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Running for his life at Melmark Autistic teen gets the help he needs at River Road school ^{-both of their sons were born at George Washington}

BY BILL BURT News staff

Nancy Zlotsky knew some- that help under-developed stopped talking. He was walk- things I saw, because it was "I'm not a denial person." thing wasn't right about her countries. son, Sam, a few months after his first birthday while the mal, doing things every other ington, D.C.-based companies was my second (child). He one day and one of the first "early signs."

"I had that book that most flapping arms and walking on with it right away." family lived in Ivory Coast, a baby was doing," she recalls. expecting mothers have, tip-toes." West African country. Nancy "Then around 15 months to "What To Expect When Your She called her husband, Barad was officially diag- were in Massachusetts. She and her then-husband, Robert 18 months I started realizing Expecting," Zlotsky says. who was away on business, nosed as autistic. They even- was familiar with the state as Barad both worked for Wash- something wasn't right. Sam "I started going through it and read him the part about tually decided to move back

ing on his tip-toes. And he alphabetized, was the 'autism' Zlotsky says. "I'd rather know native who now lives in "Sam was completely nor-would hop and flap his arms. chapter. It said early signs are and figure out how to deal Andover, did some research

to the U.S., Washington, D.C.

University Hospital.

Zlotsky, a Connecticut and realized some of the best At 23 months, in 1998, Sam treatment options for autism

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Residents throng safety forum Second forum in two years on Tewksbury Street traffic

By Terry Date tdate@andovertownsman.com

The youngest resident at Tuesday's safety forum on Tewksbury Street traffic spoke from the front row in a high voice.

Kush Shah, 13, said he is forced into the dark road early each morning as he walks to the bus stop at his friend's house, leaving him vulnerable to speeding vehicles on the welltraveled two-lane road to Tewksbury.

"It's scary," he said, sitting between his mother

Costumed cuteness



River Road condo plan OKd

Approval sets stage for demolition of 85-year-old St. Francis Seminary

By Terry Date tdate@andovertownsman.com

Permits approved by the Planning Board last week for the Pulte project, 200 units of senior housing on River Road, sets the stage for finalizing the purchase-and-sale agreement on the 70-acre St. Francis seminary site and its development this spring.

The agreement would provide 24 acres for the senior housing and seven acres for public use, with the rest going to the Melmark School, which will construct student housing.

and father.

Newly installed 6-inchhigh asphalt berms wall the road on both sides with no room to walk outside of them because of the steepbanked shoulder, he said.

Kush's worries encapsulated many of those expressed by 45 residents at the two-hour meeting before a full panel of Andover officials and town employees in Memorial Hall upstairs at the town library.

Speeding vehicles, center traffic lines, berm curbing, darkened street lights, a desire for sidewalks and truck exclusions were on the minds of the men and women in the room, many of them parents concerned about pedestrian safety.

This was the second such meeting in two years on Tewksbury Street area safety, this one in part precipitated by recent road widening construction that

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Town ramps up at crossings

BY TERRY DATE tdate@andovertownsman.com

The town has ramped up accessibility on sidewalks at pedestrian crossings this fall, completing about 50 projects.

Most were installed at intersections in the Summer Street, Chestnut Street and North Street areas. as well as along River Road.

The ramps help people in wheelchairs and other physical limitations cross the street from one sidewalk section to the next.

Tactile yellow pads studded with rounded cones sit at the base of the ramps, signaling to blind or visually impaired people that they have reached the road's edge.

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AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Siblings Silas, 4, Wyatt, 2, and Mabel Corning, 16 months, at the "Too Cute to Spook" event at Old Town Hall hosted by Andover DCS. For more Halloween coverage, see pages 13 and 14.

Melmark serves children and young adults on the autism spectrum.

The final hurdle to the project is a signed inter-municipal agreement that would allow Andover to tie into Tewksbury's sewer line to carry the River Road development's waste to the Lowell sewer treatment plant.

That compact has been agreed to in principal, said Melmark Vice President Peter Troy, and awaits final details approved by officials in the three municipalities - expected within two months.

On Oct. 27, the Andover Planning Board approved, 5-0, special permits for the senior housing and associated earth removal, said Andover Planning Division Director Paul Materazzo.

The agreement for the 62-and-over condos at the 459 River Road site marks the end of

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Music and patriotism mark annual veterans appreciation lunch



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos Robert and Pauline Hamilton attend the annual veterans appreciation luncheon in Andover.



Retired Air Force Col. Calvin Perry at the annual veterans appreciation luncheon in Andover.

By Terry Date tdate@andovertownsman.com

It was a patriotic and musical mix of young and old last Friday at the annual veterans and fellow Doherty Middle centerpieces. luncheon in old Town Hall on School musicians had just fin-Main Street.

for an informal salute mixing function hall. music, ceremony, food and chit-chat.

"Today is meant to be fun," Andover Veterans Services Director Michael Burke told the crowd in a booming voice that needed no microphone.

It was a chance, before the more formal Veterans Day observances of Nov. 11, for townspeople to show appreciation for those who have served the nation in the military, he said.

And it was a chance for older veterans to pass along their wisdom and stories to a younger generation, many of whom were in attendance as musicians taking part in the festivities.

As they ate lunch, World War II veteran Nancy Burnham turned to seventhgrader Jake Costello and deciphered the acronym WAVES: "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service."

Seventy years ago, the military had separate branches

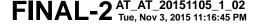
The smell of sage, potatoes and roasted chicken wafted

for women, she told the boy over the room from the bufseated to her left at the lun- fet table at the front. Lunch cheon. She served in the Navy was served to guests at 20 WAVES in Washington, D.C. round tables adorned with Jake, who plays the cello, white tablecloths and floral

Sitting at the same table ished serenading the 100 vet- with Jake and Nancy Burn-Nearly 200 people, about half erans seated among 175 guests ham was 98-year-old Bob Sanof them veterans, gathered upstairs at the Town House born of Andover. He was the holder of last year's Andover

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Since the 2013 meeting with the Ballardvale resi-

dents there have been two motor vehicle accidents

that police were called to

on Tewksbury Street, one of

which was weather related

In the 3 to 5 years prior to

the 2013 meeting there had

been 5 accidents to which

In the wake of construc-

tion's complete police will

again monitor speed and have

signs that read Thickly

Tewksbury Street resi-

dent Dianne DeLucia advo-

cated for a truck exclusion,

citing speed and driver

inattention as a menace to pedestrians and resi-

dents at the edges of their

Municipal Services will

look at the exclusion ques-

tion, which has many

requirements including

officers enforcing speeds. The road is marked by

afterwards.

in March 2014.

police responded.

Settled.

properties.

TRAFFIC

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came as a surprise to many of the residents.

The seven panelists listened, explained and proposed possible solutions. Among them were Municipal Services Director Chris Cronin, Deputy Director Marc Fournier, Town Engineer Brian Moore, Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Police Chief Patrick Keefe and Safety Officer Charles Edgerly.

Cronin characterized the meeting's tenor as cooperative.

Kush's mom, Shital Shah, said it was more constructive than the first time the residents met with local officials in September 2013.

"I think they were listening," she said of Tuesday's gathering. But, ultimately, she said, it remains to be seen what action the officials take. That's where the rubber will meet the road.

Early in the meeting Brian Theriault of 98 Tewksbury St. asked if the center lines installed on Tewksbury could be removed.

lines people are full speed earlier in the day, and there speakers concurred. The crowded past. lines give drivers a false sense of security, they said. situation safer, residents

Edgerly said the town wanted to know. could enact a temporary stay of the lines — forgo said. them in the spring when permanent decision on the sidewalks and installation. lines, he said.



Audience members listen to talks about Tewksbury Street traffic safety at a forum on Oct. 27 in Memorial Hall at the library. About 45 people brought their concerns to officials.

"Now that there are dogs at the side of the street vote.

What could make this gest hurdle," Keefe said.

speeds before making a trees and the price of the the spring.

"I understand why you prevent dirt from collecting ahead," he said. Other was no where to go as cars want them," Fournier said. in the road. "Cost would be the big-

> Another hot topic at the berms, and some do not. meeting was the installa-Sidewalks would, Edgerly tion of asphalt berms dur- would be for the town Janice Holden asked police to turn the lights on so her

Sidewalks are double- road widening. They are berms, which are flatter vehicles. the final paving coat goes edged sword, said Fournier. now six inches high but and wider, Cronin said. He on the road — then gather They come with a price, will be at 4.5-inches once pointed out a few nearby he positioned himself in a the past was: They would if information about traffic that being the removal of the final paving is done in location where people could concealed spot a few weeks she was willing to pay the

Cronin told the audience them. Still, if the residents want that berms direct water to Resident Mark Grant, a sidewalks they can peti- drain basins, and prevent officials urged the residents One person was going down her address and the Tewksbury Street resident, tion a request and bring it its pooling and freezing in to relay their thoughts on 45 and he made a small next day would see about

some residents like the Oak streets, and Yardley told Cronin that she has A possible compromise

The municipal services between 29-36 mph.

provide a defined edge and would review what to do. The residents at the meet- in neighboring towns.

ing included those who live He and Fournier said on Tewksbury, Chester and street lights, Shital Shah Road

ing the recently completed to install Cape Cod-style to talk about speeding son can walk safely along

The safety officer said see them and consider ago between 5 and 6 p.m. light bill. and most cars registered

said he was out walking his before Town Meeting to a spots. Furthermore, they berms and the department cash donation to the town getting the lights turned on.

state approval. **TERRY DATE/Staff photo** DeLucia and others said they want the town to talk

to them about planned work and to include them in a dialogue and agreement among the town engineers

On the topic of darkened called the department sev-Chester Street resident eral times and asked them Tewksbury.

The response she got in

"No more," Cronin said. He said he was writing

SIDEWALKS

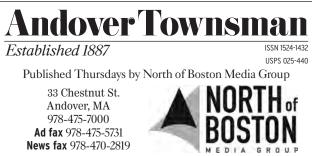
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safer, especially for peo- under Chapter 90 funding, sidewalks. ple with disabilities, said a state program for town Andover Highway Superin- projects including paving the design but, in general, tendent Marc Fournier.

"People are normally install these ramps in their 90 work, Fournier said.

neighborhoods," he said.

and sidewalk work. This year Andover will do per ramp, Fournier said. extremely happy when we about \$2 million in Chapter



Two other ways the town The town installs the funds sidewalk ramps are ramps in compliance with through minor sidewalk the Americans With Dis- repair funding or through The sidewalks get a lot of abilities Act, qualifying for warrant articles requested use and ramps make them 100 percent reimbursement by residents who have no

> Costs vary depending on the work costs about \$1,500

> On a morning early last week, Fournier was standing by sidewalk ramps under construction at Elm Street and Washington Avenue, the work areas on each side staked out by safety barrels and yellow caution tape.



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Advertising copy must be in the office by Monday at 5 p.m. Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon. No cancellations honored after these deadlines

The old sidewalk was dug out, and a packed gravel bed made the grade, the site awaiting concrete and curbing.

Paving and sidewalk jobs are bid out to contractors. Allied Paving Corp of Chelmsford is doing the Andover Highway Superintendent Marc Fournier stands by two sidewalk accessibility ramps work at Elm and Washington. Washington Avenue was recently repaved.

The town's engineering complete. construction.

Barring early season snowfall the town also New sidewalk plans to install ramps at

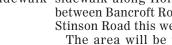
under construction at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Elm Street. The town has completed about 50 ramp projects this fall, much of the funding coming from state Chapter 90 and highway departments the intersection of Phil- sidewalk contractor starts Andover police, for the

supervise the construction lips and Abbott streets construction of a new estimated one-month duraand inspect the jobs when as part of new sidewalk sidewalk along Holt Road tion of the project. The no

to cars waiting to pick up The area will be posted or drop off children at Ban-

TERRY DATE/Staff photo

dollars.

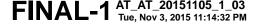


between Bancroft Road and parking restriction applies Stinson Road this week.

The town of Andover's no parking, according to croft School



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Veteran's Cane, awarded at the 2014 luncheon to the oldest veteran in town who is present at the luncheon. It does not go to the same person two years in a row.

Sanborn was an Army infantryman in the Pacific Theater on the Bataan Peninsula, the scene of fierce ground fighting between American and Japanese forces.

"That's when the forces were under MacArthur in the beginning," Sanborn said.

This year's cane was awarded to Navy veteran Frank Synosek, 96. He was a lieutenant commander who served both in the Pacific and Atlantic. Among the locations were Guadalcanal and Normandy.

A table away from Sanborn's group sat Doherty Middle School eighth-grader Sydney Gregory, a viola player in the school orchestra. She talked music with veteran Marc Tumas.

Tumas served in combat aviation operations in Vietnam, but before deployment he was a West Point cadet — and a second tenor in the military academy's glee club.

Sydney was wide-eyed as she described how Tumas told her the places that glee club music had taken him: Tokyo, Paris, Germany and throughout the United States.

Music had a major role in Friday's luncheon.

Lawrence High School senior Nicole Delacruz, who has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, sang the national anthem.

At the outset of the luncheon, Ason Figueroa, a Lawrence High senior and lieutenant colonel in the school's Junior ROTC, led the four-person color guard into the room in rhythmic steps and crisp orders.

"Forward march," he commanded, their polished shoes clapping the gleaming hardwood floor.

Throughout the meal, the sound system played popular tunes spanning the World War II to Korean War eras. Music was arranged by Jim Bedford of the Andover Patriotic Holiday Committee.

Above the stage, photos flashed on a large screen, a slide presentation of thenand-now shots of Andover veterans in uniform and at recent veterans activities.

Raytheon sponsored the

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a long cooperative process that serves the town well. he said.

"The beauty of this project is you had an applicant who really listened to the board's and the public's concerns," Materazzo said.

As a result the project was modified and became far superior with attention to the seniors' socialization and safety, he said.

The new design repositioned the buildings and added a welcome center/club house, a new central park and paid attention to preserving pieces of the Franciscan center - columns, granite steps, decorative light fixtures, monuments — to preserve parts of the site's history.

Conditions built into the approval call for water sys- the woods to the Merrimack tem improvements, traf- River. fic speed control signs and pedestrian control bea- comes to the town," Mater- overlay district to meet the cons, he said. Thirty of the azzo said. 200 units must be considered affordable housing, in mitting process dates to concerns. perpetuity.

seven acres of open space to public hearing was held on the necessary two-thirds public. the town giving the public June 9, but the groundwork majority approval. access to the Merrimack for the deal goes back much River: the town will convey further. the land to the local conservation group AVIS.

for the public and a permafrom River Road through along with Arthur Friedman.



The St. Francis Seminary on River Road will be demolished once all the paperwork is signed for a new Pulte condo project.

April, when Pulte filed its

includes five parking spaces selectmen three years ago. the Pulte/Melmark project

nent pedestrian easement chairman on the committee, Board.

Charlie Kendrick was a co- approved by the Planning Committee Chairman Karen a small cemetery for priests

The Planning Board per- and address open space buyers, Melmark and Pulte Townsman article. Homes, and the seller, the

It goes back to a Fran- the overlay set the stage for delay to demolition of the study corresponded to four ciscan property task force what the town wanted, Ken-Franciscan building. That years of high school and one The open space provision established by Andover drick said. He is pleased with delay ran out in September. year of college.

Last summer. Preservation Herman urged the Planning who worked and lived at the

"I think it is a very Board to reject the Pulte seminary.

landmark and should be pre-The purchase and sales served for the community,

FILE PHOTO

The St. Francis Seraphic boys and young men for the More than a year ago, the priesthood in the Franciscan

The property also includes



Kendrick said the group responsible positive enact- Homes application, saying worked closely with the ment of the principals behind the seminary was a historic "This a great amenity that Planning Board creating an this deal," Kendrick said. town's senior housing needs agreement exists among the according to an Andover

The overlay went to Town Franciscans. The selling Seminary was dedicated

Another condition conveys application, and the first Meeting in 2013 and received price has not been made Nov. 30, 1930. It prepared There was no developer Andover Preservation Com- Order, according to Andover at the table at the time, but mission imposed a one-year Historic Preservation. The

luncheon. It is the ninth consecutive year the company has done so.

Fifteen Raytheon employees in Navy blue T-shirts emblazoned with "I made a veteran smile today" set up the room, ushered guests to tables, served them chicken Florentine and cake and, later, would break down the room.

The Center at Punchard prepared the lunch. Center chef Frank Melendez did the cooking.

Lt. Col. William Hart gave the opening prayer.

Retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Susan Ratyna told the story of the single place setting by the stage, the POW/ MIA table in memory of those who did not return from war.

The Andover Historical Society had a corner display with WWI photographs, letters and other items donated by the Andover Free Christian Church.

Cal Perry of the American Legion Post 8 Andover said the legion likes to support youth programs, establishing a bridge between young people and veterans.

The gathering of young and old was especially pleasing to the veterans.

"I think it is wonderful to see all the patriotism displayed in the young people," Burnham said.

It speaks well for the upand-coming generations, she hinted.

"There is hope," she said with a laugh.



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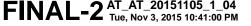


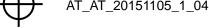
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POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY GABRIELLA CRUZ

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TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Bullfinch Drive. The caller her ex-boyfriend may have a Class B substance. reported seeing three peo- stolen them. ple running away from the scene and a car was left running at the reported location. Responding officers reported was possibly stolen.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

At 6:25 a.m., a resident on

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

What's that?

North Main Street. Minor she was and if she wanted to injuries were reported. Kerry A. Parker, 33, of 8

Memorial Circle reported to Linlew Dr., Apt. #20, Derry, At 2:48 a.m., a caller police that when she woke N.H., was arrested on River reported seeing people try- up, both of her vehicles were Road at 3:35 p.m., and ing to break into cars on missing. The caller believed charged with possession of Street, State Police reported and stolen multiple items.

reported being harassed on 6:59 a.m. One driver report-Elm Street. The woman told edly got out of his vehicle A Methuen police officer ing home from CVS, a male car. State Police stopped the on Boston Road. The caller cer checked the exterior of that the vehicle left on scene and a 911 caller reported driving a white 4-door sedan vehicle by I-93 during a sec- reported seeing a male pull the home and found no signs a car crash at 1:22 p.m., on stopped and asked her how old ond altercation.

"make some money."

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

a possible argument At 8:26 p.m., a woman between two motorists at

reported that while he was female was velling for the cleaning out his brother's man to get off of her. The house on Ballardvale Road, female was transported to he noticed that someone may Holy Family Hospital. On Route 125 at Salem have broken into the home

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

police that when she was walk- and was punching the other reported a female screaming home. The responding offithe female into a tan house of attempted break-in.

At 3:38 p.m., a caller that was boarded up. The **MONDAY, NOV. 2**

At 2:09 a.m., a Burton Farm Drive resident called 911 to report that someone had At 7:01 p.m., a 911 caller tried to gain access to his

Homeless man, also a sex offender, charged in 'disturbing' housebreak

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

house during which a 16-year- ing an undisclosed amount of Bardzik. They also learned old girl was duct-taped to a cash from her purse before that stolen items from the kitchen chair.

Peter M. Bardzik, 53, who ping, home invasion, breaking sneakers. Street home the same day.

girl captive," Police Chief through a window. Patrick Keefe said last week. long as possible.'

Bardzik is currently at from Harding Street. Middleton Jail on other, unre-Wednesday of this week.

Andover police detectives. At noon on July 31, police Harding Street home.

responded to a home on North During the investigation, Main Street for a report of a which included video surbreaking and entering. Upon veillance from the area of A man described as a arrival, an officer met a the crimes, and assistance 'career criminal" and a level 3 16-year-old girl who reported from the media and public in sex offender has been charged that she encountered a man identifying the person in the with the July 31 daytime in her garage who then duct footage, police were able to break-in of North Main Street taped her to a chair while tak- determine the suspect to be

fleeing. The suspect was described be found at the suspect's previously lived in Lynn and as a white man wearing tan mother's residence in Chi-Everett, was charged on a war- or gray shorts, a gray or copee. With the assistance rant last week with kidnap- green T-shirt and white, dirty from the Chicopee Police

and entering in the daytime Later that the day, around executed a search warrant of with the intent to commit a fel- 11 p.m., police responded to a the residence and recovered ony and two counts of larceny residence on Harding Street several stolen items, which from a building. In addition to for a report of a breaking were positively identified by the North Main Street house, and entering. The resident the Harding Street resident Bardzik is also being charged informed the responding offi- as the ones taken during the with breaking into a Harding cer that upon returning home break-in. approximately one hour ear-"This is a deeply disturbing lier he noticed items from his against Bardzik, police filed situation in which a danger- house were missing and that for a warrant for his arrest. ous career criminal broke it appeared as though some- He will be arraigned at Lawinto a home and held a young one had entered his residence rence District Court in the

The resident also found We can only take solace in muddy sneakers, gray or tan Detectives Peter Reming, the fact that the girl was not shorts and a green T-shirt in Kevin Aufiero and Officer injured and that this danger- his apartment that did not Robin Cataldo for their "dilious felon is already out of cir- belong to him. The clothing gent and hard work over the culation. We will continue to matched the description pro- last several months on this work with our partners in law vided by the female victim case." enforcement to ensure that of the suspect from the earhe remains behind bars for as lier home invasion, which is grateful to the Chicopee approximately a half-mile Police Department, the Mas-

lated charges. Bardzik was fingerprints from the Harding Police Crime Scene Services scheduled to be arraigned Street residence, which were Section for their assistance in processed by the Massachu- the investigation. The charges against setts State Police Crime Lab Bardzik were filed after a in Danvers. DNA evidence police department web site, lengthy investigation by was also recovered from the Bardzik is a level-three sex clothing left behind at the offender, considered most

Harding Street home could Department, Andover Police

With substantial evidence coming days.

Keefe praised the work of

The chief said he was also sachusetts Department of Police were able to obtain Corrections and the State

> According to the Lynn likely to reoffend.

Nasal Narcan revives victim of overdose

By GABRIELLA CRUZ

home on Haverhill Street in administered nasal Narcan before bringing the victim

STAFF PHOTO TERRY DATE Two sets of three round windows on barn doors at the Andover Historical Society reveal a little history.

Clover-leaf windows look upon yesteryear

BY TERRY DATE tdate@andovertownsman

You are walking along Prufrock. Main Street near the feet.

to two barn doors at the end. built their house. cloverleaf-shape.

barn

Oh, do not ask, "What carriage. is it?" Let us go and make our visit," to quote Eliot's farmer although the couple

red leaves swirling at your Historical Society, tells us Bank that the barn was built in To your right stretches a 1818 by Amos and Elizabeth walkway at 97 Main St. to its brick walkway telescoping Blanchard, a year before they end and look through the

Set in each dark door is a set It is unclear exactly when see a 19th century handof three, round windows in a the barn windows were pump used as a firefighting installed. Clements says it apparatus parked in the Why such fancy windows is likely they were installed barn. While it's not exactly on a barn? Who built that when there was something a fine carriage, it is worth a barn? Who worked in that befitting their elegance to look. look upon, perhaps a fine

Amos Blanchard was no may have kept some live-Elaine Clements, execu- stock in the barn. He was the Andover Historical Society, tive director at the Andover first cashier of the Andover

> Today, if you walk the brick thick, round windows, you'll



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home.

Andover police and fire 172 Haverhill St. departments responded to a

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate \$589,900 transfers were recorded recently in town:

33 Boston Road: Boston Road Patricia Polizzi, \$145,000 RT and Donna Laconti to David and Allison Guerette, \$345,000

123 Jenkins Road: Jenkins Road RT and Sean Szekely to Shigeo and Kika Matsuda, Lane: Andrew P. Vaz FT and to Thomas Walsh, \$357,000 \$839,900

29 Michael Way, Unit 29: Komal Patel, \$1,535,000 Michael G. and Ann M. Sico to James M. and Karen M. Coggins, \$410,000

198 River Road: Timothy J. and \$445,000 Sherrie Clark to Sagi and Sharon Shechter, \$610,000

M. Dolan to Ryan P. and Kimberly McCabe, \$640,000

Hayes FT and Joan F. Hayes Stephanie Dorsey, \$425,000 to Ripesh and Arpita Gosalia, \$686.000

Kamal and Shaima R. Ragab, \$445,900

CLASS REUNIONS

AHS class of 1990 prepares for its 25th reunion

The Andover High School class of 1990 will celebrate its 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road in Andover.

Tickets are \$75 if purchased between now and Nov. 1; and

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Nav the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, oved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of he hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a Jay, by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Andover.

Just before 3 p.m., Thurs- to the ambulance on scene. Nasal Narcan potentially day, Oct. 29, the victim's When he regained consaved another life last friend called 911 reporting sciousness inside the ambu-Thursday after an over- his friend had overdosed lance, he was transported to dose left a 34-year-old man on heroin. When Andover Lawrence General Hospital unconscious in an Andover police officers and detec- for further care. tives, and Andover fire offi-

After a 911 caller reported cials arrived, the 34-year-old police Lt. Eddie Guy, the a possible overdose on male victim was uncon-victim is believed to have Thursday afternoon, scious inside the home at overdosed on heroin based on his prior history with the The fire department narcotic.

Greta C. Vincent, \$619,900

Andrew P. Vaz to Ankit and

Katherine T. Est. and Michael

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more information, visit the

Class of 1990-25 reunion."

planning 45th reunion

its 45th reunion this fall.

son, \$990,000

86 Greenwood Road: 86 Green-70 Washington Park Drive, Unit 1: wood Road RT and John J. 70A Washington Park Drive Polizotti to Justin K. and NT and Aurore Boucher to Meghan Reyno, \$402,000

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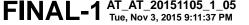
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> \$85 if purchased between doherty@raveis.com. Nov. 2 and 28. Tickets can be

purchased online at www. AHS class of 1980 to celebrate reunion

The Andover High School 25th reunion on Saturday, Nov. website or go to the Facebook class of 1980 will mark its page "Andover High School 35-year reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, beginning at 7 p.m. Andover High class of 1970 at Palmers Restaurant & Tavern, 18 Elm St., Andover. The Andover High School Guests will enjoy heavy hors class of 1970 is gearing up for d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Classmates who are inter- Make checks payable to AHS ested in helping to plan the Class of 1980, c/o Marybeth reunion are asked to con- Leary, 6 Marion Ave., Andover, tact Chris Doherty at Chris. MA 01810.





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(The Center), 30 Whittier 6 p.m. Learn basic dance The cost is \$4 plus parts for Court, Andover, has lots of moves to improve flexibility, seniors (ID required); \$10 activities and programs on and increase self-confidence; plus parts for non-seniors/ tap.

highlights:

Thursdays, Nov. 5 and 12, ment: Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1 at The Duck and Bunny 1:30 to 3 p.m. Join Don Robb p.m. Klaus Lasch, SHINE Snuggery, 312 Wickenden to explore what has hap- counselor, will be the pre- St., Providence, R.I.; \$45. pened both before and after senter. People with Medicare The Memory Café: Thurs-9/11 between Americans, can change their Medicare day, Nov. 12, 1 to 3 p.m. Europeans, Israelis and the Health Plan and prescription People living with memory Muslim World; \$16.

through Nov. 30, 1:30 to 3 fied with one's current plan, come together in a comfortp.m. Take a virtual tour of then no action is required. If able space at The Center. Italy by exploring its lan- an individual consultation is guage, culture and cuisine. desired at a later time, indi- temporary Beekeeping: Nov. Participants will learn how cate that at the meeting. Call 13, 8:30 a.m. Dave Meldrum, to communicate verbally 1-800 MEDICARE or visit local beekeeper, will talk and with gestures, and how www.medicare.gov for plan about the honey bee and to appreciate the best that information. Italy has to offer. Music, vid- Healthy Living Tidbits: "Holiday a whole culture and society eos and movies will accom- Survival Guide": Friday, Nov. 6, of their own. There is a conpany the linguistic aspect of 9:30 a.m. Art McDermott will nection between Andover this class; \$16.

Tuesdays through Nov. 10, set," packing on unwanted chase includes breakfast. 2 p.m. Improve oxygen to pounds, and surviving the the body and find a balance holidays the right way. A tures: Thursday, Nov. 5, between the mind and body; healthy breakfast will be hike around Brackett and increase bone density and offered. strength through the use of weight; \$40.

suitable for women of all nonresidents. Here are some of the body types and fitness levels; \$54.

Understanding the Middle East: 2016 Medicare Open Enroll- Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. coverage for the coming year changes, their partners Celebrate Italy!: Mondays now through Dec. 7. If satis- and friends, are welcome to

give specific strategies for and beekeepers around the Breath, Balance and Bodywork: avoiding the "vacation mind- world; \$4 by advance pur-

The Fix-It Shop: Mondays, Nov. 16, take a hike around props and one's own body Nov. 9, 23 and Dec. 21, 1 to Deer Jump. Meet at 9 a.m. at 3 p.m. The handy team will The Center to carpool to the BoomerVenture: Belly Dancing: do their best to fix small locations.

The Center at Punchard Thursdays through Nov. 12, appliances, chairs, or lamps.

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Women's Outdoor Adven-Delano Ponds; Monday,



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STAFF REPORT

Andover will honor its vet-

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By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

It was partly cloudy with a definite chance of golf-ball showers at Sarkisian Farms Driving Range in Andover last Friday afternoon.

Although the shower was man-made and lasted only 15 seconds, 234 golf balls fell from the sky above a marked hole on the driving range as a fundraising event sponsored by Philips Healthcare employees for the American Heart Association Heart Walk. A shiny red helicopter made its way over the driving range on Chandler Road around 12:30 p.m., to pour numbered golf balls from its side door.

Each golf ball that was purchased by American Heart Association supporters sold for \$10 and was marked with a number identifying its owner. With 234 golf balls purchased, the total amount raised was \$2,340. Half of the fundraising proceeds were donated to the American Heart Association and the other half were awarded to the owner of the golf ball that either fell into the hole or landed closest to it.

The event was sponsored by Ellen Corning, an executive assistant at the international healthcare company's Andover office, who was the Sarkisian Farms, closed their Peg Campbell, a member of the company's Heart Walk space for Corning's event. teams put on events throughout the year to raise money for part of this event," Rita Sarki- Heart Walk was impressive their donation to the associa- sian said. "It's a good cause this year. tion's Heart Walk.

"I got the idea from a golf ever we could." tournament I attended," Cornto hold it again next year."

sian, who own and operate Methuen resident.

Brian Major, left, of Philips Healthcare, holds the winning golf ball purchased by Catherine Rose of Methuen, after a helicopter dropped the golf balls onto Sarkisian Farms Driving Range. With Major are, from left, Ellen Corning, executive assistant at Philips



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

A helicopter drops golf balls down on Sarkisian Farms Driving Range in Andover as part of a benefit for the American Heart Association.

leader of Philips' HeartStom- driving range to the public for of Philips Healthcare's Corpers Heart Walk team. Many most of the day to donate a porate Social Responsibility

and we wanted to help how-

Although none of the 234 putting on golf tournaments ing said. "This was our first golf balls made it into the and even hosting a home-run attempt with this kind of event, designated hole, the winning derby," Campbell said. "Ellen so it was definitely a learning ball landed just about 6 inches worked very hard on this experience, but we're excited away and was declared the event and seeing the helicop-

Team, said Corning and other "We were very happy to be employees' participation in the

> "We had teams holding events at local restaurants,

20 Andover veterans from 7 High St. lunch. The first of these ceremo- the Cold War era who nies will take place at 10 a.m. are profiled in the book. at West Parish Cemetery, If there is moderate to an appreciation luncheon for followed by those at Spring heavy rain during the Andover veterans at the Old

noon.

A salute to veterans

At Ballardvale Green, the at noon at Elm Green. erans of the armed services Veterans Services office on Wednesday, Nov. 11 with will give copies of "Heroes will be held at 1 p.m. at the three ceremonies and a light Among Us — Book 7" to Masonic Temple, located at

Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. times of the Veterans Day Andover Hall.

and Ballardvale Green at ceremonies, they will be moved to a brief ceremony

A light, informal luncheon

Earlier, on Oct. 30, the Veterans' Services office hosted

BoomerVenture turns fall inside out

BoomerVenture has a variare some of the fall offerings Boucher; \$55. in store for the campus at Whittier Court, Andover:

Exercise and Wellness Carter: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. instructor; \$66. Connect mindfulness with Nov. 12; \$5 each.

intervals.

Energize with Exercise: Mon- of world music; improve flexety of programs designed to days through Nov. 16, 3:30 ibility and self-confidence meet the needs of the broad- to 4:30 p.m. Fun aerobics while working all muscles; est possible range of Ando- and weight training work- dance off calories; beneficial ver's 50-plus residents. Here out with instructor, Denise to all body types and fitness

Zumba Toning: Thursdays The Center at Punchard, 30 through Nov. 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Combine weight train- ning, independent films are ing and cardio-fitness while shown every Thursday start-Everyday Mindfulness with Chip dancing; Nancy Ryan is the ing at 6:30 p.m.

one's "everyday life" in a through Nov. 12, 7:15 to 8:30 are open to the community. very real and practical way; p.m. Partake in an active Space is limited and registra-'Mindfulness and Conversa- practice of flowing postures tion is required. tion" on Nov. 5; and "Mind- with 15 minutes of meditafulness and Exercise" on tion; Sheila Wescott is the to 4 p.m. Monday through instructor; \$60.

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Belly Dancing: Thursdays information or visit www. Thursdays, 6 p.m. By through Nov. 12, 6 to 7 p.m. and oversenior center.org for advance appointment only; Learn basic moves from complete listings. Registra-\$1 per minute, in 15-minute fast and fiery to slow and tion can now be completed smooth set to a fantastic mix online as well.

levels; \$54.

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Memorial Hall Library Teams are encouraged. eventcalendar or call 978has a lot of programs and The prize will be provided 623-8401, ext. 31. Space is limited.

Here are some of the Paddy on the Net: Irish Gene- Pillowcase Sewing Workfeatured programs on the alogy Databases, Tuesday, shop, Thursday, Nov. 5, 3 Nov. 10, 7 p.m. Professional to 5 p.m. Sew a personal-"It's Never Too Early to genealogist, Michael Bro- ized pillowcase for oneself Start Planning for College," phy, will present the best or to give as a gift in this Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m. websites for Irish genea- workshop led by MHL staff. Jim Femia, a Certified logical research. Learn Limited to six participants. College Planning Special- about recent landmark Register at www.mhl.org/ ist (CCPS) and member of additions of vital records eventcalendar. A list of the National Institute of and census information, as materials to bring will be

Discover Your Past Genealogy workshop for students and ter online at www.mhl.org/ Club, Thursday, Nov. 12, 10 parents. Learn about how eventcalendar or call 978- a.m. Everyone is welcome. Most meetings will have els are receiving financial The Mother Connection's a predetermined topic to aid. why some families 18th Annual Preschool Fair, discuss. Participants will incorrectly assume they Thursday, Nov. 12, 5:30 to learn from each other. could never qualify for 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall Register at www.mhl.org/ aid, and which colleges Library. Area families can eventcalendar or call 978-

packages. Registration is almost 30 preschools in Career Networking Group, recommended; go to www. one evening, pick up the Thursday, Nov. 12, 10 to mhl.org/eventcalendar or TMC Preschool Fair Book- 11:30 a.m. in Friends Alcove call 978-623-8401, ext. 31. let, and enter to win a door 1. The topic of this meeting Hungrytown in Concert: prize. A Wiggle Words will be "Networking Your this free group to expand

winner. The golf ball was pur- ter make its way in and watch-Rita and Sarkis Sarki- chased by Catherine Rose, a ing the golf balls fall was just really cool."

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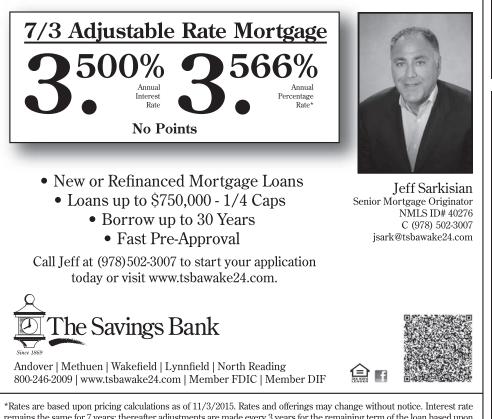
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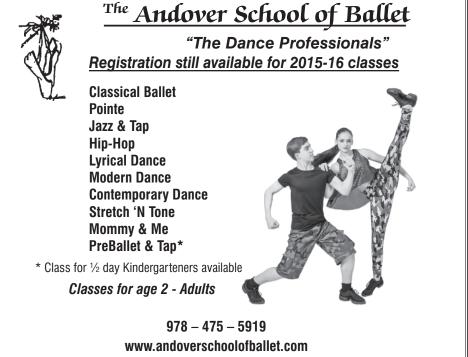
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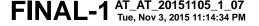
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"When it comes to public originally on board.

help and well-being, Massalive," she says.

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mark in 2014.

blance of independence, clinical group." would eventually be sent away to a psychiatric hospital initial meetings with Sam and grocery stores. ... maybe forever.

behavior issues were treated cause.'

research and wanted a change pretty smart of him." for Sam and reached out to and treatment facility on Sam early on. River Road in Andover along of them, in Methuen, became being his progress, while not Sam's life. Sam's home. But the process perfect, would be quicker. of getting him there was a

Melmark's Chief Clinical said Bird. Officer Frank Bird eventually to view his case profile.

his profile changed. It was evident to me he was obviously impaired and what he was doing was a function of Sam deciding to shut it down.

"He didn't appear motivated," recalled Bird. "Here's a teenager, a young man so to speak, and a whole host of skills that disappeared. I just figured if he had those skills once, can we motivate him again.

Bird's wife, Rita Gardner, who was recently named

was being evaluated as a pro- participating.' she attended Tufts University spective student and resident. in Medford as an undergrad. She admitted she was not **Running**

behavioral issues that were director, Mike Nazzaro. Zlotsky, who now lives in a concern. But Frank said, Andover, said Sam's future clinically, Melmark could help remarkable journey from the was laughing. It was amazing but he finished ahead of a lot looked totally hopeless before Sam. I trust Frank. He's not start. they enrolled in him at Mel- only my husband but he's one of the best clinicians around. lenging when he arrived," Her biggest fear was that If anybody could evaluate and said Nazzaro. Now Nazzaro started adding music from ily have run the Newburyport meant after having so much Sam, who had lost all sem- help Sam, it's Frank and the

the staff at his former facility out of me," she says. "Sam's him, especially staff members. think that's why he talks while running.

"Sam figured it out, that about food so much." with drugs, some very heavy by exhibiting extreme forms

Melmark, which has a school clinicians were involved with favorites.

tedious and difficult one, par- had to get him to realize he zaro. "Not only was it fun but ticularly due to Sam's difficult can't control everything, as it was a way to get rid of all he had done for some time," this energy. He was an ener-

was part of a team that vis- Bird. "The message to Sam that area." ited Sam at the prior facility was, 'Guess what? Regardless of the behavior we are going taught Sam to do sit-ups and "We heard about the strug- to require he participate in pushups, which he appargles at that setting and spoke activities, engage with oth- ently liked. Then, one day with clinicians that worked ers, including his family. He Nazzaro got the idea to prod with Sam for years," said had gone from a setting in Sam to get up and try the Bird. "We had heard he used which he was isolated in a treadmill at the house. to do a lot of things indepen- room and refused to engage dently and was active. Then in academics and other did doing more pushups and

CEO of Melmark Inc., was functional activities to being sit-ups, particularly when he another staffer entered Sam You have to run at my pace." the executive director of the a young man who is out and worked with a partner. Andover operation when Sam about in a school setting, fully

"Frank had to convince of their daily interaction at walking. He started to expand chilly day. chusetts is the best place to me to take Sam," recalled the Methuen House, few if a bit and then one night he Gardner. "There were liabil- any people know Sam better really wanted to start running Zlotksy, of her son. "He had said Nazzaro. "Sam is proving ity issues. He had some real than the house's program and had the treadmill moving no problem with the crowds. he's a lot like everyone else."

"He was very, very chalwatches him cook, clean, tend Sam's playlist while he was Half-Marathon, 13.1 miles, the anguish before," says Zlotsky, to his garden and even shop running on the treadmill. last three years. He got the who still spends time in Wash-One thing Bird noticed from and pay for food at the big When his favorite song — OK from Sam's family and, of ington, D.C. for work, but

drugs. It was awful. They of behavior, people retracted students and residents take zaro. "I don't know if it's the Nazzaro took Sam for a long does his father (Robert)," says were acting as if he was a lost from him and that he was in every weekend. Go-karts, endorphins kicking in or not. run outside in Methuen, to Zlotsky. "They are joggers control," said Bird. "When ice cream and trips to Jor- But who doesn't feel good get him used to being on the and run a little bit. But they Zlotsky had done her you think about it, that's dan's Furniture (in Reading), when they work out? All I roads for a few hours. where the kids get to witness know is he's in unbelievable Bird and Melmark's top the light show, are among his shape."

the Merrimack Valley. One arm splints with the thought to add a little exercise in the house.

"When I was a teenage boy "To reverse things a bit we I played sports," said Nazthis energy. He was an energetic kid so we figured we'd "The rules changed," said try to push him a little bit in

Nazzaro and the staff

It piqued Sam's interest, as

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at six miles per hour, which is In fact, I think he loved it. I to watch."

Sam was hooked.

the theme song to "Fraggle course, Sam, to give it a try. "He's always hungry. Rock," a Muppets program "It scared the daylights was that a lot of people feared Always," said Nazzaro. "I — Sam would almost cheer on the treadmill, running 10 attend trips with the kids.

Sam also likes the trips ear, arms flapping," said Naz- without any issues. Recently, tionship with him, and so

Last March, Nazzaro and won't make it at that pace. saved Sam's life."



Nazzaro has seen Sam's running at a decent speed. He don't know where he finished, **Progress** of people."

Nazzaro recently got been life-changing. Nazzaro and other staffers another idea. He and his fam-

miles on several occasions "He's smiling from ear to over the last few weeks, ard, again has a great rela-

"The joke at (Melmark) is, runner. I think it's wonderful. Will you be able to keep up The fringe benefits to his with him?" Nazzaro said. "On acle, but considering where A former football player at running, says Nazzaro, is that our training run I looked at he was and where he is now, In fact, one of their first both Masconomet Regional he not only looks better, but my watch after the first mile always smiling like he used to, with residential treatment acts was to remove the hel- and Bridgewater State, Naz- he's stronger and sleeping as and it says, '7 minutes and 30 it probably is," said Zlotsky. homes scattered throughout met (most of the day) and zaro, 25, said he got the idea well as he has ever slept at seconds,' which is way, way

"Him being able to run a very big race, alongside his "He was amazing," said peers and adults is huge,"

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Zlotsky says her son's progress the last 18 months has

"I can't explain what it has tries to get home every other Sam upped his mileage weekend to see Sam and often

"Sam's older brother, Richboth said that he is a better

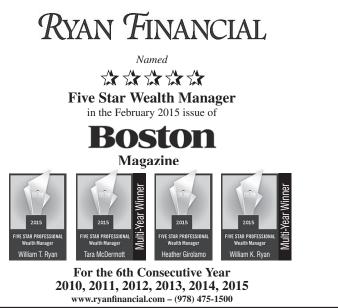
"I don't know if it's a mir-

"But one thing I am sure too fast. I told him, 'Sam, I about," she said. "Melmark



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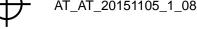


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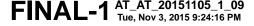


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EDUCATION

School Committee may contract out policy manual

By GABRIELLA CRUZ gcruz@andovertownsman.com

After some community members recently expressed concern over the Andover School Committee's lack of transparency, the committee is considering a solution that would cost upwards of \$13,000.

On Nov. 5, the school committee will vote on whether to enter a contract with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. The committee can choose from two possible contract options. With the first, the committee would pay the MASC to clean up the committee's policy manual and suggest any possible revisions.

This service would cost the committee \$10,500, divided into \$3,500 increments over the course of three years. The MASC would also notify the committee when any changes in law would require policy revision, and the committee would then vote on any adjustments to its policy.

With the second option, in addition to the \$10,500, the school committee would pay the MASC \$3,500 to host the committee's policy manual online. With this option, however, the committee would receive a \$2,000 discount during the second year of payments.

According to MASC's website, this program offers "faster access, faster updates, reduced administrative costs, paperless efficiency, and searchable information." If the committee's policy is hosted online by the MASC, its policy manual would be a searchable document, which committee members believe would eliminate man hours for the district and make it easier for the community to access.

"The goal driving this possible contract is providing the community with easier access to our policy manual," chairwoman Annie Gilbert said. "I've had people from the community ask if there was an easier way to get copies of our policy manual, and

History goes high-tech Andover High School intern uses modern technology to tell of the past

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

Andover's history may soon undergo a modern makeover as the town's past and present are combined through technology.

One Andover High School senior is taking an innovative look at the overlooked factors that can help create a sustainable community. Hannah Passanisi, 17, is an Andover senior participating in the schools' Environmental Sustainability tor of Andover Historical Sustainability Internship Course. Society, is mentoring Passanisi through her quest of want to see what role his- to study business in college, can help build a more sus- tainable community." tainable community.



Hannah Passanisi, senior at Andover High School, and Elaine Internship Course. Elaine Clements, executive director of Andover Historical Society, Clements, executive direc- have been collecting research for Passanisi's Environmental

exploring how local history tory plays in creating a sus- has already collected 200

Through surveys dis- groups she has targeted: "I'm interested in seeing tributed through email students, middle-aged with the appidea, but we've about Andover and how how Andover is already and over Facebook, Pas- adults and the elderly. learning about its his- sanisi has been gathering The survey gathers demo- and how we can use those ways that they learn more." tory and where residents research to determine how graphic information of resi- around town to spark the Passanisi and Clements go to learn more," Pas- Andover residents learn dents, how residents find community's interest and encourage residents to parsanisi said. "Andover is a about their town's history out about public events, provide them with more ticipate in their research by history-rich town and to and the types of local sto- what parts of the town's background about a given taking their survey at http:// me, sustainability means ries they would like to learn history spark their interest topic," Clements said. "The www.surveymonkey.com/r/ so many different things. I about. Passanisi, who plans and what can be added to stories Hannah's been using and overhistory.

surveys from the three age history.

the town. The data, however, a good starting point." is part of bigger picture that Clements and the historical sional bar code, made up of society have been envision- black and white squares, ing for a while.

storming phase, Clements torical stories, Andover's and Passanisi hope to role in the Underground develop an online platform, Railroad and the history of whether an app or website, turtle mound. that can direct users to other websites, blogs or articles what Andover is interested that give more information in, what sparks their inter-

also talked about QR codes technology can improve the

the community to improve in her surveys have given us

A QR code is two-dimenthat can be scanned by "People today are using a smart phone and link apps for just about every- directly to an app, a website, thing," Clements explained. a video or other information 'We're so interested in see- about a given subject. In the ing how Hannah's research surveys she developed, Pascan help us link Andover to sanisi found three themes its past through technology." that resounded with each Though still in a brain- target market: spooky his-

"My goal is to find out about a specific historical est or what makes them event or piece of Andover's think," Passanisi said. "I history. want to learn the basic "We've played around knowledge residents have

Shanghai teachers visit special education school

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover welcomed 22 special education teachers visiting from Shanghai, China Friday morning.

For two weeks, the teachers will be visiting special education schools and departments around Massachusetts through a program with UMass-Boston.

"We're so happy to have them here," said Linda Sliwoski, Developmental Day School Program Director and Education Coordinator. "It's an amazing opportunity for them to explore our programs and for us to learn from them as well."

The visiting teachers spent about two hours at the Andover school on Friday, Oct. 30, asking questions through a translator about different practices for helping children learn and how they can bring new ideas to their pro grams in China. "They are all so articulate in what they want to know and how we are doing certain things differently than they are," said Ellen small groups through indi- said. "Seeing them so Waddill, the school's parent and community liaison. equipment and instruction we provide.' The Professional Center for Child Development provides programs for children aged 3-10 who have multiple disabilities, moderate to severe developmental delays or complex care needs. The school opened in 1973 and offers students personalized curriculum, instruction and attention based on the severity of each child's needs. According to Veryl Anderson, the school's executive director, the visiting teachers were most interested in learning about the school's early intervention program, which is offered to children birth to three years. The program serves children at their homes, day cares and in



with this contract, the policy would be easily accessible for everyone."

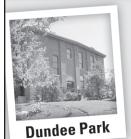
The committee's policy manual can already be found online, but according to the committee, it is difficult to navigate and is in need of "cleaning up." If the committee votes to choose the option that includes the online hosting, the cost over a three-year span would be \$12,950. After the third year. the committee would pay a yearly hosting service fee of \$950.

During a recent committee workshop last month, the majority of committee members supported the contract. The policy committee, comprised of Vice Chairman Joel Blumstein and committee member Paula Colby-Clements, recommended the revision and online hosting option as an investment that would both save labor hours and provide a more accessible resource to the community.

If the committee votes in favor of the contract on Nov. 5, it would join 45 other Massachusetts school committees whose policies are being hosted on the MASC's website.



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GABRIELLA CRUZ/ Staff photo Linda Sliwoski, the school's program and education director, poses with 22 special education teachers from Shanghai and one of the Professional Day School's students Friday morning.

vidualized therapies.

"Learning from each they can help children "They're so interested in other and sharing ideas is they work with has been what we're doing and the so important," Anderson very powerful."

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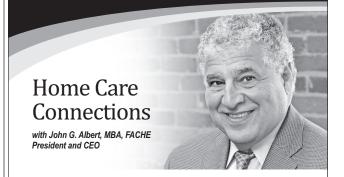
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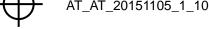


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High school health officials sum up Wellness Day with tips, advice By Health Teacher

JACKIE SALVESEN AND SCHOOL NURSE RITA CASPER MBA, RN, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Special to the Townsman

On Oct. 14 Andover High School students were introduced to a very different curriculum. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors participated in a Wellness Day with an emphasis on promoting healthy lifestyles and drug prevention.

Leah Dickson from Lahey Health provided an engaging overview on the use of marijuana and effects on the brain. She discussed why students might use marijuana, and shared outcomes from recent studies that indicate students reporting it's use "for fun" to "relax" and to "relieve their troubles."

among adolescents.

The rate of addiction is surfaced.

addiction.

Now that marijuana the community. has been evaluated and addictive.

to move freely in the Field- abling life at this time. town emergency personnel, journey of addiction from high event.

TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- Talk to a trusted adult!
- Explore pros/cons to current use
- Take a look at family history and other vulnerabilities
- Explore other ways to cope
- Consider giving your brain a chance to develop fully
- Have an interest in more than one activity
- If you are worried about a friend talk to an adult

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Keep alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs locked and out of reach.

- Perform pill counts
- Don't let your child manage medications independently
- Throw away unused medications Easy disposal is available at the
- Safety Center and is open 24 hours/day.
- Set a clear curfew and enforce it

■ Create a "Code Word" - so that your child can communicate with you in an uncomfortable situation

■ Focus on resiliency, the ability to succeed in today's environment. And developing good coping skills. While grades are important - do not over- schedule and be mindful of academic expectations/sports

Reach out to neighbors and friends - we need each other and we need to help each other re-build our community

Dickson used the anal- health-related providers such school to young adulthood. ogy of the brain having a as Reiki technicians and the Her daughter Amy, died just gas pedal and brakes and Organ Bank. Zumba and before her at 21st birthday. that the brakes of the brain Yoga classes were offered Presentations by both famidon't fully develop until the to students during this time. lies were riveting and both mid 20's. She described how The Food Services Depart- students were popular, wellregular use of marijuana is ment had a wonderful array rounded and academically associated with a perma- of healthy food samplings for strong during their high nent decline in IQ among all students which included school years. adolescents. Therefore, it is whole grain salads, fruit important to prevent the use smoothies, salmon burgers ner was laid out for students of substances like marijuana and flavored, unsweetened to write positive messages to waters.

increased when used at a played for students, follow- in the Town of Andover. younger age as well. Mari- ing a question-and-answer juana use can also trigger session by high school coun- also given an opportunity to underlying mental health selors and social workers. view the movie "If Only" and conditions that have not yet The Mark Wahlberg Foun- to hear from health educadation supported this short tion experts, social workers When asked about medical movie that is intended for and nurses regarding the marijuana, she explained the teens, parents and adults services and interventions risk-to-benefit ratio. There are to raise awareness about provided for students at the viable cases of medical benefit the dangers of prescription high school. but they need to be balanced drug/opiate misuse and with the risk of brain develop- abuse. It depicts the social survey was given to students ment anomalies and potential and emotional effects of to comment on the day's addiction on the family and activities.

researched - it is known to be with a presentation from the day they were aware of the families affected by addiction. dangers and myths associated Students were given an Cory Palazzi and his parents with marijuana. opportunity to ask questions, spoke of his journey through Students were then allowed addiction recovery and his dis- dents who were likely to

house where there were a Melissa Weiksnar-dressed only two of them reported number of vendors. This in her daughter's clothing, that they might experiment included local fitness cen- read excerpts from her daugh- and try it once as opposed to ters, a distractive driving van, ter's diary as she relayed her 13 students prior to the day's

Throughout the day - a bantheir peers. The banner will be The movie "If Only", was displayed in various locations

That evening, parents were

Following the day's events, a

97 percent of students The afternoon culminated reported that by the end of

Furthermore among stuexperiment with opioids -

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School Committee jumped the gun on Berman negotiations

Something doesn't make sense.

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Why would the School Committee vote to enter negotiations with Dr. Sheldon "Shelley" Berman less than four months into his term as interim superintendent?

He is still in the honeymoon period, as it's known - that time when everyone is still smitten over the newness of the relationship. He seems like a warm enough fellow downright nice. Charming, one might even say. Everyone on the School Committee, even newly elected member Ted Teichert, really, really likes him. The Townsman endorsed Teichert because we thought, and still believe, he'd be a voice of reason on a School Committee that is carried away by its own power and hubris.

Not in this case.

The problem is that the committee simply doesn't have enough data to determine whether they should go ahead and hire this guy to a 3-, 4- or 5-year contract which will likely be well over the \$200,000 mark. They don't know how he'll perform under fire - when the budget gets tough and unions start screaming for pay raises while the Board of Selectmen are calling for cuts. How will he stand up to Town Meeting when he has to make the case for, say, a new media center in the old high school library when many residents are against it?

Speaking of the media center, it's worth noting that Town Manager Andrew Flanagan put \$1.75 million in for the renovations at the high school library in the 2017 budget, not the 2016 budget, which is what the schools are requesting.

The schools are actually seeking \$1.95 million for the project, which includes the \$200,000 that would have come from the state were it not for Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of state Sen. Barbara L'Italien's earmark request. L'Italien, a former member of the School Committee, decided to help the School Committee by putting in a \$200,000 request to fund a study of space needs for the new media center. The project as a whole had been rejected by a narrow margin at Town Meeting so it seemed to her and others on the school committee that getting \$200,000 from the state's taxpayers should be fair game. Not to Gov. Baker, who vetoed millions in spending requests that came in after the main budget had already been approved.

As per the custom, the Legislature overrode those vetoes and then sat back and waited for the money, except it never came. Baker's people are still waiting to see what the final revenue figures are for the 2016 budget and are simply not funding millions of these special requests from all over the state.

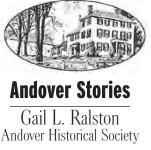
From the perspective of fiscal responsibility, the Townsman applauds the governor's restraint. It would be easy for him to put a check in the mail to appease Andover and its strong Republican base. But he's not. Unfortunately, some good projects also lose. Part of L'Italien's earmark had been \$35,000 for renovations to the high school baseball field. That money has also been held back.

In the end, though, if Andover residents want any of these things badly enough, they should be able to get them funded, either through lobbying the School Committee or getting a warrant passed at Town Meeting.

For those folks who want to get something on the town warrant, look at the town web site. Anyone interested in passing a zoning bylaw, getting funding for a park, or whatever they want to see passed can now go to the town

Opinion

Andona Society, a local women's group with a long history



In spring of 1952, a group of Andover women formed a charitable organization that came to be known as "The Andona Society" with the spirit of giving to varied causes in greater Andover. These charter members Mrs. David Burns, Mrs. to over 60 women, focusing Suzanne Wilson, Mrs. Guy on assisting the Bon Secours expanded its scholarship continued its participation B. Howe, Jr., Mrs. Warren Hospital pediatric ward and and summer camp pro- in local events like "Andover Lewis and Mrs. L. Gleynn making equipment dona- grams and supported fami- Day," offering an expanded Yeaton, Jr. - founded tions to establish the town's lies by offering Museum Babysitting Program and "Andona" with a name cho- Recreation Park. From there, Passes in concert with the donations to several youth sen to reflect "Andover" Andona began designating library along with annual athletic, social and cultural with the Latin verb "to funds for scholarships and fundraising events. A par- programs continue. Andona give"

charitable donations was to Andona piloted a Preschool support of forming the Youth Center. This year, the the Andover Home for Aged Vision Screening to detect S.A.D.D (Students Against organization is celebrat-People. Andona members symptoms of amblyopia, or Drunk Driving) program ing Clown Town's 60th visited patients, remem- lazy eye. bered them with cards on In the 1970's programs educate students about the Andona invites you to cel-birthdays and purchased grew to "giving" to a dangers of alcohol abuse. ebrate "60 Years of Memoequipment for the Home. broader range of commu- The group continues to ries" on Saturday, Nov. 14 Early fund raisers included nity needs. Efforts ranged donate funds to programs beginning at 7:30 p.m. at dances, fashion shows, bake from supporting the Greater like Department for Com- the Hillview Country Club, sales and plays. By 1956, Lawrence Joint Hospital munity Service (DCS), North Reading. In addition endar of fundraising events fund raising for the new Library Pass Programs. By and games, it will be a great event, afternoon Bridge in Family YMCA. Funding for pia program was screening members to reconnect with the Spring and - the orga- local school programs, park over 300 children with the friends. Interested in joinnization favorite - "Clown equipment and the Andover aid of 84 volunteers. In 1988, ing Andona or for further Town.'

organization grew from its of these newly-supported and community service. early size of five members projects.

Andover High

School needs

skylights

media center.

technology, not

I commend the Townsman

editorial (Oct. 29) about the

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the Andover High School

What is missing in discus-

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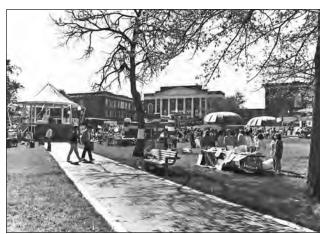


PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Park decked out for Clown Town.

Andona established a cal- Building Fund to major Andover Public Schools and to '50's theme food, music - a Fall Dance, Mid-Winter Andover/North Andover the mid 1980's, the amblyo- opportunity for former Memorial Library for the Andona was incorporated, information about "60 Years During the 1960's, the Children's Room were a few following 37 years of events of Memories," visit the

In the 1980's, Andona at Andover High School to Anniversary.

introduced an evening event for middle school children. In 1994 Safety Saturday, a one-day fair designed to introduce various safety concepts to children from preschool to middle school, was introduced. Some other highlights from this time was the establishment of a Scholarship Trust and the sponsoring of cultural events such as "Shakespeare in the Park." The formation of a Public Business Committee to streamline relationships with local businesses marked the close of thie decade.

Since 2000, Andona has gave monies for the Greater ticular accomplishment also contributed toward the One of the group's first Lawrence YMCA. In 1966, in the 1980s was Andona's construction of the Cormier

Andona website, at www.

In the 1990s, the group andona.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR **LETTERS POLICY**

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survey was approved at last projects and with a focus on year's town meeting and it neighborhood homes. Some was conducted by UMass of the ideas surfaced to date Boston Gerontology Insti- would be to identify lots of tute Center for Social and land that currently do not Demographic Research. A meet the SRA 15,000-squaredetailed questionnaire was foot requirement and grant sent to a random cross sec- zoning concessions to build tion of 4,000 of Andover's a small, single-unit senior 50 and older residents. A residence home. For exam-28 percent response rate ple, using a 13,000-squareyielded significant informa- foot parcel scaled down with tion on senior needs. Per the respect to boundaries and 2010 U.S. Census, more than height. Modest single family one third of Andover's 33,000 dwellings with strict design residents are 50 and older. review board oversight are

clerk's office and get the proper paperwork to file a warrant article. Last year, the town passed the Historic Mill District, which had been proposed by a group of citizens.

A group of senior citizens this year is considering a warrant article that would make it easier to develop senior housing in the residential district around downtown. It's clear other warrant articles will follow, and they should. as there is no more pure form of democracy than Town Meeting.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question: Should Daylight Savings Time be eliminated?

We all set our clocks back Sunday morning, but should we just leave the clocks alone?

Yes. It's such a hassle to change the clocks!

No. Longer days in the summer are worth the shorter days in the winter.

Yes. It's an unnecessary, outdated idea that doesn't have significant benefits.

No. It was implemented for a reason and we've been using it too long to get rid of it now.

Last week's question:

Can the Patriots go undefeated this year?

At 6-0, the Pats are on a roll. But can they keep it going all season?

Yes. As long as Brady stays healthy, they will win. 9 votes, or 35 percent

No. In the age of free-agency there are too many talented football players in the NFL, making it unlikely for one team to dominate. 4 votes, or 15 percent

Yes. They are so mad about deflate-gate that they want to crush everyone in their path. 9 votes, or 35 percent No. Green Bay and Aaron Rodgers will beat them in

the end. 4 votes, 15 percent

money for media. The plan is based on a 2014 feasibility study, but few details were presented at (last May's) Town Meeting.

The APS website (http:// from using their own laptops www.aps1.net/Document-Center/View/5925) has the School Committee wants to feasibility study recom- create a digital commons at improve lighting (including sense than new skylights. more than \$200,000 for skylights). The study identified this as a "digital commons" and that term has taken off like a game of telephone. Input welcome on People at Town Meeting downtown senior pleaded for these improvements for our students. In housing zoning an August Townsman artiupgrade any technology.

Meeting.

needs new technology. some opposition. School computers still use

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on the school network. If the town as they downsize.

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cle, the new superintendent posed In-town Senior Inde- been tossed about in order have passed over-55 houstalks about STEM studios pendent Overlay District, to get the conversation ing bylaws and studies have with 3-D printers. However, sponsored by Andover's started and over the past shown that they are tax revthis current School Commit- Council on Aging and the few months, the Andover enue positive for the towns. tee plan simply changes the town planning department, Townsman has published The town planning departconfiguration of the library was held at the Andover several feature articles on ment is currently working - it does not purchase or Memorial Hall Library, and the topic. The geographic on how to best achieve this. well attended. The purpose boundaries for the senior As an officer on PTOs and of this forum was to elicit district have not been final-housing proposal is to solve the Andover Fund for Edu- feedback and suggestions ized but the current think- an identified problem, not cation, I believe in support- from Andover's citizens on ing would encompass an to degrade existing propering the schools. However, how to best shape a poten- area 1 to 1.5 miles from the ties of which Andover is so people should know what tial warrant article for such center of town. they are voting for at Town a district at next year's

needs identified was the further zoning concessions strong desire by the 50 and could be requested to allow over population to continue large existing structures to to live independently with be converted into smaller ready access to services in units. A good example is

warrant article has been ner of Whittier and Summer mendations and budget for AHS, perhaps actually put- drafted on a Senior Overlay Streets. construction to remove book ting money into new tech- District, as the COA housversations to date have affect property values only

annual town meeting. The Historic Mill District would be open to continuing sug-Limited resources need healthy discussion yielded of course be considered as gestions and new thinking to be allocated through several positive suggestions an integral part of the Senior on this subject that is very informed decisions. AHS and comments, as well as Living District and possible important to more than a

Proposing zoning changes certainly be a positive ele-Windows XP, no longer sup- to an in-town area was ment. The proposed Senior ported by Microsoft, and driven by the results of a Overlay district is looking students are prohibited by recent survey on senior citi- for solutions to senior needs School Committee Policy zen needs. Funding for the by targeting small-scale

One of the most important envisioned. In addition the attractive condominium To date, no proposed property located at the cor-

These items are still in stacks, add entrances, and nology would make more ing committee has been in the idea phase, but as they an information-gathering are shaped into an appro-JANET SWARTZ mode. Numerous informal priate warrant article, the Algonquin Avenue conversations have been paramount criteria for their held across town to get a finalization would be the feel for what people think preservation of the charabout the notion of a Senior acter of existing neighbor-Overlay District. Most con- hoods, and most importantly been very positive. Sev- in a positive way. Many The Oct. 6 forum on a pro- eral "blue sky "ideas have other Massachusetts towns

> The intent of this senior proud. The Council on Aging The recently approved has been and will always senior apartments could third of Andover's citizens.

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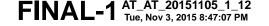
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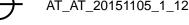


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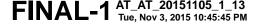
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Community Andover goes all-out for Halloween

Main Street trick-or-treat draws nearly 200; DCS hosts popular 'Too cute to spook'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

About 170 children trickor-treated downtown on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, as 22 businesses took part in the first-ever Andover Business Center Association's downtown trick or treat tour. Costumed visitors were like the Snickers and Kit Kat bars being handed out — plentiful.

"I have heard from many businesses and they were thrilled with the turnout," said ABCA President Holly E. Nahabedian, vice president/ branch manager at Century Bank on Elm Street. "We will definitely do it again next year."

The event was held from 2 to 5 p.m. last Saturday. An orange Trick or Treat flyer in the window indicated the business was a tour stop.

"Some businesses said they ran out of candy and they will make sure to get more next year ... it was just a great event for us," Nahabedian said.

Next year, businesses may give out a store coupon with the candy as a way to get shoppers to return post-Halloween, Nahabedian added.

The following stores took part: La Mia Moda Boutique, Irresistibles, Quiet Pleasures, IM Wireless, Andover Historical Society, Kokee Flowers, Chic Consignment, ATA Martial Arts, Indra Salon, Savoir Faire Home, Memorial Hall Library, Sweet Mimi's, Beauty Solutions, Helen Thomas, Soiree, D'Agostino's Deli, Boston Running Company, Izzy's, Dresscode, Dove Tail and Coco Early Real Estate.

Main Street businesses aren't the only ones to get into the spirit of Halloween this year.

The Andover Town Office building went down the rabbit hole Friday, Oct. 30, when two separate departments





TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Ryann Bedard, 2, dressed as a Minion, poses for a photo with pandas from Robert Jason Salon during Andover's downtown trick or treat event on Saturday afternoon.

AMANDA SABGA/ Staff photo Jacob, 3, and Anne Huffer, 15 months, attended the "Too Cute to Spook" event at Old Town Hall hosted by Andover Department of Community Services.



Mikey Donohue, 4, of Andover dressed as Mario for Halloween. Here, he grabs some candy from the Christian Science Reading Room on Main Street.



Colin Batts, 16 months, at the "Too Cute to Spook" event at Old Town Hall hosted by Andover DCS.



were dressed as "Alice in Wonderland" characters.

Each Halloween, the Town Collector's Office chooses an office-wide costume theme for Halloween. The Office of Community Services has been participating for several years, but this was the first year the whole department participated. Coincidentally, the two departments chose the same theme this year.

"Two separate offices both unknowingly dressed up and decorated with the same "Alice in Wonderland" theme for the Halloween Holiday," said Janice Coppolino, recreation coordinator for Andover DCS. "Regardless of the coincidence, fun was had by all!"

Residents were also invited to a tea party, hosted by the Mad Hatter of course, and were treated to mushroom lollipops and "eat me" cookies inspired by those in the fairy tale.

For David Reilly and Dennis Sheehan, both from the collector's office, the day's festivities didn't deter them from working. The two, dressed as Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, walked through downtown on their way to the bank.

Quiet night

The mischief was at a minimum throughout the night of Halloween with very few incidents reported to police.

"Halloween was actually a very quiet evening here in Andover," Lt. Eddie Guy said. "We had a few suspicious activity reports, but other than that, not too much."

Considering the holiday, the three suspicious activity reports weren't too suspicious after all. One caller reported their doorbell ringing even though they weren't expecting company, and another reported a group of boys in dark clothing ringing their doorbell and running away. The third caller reported a group of kids walking down his street with flashlights that, at one point, were pointed at his house.



AMANDA SABGA/ Staff photo Twins Gabriella and Sophia Miele, 5, at the "Too Cute to Spook" event last week.

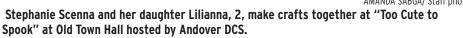
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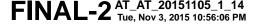
Mimi Queen, owner of Sweet Mimi's Chocolates, passes out candy to Brandon Caruso, 3, and his sister Sophia, 5, both of Andover, during the first-ever downtown trick or treat.

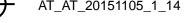


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TIM JEAN/Staff photo Marah Goldman, 11, of Andover dressed as a "nerd" and was able to have some candy from IM Wireless in downtown.







COMMUNITY

Death-defying decorations deliver dreadful delight

STAFF REPORT

Most homeowners, when 2015! they put up Halloween decorations, use fake spider webs eton seemed to be smiling and a few, well-placed jack- as he waved to passersby. o-lanterns to get the scary It's unclear if he was a foreffect.

The owner of 80-82 Poor Dead." St. did that - and much, much more.

The yard and front porch were "decorated" with an army of skeletons seemed array of skeletons and zom- to be emerging from the bies worthy of a Hollywood graveyard. movie set.

climbing out of the ground reached for comment. in front of a tombstone That in itself is a little marked, appropriately, "Mr. unnerving.

Creepy." He apparently was born in 1802, and reborn in

Another, dangling skelmer follower of the "Grateful

Who knows where he stole that face from?

In another spot, a small

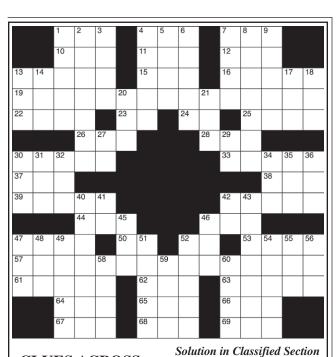
Unfortunately, the owners One zombie seemed to be of the property could not be



A jack-o-lanterns makes up the head of this hideous monster dangling from a fence at 80-82 Poor St.



This zombie appears to be happy to be above ground for once.



38. Alias

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cronkite's network
- 4. Fire insect
- 7. Gas usage measurement
- 10. Express pleasure 11. Humbug
- 12. Every
- 13. Capital is Valletta
- 15. Copycat 16. Bound book sheets
- 19. Steps to an upper floor
- 22. Local school organizations
- 23. Old English
- 24. Atomic #73
- 25. Cheerless 26. The bill in a restaurant
- 28. Singer ____ Lo Green
- 30. Domesticated
- 33. Mammary gland of a cow
- 37 Honorable title (Turkish)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bog arum lily 2. Thin plain-weave cotton fabric 3. Thick rough piled carpet 4. A way to lessen 5. Amazon river tributary 6. Larcenv 7. Make ale
- 39. Emblem of a clan 42. Edouard __, Fr. painter 44. Short-term memory 46. Used to speak to the Oueen 47. Vertical spar for sails 50. Expresses surprise 52. Morning 53. A long narrative poem 57. Minor punishment 61. Ice or roller 62. GE founder's initials 63. Moses' elder brother 64. Beak 65. A major division of geological time 66. Fuss & bother 67. Young women's association 68. Feeling sorrow 69. Straggle
- 34. V.P. Quayle 35. Supplement with difficulty 36. Tell on 40. Landed properties 41. Metric ton
 - 42. One thousandth of an ampere 43. Former __ Hess, oil company
 - 45. Siemans conductance unit



This skeleton at 80-82 Poor St. seems poised to go somewhere. Maybe back into the cemetery where he belongs



An army of skeletons seems to be emerging from this yard on Poor Street.



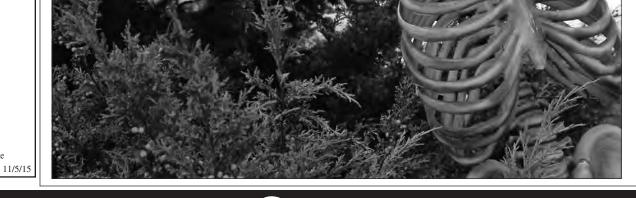
Even the undead can smile and wave on Halloween.

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31. Time before

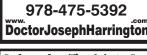
32. Free from gloss

46. Woman (French) 47. More (Spanish) 48. Request 49. Group jargon 51. Stakes 52. In advance 54. Yiddish meat pie 55. Equal, prefix 56. Box (abbr.) 58. Having nine hinged bands of bony plates 59. Scarlett's home 60. S. branch of the Lower Rhine



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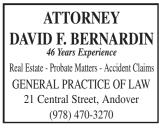
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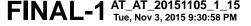
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100 Years Ago November 5, 1915

party was held Saturday battle of Seicheprey, in the a "Free School" and \$10,000 evening by the Andover club offensive at Aisne-Marne and for the necessary buildings in their clubrooms in the at St. Mihiel, and finally in etc. The original school Musgrove building. Most of the Meusse-Argonne where burned in 1868 and the fate the evening was occupied on September 11, 1918, Bat- of Punchard was debated by playing whist. George L. talion Major Napier heard until 1870 when plans for a Averill was awarded first news of the first armistice. new building were drawn. prize, a pocket flash lamp. The second prize, a thermos Shawsheen Village square necessary construction bottle, was won by Andrew recently a Norway spruce funds and in 1871 the school McTernen. Hallowe'en tree was planted in the Wil- reopened with 63 scholars refreshment consisting of liam M. Wood Memorial Park and three teachers. sweet cider, doughnuts, by the Shawsheen Women's cheese, crackers, coffee, and club for the purpose of using apples were served.

cal Society, having already is the first year a permanent Day defeat, Andover votoutgrown its quarters, has tree has been installed. precisely doubled its original space by taking over the countries are cowering (D-Andover), and gave a big other of the two large front in underground shelters, yes to newcomer Republican rooms on the second floor American children will next Gary Coon, also of Andover. of the Andrews House, 71 week be enjoying peace The 26-year old Coon, a 27 Main street. The collection observances in their schools. Korinthian Way resident hereafter will be divided. At the Shawsheen school the who formerly ran a water The smaller and more valu- pupils of Mrs. Douglas Don- treatment company, won in able objects will be kept in ald's class will present an Andover by 7,998-6,209 (56 one room; the bulky articles Armistice program of recita- percent). in the other. There will also, tions and songs with Walter for the present, be space for Tomlinson Jr. as announcer. said Ralph Heselton, ... "Yes, meetings.

Daniel Sweeney, cousin of the letter carrier, Dennis Sweeney, dropped dead this morning between 8 and Assn. came to the School Saturday's grand open-8:30 o'clock, while leading Committee Tuesday with a ing of the new Star Market a cow into Donovan's pas- pay hike proposal that would Plus grocery store on route ture off Salem street. Dr. set the bachelor's minimum 28, just half a mile over the Walker and Chief of Police at \$5,400 up \$400 over the fig- Andover line in North Read-Smith were called and ure in the schedule voted last ing. The new store is in the investigated the case, find- year. Requested was a \$700 same spot as the old Atlantic ing that Mr. Sweeney had increase for teachers at the supermarket, which closed probably died instantly of bachelor's maximum, now about two years ago. heart failure.

75 Years Ago November 7, 1940

George enlisted, on August jamin Hanover Punchard 5, 1915. He saw action in the left the town \$40,000 for a A successful Hallowe'en Toul sector, in the defensive permanent fund to support

it as a permanent tree for The Andover Histori- Christmas decoration. This

50 Years Ago November 4, 1965

\$8,000.

Punchard High School and ver's oldest veteran and the of Andover High School will only surviving veteran of Andover's first poppy-pur- meet for a 6:30 p.m. din- World War I in town. Born chaser this year is Andover's ner dance at Briarcliff, the in 1896, he signed up when first draftee, Gordon Tyndall, Knights of Columbus lodge, he was about 19 years old. "I shown buying the first poppy Saturday night to reactivate had to wait a year because from Legion Commander and reorganize a once-strong we didn't have any planes," George Napier in front of the Punchard alumni organiza- Mr. Shute said. list of draft registration num- tion, creating an association bers. George Napier could that will represent former well sell the first poppy to the students of both the old and president of the Board of first draftee of 1940, for he the new high schools. The Directors of the Andover was among the first Andover first of the schools to bear the Historical Society.

boys in the first World War. Punchard name opened its Nearly two years before the doors to Andover students United States declared war, in 1856, six years after Ben-Adding to the beauty of The town appropriated the

25 Years Ago November 8, 1990

In a devastating Election ers came out in droves and While children in foreign ousted Rep. Susan Tucker

"It's definitely a big deal," Absolutely" said Thomas Regan..these and many other Andover residents The Andover Teachers are anxiously awaiting this

Warren Shute 94, of 256 Graduates of the former North Main street is Ando-

Susan McKelliget is the



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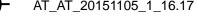
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Townspeople

Fun, lively describe this chamber music concert

By JUDY WAKEFIELD iwakefield@andovertownsman.com

This local artistic director says her chamber music group's "unstuffy, unpredictable and unmatched" style is sure way to lift a listener's spirits dur-

"It's a var-

all ages - kids

will love this

show and

tickets for

students are

always free,"

Julie Scolnik,



Broadway star Sarah Pfisterer will be performing with the Mistral group this weekend.

artistic director, said about a Mistral concert (formerly the Andover Chamber Music group) coming to Andover.

The concert, called "Voices formed Sunday, Nov. 8, at 4 Reservation Road. p.m. at West Parish Church stellar list of chamber music Daniel Bauch. performers includes Boston 19th season.

Children's Corner Suite, a said. dazzling duo for Marimba



of Innocence," will be per- Members of the Mistral group coming to Andover to perform in a concert Sunday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m. at West Parish Church on

"A piece by David Mullikin Overture (which may elicit Symphony Orchestra mem- based on the popular Aesop's memories of Saturday morn- twisted plots amusing, and tours and the concert stage. bers and Broadway perform- Fable, 'The Tortoise & the ing Bugs Bunny cartoons) will adults will find it thoughters as the group celebrates its Hare," is an ever-so-clever also be performed. piece for small ensemble, per-

on Reservation Road. The members Julianne Lee and said a flute guartet arrange- Sondheim, will bring the con-Hilsabeth. All three artists ment of Rossini's William Tell cert to a rousing finale."

Scolnik said a "fun, lively nik said.

On the menu is Debussy's cussion and narrator, Scolnik medley of fractured fairytales from the movie, 'Into the offered up by three celebrated a live-long love. Scolnik, who formerly lived Woods,' by the remarkable Broadway stars, Nat Chanand violin performed by BSO in Andover and plays flute, American composer Steven dler, Sarah Pfisterer and Rick tralMusic.org, 978.474.6222.

have over 30 years of experi-"Children will find the ence on Broadway, national

Scolnik encourages people provoking and moving," Scol- to expose their children to great classical music at a These selections will be young age and instill in them

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BY BILL KIRK bkirk@eagletribune.com

Bicycles - something most Americans take for granted and discard by the millions every year - can be a lifesaving means of transportation in some countries.

Reed Findlay, a sophomore at Phillips Academy, realizes this and now runs the local branch of Bicycles for Humanity Boston, an organization that collects used bicycles, repairs them and ships them to people in developing



COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

NOVEMBER NOV. 5

ANDOVER BOOKSTORE, 89R Main St., Andover: Author event, Jay Atkinson, "Massacre on the Merrimack,' 6 p.m. All events begin at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted; free; 978-475-0143; http://hugobookstores.com/ andover.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 7

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countries.

Findlay, who recently held a bike collection day in Wilmington, has worked with his older brother Whit, a former student at Phillips, to collect 419 bicycles that are currently sitting in their parents' garage in Sudbury.

Some time next month, a shipping container will arrive at Lincoln-Sudbury High School and the bikes cleaned. lubed up and ready for riding - will be wheeled in. The container will then be sent to a small town in Botswana, where the bikes November, and shipped off more than just a weekend to get to distant schools, over to needy villagers. The tainer becomes a bike repair shipping container, mean- shop for the community. while, will become the town's bike shop.

was highly successfully, add- will change lives in Africa." ing 17 more bikes and bringing the total to nearly 420.

came out to donate an old organization. bike," he said in an email. The bikes will be packaged Wilmington drive. into a 40-foot container in For Findlay, bicycling is ity which allows students able bikes and recycled parts. *www.b4h-boston.org.*



Reed Findlay, a sophomore at Phillips Academy, at a recent bike collection day.

will be unloaded and handed to Botswana where the con- activity.

one who has supported the farflung locale. Most recently, transportation. Findlay, at 15 years old, donation process of Bicycles he said, they traversed Monsaid at the last collection day for Humanity Boston over the golia together, where they helping change lives, we posted globally as well as he and some friends and fam- years, and are excited to soon drank yak's milk and slept in donate the 40-foot shipping shipped with parts in the ily members held on Oct. 10 send off the bicycles which a yurt.

Whit, started the local chap- spective about the plight of resources we have raised lives. "The bike collection was ter at Phillips two years ago. people living in less-wealthy from charitable rides." very successful, and we After his brother moved countries. appreciate everyone who on, he took the reins of the

will be sent to Botswana, and and this was my first one,"

recycle, as millions of bikes partnered with Instructables. relief but also with ideas "Whit has done five bike unfortunately end up in com, the largest Do-It-Your- that translate into useful "The bikes we received in drives in Massachusetts, landfills every year," said self design site, and hosted a pedal-powered devices that a press release sent out by design challenge that crowd help communities in need," will help someone greatly. he said, referring to the Findlay. Meanwhile, "you sourced plans for a bike the press release said. are giving the gift of mobil- trailer made from unsalvage- For more information see:

"In addition to bicycles

These DIY web plans health care workers to reach engage students, profes-He said that every sum- more patients, and adults to sionals, and people who are mer, he and his father get access jobs and haul goods in interested in innovation "We are thankful for every- their bikes and travel some impoverished areas that lack and helping around bike repurposing.

The design results are container which becomes a containers to empower the Exposure to foreign cul- community center and sus- local communities with the Findlay said his brother, tures has given him per- tainable repair shop with ability to improve their own

> "We hope to continue con-Last year, according to the necting communities near "Donating a bike helps press release, B4H-Boston and far not only with bike



These bikes, similar to those collected by Phillips Academy sophomore Reed Findlay, were delivered to a village in Africa via tractor trailer, seen in background.

COURTESY IMAGE

general admission, \$10 for students and seniors; www. treblechorusne.org. **REDEEMABLE BOTTLE AND** CAN DRIVE, 9 a.m. to noon, West Middle School, 70 Shawsheen Road, Andover. Hosted by the Andover

at the door.

High School Golden Warrior Marching Band; only redeemable bottles and cans can be accepted; all proceeds will support the AHS Marching Band; rain or shine.

USED BIKE DRIVE, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Held in conjunction with Bikes Not Bombs (BNB), volunteers will collect used but serviceable adult and children's bikes (anything that isn't badly rusted); many donated bikes are used in youth training programs in Boston, but 80 percent are shipped to economic development programs in Africa, Central America, or the Caribbean; BNB encourages an optional donation of \$10 per bicycle to defray storage, processing and shipping costs; bike parts and tools are also welcome; www.bikesnotbombs. org.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

FIFTH ANNUAL BOUTIQUE SHOWCASE, Noon to 4 p.m., Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 River Road, Andover. Hosted by Merrimack Valley Partners in Service (MVPS), the event will include product demonstrations, a cash bar, raffles and more; tickets are \$5 each at the door, pre-sale tickets are three for \$10; proceeds will go to the **MVPS** Scholarship Fund; tickets are available from

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MVPS members or by email- erate to heavy rain, a brief ing mvpsinc@hotmail.com, ceremony will be held at Elm www.mvpinservice.webs. com

HUNGRYTOWN IN CONCERT, 2:30 978-623-8218. p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. an's Day Goodwill Concert to Rebecca Hall and Ken Ander- benefit Neighbors In Need and son of the roots music duo The Wounded Warrior Project Hungrytown, which recently featuring The Jazz Disciples completed a six-week Euro- with jazz musicians from pean tour, will be in town in Andover and North Andover support of their new album, Public Schools. Starts at 7 p.m. "Further West"; their record in the Dahod Center for the was in the top 10 on the Ameri- Performing Arts, Pike School, can Folk DJ charts in June and 34 Sunset Rock Road. \$10 sug-July, and has been in the top 50 gested donation per person, ever since; free and open to all \$25 max. donation per family. ages; www.hungrytown.net.

MISTRAL CONCERTS, "Voices food drive. of Innocence," 4 p.m.; "The Baroque Big Band" Holiday Concert, Sunday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m., South Church, 41 Cen- ANNUAL PRESCHOOL FAIR, 5:30 tral St., Andover; "Of Love to 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall and Remembrance" Valentine Library, 2 North Main St., Concert, Sunday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m., Andover. The free event will Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts provide an opportunity for Pond Road, Andover; "Sense preschools and interested and Sensibility," Sunday, families to come together in April 10, 5 p.m.; all concerts a fun environment; representake place at West Parish tatives from more than 20 Church, 129 Reservation preschools will be on hand Road, Andover, unless other- to discuss their school offerwise noted; tickets are \$30 for ings; attendees will have a general admission and \$25 for chance to win door prizes. seniors; programs are subject and children can participate to change; www.mistralmusic. in the library's Wiggle Words org

3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, 180 mentary directory of partici-Main St., Andover. The Sym- pating schools courtesy of The phony and Chamber Orches- Mother Connection; families tras of Phillips Academy will need not register, but schools present a concert; works by interested in participating Franz Tuma, Soo Hee New- should contact preschoolfair@ bold, François Borne, Hohvan- themotherconnection.org. ess, Anderson, and Beethoven will be performed; the chapel is handicapped accessible; andover.edu.

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10 a.m. at West Parish Cem- the Phillips Academy cametery, 129 Reservation Road, pus, 180 Main St. For further 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cem- information please contact at Ballardvale Green, Clark (978) 749-4260 or e-mail to and Andover streets; a 1 p.m. music@andover.edu.

luncheon will follow the ceremonies at the Masonic Temple on High Street; held rain or shine; in case of mod-Green at noon and moved inside the Masonic Temple;

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THURSDAY, NOV. 12

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Strike up the Bands at Phillips 978-749-4260, email music@ Academy: 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department OPEN HOUSE, 1 to 3 p.m., presents the Academy Con-Andover School of Montes- cert Bands under the direcsori, 400 South Main St. Pro- tion of Vincent Monaco and spective families are welcome Derek Jacoby. The program to attend; 978-475-2299, www. will feature the music of Holst, Gillingham, King, de Victoria, Grainger, and Sousa. The concert, free of charge and open to the public, will take place VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONIES, in Cochran Chapel located on etery, 124 Abbot St., and noon the music department at

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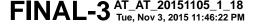
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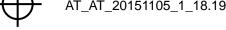
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Sports

AC HEATS UP At 5-5, 140 pounds, Christopher an unexpected star on gridiron

BY DAVID WILLIS dwillis@eagletribune.com

People marvel as Anthony Christopher runs over would-be tacklers, sustaining huge hits from players sometimes more than double his size, only to bounce right back up and look for the ball once again.

How can the 5-foot-5, 140-pound running back possibly take that much abuse without hesitation, and not only survive, but emerge as one of the most dangerous running backs in the gritty Merrimack Valley Conference?

"It's how I have had to grow up, to be tough as nails," said Christopher. "Sure I get beaten up, but you have to fight through he pain. I've always been the smallest guy. I don't even think about it anymore. You have to be able to hang with the toughest players, and I think it has gone very well if I do say so.'

A receiver heading into his senior season, the diminutive Christopher's move to running back has been a revelation for the Andover High team that was in desperate need of a ballcarrier.

"It's so exciting to watch AC bust out his 'Beast Mode," said offensive lineman Arman Koul. "Seeing him breaking tackles every where, and we are thrilled to be able to help him out. It's crazy what he is able to do.'

In his first year as a varsity starter, Christopher has rushed for 681 yards on just 102 carries (6.7 yards a carry) and eight touchdowns for the pass-heavy Golden Warriors.

"AC symbolizes everything that Andover football is all about." said Warriors coach E.J. Perry. "He surprises us time and time again by what he is able to do as a running back. He worked his way up from the JV team last year and showed he can compete at the varsity level. He never complains, he just keeps competing and does what is asked of him." Christopher leads the Golden Warriors into action in the Division 1 North semifinals on Saturday night against archrival Central Catholic.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Anthony Christopher picks up yardage during the Golden Warriors' playoff victory over Methuen. The 5-foot-5, 140-pounder has been a huge asset for the Warriors, making a surprise emergence as starting running back.

4 We can't wait to take on Central, they beat us in the playoffs last year, and came into our stadium and beat us this season. We are ready to go out, play them and hopefully win. **Anthony Christopher**

"We can't wait to take on Central," said Christopher. "They beat us in the playoffs running back I jumped at it, last year, and came into our stadium and beat us this season. We are ready to go out, play them and hopefully Andover Junior Football win.'

what position it was going to 103 yards and three touchbe. When I got my chance at downs against Lexington. and I think it's gone pretty well."

"That definitely helped

CARL RUSSO/Staff Photo

Emma Farnham, right, and Brenna Keefe each go for a shot on goal. Farnham's goal was enought o give Andover 1-0 victory over archrival Chelmsford.

Sports Roundup Farnham field hockey take down archrival Chelmsford

FIELD HOCKEY

ding star Emma Farnham was Jordy Clements won the enough to give Andover a 50 freestyle (27.05), Nikole 1-0 victory over archrival **Rudis** took the 100 butterfly Chelmsford last Monday. It (1:03.51) and they teamed was just the second loss of with Jenna Manning and Melissa the season for the Lions.

111 Andover took its first draw of the season, tying Beverly 0-0 last Wednesday. **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Mullins, Warriors stay perfect

Mullins each had 10 kills to Antwerp had an assist. help Andover top Reading 25-14, 25-18, 25-11 on Friday to remain undefeated saves, but Andover lost to at 18-0. Wyllie Boughton and undefeated Central Catholic Mackenzie Kennedy (18 service points) each chipped in with 11 digs for the winners.

999 service points and eight scored a goal as Andover aces to help Andover roll played Central Catholic to a past Methuen 25-5, 25-11, 3-3 tie last Tuesday. Jeff Hunt, 25-15 last Wednesday. Wyllie Stas Curreri and Phil Amesoeder Boughton had three blocks, each had an assist for the Alexis Mancha earned six digs Warriors. and Maddy Reppucci had nine

SWIMMING

A first-half goal by bud- Clements leads the way

Zhang to win the 200 medley Caroline Curtin, Jillian Hughes relay as Andover bested and Caileigh Reming led a Chelmsford 101-80 last Thursstellar Andover defensive day. Victoria Ambrose won the effort, while Megan Hartnett 200 IM and 100 breaststroke, made a career-high five Grace Alwan took the 100 backsaves for the shutout in net. stroke and Julia Donahue took the 500 freestyle.

GIRLS SOCCER

Alois scores two

Veronica Alois scored two goals and assisted on the other to vault Andover to a 3-0 win over Lowell last Thursday. Emily O'Hara had the Julia McBride and Colleen third goal while Meredith Van

999

Julia Masterson made four 3-0 last Tuesday.

BOYS SOCCER

Thiam, Andover draw

Mohammad Thiam, Steven Colleen Mullins scored 20 Schuhwerk and Jeremy Chan each

> 111 Andover lost to Lowell 3-0

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Andy Chaves scored a team-

Few would have believed – even going into this season — that Christopher would be a dominant back for the Warriors.

"I just wanted to find a way to help the team," he said. "But I didn't know

A running back in his days, Christopher made the switch to receiver when he reached high school.

But when star running back Kevin Chen was injured during last fall's playoffs, then-junior Christopher stepped back into his old position and rushed for

my confidence a lot," he said. "The season really hadn't worked out the way I had hoped, and it was a shame Chen got hurt. I wanted to step up, and after having the big game it gave me a lot of confidence heading into my senior season."

Christopher entered the 2015 preseason once again

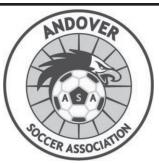
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kills for the winners.

last Thursday. Ally Morgenstern notched a team-best 15 service points and Mackenzie Kennedy had Chaves paces Gold three aces and 26 assists as Andover topped Win- best 20th overall in 17:12 at chester 25-14, 25-16, 25-18 the MVC Meet on Saturday. last Monday. Colleen Mullins Andover placed fourth as a added nine blocks and Julia team with 127 points. Robert McBride had 12 digs for the Pineault and Vikram Daesety winners.

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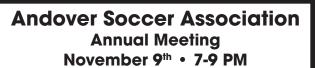
BY DAVID WILLIS dwillis@eagletribune.com

ANDOVER — It is the meeting the Andover football team has been dreaming of for weeks, and many have been hoping would arrive for more than a full season.

On Saturday, the Golden Warriors will travel to Lawrence Stadium to face their archrival Central Catholic with a step closer to Gillette Stadium and a trip to the state title game on the line.

"It's exciting," said offen-sive lineman and linebacker Arman Koul. "They came here and beat us on our turf, and now we want to go to their stadium and do the same. It's the matchup we wanted."

On Saturday, Andover will face Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion Central Catholic in the semifinals of the



ASA will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, November 9th from 7-9 PM at the Greater Lawrence Technical School auditorium located @ 57 River Road, Andover, MA.

The meeting is open to all ASA member families. The 2016 Board of Directors will be elected and other topics presented and discussed. For more information please contact Danielle Riley - rilesd0@gmail.com or Don Borenstein - donborenstein@gmail.com



Andover captain, Arman Koul, right leaps into the air to celebrate with Jared Smith and other teammates after Koul picked off a pass and ran it back for a touchdown against Methuen.

Division 1 North tournament at 7 p.m.

The winner will earn a trip to the Division 1 North final, against the winner

of upstart Everett and Peabody.

"We are just thinking 'Win,'" said star receiver/ defensive back Andrew Soucy. "And we feel like we can do it."

Central Catholic defeated Andover 30-14 in their Oct. 16 regular season meeting, and the Raiders have beaten the Warriors six straight times dating back to the 2012 season.

But No. 8 Everett's upset of top-seeded St. John's Prep last Saturday reminded the Warriors of an important lesson.

"It showed us that anything can happen," said running back Anthony Christopher. "The last time we beat them was Thanksgiving of my freshman season. Revenge is definitely on our minds, and beating

Central is always important. We feel like if we do all we can, we can come out on top."

Warriors crush Rangers

Andover earned its trip to face Central in convincing fashion, beating up on Methuen 55-25 last Friday.

Andover started fast, as QB E.J. Perry IV hit Soucy for a 49-yard completion, then Christopher punched the ball in from 9 yards out for a 7-0 lead.

The Rangers responded two plays later, as receiver Kevin Denose took a handoff and broke free for a 50-yard touchdown run.

Christopher then gave Andover the lead right back, surging through the hole and going 59 yards untouched.

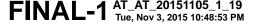
"I tried to stretch the play out as far as I could," said the diminutive senior. "I made a cut and there was no stopping me from there."

Methuen cut the lead to one point on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Kendrick Denose to Michael Bodenrader. But Christopher then made it a hat trick, this time scoring from 34 yards out.

The offense then took a break as the Warriors added to their lead on a Soucy 38-yard punt return score and — in what could have been the play of the season - an interception return for a touchdown by linebacker Koul.

"I was just kind of chilling in my zone," said Koul, who

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heading into my senior season."

Christopher entered the 2015 preseason once again expecting to play receiver. But with lots of talent at that position and needing help in the backfield, the Golden Warrior coaching staff decided to make a move.

"I think it was probably the second scrimmage," he said. "We were having

difficulties in the backfield and had so many talented players at receiver, from (Andrew) Soucy and (Dan) Gemmell and Brandon (Marti) to Cedric (Gillette). We decided to see how it would go.

"Coach (Bryan) Ibbitson gave me the first hints I might have a chance at being the starting running back. But I really didn't know until the first game."

Christopher showed his talents right out of the gates, rushing for 86 yards and two touchdowns in a

victory over Cambridge. After a pair of 66-yard games, he rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown both that his football career is against Tewksbury and Lowell. But his best game to date was last week, when in style. he ran for career-highs in vards (126) and touchdowns we believe anything can (three).

"AC is the sparkplug for the team," said Golden Warriors QB E.J. Perry IV. "He explodes into the holes. When there is a crease he just takes off and makes things happen. And he allows us to spread the ball

SPORTS

out." Thanks in large part to

his size, Christopher knows nearing an end. So he hopes his high school career ends

'We are excited because happen," said Christopher. "I believe in these guys and they believe in me. I play the game with a chip on my shoulder. Sure I get bettered and bruised, but I will do anything to help this team."

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were Nos. 22 and 23 and Geoffrey Warne placed 30th for the **Abbott leads** Warriors. **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Silveira in 30th

Isabella Silveira was 30th 1 state meet last Monday. overall and Andover was eighth as a team at the

MVC Meet on Saturday. Jess Vaudo was next in for the Warriors in 39th. GOLF

Warriors

Nate Abbott shot an 85 to place 25th at the Division

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also is the left tackle. "I saw the ball coming at me and it just kind of stuck to my gloves. After that there was no way I wasn't going to get into the end zone. It was kind of in disbelief."

With the defensive softened by Christopher, Perry IV and company went to work. The QB closed out the first half with a touchdown pass to Dan Gemmell, then closed out the scoring with TD passes to Soucy and Brandon Marti in the second half.

"We always know the

passing game is going to be there," said Koul, who in addition to his pick had a sack and eight tackles. "We know E.J. will throw the ball great and with guys like Gemmell and Soucy they will make plays." Brandon Marti also

chipped in with an interception, and Perry IV had an interception return for a touchdown that was called back for a Warriors offsides.

Andover now knows it has its hands full with Central in the North semis.

"It's a big rivalry game," said Perry IV. "We need to stay focused, make plays and we will work to be the best team out there"

First Q	First Quarter			
Andover (6-2):	14	28	13	0 —
Methuen (3-5): 25	/	6	0	12 —

A — Anthony Christopher 9 run (Luke Wash-burn kick), 8:25 M — Kevin Denose 50 run (Jordan Perdomo kick), 7:31 Christopher 59 run (Washburn kick),

4:31 Second Quarter M — Michael Bodenrader 15 pass from Kend-

rick Denose (pass failed), 10:54 A — Christopher 34 run (Washburn kick), 8:42 - Andrew Soucy 38 punt return (Washburn

kick), 6:41 A — Arman Koul 46 interception return (pass

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Soucy 5 pass from Perry IV (Washburn kick), 7:19 - Brandon Marti 32 pass from Perry IV

(kick failed), 0:47 Fourth Quarter

2-46, Kevin Denose 2-43, Saul Cespedes 1-15 **PASSING:** A — Perry IV 17-23-0, 249; M — Kendrick Denose 13-28-3, 140, Michael Boden-

Washburn 2-22, Dan Gemmell 4-30, Cedric Gil

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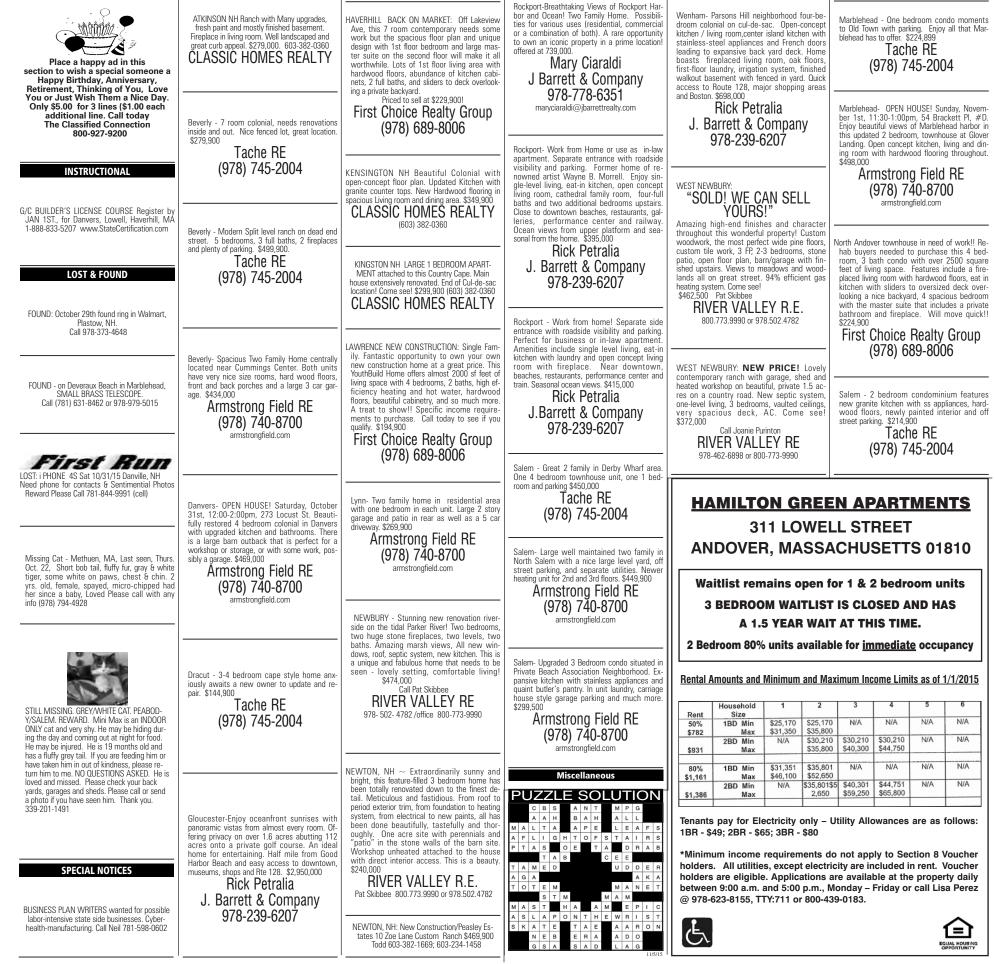
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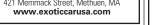
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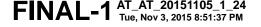
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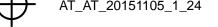
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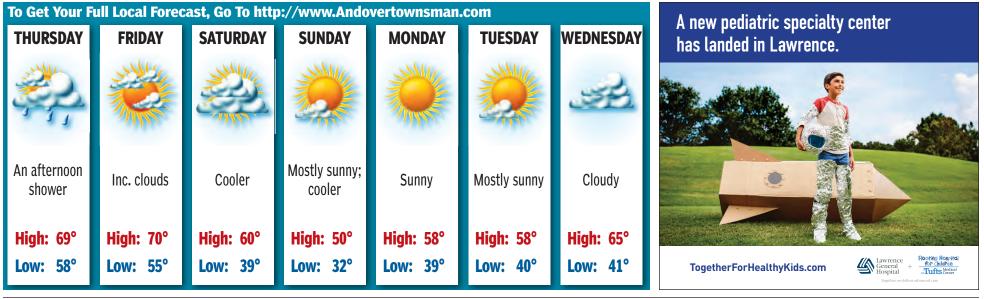
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'Lovely Bones' author Alice Sebold 'in residence' at Merrimack

STAFF REPORT

The Writers House at Merrimack College welcomes New York Times bestselling author Alice Sebold as its writer inresidence Nov. 16-17.

Sebold is the author of the novels "The Lovely Bones" and "The Almost

Moon," as well as the mem- "deals with almost oir, "Lucky."

All Sebold's books have hit No. 1 on bestseller lists, while addressing darker subjects head-on: rape, murder, the dissolution of families.

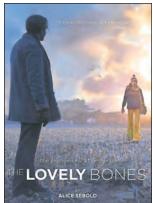
The New York Times, reviewing "The Lovely Bones," stated Sebold

unthinkable subjects with humor and intelligence and a kind of mysterious grace." Publishers Weekly described "Lucky" as a "fiercely observed memoir about how an incident of profound violence can change the course of one's life ... Sebold's wit is as

powerful as her searing candor."

Sebold has contributed to numerous anthologies and edited "The Best American Short Stories 2009." She selected and edited the first four published books with Tonga Books, which specializes in lic, will include a Q&A and works of literary fiction by reception.

American authors. While at Merrimack, Sebold will meet with students for classes and workshops, and she will give a reading on at 4 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Writers House. The event, which is free and open to the pub-



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