, formerly of Andover, moved out to Napa Valley, Calif., to learn about the wine chusetts. He'll be at the local industry and eventually make his own brand of wine.

Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. that he shared. I enjoyed the message imprinted on the as he reflected on the past for his rose. at Andover Classic Wines in dynamic of what was going Define wine bottle, he said 10 years. He doesn't have a on and realized that's what I he simply had a passion for single complaint about how ing the rosé doesn't include val in Newport, R.I., where wine-making. He spent years tough it is to be from the the red wine run off juice Define will be served on tap. He was 19-years-old and learning about the chemistry East Coast with a West Coast (called saignée; "San-Yay" This 2008 Andover High started making plans as soon of the business and worked winemaker's dream. School graduate was just like as he got back to Andover. as a cellar-rat to learn even

off to college - in this case to lege and drove West with worker at the bottom of the making process and started the intention of premium tions call James "the intern the University of Colorado at a buddy. Talking about his wine-making totem pole as to focus on making a rose' Boulder in September 2008. winemaker dream to anyone the "rats" clean tanks and wine with it. His major was undeclared who would listen eventually handle menial work. He got and he had no idea what he led to a wine apprenticeship very familiar with the pink Noir seemed to dominate the clusters of grapes to then ... this is a serious rose' that wanted to do with his life. It and an inexpensive room to run-off juice that drips from Napa wine scene but James collect and pump the pink makes you stop what you're the grapes during processing. said research showed there juice into a stainless steel doing and take notice," "I was so focused," he said. Cellar-rats are the ones who was room for a new rosé. tank for fermentation." get rid of the juice. But James Typically, rosé wine is saved the juice and studied it. made from a red wine the business going and the

a wine tasting tour with them Poised, polite and a perfect learned as much as I could," Saignee method. He skips grapes and the oak barrels so supportive ... that means a

GABRIELLA CRUZ/Staff photo

meaning bleed in French). gallons of wine or 120 full-He experimented with We say 'no way Saignée sized wine glasses and he's the pink juice that was and grow the premier Napa hoping for good sales. A cellar-rat is a wine a byproduct of the wine- and Sonoma grapes with rosé," James said. "We then from Boston" who makes " use what is called a Bladder good stuff. It's not your typi-Chardonnay and Pinot Press to press the whole cally sweet, innocuous rose'

A small angel investor got Magazine.

was introduced last May.

'The original small angel investor was a family member, but now is a combination of a few other partners from the East Coast," he said.

Today, he leases space on a vineyard in Napa that grows his grapes.

Price-point

Define sells for \$22.99 a bottle and sells well at the liquor store, said Shawsheen wine and store manager Andrea DiFiore.

"I love it. It's a great wine and I'm so glad to finally have it," DiFiore said. "The distributing process took such a long time."

James said a long legal process is involved with distribution rights and it took almost three years to get Define on wine store shelves in Massawine tasting event to answer questions and to listen to sip-

After his hometown tast-"Our process of produc- ing, he's off to a wine festi-A wine keg holds about five

> West Coast wine publicareported the Napa Valley Life

"It's very exciting for me ... "I just kept learning, just byproduct produced by the investment money paid for people in Andover have been



By Gabriella Cruz Townsman staff

Thousands of people filled their stomachs, their ears and their eyes with all things Greek recently, courtesy of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church's annual Andover Greek Festival.

Festival-goers were treated to live entertainment all weekend, including two live bands, traditional Greek dance performances and even baklava cooking demonstrations. The festival, held Sept. 12-13, also offered Greek wine tasting, a silent auction. face painting and vendors selling Greek goods from jewelry to olive oil bottled in Greece.

Traditional Greek food was in abundance, ranging from more common options like gyros and Greek salad, to lesser known delicacies like spanakopica, or spinach pie, and loukanico, or Greek sausage.

"Then we had the desserts," said former Town Manager Reginald 'Buzz' Stapczynski, Parish Council president. "I can't even begin to name them all! But the loukoumades, the Greek fried dough, I remember that one."



Jim Patsios heats up some pita bread for gyros at the annual Greek Festival at the Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday, Sept. 13.



Hungry attendees wait in the buffet line at the Greek Festival last Sunday, Sept. 13.



Volunteers Stavrovla Nikitas, left, and Elaine Kevgas, right, box up diples to go at the annual Greek Festival at the Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday.





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TOWNSPEOPLE

Andover man takes on Jeopardy

By JUDY WAKEFIELD jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

A self-described geek who loves trivia is how this "Jeopardy" contestant with Andover ties talked about himself after his appearance on the popular television quiz show last week.

Bobby O'Neill, 29, grew up in Andover and graduated from Andover High School in 2004. Now living in Brookline, he is clearly a very patient geek as he tried to get on the show for 10 years.

"It was a bucket list sort of thing for me," he said. "I took the online test for 10 years. comments are legitimate, correctly is just as tough. I really wanted to get on the O'Neill also hosts a weekly In fact, contestants have to show."

tial contestants is avail- family members gathered at taking it faithfully for the aired last Thursday, Sept. 17. remembered more academic He placed second and won stuff." \$2,000.



COURTESY IMAGE Bobby O'Neill, a senior fraud investigator from Andover competed on Jeopardy last Thursday night.

"Geeks Who Drink" trivia practice hitting the buzzer O'Neill said the online event at a Cambridge bar. a few times before a show is "Jeopardy" test for poten- About 40 to 50 friends and taped. able once every six to nine the bar last Thursday night You have to hit it just right. months online. He has been to watch the show with him. When Alex (host Alex

past 10 years. He finally got ber trivia. I'm not sure why you hit the buzzer. If you hit that long-awaited call to be my brain works like this, it sooner, you are locked out a contestant and he flew out but it does," he said. "My for like a quarter of a second. to California in late August Andover High teachers prob- That's a lot of time on Jeopfor the taping. The show ably would say they wished I ardy," O'Neill said.

A fraud investigator who to a "Jeopardy" appearance the 10-year wait, he said. works for the website tripad- than answering difficult visor.com and makes sure questions correctly. Maneu- time. I'm geeky and so happy the website's trip review vering the buzzer button now. I did it," he said.

"It's all about that buzzer. "For some reason, I remem- Trebek) finishes a question,

It was a long-awaited goal to finally get selected to be O'Neill said there is more on "Jeopardy" but well worth

"It was a chance of a life-

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ety, directed by Michael Coalition for Literacy Driscoll, invites those who enjoy singing fine choral to hold kick-off event Book launch party for volunteers

The Merrimack Valley p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28, at Jewish Coalition for Liter- a scientist turned educator Christ Church, 25 Central St., acy (MVJCL) annual Kick- from Boston who is work-Andover. The non-audition off Meeting will be held on ing to make the worlds of chorus is open to the entire Thursday, Sept. 24, from 7 to math and science more col-8:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall orful for the next genera-

D, Vivaldi's Magnificat and The MVJCL is a non-sec- of her new book, "Remark-Zelenka's Dixit Dominus on tarian group consisting of able Minds," with a launch Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016, at 3 volunteers who work with party and signing on Thursp.m. in the North Andover preschool through middle day, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. at High School auditorium; school students for one hour the Andover Bookstore, 89 and Mozart's "Coronation" each week throughout the Main St. Admission to the Mass and Schubert's "Mass school year. The literacy vol- event is free. No. 3 in B-Flat Major" on unteer teams are engaged Saturday, May 14, 2016, at in public, private and after- duces young girls to excep-7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's school programs in Andover, tional women in history who

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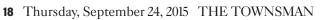
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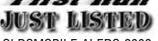


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Sports Three-sport captain Roche a goal-scoring machine

By DAVID WILLIS dwillis@eagletribune.com

Andover High field hockey coach Marueen Noone raves about her captain's dedication.

Girls basketball coach E.J. Perry cheered his captainelect's leadership.

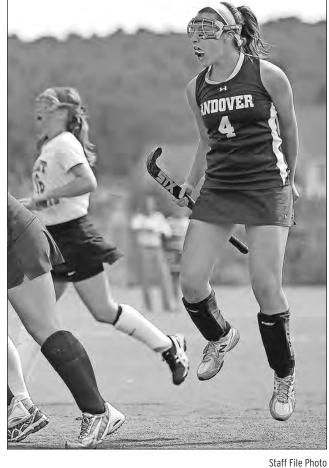
Golden Warriors softball coach Steve Tisbert gushes about his captain's sharp skills and tremendous passion for the game.

When Tori Roche's name is mentioned, it isn't difficult to find someone in the Andover athletic community — or around the Merrimack Valley Conference — thrilled to applaud the three-sport Golden Warrior captain.

"She may not be the most talented player on the field," said Noone. "But no one works harder than Tori. She has put up big numbers, and her leadership is excellent."

Coming off a breakout junior field hockey season that saw her score 23 goals and lead Andover to the Division 1 North final, Roche is off to a red-hot start already this fall. She scored four goals in Andover's first three games heading into the week, including the game-winner against archrival North Andover.

That following a spring that saw Roche hit .413 as



Tori Roche celebrates after a goal last season. She netted 23 scores last fall and already has four in three games this season. She is also a star catcher in softball and captain-elect in basketball.

starting catcher for the softball team and a winter where she was a key reserve to the Division 1 state

for the Golden Warrior basketball team that advanced

semifinals at the TD Garden. introduced Tori to field "I love sports and I love competition," said Roche. "I always say I love every sport I play. I love being a threesport athlete. I try to take very season as something new. I want to compete and do everything I can to help my team succeed."

A passion for sports is in Roche's blood. Tori's father Dan Roche played baseball at North Andover High and is one of New England's top media presences as an anchor/reporter for WBZ-TV, Channel 4 sports.

Her mother Pam (Moran) Roche is a member of the Methuen High Hall of Fame, also a captain in field hockey, basketball -- winning the 1986 state title – and softball and Tori's brother Harry was a star catcher at Phillips Academy (class of 2013).

"Sports has always been a huge topic around our house and I think that's great," said Tori. "It used to be weird seeing my dad on TV, but now I don't even notice it. I don't see him as 'Wellknown.' He's just my dad. He has so many great stories about the leadership he has seen in professional locker rooms and has shared them with Harry and I, which has been invaluable.'

It was mother Pam that

hockey as a fifth grader, coaching her youth teams. After playing freshman in her first season, Roche made the Andover varsity field hockey team as a sophomore.

"I was mostly a backup that season, but I saw some time and learned so much from being a member of that team. I learned the ways of the team.

Even Roche was surprised by her performance last fall. The junior was an MVC All-Star after scoring her teamhigh 23 goals.

'The sound of the ball when he hits the board at the back of the goal is so loud and so exciting," she said. "I definitely wasn't expecting to put up the stats I did. It was awesome the way the team worked. We did so well and had so much chemistry.'

Roche also dazzled in the sport that was her first love, softball. A varsitv player since her freshman season, Roche was a utility player for two seasons before becoming the Golden Warriors' full-time catcher last spring. She hit a teambest .431, also led the team with 20 runs and 31 hits and impressed with her stellar defense behind the plate. "She's just been incredible DWillisET

back there," said Tisbert. "She's great at blocking pitches, she's good at framing and she has a good arm. And she's such a leader for us.'

Roche was also a member of the Golden Warrior basketball team that won the 2014 Division 1 North title. She saw time at guard and was an valuable scout player.

"That basketball season was one of the most memorable experiences of my life," she said. "To witness that leadership and camaraderie. From Rachael Cormier to Colleen Caveney and Talia Dellatto I learned so much from some amazing leaders."

Roche, who is looking into playing field hockey and softball in college, now hopes to use those experiences to deliver a special senior season in all three sports.

"In field hockey our coaches are the greatest and they have very high expectations for us," she said. "All of my coaches are terrific and we will work to get better in every sport, focus on every game and hope for the best."

David Willis is a sportswriter/videographer for The Andover Townsman. Reach him on twitter at @

Ju, swim team keep rolling with two wins

SWIMMING

Anna Carroll took the 100 breaststroke (1:14.55), Rachel Boughton, Warriors red Landry won the 100 butterfly hot (1:06.81), Victoria Ambrose took the 50 freestyle (26.23) and they teamed with Jen Bukowski team-high 20 service points topped Chelmsford 12.5-7.5 on to win the 500 freestyle relay and tied Colleen Mullins for the Friday. as Andover downed Methuen team-best with eight kills to 98-80 on Friday. Sophie Ju won help Andover top Chelmsthe 200 freestyle and the div-ford 25-19, 25-22, 25-17 on Fri-17-3 on Wednesday and beat

VOLLEYBALL

Wyllie Boughton notched a scored victories as Andover

Andover cruises

Caroline Ingram, Jason Spencer, Tyler Trapp and Josh Gruenberg each

GOLF

Andover downed Methuen

FIELD HOCKEY

Emma Farnham scored three

and Jillian Hughes each assisted on

Tori Roche's goal with 15:54 to

play completed Andover's come-



ing and Mia Galat took the 100 day. Mackenzie Kennedy had 26 North Andover 15-5 last Tuesday freestyle for the Warriors.

Sophie Ju won the 50 freestyle (25.83) and swam on the style relays, Nikole Rudis won the 200 freestyle and Victoria Ambrose took the 100 breaststroke for the winners.

BOYS CROSS **COUNTRY**

Daesety runs to first

Vikram Daesety was first overall in 17:26 and Robert Pinault was right behind him in 17:27 as Andover took five of the top six spots on the way to rolling over Billerica 17-44 last Wednesday. Andy Chaves Alois keeps rolling (third), Jeff Warne (fourth) and best for the winners.

assists and Julia McBride added 10 digs for the winners.

Maddy Reppucci led Andover winning 200 medley, 200 free- with 13 kills and three blocks style and 400 freestyle relays as the Golden Warriors rolled Farnham nets three to help Andover cruise past past Dracut 25-9, 25-16, 25-16 Central Catholic 115-52 last last Wednesday.Mackenzie Ken- goals, and Tori Roche recorded Tuesday. Melissa Zhang won the nedy added 25 assists and 11 a hat trick of her own to lead 100 backstroke and swam on digs and Julia McBride had 25 Andover to a 6-0 win over the 200 medley and 200 free- service points for the winners. Haverhill on Friday. Brenna Keefe

BOYS SOCCER

Shuhwerk strikes

Steven Shuhwerk's first half back from a one-score halftime goal was enough to give deficit to give the Golden War-Andover a 1-0 win over Dra- riors a 2-1 victory over North cut last Thursday. Stas Curreri Andover last Wednesday. Katherassisted on the goal, while Jake ine Furry added the other Warrior Lansberry made four saves for goal, while Megan Hartnett made the shutout.

GIRLS SOCCER

Emily O'Hara scored one goal Walcome leads way Kevin Landry (sixth) were next and star Victoria Alois netted for the winners.



two saves.

two goals.

Caroline Walcome placed a teamtwo scores to lead Andover best fifth overall in 21:22 as past Dracut 3-0 last Thursday. Andover fell to Billerica 17-38 last Julia Masterson made two saves Wednesday. Emily Rothmann was sixth (21:30) for the Warriors.

Courtesy photo

Steve Ross, Andover resident and President of Clear Channel Outdoor Boston, right, and his wife, Lucy, middle, pose for a picture with David 'Big Papi' Ortiz at the recently held, third annual "David Ortiz Children's Fund Gala" at the Boston Marriott Copley Plaza.

Andover resident hobnobs with Papi

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The event drew 400 The gala raised nearly attendees, including some attended the "David Ortiz \$400,000 to benefit the David of Boston's biggest names in Children's Fund Gala" at Ortiz Children's Fund, in sports and entertainment. the Boston Marriott Copley partnership with Mass Guests enjoyed a Domini-General Hospital for Chil- can-themed cocktail recep-While they were there, dren and the World Pediat- tion, live Latin music and they met with David "Big ric Project, which provides entertainment as well as a Papi" Ortiz and got their critical pediatric healthcare three-course seated dinner photo taken with the Red to children in New England in honor of the special works and the Dominican Republic. and the beneficiaries of the Clear Channel Outdoor Herb Chambers of The David Ortiz Children's Fund.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Dan Gemmell, 28, celebrates after making the catch to give Andover its fourth touchdown of the game.

Andover football rolls over Methuen

BY DAVID WILLIS dwillis@eagletribune.com

back he protects stands.

said Koul. "We have nothing have to worry about is catch- our groove." but the most confidence in ing it and getting up field. He Perry has now thrown for him."

Perry IV made it hard to argue Koul's point on out on Friday, throwing Friday.

with 242 yards as the Golden connected with Soucy, Bran- film, worked hard and E.J. Warriors downed Methuen don Marti and Cedric Gillette was just phenomenal." 33-15, ruining the first game for touchdowns. at the Rangers' renovated Nicholson Stadium.

was just awesome."

Perry IV spread the ball games.

"We saw that Methuen was **BC HIGH UP NEXT** playing a soft zone in their Andover faces a very tough Reach him on twitter at @

METHUEN — Andover possibly ask for from that all week to attack that," said lowing a 61-6 blowout of offensive lineman Arman guy?" said Warriors receiver Perry IV. "The guys were Barnstable last weekend. Koul left no doubt about Andrew Soucy. "E.J. and I breaking tackles. (Brandon) They beat Reading in their where he feels the quarter- have an awesome connection, Marti was flying, Soucy and opener 21-13. Steve Timmins like he does with all of our Gemmell and (Cedric) Gil- led the way on Friday, rush-"E.J. (Perry IV) is the best guys. He always puts the ball lette were making plays. We ing for three touchdowns in quarterback in the state," in a perfect spot, and all you definitely feel like we found one half before the starters

scores to four different game, we knew we had to the ESPNBoston poll. The junior QB threw for a receivers on the first four clean up the passing game," whopping five touchdowns on drives. Dan Gemmell was the said Soucy, who caught seven these," said Koul. "We know Andover's first five posses- only repeat receiver, catching passes for a game-high 97 they are good and we know sions of the night, finishing the fourth and fifth. He also yards. "We watched a lot of we have to be physical."

"What more could you secondary and we worked task on Friday, when it hosts DWillisET

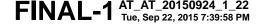
Perry IV throws five touchdowns Boston College High School at 7 p.m. at 7 p.m.

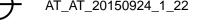
The Eagles are 2-0 folcame out of the game.

BC High ranks No. 5 in seven touchdowns in two Eastern Mass. and in the ESPNBoston state-wide top "Coming out of our last 10. Andover is ranked 12 in

"We live for games like

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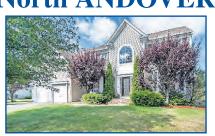
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