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Koh, Trahan in dead-heat for 3rd District

By LISA KASHINSKY
Staff Writer

As Tuesday turned to Wednesday, the race for the 3rd Congressional District Democratic primary remained too close to call. With little more than 60 votes separating them shortly before midnight, Lori Trahan of Westford and Dan Koh of Andover continued to battle it out as the top two vote-getters in the crowded field vying

to succeed Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, who is vacating her seat after a decade in office. In all, 10 candidates appeared on the ballot in Tuesday's Democratic primary: Trahan; Koh; Jeff Ballinger of Andover; Alexandra Chandler of Haverhill; Beej Das of Lowell; Rufus Gifford of Concord; Leonard Golder of Stow; state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover; state Rep. Juana Matias, D-Lawrence; and Bopha Malone of Bedford.



Lori Trahan



Daniel Koh

As results trickled in from across the far-flung 3rd District, Trahan,

Koh, Matias, L'Italien and Gifford jockeyed for the top spot. By 10 p.m., L'Italien and Gifford had conceded, leaving Trahan, Koh and Matias to duke it out into the wee hours of the morning. Koh supporters at his campaign gathering at Oak & Iron Brewery in Andover remained glued to their phones, the upbeat soundtrack playing in the taproom speakers at odds with the subdued nature of those who had spent months on

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the campaign trail for Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's former chief of staff. Sue Infantine, who ran the Methuen campaign office, refused to give up hope, maintaining well into the night that she was "cautiously optimistic" for a Koh victory. See **THIRD**, Page 3

Excitement heats up for the first day of school



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Teachers guide students who get off the bus on the first day of school at West Elementary School in Andover.

New year, new goals

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Despite the record high temperatures, students and teachers at West Elementary were still excited for the first day of school. Liz Roos, principal of West Elementary for 33 years, was undeterred by the old building having no air

conditioning and kept a positive attitude. She welcomed students outside as they ran off the buses and stepped into the new school year. "We'll be fine in the heat because our teachers are so cool, and our kids are even cooler," said Roos. She added that the excitement of the first day will

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Mia Nash and Molly Jaillet, both 6, pose for a photo on the first day of school at West Elementary School in Andover.

Schools recognized in national school meals survey

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Andover public schools are being touted as a national example for its school lunch

program. A national survey of school meal program directors, conducted by the School Nutrition Association, found that Andover was a model on

how to increase awareness of allergy-safe recipes and locally sourced ingredients in school menus. The results of the survey were published recently in

the "School Nutrition Operations Report: The State of School Nutrition 2018." Food Services Director Gail Koutroubas said her

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Philips move could affect tax base

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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As Philips Medical gets ready to pack up and leave its longtime North American head-quarter home in Andover, the town's planning director is staying positive about future plans for the soon-to-be vacant building that sits on 140 acres. "It's challenging, absolutely," Andover Planning Director Paul Materazzo said when asked about the next step for the town when Philips moves to Cambridge in 2020. "We are looking at zoning issues and River Road development. Who knows, maybe Philips will sell the building. We will also have community input as we want the community involved with this." In early 2018, the company announced that its U.S. headquarters would move to Cambridge by 2020. In addition to office space, there are also manufacturing facilities in Andover.

Philips is just the latest blow to Andover's foothold in the health care industry.

Andover's town budget could take a big hit when Philips leaves, as town assessor records show the medical electronics company paid about \$1.4 million in taxes last year. Philips also owns three lots of land on River Road along with its building at 3000 Minuteman Road. That building's tax bill was \$1,375,444 while a small lot at 3000R Minuteman Road had a tax bill of \$1,352. The three lots on River Road had a total tax bill of \$26,666. "It's unfortunate," Materazzo said when told of the tax loss. "But the building is still

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PHILIPS TAX BILL AT A GLANCE

LAST YEAR'S PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR PHILIPS MEDICAL, 3000 MINUTEMAN ROAD

| Address | Tax bill |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 3000 Minuteman Road | \$1,375,444 |
| 3000R Minuteman Road | \$1,352 |
| 155 River Road | \$2,324 |
| 179 River Road | \$15,712 |
| 181 River Road | \$8,630 |
| Total tax bill | \$1,403,462 |

Source: Town assessor records

Saturday is Andover Day



Andover residents and cousins attending last year's Andover Day included, from left: Finn and Billy Cleary; Lila, Zoe and Haley Magenheim; and Logan Cleary. This weekend, Andover Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the events of the day see pages 6 and 11.

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Gail Koutroubas, Food Services director of Andover Public Schools, is justifiably proud of the work the district has done on its food program, which just won a national award.

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department has been “working to continually improve school meals. ... We work hard to make sure the quality of our food is top-notch.”

Koutroubas said Andover schools have eliminated 95 percent of food dyes, switched to Tyson chicken products which are antibiotic-free, and started to use fresh, all breast meat rather than chopped and formed chicken.

A major advancement food services has made is installing a mobile phone app for high school students to order lunch, Koutroubas said. The app allows students to order deli sandwiches in the morning, and pick them up and pay at lunch time, for example.

“The containers they come in are compostable and clear,” added Koutroubas.

The installment of this app has decreased the time students spend waiting in line for food.

“That was one of the biggest complaints we got,” said Koutroubas, noting that the district serves some 900 meals a day.

About 1,550 school districts nationwide participated in the survey. The survey found that school districts across the country are utilizing more tactics to increase student consumption of healthy school meals and decrease food waste.

Some of these tactics include holding student taste tests, locally sourcing produce, and having recess before lunch.

They are also working to identify appealing recipes and increase meal choices for kids, with the hope that they will be more likely to eat their meals.

Schools are also working on a variety of strategies to reduce the amount of food waste. About 64 percent of districts encouraged students to share unwanted or unopened food times with their peers. Other schools have collected uneaten foods to donate or are composting food waste.

Koutroubas said the district has also been working to decrease food waste.

“We have powerpacks, which are basically a healthy version of a lunchable,” she said.

These powerpacks are one package that comes with different healthy food items.

“It’s more kid-friendly and less packaging,” said Koutroubas.

Andover schools have also eliminated straws for milk, she said, adding, “we feel good about that.”

Accommodating to food allergies and special dietary needs has also been an area of improvement, which is one of the programs that Andover was singled out for in the report.

Some 49 percent of school districts now offer gluten-free food options, 39.5 percent offer lactose-free milk, and 45.5 percent offer online access to nutritional and allergen information.

Koutroubas stressed the importance of starting to identify allergens in food.

“It’s important kids know what is in their foods,” said Koutroubas.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Kids run to their backpacks on the first day of school at West Elementary School in Andover.

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distract everyone from the heat for a little bit.

Kathleen Gerroir, a fifth-grade teacher at West Elementary, said she was really happy to start the new year and meet the kids.

Alia Mohammed, another fifth-grade teacher who works in the classroom next to Gerroir, said she was also happy about the new school year.

“I’m excited to develop a new classroom family and start building our community,” Mohammed said. “It’s hot but I’m still excited.”

Even in the heat, students poured onto the playground to kick off their first day with some fun. They didn’t seem fazed by the hot temperatures.

Six-year-old Molly Jailet, who is starting first grade, said she was kind of sad summer was over, but she said she couldn’t wait to see her friends.

Seven-year-old Kayden Ryan, who is starting second grade, was really happy to be back at school.

“I’m excited for math, that’s my favorite subject,” Ryan said.

Parents did what they could to prepare their kids for the hot day ahead.

Jailet’s mother, AnnMarie Jailet of Endicott Road, said she sent her daughter to school with sunscreen and water. Even in the overwhelming heat, Jailet said, she could still feel the excitement in the air.

Jade Dorsi, of Westminster Road, said she sent her child to school with a lot of ice water and ice packs.

“The heat is going to be tough, but we’re survivors and we’ve dealt with it before,” said kindergarten teacher Lauren McCarron, who is starting her 15th year at West Elementary.

“I’m just excited of course. It’s great to have new kids,” said McCarron.



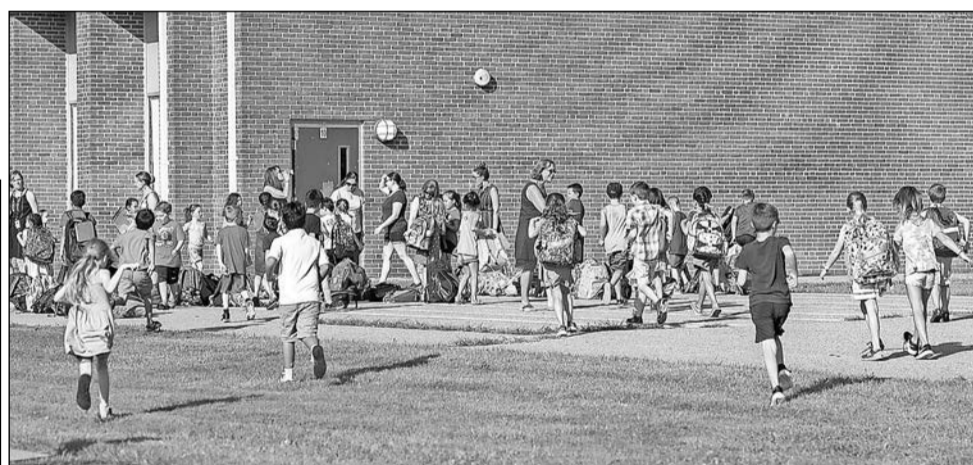
Kids get off the bus as they arrive at school.



LeeAnn Ryan and her son Cayden hug goodbye on the first day of school at West Elementary School in Andover.



Teacher Deb Fullam gives out high fives on the first day of school at West Elementary School in Andover.



Kids run to their backpacks on the playground.

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there. It will be a challenge and we hope it’s a seamless transition” to the next owner

of the building. Last week’s news about Philips moving more workers out of town was not really shocking as the company announced last January that the majority of employees at its Andover site, about 1,900, would be moved to Nashville or Cambridge. Approximately 300 manufacturing jobs were to remain in Andover. But that is no longer the case.

Andover has proudly held a presence in the health care industry in its industrial zoned west side of town, near Philips Healthcare, but that presence is diminishing. Philips is just the latest blow to Andover’s foothold in the health care industry.

Eisai Inc. on Corporate Drive off Shattuck Road is also leaving Andover early next year, the Japan-based pharmaceutical health care company announced in June. Of the Andover location’s 129 employees, 59 will lose their jobs. Eisai’s presence in Andover had been dwindling over the last decade or so. In December 2013 the company laid off 72 of its then 240 employees. In 2014, the company sold its 100 Federal St. research lab in Andover for \$25 million. Since then, Eisai Inc. has consolidated its Andover employees at its 4 Corporate Drive facility. About 100 Andover employees were expected to lose their jobs this year after pharmaceutical conglomerate Pfizer announced last January it was cutting certain programs from its Andover site. “These are very big companies who are global and it’s challenging to keep up,” Materazzo said. “We will look at all kinds of ways, like marketing, to strengthen ourselves to compete.”

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Finegold wins Dem nomination for state Senate

By PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Former state Sen. Barry Finegold went a long way toward reclaiming his former position in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

Finegold won overwhelmingly in the 2nd Essex and Middlesex Senate District, which includes Lawrence, Andover, Dracut and Tewksbury. Finegold, greeted by jubilant supporters at the Bueno Malo Restaurant on Main Street about an hour and a half after the polls had closed, estimated he won by about 3,000 votes.

Finegold indicated he's not taking anything for granted, however. Finegold will face a Republican opponent in

the Nov. 6 general election, Joseph Espinola of Dracut. Espinola is a retired Lowell police officer who represents his town on the Greater Lawrence Regional Technical School Committee.

"We go back to work tomorrow," Finegold told 100 or so supporters. He was accompanied by his wife, Amy, and their three children. Although he achieved an "awesome win," Finegold said he had "two really good opponents" in the primary.

Mike Armano is a Lawrence firefighter and is from a family that is well-known in that city, which is by far the largest community in the district. Lawrence City Councilor Pavel Payano's name was listed on the ballot, but he dropped out



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo
Barry Finegold, with his wife Amy, left, and children Ella, 12, Ava 15, and Max, 6, addresses a crowd at Bueno Malo in Andover after his victory in the primary election.

of the race a few weeks ago. The new president of the state Senate, Karen Spilka of Ashland, attended Finegold's victory celebration. Finegold is no stranger to the

Massachusetts Legislature. He was elected to the House from Andover in 1996, when he was only 25. After serving in the lower chamber for 14 years, he was elected to the

state Senate in 2010.

"I'm ready to go from day one," he said Tuesday night. Provided he prevails in November — and the Lawrence area has not elected a Republican to the state Senate for at least 60 years — Finegold said he wants to concentrate on improving public transportation and education.

Regarding the latter challenge, he said he wants to obtain more state money for local school systems as well as school building assistance. Noting the turnover in state and national politics — the 3rd District will soon have a new representative in Congress, the current state senator from the area, Barbara L'Italien, vacated that post to run for Congress and the state Senate has a new

leader — Finegold said voters are "looking for experience."

While Finegold and his supporters were elated over their victory, the candidate has faced disappointments in his political career. When he ran for Congress in 2007, he lost to Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, who did not seek re-election this year.

Then, after serving two terms in the state Senate, Finegold suffered another defeat when he ran for state treasurer in 2014. He lost in the primary to Deborah Goldberg, the current treasurer.

Finegold, 47, is an attorney with a law practice that specializes in real estate matters. He is the son of Michael and Sondra Finegold, both of whom are retired teachers.

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So, too, was former Lawrence Mayor Mary Claire Kennedy.

"If he wins, the 3rd District has won," Kennedy said. "If he loses, the 3rd District has lost."

Up the road at Salvatore's in Andover, L'Italien supporters cheered their candidate as she conceded the race, her campaign acknowledging she was unlikely to finish higher than third.

"I have absolutely no regrets for having run for Congress," she told her crowd of supporters.

But, L'Italien acknowledged this may have been her last political run, to the audible dismay of her backers.

"I'm still going to make a lot of trouble, guys," she said to laughter and applause.

Matthew Allen of Andover, a L'Italien campaign intern, said the loss was "upsetting because I think everyone knows this is the end of the line for her and I think that's what makes this loss the toughest."



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo
State Sen. Barbara L'Italien receives a hug from her daughter Sam as she talks with a well-wisher after conceding defeat in the Democratic primary for the 3rd Congressional District Tuesday night at Salvatore's restaurant in Andover. At right are her husband, Kevin, and daughter Alexandra Hall. Also present, but not pictured, were her sons Rudy and Andrew.

Across the room, Allison Chapman of Andover dabbed her eyes with a blue napkin. She lauded L'Italien as a champion for those with special needs, including her 18-year-old son who has autism spectrum disorder.

"We lost our best advocate," Chapman said. Earlier in the night, as Matias supporters gathered at Terra Luna Cafe in

Lawrence, Matias campaign volunteer Johelly Chalas said: "We're just waiting, wishing the best."

The 3rd District stretches across three counties and 37 cities and towns, ranging from more well-to-do suburbs like Acton and Concord to the urban centers of Lawrence, Methuen, Haverhill and Lowell. Tsongas's early

announcement she was vacating her seat led to a ballooning field of politicians and political newcomers who set out to succeed her. Tuesday's ballot featured five women — one of whom, Chandler, is openly transgender — and a diverse cast of minorities including two immigrants, Matias and Malone.

But the slew of candidates with like-minded policies left no clear front-runner as the campaign neared the primary. Local political experts largely pegged Koh, Gifford, L'Italien and Trahan as the race's leaders in the final weeks of the campaign.

Koh, former chief of staff to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, blew away the competition in terms of fundraising, amassing just more than \$3 million in campaign contributions as

of his last financial statement on Aug. 15. Gifford and Trahan were also able to crack the \$1 million-mark, with \$2.2 million and \$1.2 million raised respectively.

Koh also came away on top of the UMass Lowell and Boston Globe poll released before the election on Aug. 23. Gifford, the top vote-getter in an April poll, tied with L'Italien for second place, while Trahan and Matias finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Trahan, former Washington chief of staff to former Congressman Marty Meehan, seemed to be the media favorite to win the race, picking up endorsements from the Boston Globe, Lowell Sun, Boston Herald and Fitchburg Sentinel & Enterprise.

Gifford, a former U.S. ambassador to Denmark under

President Barack Obama, garnered the endorsements of Vicki Tsongas Peters, sister of the late Sen. Paul Tsongas, and her husband, Jim Peters.

L'Italien made a name for herself in the final weeks of the race through a series of stunts in which she used a mix-up to finagle her way onto a segment of Fox News' "Fox and Friends," and called for the impeachment of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She also came under fire for "dirty politics" in the final week of the campaign after she attacked Koh on Boston Herald Radio for his handling of a sexual harassment case while he was working for Walsh, putting a negative edge on an otherwise amicable campaign.

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Sounds of summer



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Despite the heat, people gathered at The Park in Andover for the final concert of the summer on Aug. 29 as Ben Rudnick & Friends played. See more photos on page 9.

AHS AWARDS

Editor's Note: The Andover Townsman is running the list of AHS awards from last year periodically, when space allows. Since the list is so long it will take a while for the entire list to be published.

David Robichaud Scholarship: Domenica Dillon

DCU: Sebastian Harder, Kyra Morissette, Alexandra Scott, Sonali Sikder, Charles Alex.

Democracy & Media Literacy: Charlotte Guterman, Anne Kalinowski.

Digital Media Award: Thomas Davis

Donald Dunn Award: Amanda Leung.

Donald Dunn Scholarship: Emily Bartner

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Economics: Alice Wang
Edward Erikson Scholarship: Olivia Gaspar

Eileen Woods Scholarship: Matthew Davidsen

Electrical Engineering and Energy: Alice Wang

Elks National Foundation Scholarship (Most Valuable Student): Aaron Roberts

Environmental Club Leadership: Emma Farnham

Ernest J. Perry Scholarship: Kate Gregory, Payton Heidtke, Peter Logey, Jordan Torres, Olivia Gaspar

Essex Agricultural Society: Emma Farnham

Eugene Lovely Award: Cedric Gillette, Daniel Cremen

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School start time discussion continues

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Shannon Scully

Andover students might be able to catch some more sleep before school.

The School Committee continued to discuss later school start times at its meeting last Thursday.

“The key value is really that we would be looking into this because of the impact on students’ well-being,” said School Committee Chairwoman Shannon

Scully. Research has found that later start times enhance students’ physical and mental health, and improves their academic performance, said Scully. The later start times would be implemented at the high school and middle school levels.

“The idea would be to provide an opportunity for adolescents to get more sleep,” said Scully. “How that impacts elementary students is still on the table.”

Scully said the committee is still in the stage of framing the problem.

“We are putting together options to know what the potential impacts could be,” she said.

The committee has drafted a document outlining goals, the process, and how to go

about further exploring the issue.

Scully said the committee has also reached out to other school districts that have put in place later start times.

Scully made it clear that no decisions have been made yet. The committee is working to get to a place where it can get some solid community feedback, said Scully.

A possible public forum may be held in the fall to further discuss the idea and options.

Public hearing on Draper Lofts draws 15 speakers



File image

A proposal to build a residential and commercial complex on Main Street called Draper Lofts could be derailed as neighbors speak out against it.

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A developer’s request to modify his permit for a downtown building renovation is moving ahead after last week’s public hearing on the modification request.

Andover Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz said about 15 residents spoke at the hearing which was held on Aug. 28. At issue is a modification to the development plan for the Draper Lofts which will add commercial parking spaces and two ATM machines accessible from Central Street. Many neighbors oppose the

If the zoning board approves the modification on Sept. 6, the plan goes back to the Planning Board for a vote.

modification and say their historic neighborhood is protected by a town variance.

Many of those who spoke against the permit change live in the Central Street National Historic Register District of town.

Touchdown LLC is the developer and is currently renovating 27 and 45 Main St. The project’s parking lot abuts some homeowners on Chestnut Street.

Schwarz said the next step to modify the permit will be addressed at the next zoning board meeting on Sept. 6.

If the zoning board approves the modification, the plan goes back to the Planning Board for a vote.

“If it is not approved, it’s done,” she said. “If zoning votes against it, the request is not approved.”

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN’S ROOM

Here’s what’s in store for young people at the library at 2 N. Main St.:

Chinese Language Story Time, Saturday, Sept. 8, 11:15 a.m. Infants to age 6 can enjoy Chinese stories, songs and simple crafts in the Activity Room. Email andover-ma@chinesestorytime.org for more information.

Night Readers, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. The group will discuss “Hello Universe” by Erin Entrada Kelly. Open to ages 9 to 12 and a favorite adult. Attendees should request and read the book beforehand. Register online at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Junior Friends, Wednesdays, Sept. 12 and 19, 3:45 p.m. Group members, made up of ages 8 to 11, plan programs and do small projects to help the Children’s Room. For more information, call 978-623-8401, ext. 39 or email kbelczyk@mhl.org.

Make It Take It Tuesday, Sept. 18 and 25, 6:30 p.m. This drop-in craft program is geared toward ages 3 and up and their adult caregivers. Pick up a token in the Children’s Room.

AlphaBuddies, Thursday, Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m. Share stories and activities about one letter of the alphabet. Designed for ages 4 to 5 and an adult. Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Thinking Thursday, Sept. 20,

3:45 p.m. Kids, ages 5 to 8, can share a story, do simple experiments and create a craft to take home. Register at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Preschool Music with Peter Sheridan, Friday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. Register online at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Legomania, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m. This program is for ages 5 and up who love to build with Legos. Each child will build on their own base and then share their creation with the group before putting it on display in the Children’s Room. Online registration is requested.

Reading with Annie, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Annie is a therapy dog who loves to be read to. Children who are able to read on their own are encouraged to sign up for a 15-minute session with Annie. Only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Register online at www.mhl.org/calendar.

In-Be-Tweens: Create a Sunflower Card, Thursday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m. Open to students in grades four and five. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Around the World in 30 Minutes, Friday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. Infants to age 5 and their adult caregivers can explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children’s Room.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5, although all are welcome. Take part in stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, and then have some coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children’s Room.

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Andover Day

Thousands expected for Andover Day on Saturday



File photo

LaRosa's Cafe moved seating outdoors to Barnard Street during Andover Day last year.

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Once again it's a sold out event for vendors and a must-go for thousands of people as it's time for Andover Day, which has grown into a popular, gigantic downtown mega-block party.

Held on Main Street, which prohibits cars for the day between Elm Street and Punchard Avenue, walking dominates this block party so people can visit all the vendor booths.

Andover Day happens Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year marks the 11th consecutive year for the celebration that will have more than 200 vendors located under small tents set up on Main Street. Each vendor paid about \$175 for a tent space and they clearly want to be at Andover Day as the 200 vendor spaces sold out weeks before the event. Vendors will also be located on Park and Barnard streets as Main Street is full to capacity.

Passers-by can scan vendor pamphlets to learn about local community groups, such as the Newcomers & Neighbors Club, Andover Trails and Democratic Town Committee, as well as various services.

Meanwhile, food vendors handle the growling stomachs at their usual location near CVS on Main Street, and live music happens on the event's main stage in Elm Square throughout the event. Popcorn, pizza by the slice, ice cream and fried dough will be plentiful while

See more on Andover Day. Page 11.

a few restaurants have secured tents, including Indian Raagini Bistro of Shawsheen Village Plaza.

Visitors can munch while waiting for live music by three groups (see story, page 11, for details). Live music starts at 11:30 a.m.

The Andover Center For History & Culture at 97 Main St. will have printing and woodworking demonstrations in the barn; house tours; barn crafts; and animals from the MSCPA at Nevins Farm.

The Andover Coalition for Education's Portal will be there so visitors can talk with people from around the world. As always, the Andover Farmers' Market will move out onto Main Street for Andover Day.

Carnival rides for young children will be set up in the parking lot at Andover Village Square and a second stage featuring local performers will be located at 90 Main St., near that parking lot.

Andover Day is always held on the weekend after Labor Day and is hosted by the Andover Business Community Association.

"Everyone loves to visit all the local business in one location. And, showcasing what Andover as a whole has to offer to the surrounding communities is what we like," said Phyllis Reardon, vice president of ABCA. "The Andover community loves this event as well. Where else can you walk down Main

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Phyllis Reardon,
vice president of
Andover Business
Community Association

Street and visit with neighbors, shop your local stores and listen to great music all at one time? It's entertaining for all ages."

Riordan said the event dates back years to "Know Your Town" days in Andover when Main Street shop owners got together to hold a big sidewalk sale event for customers.

If the weather cooperates and provides sunny skies, Riordan said 8,000 to 10,000 visitors are expected to attend Andover Day.

Opening ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. and Creative Living of Andover, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of developmentally disabled individuals, will be saluted for the good work that they do.

Another highlight happens at the selectmen's tent, located near Old Town Hall at 20 Main St. The town's new solar-powered parking kiosk will be there and available for demonstrations during Andover Day. The new parking kiosks will be pay-by-plate, so that people can pay with an app downloaded from parkingapp.com and can pay from anywhere, get notifications and add time.

Check out andoverday.com for more event information.

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Opinion

Back to school, even in this heat

Sweaty students sent home early from class last week must feel squeezed by the weather. First, their summer vacations are gradually being cut short to build time into the school calendar for bad weather days in the winter. Now, with many old school buildings not equipped with the air conditioning and ventilation systems necessary to handle the sometimes oppressive heat of August, dismissal for some has come early.

It's enough to make one doubt the wisdom of starting school on this side of Labor Day, as New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu has done.

Still, school calendars are growing longer for good reason, and it seems irrational to hold them back. So deploy the fans, pass out the water bottles, and cut the days short if necessary. All of it beats stretching the end of the school year until the first of July, as some districts were forced to do to make up for lost time last year. And it's yards better than making kids go to class on Saturdays, as Andover did last spring to hit Massachusetts' target of a 180-day school year.

Of course, in New Hampshire, Sununu wasn't talking about weather when he signed an executive order calling for a study of whether to force schools to wait until after Labor Day. The name of his task force, the Save Our Summers Study Commission, tells you everything you need to know about his perspective on this.

Sununu says he's concerned about the ancillary effects of the creep of the school calendar. The last days of relatively free summer schedules are disappearing. The more ambitious students lose time in their summer internships. More to the point, families lose out on vacation time, which means the tourism industry loses out on customers and dollars.

In his executive order, Sununu noted that starting school after the long Labor Day weekend is shown elsewhere to extend the tourist season, which "increases tourism expenditures and increases tourism and recreation-related state and local government revenues."

He stretched the point by suggesting that delaying the school bell "would have a positive impact on academic performance due to the enhancement of other recreational and educational opportunities that exist outside the formal school environment."

Economic activity certainly is a good thing, and so is spending time camping or swimming or just hanging out with family and friends. But it all seems an odd justification to contain, or even shorten, the school calendar.

Don't we want our kids spending as much time learning in class as possible? Not only that, don't we want them safe when the weather turns snowy and icy in January?

To be sure, those factors are the reason that education leaders have pushed local superintendents and school committees to set their calendars back earlier and earlier. It's why public schools throughout the Merrimack Valley and North Shore regions were returning to class this week — though a handful of holdouts won't start until after the long weekend — even if some had to delay things or dismiss early on account of the potentially dangerous heat.

It's no fun to say goodbye to summer, especially with temperatures in the 90-something-degree range remind us all the season itself hasn't left us. But among life's many lessons is that all good things must end, including school vacation.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

School started before Labor Day this year, thanks in part to the fact that last year's late start, combined with numerous snow days and religious holidays, put Andover's last day of school nearly into July. The problem with the early start was the heat. It was very hot but Andover schools did not get canceled, postponed or cut off early. **Do you think it was too hot in schools that have no air conditioning?**

Yes. Children were sweating, light-headed and miserable. It's not a good learning environment.

No. It's fine. Kids can tough it out. When I was a kid...

Last week's question:

Next Tuesday is primary day when voters across Massachusetts will go to the polls. Here in Andover, the big race is who will succeed Niki Tsongas in Congress. There are nearly a dozen Democrat candidates and a handful of Republicans. **Are you excited about going to the polls next week?**

Yes. It's my democratic duty to vote. **36 votes.**

Of course! We need more Republicans in Congress. **24 votes.**

Absolutely! We need more Democrats in Congress. **78 votes.**

Not sure. What's primary day? **1 vote.**

Sheldon Berman

Andover school superintendent



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. I hope you had an enjoyable and refreshing summer.

All of us in Andover are looking forward to being with your children for another exciting year—hopefully one that is minus last year's windstorms and power outages.

Over the previous three years, we aggressively pursued significant new initiatives such as reducing elementary class size; Andover's 1:1 technology roll-out; the new high school schedule; curriculum renewal in writing, science and math; and interventions to address dyslexia and other language-based learning difficulties.

We have had noteworthy successes in each of these areas. Given the extensive efforts of so many in our district, I am very pleased that this summer we were selected by District Administration magazine as a "District of Distinction" for our work in addressing dyslexia and language-based learning difficulties.

This year our focus will be on deepening our work in those initiatives we have already launched and

enhancement systems in several more schools with a goal of enabling all students to clearly hear the teacher and each other, no matter where they are in the room.

At Doherty Middle School, we renovated the media center and installed a maker space. We also made many other minor improvements to enhance the quality and longevity of our facilities.

As part of our long-term facility planning, we are partnering with the Massachusetts School Building Authority on the potential renovation or replacement of West Elementary. Meanwhile, the Andover High School Facility Study Committee continues to examine options for a building renovation that will address both the capacity of the school and the quality of the learning environment.

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2, the committee will brief parents and the community on the various options they have been studying. There will be a tour of the building prior to the meeting. We hope you will be able to attend this very important meeting at the Collins Center.

In my opening message to parents last year, I discussed the disturbing events in Charlottesville, North Carolina. Those events and other incidents of prejudice and intolerance continued to have an impact on us over the past year. I want to reassure

parents once again that we in the Andover Public Schools are deeply committed to creating caring, respectful and safe communities within our classrooms and to educating students to think critically, value tolerance and open-mindedness, pursue factual evidence for making choices, set high standards for ethical judgment, and know that they can make a positive difference. These values are deeply held throughout our district, at all levels of the organization. We will continue to do our best to support a culture and climate that models these values.

I recently met with the new teachers who are joining our district. This exciting group of professionals were attracted to Andover by the quality and innovativeness of the education we provide. As I've visited classrooms across the district over the past three years, I have consistently been impressed by the talent, dedication, and thoughtfulness of our staff. Andover is truly a special place. I am excited to be here working with this incredible team, and I know that you, too, recognize the many valuable contributions they are making to the education and wellbeing of your children.

Thank you for your confidence in us. It is a privilege to serve your family and children. I wish you the best for the year ahead and look forward to seeing our students return this week.

SPECIAL TO THE TOWNSMAN

Andover Public Schools faculty and staff celebrated opening day of the 2018-19 school year with a visit from Timothy Shriver, the chairman of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics International.

Dr. Sheldon Berman, superintendent, and Dr. Shriver are the co-chairman of the National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development and co-founded the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL).

"What's your inspiration for this school year?" Shriver asked faculty. "I believe this is the age of the educator, a time when educators have the potential to change the future of a nation."

Shannon Scully, chairwoman of the Andover School Committee, said: "It was an honor to host Dr. Shriver and have him kick off the Andover school year with such a motivational and moving presentation."

Dr. Sheldon Berman, superintendent, agreed.

"Tim is an inspiring individual, deeply committed to inclusion and equity and a strong advocate for social-emotional learning. I have known Tim for many years and he is not only a remarkable leader but a wonderful human being."

Shriver's remarks helped APS faculty and staff expand their understanding and deepen their work in social-emotional learning (SEL), and extend the work launched last year in universal design for learning. During the 2017-18 school year, the APS Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) team undertook several major initiatives, including Open Circle and Responsive Classroom in elementary



Courtesy photo

Superintendent Sheldon Berman, left, stands with guest speaker Timothy Shriver, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Special Olympics. Shriver spoke with teachers and staff on opening day last week.

schools, at the middle school with Where Everyone Belongs and CREW, and at the high school with H-block scheduling.

Teachers at all five elementary schools underwent training and began implementing the Responsive Classroom program. Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based approach that emphasizes the modeling of appropriate behaviors and sends students a strong message that all students belong and are important contributing members of their class and school community. The SEL team issued a recommendation that the district expand the use of the Responsive Classroom program at the

Timothy Shriver addresses Andover public schools faculty and staff

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Timothy Shriver, chairman of the board of directors for Special Olympics International

elementary level this year and introduce the program into the middle schools. Finally, the SEL team created a Cultural Climate Committee to combat racism and discrimination while fostering identity-safe schools.

In his capacity as chairman of the Board of Special Olympics International, Shriver serves with over 5.6 million Special Olympics athletes in 172 countries, all working to promote health, education, and a more unified world through the joy of sports. He is also president of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, member of the Board of Directors for the WPP Group, LLC, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is a co-founder of Lovin' Scoopful Ice Cream Company.

Shriver earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University, a Master's degree from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut. He has produced 4 films, is the author of the New York Times Best Selling book "Fully Alive — Discovering What Matters Most," written numerous published articles, and has been rewarded with degrees and honors which he happily accepted on behalf of others.

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Republicans choose Baker; Dems for Gonzalez

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BOSTON — Gov. Charlie Baker secured his shot at re-election by winning the Massachusetts Republican Party's nomination for the state's highest office.

The Associated Press called the race just after 9 p.m.

"Four more years!" chanted a crowd in a Dorchester function hall as Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito spoke to a loud and excited crowd. The gathering chanted the saying again as Baker exhorted the crowd and rolled a long laundry list of accomplishments, from investments in transportation, to drastic reduction of homeless families sheltered in motel rooms, to bending of the curve on the opioid crisis, to turning a \$1 billion structural deficit when he and Polito took office in 2015 into a \$1 billion surplus.

"We all look forward to working with all of you to build on the work we started and to make this great state shine for the next four years," said Baker.

The popular incumbent GOP governor in a this heavily Democratic state beat back a challenge during the Tuesday state primary from Scott Lively, a conservative minister from Springfield and backer of President Donald Trump. Baker has said Lively's anti-LGBT views "have no place in public discourse, or any discourse."

Baker will face off against Democrat Jay Gonzalez, the former budget chief for Gov. Deval Patrick. Gonzalez built a solid lead in early returns over Bob Massie in the Democratic primary. Massie, a Somerville environmental activist, ran as a government outsider. Gonzalez led Massie by 68 percent to 32 percent, with 12 percent of precincts reporting, when The Associated Press called the race at 9:18 p.m.

Baker

Baker spoke about how the bipartisan public



Gov. Charlie Baker speaks during his victory party at the Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester.

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Karyn Polito speaks during the tandem's victory party at the Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester.

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jay Gonzalez during a forum in Swampscott last month.

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Also on hand was Baker's wife, Lauren.

As supporters filtered into the hall an hour before the polls closed, a video montage of Baker on the campaign trail played on video screens. There was little sense the outcome of the night was in doubt.

"We are going to win," said Tom Mountain, a Republican State Committeeman from Newton. "It's just a matter of how much."

Mountain also predicted a win for Baker in the general election against the Democratic nominee, with the state seeing record low unemployment, low taxes and lots of construction to be seen. "These are the glory years," said Mountain, the Newton Republican City Committee chairman. "Everything is coming together, and that is why Charlie Baker is going to win in a landslide."

discourse in Massachusetts works, in contrast to politics elsewhere.

"We need to keep putting progress over politics," Baker said. "At a time when the country is having trouble finding common

ground on so many issues, we in Massachusetts are the exception. And that's not an accident," Baker said.

"Karyn and I believe in bipartisanship. We believe that people in public life can and should debate

the issues respectfully and seek common ground wherever you can find it. And that approach is working. We've made real progress here. On Energy. On environmental policy, economic development, criminal justice, education, health care, transportation and veterans issues. Our economy is booming ... Our political discourse is robust and honest because we believe a good idea is a good idea wherever it comes from."

Baker, who lives in Swampscott, spoke to a boisterous crowd of several hundred supporters at the banquet hall of the Venezia Italian restaurant on Ericsson Street in Dorchester.

It's the third time in the past eight years Baker has secured the state GOP nomination for governor.

Baker, 61, ran unopposed in the 2010 in the Republican primary, but was defeated by former Gov. Deval Patrick, a Democrat, that year in the general election. He went back into the private sector, but decided to take another shot at governor when Patrick retired.

In 2014, Baker handily beat businessman Mark Fisher in the 2014 state Republican primary, then narrowly beat former state Attorney General Martha Coakley, a Democrat, in the general election.

Baker is considered fiscally conservative and socially moderate. His long government experience includes serving as the former state secretary of Health and Human Services and the state secretary of Administration and Finance in the 1990s. He served one-term as a selectman in his hometown of Swampscott from 2004 and 2007. He is also the former CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. He lives with his wife, Lauren, and he has three grown children.

Gonzalez

On the campaign trail, Gonzalez has described his agenda as "ambitious and aspirational" and touted his experience working for Patrick for giving him the skills to deliver on his vision.

Gonzalez says Baker is vulnerable to a challenge and that his administration has failed to make progress in many areas, particularly with the problem-plagued MBTA.

He has pledged to "fire" Keolis Commuter Services, the private firm that operates the MBTA's commuter rail system, if elected.

He supports government-run, single-payer health care but has said his experience as a private health insurance executive gives his plan more credibility.

While the state's unemployment is at record lows and the economy is doing well, Gonzalez has argued that "many people are still struggling" and the economic recovery has overlooked many communities.

Baker, a moderate Republican who supports abortion rights and gay marriage, also heads into the general election campaign with a sizable cash advantage.

He had more than \$6.5 million in his campaign account to Gonzalez's \$367,000 as of Aug. 18, according to the latest filings with the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

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Despite the heat, people gathered on The Park in Andover for the final concert of the summer on Aug. 29 as Ben Rudnick & Friends played.

A hot night for a hot show

STAFF REPORT

The band was hot, but the crowd was even hotter at the final concert in The Park on Aug. 26.

The Ben Rudnick and Friends band played on, despite the high temperatures and humidity. It didn't appear the heat made much of a difference, as kids and even some parents could be seen dancing and twirling and romping around.

Although the crowd wasn't quite as big as past concerts this year, a respectable 50 or so showed up to listen, tap their feet, clap or sing along, have a snack on a blanket or a drink in a lawn chair.



Ben Rudnick & Friends play the final concert in The Park of the summer as kids play.



Connie Mamis, 4, right, and Karaline Linder, 3, left, spin and dance to the music.



Keith Meneses spins his daughter Celina, 5, to the music.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

31ST ANNUAL FISHING FESTIVAL, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sudden Pond, located near 100 Middleton Road, North Andover. This event, for all ages, will introduce beginner and veteran anglers to fishing; cast a line, learn about the fish in New England waters, safety and equipment; MassWildlife Angler Education volunteer instructors will be on hand to assist and equipment will be provided; licenses are not

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

9/11 CEREMONY, 8:30 a.m., Town Offices, Bartlet Street. The ceremony will honor

the victims of Sept. 11, 2001; 978-623-8381.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

FALL BUSINESS EXPO, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a Fall Business Expo, Trade Show Health and Wellness Fair; the Annual Healthcare Luncheon Conference will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m.; guest speakers will include John L. Alexander, MD, MHCM, FACEP, chief medical officer of Holy Family

Hospital, a Steward Family Hospital, and Karen Gomes, RN, MS CPHQ, president and CEO of Home Health Foundation; a complete hot plated luncheon is included with the program; admission to the luncheon conference is \$30 for members, \$50 for nonmembers; registration is required; 978-686-0900, email office@merrimackvalleychamber.com, www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

HANDS-ON EDUCATOR WORKSHOP, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,

Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St. Facilitated by Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood, the workshop is for people who work with children in prekindergarten to kindergarten; participants will build connections with the natural world and follow typical preschool routines of child-directed experiences and teacher-led activities; \$16 per person; preregistration is required by Sept. 8; email Gini.Traub@state.ma.us, 617-699-2387.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S, Brickstone Square. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the Promise Garden Ceremony at 9:40 a.m., and the walk at 10 a.m.; nearly 3,500 people from northeastern Massachusetts are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease; sign up as a team captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual at

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Andover Day

EVENT IS SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, FROM 10 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

Live music starts at 11:30 a.m.

STAFF REPORT

There will be plenty of toe-tapping tunes and other entertainment at this weekend's Andover Day.

Andover Day's main stage in Elm Square kicks off a trifecta of live music starting at 11:30 a.m.

First, **Maddy Ryan** kicks off the event with her live performance starting at 11:30 a.m.

Next up is **Bruce Marshall**, whose performance starts at 12:45 p.m. Marshall's music career spans six decades and over 8,000 shows including appearances with more than 200 national acts.

Known equally well for his riveting band shows with the Bruce Marshall Group and his soulful, heart-felt solo

performances, he's also half of the Montgomery and Marshall acoustic duo with bluesman James Montgomery. A tireless performer armed with great originals, an expressive, soulful voice and a commanding guitar style, both on electric, acoustic and steel dobro.

Finally, **Liz Bills** performs at 2:45 p.m. Bills is a vocal powerhouse, a dynamic songwriter and an empowering force who bares her heart for the world to see. In 2011 Liz formed a rock band called Analog Heart and began doing gigs all over New England. Later that year, Bills competed in American Idol and placed in the top 30 females in Hollywood.

Bills is embarking on a new journey with her debut



Andover's own Casey McQuillen performed on the big stage in 2014. McQuillen is a former American Idol star.

solo EP. With its acoustic uptempo guitars, djembe and haunting melodies, the self-titled EP embodies a raw and honest version of the rock singer without losing her bite.



The band "Popalert" performed in 2013.

File photos

More than 200 vendors signed up for Andover Day

Andover Day, spearheaded by the Andover Business Community Association, takes place Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More than 200 vendors have signed on to participate, including:

- A Better Chance of Andover
- A Mom's Village
- Academy of Traditional Karate
- Addario's
- ADTC- Andover Democratic Town Committee
- AFC Urgent Care
- AHS Garden
- Align Health LLC
- Andona
- Andover Bear Company
- Andover Choral Society
- Andover Classic Wines
- Andover Coalition for Education (ACE)
- Andover Commission on Disability
- Andover Community Services
- Andover Community Trust, Inc.
- Andover Conservation Commission
- Andover Cub Scout Packs
- Andover Cultural Council
- Andover Fire Dept
- Andover Gallery Frame Shop
- Andover Inn
- Andover Landscape Design & Construction
- Andover Poet Laureate
- Andover School of Ballet
- Andover School of Montessori
- Andover Selectman
- Andover Spine Center
- Andover Sportsmans Club
- Andover Trail Committee
- Andover TV
- Andover Village Improvement
- Andrea's Skin Care and Andover Aesthetics
- Apex Roofing & Restoration
- ATA Martial Arts
- Beautycounter by Donna
- Beautycounter by Felicia



Stop & Shop employees Colleen Hurley, right, and Alice Welcome hand out free food along Main Street during Andover Day last year. Stop & Shop is one of the main sponsors of the annual event.

File photos



Andover residents Mia Fligg, right, and Sadie Hare-Quinn choose pumpkins from Gaouette Farm during Andover Day last year.

- Andover Inn
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- Andover School of Ballet
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- Brightview Senior Living
- Brother's Home Services Inc
- Bueno Malo
- CasaBlanca
- Century 21 NE
- Century Bank
- Chic Consignment
- Chiropractic Wellness Centre
- Christ Church
- Christian Science Reading
- Coco Collections LLC
- Coco Early & Associates
- The Andovers
- Coldwell Banker
- Color Street
- Connective Healing Myofascial Release
- Courageous Conversations MV
- Creative Arts Dance Academy
- Creative Living
- CrossFit Ares
- Custom Built inc
- Cutco Cutlery
- Dance Infusion
- Digital Federal Credit Union
- Dove/Tail Apothecary
- Dr Energy Saver
- Elder Services of

- Merrimack Valley Inc
- Elite Freestyle Karate
- Empire 1 Home Improvements Inc
- Enterprise Bank
- Essex Rowing Club Inc
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- Ethan Allen
- Express Novelty
- E-ZTest Pool Supplies
- Family Service of Merrimack Valley
- Fatface
- Fitness Together
- Genesis Academy Manor
- GK&K Pushcarts & Concessions
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- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council- WIC Program
- Guttershell of New England
- Harrows Chicken Pies
- Havurat Shalom Andover
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- Installations
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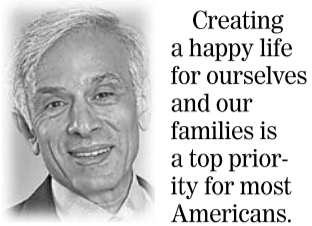
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The economics of happiness

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philosopher to the domain of academic research, and, most recently, into popular culture: Dozens of books and hundreds of articles are published every year teaching us how to be happy.

■**The economics of happiness.** Like it or not, money plays a central role in American society. Earning more of it and then figuring out what to do with it is ingrained in our culture. Unfortunately, money has become the leading benchmark to measure “success.” Instead of assessing our worth based on how we live our lives and the impact we have on others, we increasingly measure it by the size of our paycheck or bank account. It’s no surprise then that studying the relationship between money (income, accumulated wealth, possessions, etc.) and happiness has become a hot topic for behavioral economists and psychologists.

■**Does more money make us happier?** Here’s where things get interesting. When surveyed about what would most improve the quality of their lives, consumers most frequently mention financial circumstances. Except for the very highest income earners, most people answer, “more money.”

Even among researchers who disagree on some of the finer points, there is consensus on one fundamental principle: Broadly speaking, money does have an effect on a person’s overall satisfaction with life. Being poor

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is bad for happiness, and wealthy people in general are happier than poor people. Beyond that, however, the link between money and happiness is nuanced.

One of the original studies in this area was done by economist Richard Easterlin in the early 1970s. This and subsequent research over the last 40 years including a study by Princeton psychology professor and Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman looked at the effect of a rising standard of living on a

household’s happiness. The results show that while there is a link between how much a family earns and their sense of well-being, it’s not a strong one. Specifically, after a relatively low level of household income, future income gains do increase happiness, but not by much.

The main reason is that people spend money on the most important things first, such as food, shelter and medical care. Once those needs are met, additional spending on luxuries generates only marginal added pleasure. For example, a household earning \$100,000 is only a little more satisfied than one making \$50,000. At very high-income levels, the effects on well-being are even more muted. Americans who earn \$1 million are only slightly happier than those who make \$100,000. In other words, big jumps in income buy only small amounts of additional happiness. So, as you get richer, you need a lot more money to make you even a little more satisfied. Furthermore, even small increases in happiness are dependent on other factors.

Next week, I’ll talk about three of the factors that are especially important and worth discussing. John Spoto is the founder of Sentry Financial Planning in Andover and Danvers. For more information, call 978-475-2533 or visit www.sentryfinancialplanning.com.



15 Shattuck Road

■ BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

15 Shattuck Road facility sold for \$15M

Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. (HFF) last week announced the \$15 million sale and \$9 million financing of 15 Shattuck Road, a 92,700-square-foot data center. At the time of sale, the asset was 100 percent leased to Tierpoint, a leading national provider of information technology and data center services including colocation, cloud computing, disaster recovery and managed IT services.

The HFF team arranged the sale of the property on behalf of Carter Validus Mission Critical REIT I and procured the buyer, Menlo Equities. Additionally, HFF arranged the financing through Berkshire Bank.

The HFF investment advisory team representing the seller included Coleman Benedict, Ben Sayles and Kerry Hawkins. Jennifer Keller represented Menlo Equities in the arrangement of acquisition financing. The Berkshire Bank team included Doug MacLean and Christine Flaherty.

L. Alexander, MD, MHCM, FACEP, chief medical officer of Holy Family Hospital, a Steward Family Hospital; and Karen Gomes, RN, MS CPHQ, president and CEO of Home Health Foundation.

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Lawrence Casey

■ REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

63 Andover St.: Delisio FT and Frederick Delisio to Philipp and Kristen D. Harlov, \$300,000

450 Brookside Drive, Unit K: Ajdin and Elvedina Liskovica to Cristobal and Susie Rodriguez, \$285,000

26 Burton Farm Drive: Leslie R. Silverstein LT and David

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6 Carmel Road: Chen Hung and Yun H. Chang LT and Chen Hung Chang to Travis J. Dallas and Rylynn Stoner, \$690,000

5 College Circle: Brian O. and Courtney M. Salazar to Clayton Mohamed and Jennifer Weining, \$721,025

1 Colonial Drive, Unit 7A: Kristen E. and Ralph J. Perrotti to

Dana and Jody Repici, \$215,000
66 Cross St.: Richard J. Bonier IRT and Frances Bonier to Catherine Bonier, \$380,000
1 Francis Drive, Unit 203: Pulte Homes of New England to George and Linda Dandrea, \$349,295

8 Heather Drive: Maria A. Guerrero and Arthur J. McCabe to Cui Q. Chen and Xiaoxin Yu, \$749,900

1 Powder Mill Square, Unit

305: Silvija Aprans to Laura Malitsky, \$460,000

22 Railroad St., Unit 410: Meng Z. Tan to Li Z. Iyengar, \$300,000

25 Stirling St.: Jane and Yulin Wang to Timothy and Diana Rodenberger, \$930,000

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

There's a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL.

Upcoming events at the library include:

Volunteer Advisory Board moves to a new date and time

The library's Volunteer Advisory Board (VAB) will start off the school year on Monday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. The group will now meet

on the first and third Monday of every month at 4 p.m. to talk about teen programming, help the librarians with crafts and other projects, and get volunteer hours.

For details and to get involved, call 978-623-8432.

Free practice SAT, ACT exams

The Princeton Review will administer a practice

SAT exam on Saturday, Sept. 15 and a practice ACT exam on Saturday, Sept. 22. Both exams will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Teens should bring a pencil and a calculator that is not a phone. These are full-length tests, so teens should bring snacks. Scores will be sent by email.

The tests are free but registration is required. Register at www.mhl.org/calendar or

call 978-623-8432 for details.

Other events at the library include:

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Thursdays, Sept. 6 and 20, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Create a character and learn about tabletop RPGs at 2:30 p.m., or come for the campaign's start at 3 p.m. All students in grades six through 12 are welcome and RPG experience is not necessary.

Free Form Fridays: Fridays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2:30 to

4:30 p.m. Play Super Smash Brothers in the Activity Room and do a drop-in activity in the Teen Room. Different activities are held every week.

Teen Movie Nights: Tuesdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 6 p.m. Watch a movie in the Teen Room. Call 978-623-8463 for each night's title.

School Supply Upgrade: Wednesday, Sept. 12, 3 p.m. Start off the new year with fun

and fresh DIY school supplies. **Random Fandom: Bob Ross:** Monday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m. Celebrate art and a favorite inspirational artist, Bob Ross. Call 978-623-8432 for details.

Craft Buffet: Thursday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. Teens who missed a craft this month, or are looking to unleash their creativity, can make their own project with the library's supplies.

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