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Ballardvale Fire Station going to vote

Town needs approval to borrow \$300,000 for purchase of adjacent property

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Ballardvale Fire Station. The Board of Selectmen Monday voted to hold the town meeting and signed a purchase and sale agreement for a property at 161 Andover St., which will be used to build a

new, expanded fire station. The final purchase of the property is subject to approval by town meeting vote. The property, which is adjacent to the current Ballardvale fire

station, would be used to create a large enough lot for the new station and to meet the needs of the fire department. Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said he requested \$300,000 for the

property. "Some funds have already been appropriated to purchase a portion of the property," he said. Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said See STATION, Page 2

Scarecrow Festival



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Girls hockey players in the Andover Hockey Association made this scarecrow for the annual Andover Coalition of Education Scarecrow Festival. See page 16 for story and more photos.

Voters grill Lyons and Nguyen on hot topics

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Area voters had the opportunity to speak directly with state representative candidates Jim Lyons and Tram Nguyen at a "Candidating" event held by the League of Women Voters last week.

Before the start of the speed-dating style event, during which candidates moved from table to table to speak with voters and answer their questions directly, they each gave two-minute opening statements.

Lyons said his biggest focus is on the opioid epidemic, a personal issue that has impacted his own family. His son Tyler has been struggling with an addiction for six years, he said.

"In the newspaper my opponent said 'we cannot criminalize our way out of this as my opponent has been trying to do,'" he said. "My son told me I had to tell our story, so I'm going to tell our story."

Nguyen responded to the comment in one of her table discussions.

"What I meant by that is everything I've seen that Lyons has done is all about criminalizing traffickers," she said. "I'm very much for criminalizing traffickers, but we also need to talk about prevention and long-term treatment."

She believes it needs to be looked at as a public health issue.

Nguyen said one of the main reasons she is See ELECTION, Page 2



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo.

Tram Nguyen, a candidate for 18th Essex State Representative's seat, answers questions from a group of voters including, clockwise from top right, Nancy Lenhoff and Wendy Wakeman of North Andover, Molly Bicking of Andover, Paul Gangi of North Andover, Bill Josephson of Andover and Tom Licciardello of North Andover.

Lyons declines debate with opponent Tram Nguyen

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Republican state Rep. Jim Lyons is refusing to take part in a one-on-one debate with his opponent, Democratic candidate Tram Nguyen, because she has resorted to negative campaigning, including calling him a "bigot."

"My opponent has made it clear we are polar opposites," said Lyons, who was first elected in 2010 to the 18th Essex seat representing parts of Andover, North Andover, Boxford and Tewksbury. "I don't see any advantage of a debate or any reason to have a debate. Her attacks on my religion and beliefs and everything I stand for ... she referred to me as pro-life and my religion ... I don't think you should put pro-life and my religion together."

He cited a December 2017 letter to the editor

in the Townsman from Nguyen that was critical of the Republican lawmaker for voting against the signing of a bill that protects "no co-pay birth control" for women.

"As a devout Catholic, he should have realized the new law contains important exemptions for religious institutions, earning the vote of many of his Catholic colleagues." She went on to say the only reason he voted against the bill was because "he's only concerned about restricting women's rights."

Lyons, an Andover resident, added that "she and her supporters referred to me as a bigot. When a candidate resorts to calling opponents these kinds of things, that's crossing the line."

Nguyen, a first-time candidate who also lives in Andover, denied running See DEBATE, Page 2

Andover Shop's 'Prince of Tweeds' dressed U.S. Presidents

Virgil Marson dies at 94

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Famed Boston author Robert Parker who wrote the "Spenser" series would show off the inside of his tweed suit coat with The Andover Shop label when he visited Andover. And, the Bush boys - the father and son who would eventually become U.S. Presidents - were customers, too. In fact, George Walker Bush had the nickname "Tweeds" in his 1964 yearbook from Phillips Academy and many believe that is because of his favorite suit coats from The Andover Shop.

Hollywood actor Jack Lemon, another Phillips Academy graduate, once worked at the men's clothing store at 127 Main St., stocking shelves.

A fixture at this location since 1948, The Andover

Shop caters only to male clientele and the Phillips Academy crowd suits the customer list like one of its fine tweed suit coats - perfectly.

"Let's just say there are no Levi's sold at the Shop. It's always been a men's clothing store for Phillips Academy students and their parents. Jack Lemon worked there, two presidents shopped there. It was a specialized store," said Nina Marson Roche of Naples, Fla., whose father, Virgil Marson, owned and operated The Andover Shop for nearly 70 years. He died in Naples Oct. 2, just six days shy of his 95th birthday. He once lived on Argilla Road in Andover, moved to North Hampton, N.H., about eight years ago and most recently moved to Naples.

Known for his impeccable

taste in unusual tweeds, he began his annual pilgrimages to the United Kingdom in the late 1960s to work with weavers in Ireland and Scotland's Shetland Islands to produce tweeds of his own design. He has dressed presidents, sons of presidents, members of the Supreme Court and high-profile celebrities as great men depended on his eye for fashion, according to his obituary. He was known as "The Prince of Tweeds."

Marson was also known to keep his big-shot customer list close to his chest as he absolutely protected his customers' privacy.

Andover preservation records say The Andover Shop "is a descendant of Langrock's Andover Shop, a men's clothier once housed at 10 Main St.," and Marson stuck to the store's history, guiding his tweeds passion to be very successful.

He eventually opened another Andover Shop near

Harvard University in Cambridge. That store grew to be a Harvard Square staple selling menswear and

formal attire.

The Harvard Crimson newspaper reported last

April that the Cambridge store is up for sale after 65 See MARSON, Page 3

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running is because for the past two years, she has not been able to get in contact with the Lyons.

"The legislator needs to be available to the people to get things done," she said.

Stan Limpert, 71, of North Andover, asked Lyons what he thinks North Andover's local issues are.

Lyons responded with local aid. The answer didn't satisfy Limpert, who went on to ask if he could go beyond and name something else.

"My view of the world is that you people in each of our communities are best suited to make decisions for your community," Lyons said. "I want to give you back control of how you run your government and I want to give you the funding to do it."

Voters at one table also asked him what the Legislature could do to control the overall cost of health care.

Lyons said two years in a row he proposed to the Legislature that anyone over the federal poverty line be required to contribute to their

health care. "If we put health care in a more competitive environment than we have now, that is how we drive down costs," he said.

Tram was faced with the question from voters about how the Legislature will get involved to help residents in the aftermath of the gas explosions.

"The Legislature can pass a bill to make sure the gas company pays the people first before they pay their creditors," she said.

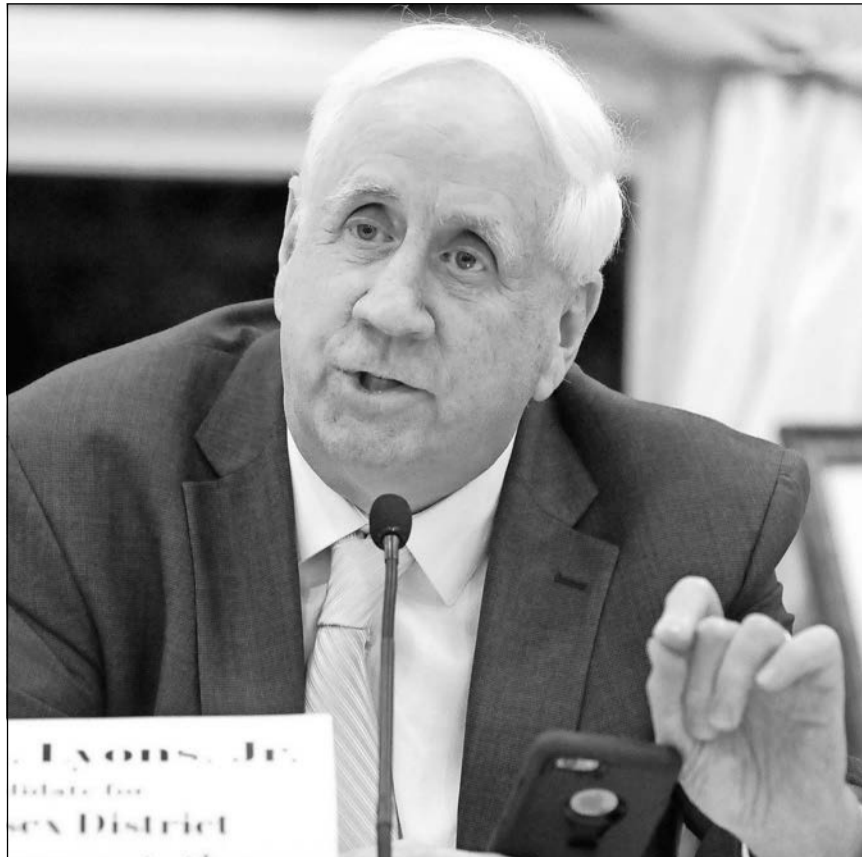
Tram said that Lyons stands alone on many issues, and the work following the gas explosions is going to be a partnership, which is what has been missing in this district.

"He is not working with others at the Statehouse," she said.

Eric Loth, of North Andover, appreciated the personal interaction he got to have with the candidates, and liked hearing questions from other people.

"You can't always come up with questions on your own, so it was helpful," Loth said.

There were about 70 people in attendance at the event, held at the Stevens Estate, Osgood Hill, North Andover.



Jim Lyons, incumbent 18th Essex State Representative, gives his opening remarks during the League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover candidates' night last Wednesday at the Stevens Estate in North Andover.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

DEBATE

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a negative campaign and is calling on Lyons to debate her in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 election. The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters held a "candi-dating" event last week during which the candidates spoke with small groups of people in the same venue. But Lyons and Nguyen didn't debate each other.

Nguyen said she would like to participate in a debate with her opponent.

"As a state representative you need to be accountable to the people and accountable to people who disagree with you," she said. "It is a disservice to the voters not to be able to see the difference in where we stand on issues."

A debate would allow transparency so the voters can see the differences between the two candidates and hear their voices on important topics, she said.

The two candidates have opposing views on nearly every major issue, including immigration, judicial oversight, environmental issues, gun safety, reproductive rights and sanctuary cities, among others.

Nguyen said this campaign is about community values and issues, not herself or Lyons. She believes it would be beneficial to the people to see the two speak in a debate.

Nguyen said in a previous interview that she thinks Lyons only meets with people who agree with him.



Incumbent Republican Jim Lyons, left, and Democratic challenger Tram Nguyen, sit side by side at the start of the 'candi-dating event' in North Andover last week.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

"A state representative is supposed to represent everyone in the district and hear out their concerns," she said.

One of the reasons she is running, she said, is that she tried for two years to get in touch with the state representative to discuss issues in the district but that he never

called her back. She added that she is not running a negative campaign.

"I have never attacked him on anything," she said, adding, "I don't have control over my supporters. They were upset with him before and they have jumped on

my campaign. This has been ongoing. This is a result of his relationships with this constituents. This is not a negative campaign. I never attacked him. What we are saying and what I am voicing about him are facts."

Among those facts, she said, are that he hasn't been

able to pass a single bill in his eight years in office, his constituents can't reach him and he has voted against the state budget year after year.

"I don't see any advantage to debating at this point," Lyons said. "I'm going to stay very focused on bringing my message to the doors

everyday and that's what I'm going to continue to do."

Lyons said he has a structure in his campaign moving forward from now through the end of the year. He knows that his opponent has made it clear they are polar opposites, and admitted she was right.

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The Ballardvale fire station is at an awkward angle for large fire trucks to get in and out of. Both the interior and exterior are considered obsolete by modern firefighting standards.

STATION

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numerous studies, from 2015 to 2018, show that this proposal is the best one available to the town.

He said he wants to push forward and get input from all the stakeholders of what the building will look like on the outside and the different amenities on the inside.

"This new building will serve the community for the next 75 years," he said. "I know it has been discussed all the way back to 1981."

Delores Dunning, the current home owner at the 161 Andover St., has lived there for 37 years, and currently lives there with her son and his fiance.

"I could stay at the house, it's a lovely house, but it's my time to go," she said.

She has found a new apartment to move into, and is fully on board with parting with her current home so it can be used to improve the project.

"This project has been a long time coming," she said. The current Ballardvale Fire Station was built 125



FILE PHOTO.

The Ballardvale station at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street is Andover's oldest fire station, having been built in 1890, as the historic marker indicates.

years ago, and the facility is in poor condition.

"It just isn't designed for 21st century fire apparatus," Mansfield said. "There are a lot of deficiencies with the safety in and around the building."

The total cost of the

project, including land purchases, is estimated to cost \$8 million.

If the project stays on track, Flanagan said it is projected to be completed in the fall of 2019. The construction is estimated to take a year to 18 months.



COURTESY PHOTO

Virgil Marson owned and operated The Andover Shop for nearly 70 years. He died Oct. 2 in Florida.

MARSON

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years on Holyoke Street and the Andover store is also for sale. The Cambridge store manager Lawrence D. Mahoney said they are working to attract a buyer who will keep both stores open and maintain the Andover Shop brand and tradition.

Before his retail success with The Andover Shop, Marson's achievements were already extremely successful. His obituary says

he was born in Whitinsville, Massachusetts and that his parents were Armenian immigrants. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Appointed First Lieutenant and Navigator of the 449th Bomb Group, he was shot down during a mission to bomb the Ploesti Oil Fields. Forced to parachute into enemy territory, he became a prisoner of war for the next year and later received the Purple Heart.

After the war, Marson went to Brown University on a full scholarship where he was captain

of the football team. He graduated in 1948 and that same year co-founded The Andover Shop.

He is survived by his daughter, Nina Marson Roche and son-in-law, John Roche; son, David Marson; grandson, Maxwell Marson; and sisters, Keene Ovia and Anita Parker as well as his close friend and companion, Sheila Mahoney. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Dorothy, and his sister, Alice Toomey.

A memorial service in the area will be announced.



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The Andover Shop at 127 Main St. in Andover today.



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The Andover Shop back in the day.

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Catherine Hofius, director of the AHS Marching Band, leads the 7th and 8th graders.



Austin Williamson, left, a 7th grader, plays next to Krishay Murthy.

Middle-schoolers march with the AHS band

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Seventh- and eighth-grade students had the opportunity to meet the Andover High School Marching Band before the football game on Oct. 5.

The evening was a great way to involve the underclassmen in an exciting high school activity.

A meet and greet kicked off the evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by a run-through of the Star Spangled Banner and then the game.

The middle school students

had the unique opportunity to play with the band.

Ken Lynch, whose son Jameson Lynch is a sophomore at Andover High School and is on the percussion team, helped organize the event. He is the parent volunteer and helps with public relations for the band.

“There was tremendous participation by the seventh- and eighth-grade students,” he said, adding that about 30 to 40 students attended.

Lynch said the event is a great opportunity for those who might be interested in

joining the band when they are in high school.

“We as band parents would love to see the event translate into a larger band community next year,” he said.

The event is held annually and organized by the band and parent volunteers. It is open to anyone who wants to experience the opportunity and have an interest in pursuing band.

Lynch said it’s a great way to hang with the band, attend a game and see if band is something they want to do in the future.



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Jack Gately, a 7th grader, plays saxophone.



Anna Marble, a 7th grader, hits the drum.



Liam Cleary, a 7th grader, joins the AHS band.



Adelaide Weeden, an 8th grader.

Flamingos flock to fundraiser

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Flocks of flamingos will return to the lawns of

Andover West Middle School community members said a peculiar migration pattern of a bird species not

typically found in this area is expected to occur in the upcoming weeks.

The flocks are part of a fundraiser put on by the school’s Parent Advisory Council that raises money for different school programs.

The fundraiser, called Flamingo Flocking, is when members of the West Middle Community, usually under cover of darkness, place a flock of pink flamingos on the lawn of any person a donor requests in the town of Andover.

A notice will be left with the flock explaining the process and that the surprise is part of a school fundraiser.

The “flockee” may in turn “re-flock” someone else, purchasing flocking insurance to prevent future flocking, or simply have the flock picked up within 24 to 48 hours from the original sighting of the birds, according to organizers.

The money raised from this year’s flocking fundraiser will go toward the renovation of the recess area with the guidance of the WMS Student Leadership Team.

In 2016, they helped raise \$7,500, which the school hopes to do again this year.

The flocks visit every two years, and will be in town this year from Oct. 10 to Oct. 26.

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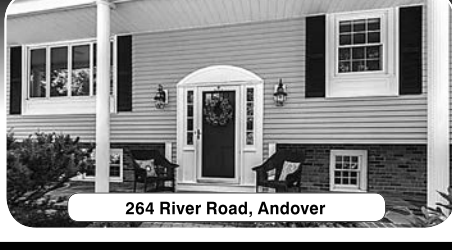
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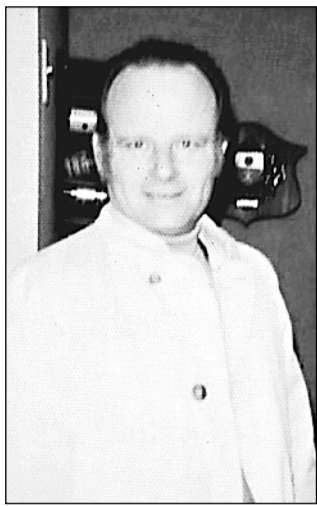
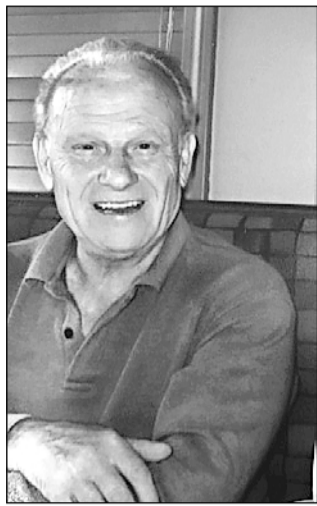
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■ OBITUARIES

Alan William Doerr, 80

September 29, 1938 - October 14, 2018



LONDONDERRY, NH — Alan William Doerr, 80, of Londonderry, N.H., formerly a 45-year resident of Andover, Mass., passed away Sunday, October 14, 2018, at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, Mass., after a period of declining health. Alan was born September 29, 1938, in Lawrence, Mass., and was a son of the late Harold J. and Margaret A. (Carson) Doerr. He was raised in Lawrence, attended St. Lawrence Grammar School, Central Catholic High School, and was a graduate of Maris College and a “Brother of Maris” with the chosen name of Brother Philip. Alan was employed as a professor of Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, for 52 years, from 1966 to 2018, though he officially retired in 2017, he continued to work part-time as an adjunct. He also wrote math books, which he dedicated to his children. He studied German, so he would be able to read certain math texts in their original form. He was a self-taught electrician and carpenter, loved German food, Irish music and was an avid snowmobiler. Alan loved

spending time at the family camp in Effingham, N.H., and will forever be remembered as someone who was always ready to lend a hand and for his deep love and devotion for his wife Donna, children, and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Donna (Perkins) Doerr; his son and his wife, Patrick and Alison Doerr; his daughter, Melissa Mallous; seven grandchildren, Joseph, Thomas, Megan, Helena, Nora, Ryan, and James; his brother, John Doerr; three sisters, Elsa Traynor, Maria Wood, and Julie and Bill Hilbert; and his sister-in-law, Cheryl Perkins. He was predeceased by his son Christopher Doerr in 2017.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours will be Wednesday, October 17, 2018, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, N.H., and after cremation, a celebration of his life will be held Friday, October 19, at 10 a.m., in the funeral home, followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery of Lawrence. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

■ POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

Personal injury resulted from a motorcycle crash on Lowell Street at 3:06 p.m. A Columbia Gas van was reportedly hit on North Main Street at 3:15 p.m. The other vehicle fled the scene. A caller reported a group of motorcycles drove down River Road at 7:15 p.m. going about 100 m.p.h. Police checked the area and it was clear.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

Staff at Memorial Hall library reported a male doing inappropriate things in his vehicle in the parking lot around 1:40 p.m. A car fire was reported on Route 93 south near Methuen at 5:43 p.m. Around 6 p.m., wires were reported down in the road on Hall Avenue due to branches coming down. Comcast was notified.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Two individuals were reported on top of the Horn Bridge on Central Street around 2:21 p.m. Police checked the area and said it was clear. Anthony R. Pappas, 26, of 49 Norfolk Road, Arlington, was arrested for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, revoked registration, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and larceny under \$1,200.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

Christopher T. Cohan, 60,

of 6 Algonquin Ave., Andover, was arrested at 12:41 a.m. for driving an unregistered motor vehicle, not having an inspection sticker and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Eric A. Kaim, 18, of 24 Hampstead St., Methuen, was arrested at 3:08 a.m. for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute.

A loose-running pug jumped into a woman's car on River Street around 6 p.m.

At 6:20 p.m., three or four children were reported on the Shawsheen River Bridge on Austin Avenue. Police checked the area and said it was clear.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

Amaless M. Agosto, 26, of 71 Bodwell St., Lawrence, was arrested around 3 a.m. for the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, failing to stop for a police officer, speeding, operating to endanger and assault and battery on a police officer.

At about 2:30 p.m. a resident on Morton Street reported someone stole his money while cleaning his room.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

A woman in her 50s wearing a red sweater with blonde hair was reportedly driving a white SUV erratically on Main Street at 9:27 a.m. and got out of her car at an intersection screaming and yelling.

Identity fraud was reported by someone on Windemere Drive at 1:05 p.m.

■ SEE WHAT'S IN STORE AT BOOMERVENTURE

BoomerVenture has a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of the broadest possible range of Andover's 50-plus residents. Here are some of the offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

Exercise and Wellness

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m., by advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals. Kapp will massage pressure points that correlate to Qi in the body, offering a refreshing,

healing therapy for hands or feet. Must register by the day before to hold a spot.

Everyday Mindfulness with Chip Carter: Fridays, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's “everyday life” in a very real and practical way; \$5.

All events are held at The Center at Punchard and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8320 for information or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

Still without gas, families start moving into trailers

By JILL HARMACINSKI
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LAWRENCE — A Navy veteran and former UPS worker, Casey McGee was checking on hundreds of trailers in a South Lawrence park Thursday to make sure they were move-in ready for local families.

“We are pretty much in charge of the management of the whole site,” said McGee, 57, who is employed by Deployed Resources and arrived in the Merrimack Valley on Wednesday night.

So far, some 42 families – 197 individuals – have been placed in 400 travel trailers hauled to public sites in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover in recent days.

A month after over-pressurized gas lines resulted in explosions and fires, thousands of people are still without natural gas service in their own homes.

Some families are staying in hotel rooms, while trailers and apartments are being offered to others.

On the South Common, where dozens of trailers are located, McGee and others



COURTESY PHOTO

Hundreds of trailers are being set up for families on the South Common in Lawrence. The trailers are being prepared for residents who are still without gas heat as a result of the Merrimack Valley gas disaster.

were readying to welcome families Thursday. He said he's staying in a Chelmsford hotel and it's unclear how long he'll be here.

“Could be a month,” said McGee, who was last in North Carolina helping hurricane victims.

Deployed Resources is a company that's been involved in “every major disaster since 9/11” and “handle the unconventional and unpredictable with extraordinary flexibility and innovative solutions,”

according to its website.

In Lawrence, the travel trailers, purchased by Columbia Gas, are also at Pemberton Park, at Grogan Field in North Andover and Andover's Recreation Park.

While the South Common is a public, taxpayer-funded park, a state emergency official issued an email Thursday saying the area is no longer accessible to the media.

“Now that we have residents in those units, we can't allow media past the gates

for privacy reasons,” wrote Mike Main, regional manager of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, in an email to Lawrence police.

Lawrence police and firefighters, along with a private security contractor, are posted at the South Common.

A total of 400 trailers are available in addition to hotel rooms and one, two and three bedroom apartments, officials said.

As of Thursday's tally, 1,096 families, or 3,775 individuals, were staying in area hotels. However, Columbia Gas said it was in the process of moving larger families using multiple hotel rooms into apartments.

Also, as of Thursday, 19,874 claims totaling \$11.84 million in damages had been filed, according to the gas company.

Columbia Gas representatives and community leaders said they hope gas service will be restored permanently in the area by Nov. 19.

Follow staff reporter Jill Harmacinski on Twitter @EagleTribJill.

Halloween is set for Oct. 31

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Calling all trick or treaters: Get your costumes and your pillowcases ready for Oct. 31.

The Board of Selectmen has set the date for trick-or-treating for Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Though construction on the natural gas disaster may have residents worried

about their kids promenading through the streets, Andover Police spokesman Edward Guy said police will be working hard to ensure things run smoothly.

“We want to make sure people are safe,” he said, adding that extra patrols will be out as well as auxiliary officers so that the night will be safe for everyone.

The town always has officers patrolling that night anyway to ensure safety,

but with the construction around town, additional officers will be on duty.

No roads will be closed as a result of the construction.

As for the date, Guy said the community has been inconvenienced enough already, “and we don't want them to be anymore. It's been a tradition in Andover to always have Halloween on Halloween, so as far as moving it to a weekend, that won't happen this year.”

Deceased baby found in recyclable materials possibly from Andover

STAFF REPORT

STAMFORD, Conn. — A dead, full-term baby was found at a Connecticut recycling center in recyclable material that may have come from Andover, police said Tuesday night.

According to a press release issued by the Stamford, Connecticut Police Department and re-issued by Andover Police Chief

Patrick Keefe, at about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday “an employee of City Carting contacted the Stamford 911 Communication Center and described that a baby was discovered while they were processing materials.

“Stamford Police, Fire and EMS responded to 61 Taylor Reed Place and confirmed that the child was deceased. The child appeared to be a full-term, newborn boy.

Stamford Major Crime and Crime Scene investigators responded to the scene and are currently conducting an investigation. A team from the State Office of the Chief Medical Examiner responded to the scene and is assisting in this investigation.

“Investigators are attempting to determine the origin of the recyclables that were processed this morning. At this point, investigators have

established that material was dropped off from companies that operate in the following areas: Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut, Somers and the Oyster Bay area of Long Island, New York, and Andover.

“The Stamford Police Department is urging anyone with information to contact SPD Major Crimes at 203-977-4420. All calls will be kept confidential.”

Suspects in Country Club Lane house break still on the lam

STAFF REPORT

The search continued throughout the week for two men who police say broke into a home on Andover Country Club Lane Saturday night and then evaded a manhunt.

Andover police were asking for the public's help identifying one of the men whose face was caught on a residential security system camera.

On Oct. 13 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Andover Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress at a residence on Andover Country Club Lane.

The owners of the home were away, but through a home video surveillance system, they were able to see two men breaking into the house. Both suspects were wearing what appeared to be gray, hooded sweatshirts. Police said they caused significant damage to the home when breaking in, including dismantling

the alarm system.

Upon arrival of police, both suspects fled on foot into a wooded area behind the home. K-9 units from the Andover Police Department and Essex County Sheriff's Department responded to search the area, along with the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing and Massachusetts State Police units. Police were unable to locate the suspects.

“If anyone recognizes the suspect, or saw anything suspicious on Andover Country Club Lane late last night, we ask that you immediately contact Andover Police,” said Police Chief Patrick Keefe.

Andover police Lt. Edward Guy said police were still searching for the suspects.

“Hopefully we will get some info from the public that will recognize them,” he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Andover Police at 978-475-0411.



COURTESY PHOTO ANDOVER POLICE

Andover Police are looking for the public's help identifying the suspect pictured here who is believed to be connected to a burglary that occurred Saturday night on Andover Country Club Lane.

Anonymous tips can be made by calling 978-470-3864.

Woman hospitalized after driving car into marsh

By JESSICA VALERIANI
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — A vehicle that was stuck in the marsh next to the Shawsheen River near the Atria Marland Place at 15 Stevens St. was successfully removed by Elm Street Towing.

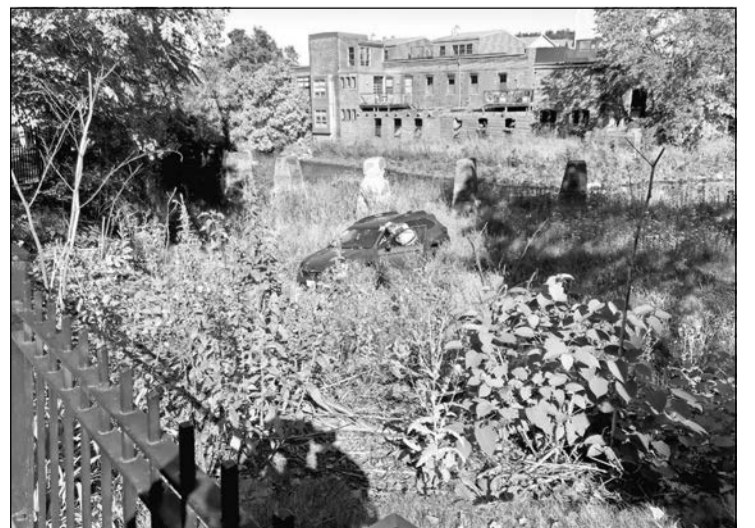
At around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Andover police got a call about a vehicle that had gone through the metal fence at Marland Place and was in the river. Andover police spokesman Edward Guy said the car was actually found in the marsh adjacent to the river.

Police and fire officials responded to the scene. Guy said there was one person in the car, a woman in her 70s, who was operating the vehicle.

The woman was successfully removed from the car around 3:20 p.m. and sent by ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The vehicle was a green Subaru Outback.

Guy said the cause of the accident is under investigation.



COURTESY ANDOVER POLICE

A woman in her 70s drove a Subaru Outback into a marsh behind Atria Marland Place, police said.

Lyons brings integrity to the Statehouse

Editor, Townsman:

I am voting for Jim Lyons. He is a man of integrity. He cares for his district, our schools and our budget. Jim can be counted on to spend each and every tax dollar as if it were his own and his last.

He is a small business owner who understands the challenges of running a business and the impact government can have on the success of business.

I have known Jim and the Lyons family for over 40 years. They were and are solid and dependable public servants.

Lastly, I am voting to reelect Jim Lyons in the 18th Essex District because of who he is and what he does. His current opponent

may be a good person, but the power brokers on Beacon Hill do not need another "rubber stamp."

ARTHUR BARBER
Andover

Nguyen just more of the same

Editor, Townsman:

Tram Nguyen stated she's "100% polar opposite Jim Lyons." She's exactly right.

You should vote for Nguyen if you:

— Support Massachusetts spending \$2 billion annually on Illegals (according to FAIR) believing they take precedent before Massachusetts citizens.

— Believe education and opioid addiction treatment programs are well enough funded declining it, content sacrificing your tax dollars.

— Support sanctuary

cities, Massachusetts as a sanctuary state, and open borders as a magnet for Illegals bringing opioid, fentanyl and heroin drug trafficking. 95 percent of heroin and most all fentanyl coming from China crossing the Mexican border through Illegals. Major cause of our addiction problem. Recently a huge fentanyl raid in Lawrence.

— Taxpayers funding Illegals a higher priority than local aid money to towns and communities no doubt supporting raising taxes covering shortfalls.

— Nguyen supports the Massachusetts Safe Communities Act (Senate 1596, House 3052) being discussed on Beacon Hill which would prevent our local officers working with ICE for purposes of deporting Illegals stating 'everyone is an equal person and we shouldn't discriminate.'

It's very simple, if you disagree believing our residents come first you should vote for Jim Lyons. He's fought for the

district and local aid since Day 1 currently one of only 34 Republican voices (versus 126 Democrats) forcefully speaking out for government accountability and against wasteful government spending believing our district's citizens' needs, including safety, come first.

Why do we need Democrat No. 127 silencing Lyons' voice when we currently already have 126 just like her?

BILL JOSEPHSON
203 Salem St.
Andover

Nguyen a role model for young women

Editor, Townsman:

It is with great enthusiasm that I ask you to join me in supporting Tram Nguyen for state representative in the 18th Essex District.

As I have watched Tram during the past several months, I am continually impressed with her

perseverance, understanding of the issues, the way she relates to a wide range of constituents and her commitment to thinking outside of the box to find solutions for positive change.

When elected, I feel certain that Tram will work diligently with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle to deal with the challenges that the Commonwealth faces.

I could talk about Tram's views on important issues such as education, gun control, and health care, but I would like to take a minute to focus on what a positive role model Tram is for our young people, in particular young women. At a time in our country when it is difficult to find dignity, respect, and pride in our public officials, Tram's story is inspiring.

Tram is the first Vietnamese-American woman in Massachusetts to run for state office. She came to this country from Vietnam as a young child with her parents as political

refugees and went on to be the first in her family to graduate college. As an attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services, Tram has worked with seniors, veterans, and victims of domestic abuse. Now, she has decided to take a step into the political arena so that she can work to build a coalition for inclusion and collaboration.

Tram is not content with just sitting on the sidelines. She is interested in being a part of a movement for change. I hope you will consider joining me in voting for Tram Nguyen for state representative for the 18th Essex District on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. Tram's energy, integrity and enthusiasm will be the first step toward positive political change.

DIANE COSTAGLIOLA
Belknap Drive
Andover

Nguyen favors gun control, education funding, more

Editor, Townsman:

It is an honor to write to you in support of Tram Nguyen for the 18th Essex District State Representative seat.

Tram is an attorney who works tirelessly to provide free legal assistance to people with disabilities, seniors, survivors of domestic violence, veterans and others who need her advocacy and expertise.

In her efforts to improve the lives of many people throughout the Commonwealth, Tram has worked strategically and collaboratively with elected officials at the Statehouse so that the needs of her clients have been well-represented and that there is accountability and transparency throughout the budget and legislative processes. As our state representative, Tram will use these same skills and experiences to advocate effectively for the needs of our community.

Some of Tram's top priorities include: improved funding for public education; preventing gun violence; enhancing social service programs for seniors, veterans, and the disabled in our community; prevention and long-term treatment for opioid abuse; protecting the environment; and, ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare for all.

By contrast, her opponent, Jim Lyons, has voted against funding for senior centers and the Council on Aging, voted to cut funding for Meals on Wheels, voted to eliminate housing for homeless youth, voted to cut funding for Samaritans Suicide Prevention, voted against community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities, and the list goes on. In addition to his voting record, during the 8 years he has been in office, Jim has not passed a single bill at the Statehouse. This to me demonstrates an inability to work constructively and productively and ultimately translates into ineffective leadership on his part.

Tram grew up in Methuen, lives in Andover, and understands the diverse needs of the community she will represent. She has the energy and passion we desperately need right now to work collaboratively with lawmakers to get important work done for all of us. Tram is a vote for progress and change. I urge you to please join me in voting for Tram Nguyen for the 18th Essex District State Representative seat on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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TODAY:

BECKY IS OVER BACK PAIN AND UNDER PAR



Back, leg and hip pain took Andover resident, Becky Crow, out of the game. Her spine was unstable, she had a severely herniated disk and required surgery. Becky chose Lawrence General Hospital, which offers comprehensive spine care and a new surgery center, featuring the region's first hybrid operating suite. Now, after a successful recovery, Becky has found her way back to the game she loves.

If back pain is keeping you from your life, watch Becky's story and take our online back and neck pain assessment at lawrencegeneral.org/spine.

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UPDATE FROM COLUMBIA GAS OF MASSACHUSETTS ON GREATER LAWRENCE RESTORATION PROJECT

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE PARTE DE COLUMBIA GAS OF MASSACHUSETTS RELACIONADA AL PROYECTO DE RESTAURACIÓN DE GREATER LAWRENCE

As we work to restore natural gas service in the Greater Lawrence Area, we want to make sure our customers have updated information on when, where, and how the work is being done.

Our teams of Columbia Gas employees and contract partners are working to make each home "House-Ready" to receive natural gas service. The teams will disconnect and remove natural gas appliances, repair or replace damaged in-home natural gas lines, and install new appliances. In many cases, this process will take more than one day.

When the teams arrive, various workers will be in and out of your home to complete the work. Teams will include plumbers, electricians, laborers, assessors, inspectors, and other trade professionals, as necessary. Spanish linguists will also be available. It's important to note that in order for us to complete the House-Ready process, an adult 18 years or older must be home. All personnel working in your home will show an official ID badge indicating they are working on this restoration effort.

We are regularly updating our planned work schedule for the next 72 hours on www.ColumbiaGasMA.com and on our social media channels at @ColumbiaGasMA on Twitter and Facebook. You can also call our affected customer helpline to hear the latest details at 1-866-388-3239.

The website includes an interactive map that allows you to check the status and target dates of projects in your neighborhood.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we work to restore your gas heating, hot water, and appliances as soon as possible.

Mientras trabajamos para restaurar el servicio de gas natural en el área de Greater Lawrence, queremos asegurarnos de que nuestros clientes tengan información actualizada sobre cuándo, dónde y cómo se está realizando el trabajo.

Nuestros equipos de empleados y socios contratados de Columbia Gas están trabajando para asegurarse que cada hogar esté "House-Ready" para recibir el servicio de gas natural. Los equipos desconectarán y eliminarán los aparatos de gas natural, repararán o reemplazarán las líneas de gas natural dañadas en el hogar e instalarán nuevos aparatos. En muchos casos, este proceso tomará más de un día.

Cuando lleguen los equipos, varios trabajadores entrarán y saldrán de su hogar para completar el trabajo. Los equipos incluirán plomeros, electricistas, trabajadores, asesores, inspectores y otros profesionales del comercio, según sea necesario. También habrá lingüistas de español disponibles. Es importante tomar en cuenta que para que completemos el proceso del proceso "House-Ready", un adulto mayor de 18 años debe estar en la propiedad. Todo el personal que trabaje en su hogar mostrará una identificación oficial que indica que está trabajando en este esfuerzo de restauración.

Estamos actualizando regularmente nuestro horario de trabajo planificado para las próximas 72 horas en www.ColumbiaGasMA.com y en nuestras redes sociales @ColumbiaGasMA en Twitter y Facebook. También puede llamar a nuestro servicio de atención para clientes afectados para escuchar los últimos detalles al 1-866-388-3239.

Nuestra página web incluye un mapa interactivo que le permite verificar el estatus y las fechas límite de los proyectos en su vecindario.

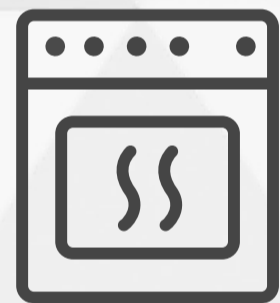
Gracias por su cooperación y paciencia mientras trabajamos para restaurar su calefacción de gas, agua caliente y electrodomésticos lo antes posible.



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Opinion

Cheers & Jeers for recent newsmakers

It's hard to envision what a good scenario would be for replacing 48 miles of natural gas pipeline, service to 8,600 homes and businesses, as well as thousands of gas appliances, boilers and water heaters throughout the Merrimack Valley. Still, poor communication by Columbia Gas has made matters worse than necessary in the month since the utility's gas disaster.

JEERS to the beleaguered company for its latest failure, as described in Sunday's Eagle-Tribune by reporter Kiera Blessing. She quoted a gas company representative saying Columbia Gas may reclaim equipment used to temporarily heat homes or provide hot water until gas service is restored.

That's not necessarily surprising. After all, Columbia Gas is paying for that temporary equipment, as well as the cost to replace whatever was broken when a surge of over-pressurized gas welled up in its underground system on Sept. 13, causing fires and explosions and untold amounts of damage.

The bad part is that it's unexpected. This is because the company didn't make its intentions abundantly clear, especially for those people, already living in hardship, who went to great lengths and expense to modify their homes for temporary heat and hot water.

Pam Pietrowski is one. She and her husband spent more than \$4,500 to buy and install a pellet stove, which required additional pipes in her North Andover home. She's since learned that the utility may reclaim that pellet stove once her gas furnace is replaced, which Pietrowski wasn't expecting.

"I feel like we're being punished for taking a proactive approach," she told Blessing, adding that it was "unethical and immoral" for the gas company to collect its equipment.

Columbia Gas has not confirmed that it will remove her pellet stove, or anyone else's temporary stove, electric hot water heater or other equipment. Its representatives only will say every case is unique and will be addressed on a case by case basis.

That seems reasonable. What Pietrowski heard doesn't.

At the very least, the company, which has frustrated this difficult situation with one communication gaffe after another, should have been more clear at the outset what its intentions were.

Before there was the Ronco Rotisserie Grill, the Popeil Pocket Fisherman, the Shamwow or the Snuggie, there was Saladmaster. And for decades, Christos "Chris" Nahatis was the face of the cookware brand.

If TV viewers across New England weren't lured in by Nahatis' rapid-fire delivery, they surely stopped to watch him handle Saladmaster's pots and pans with the nimble dexterity of a magician performing a card trick.

Nahatis was proud of what he was selling, too. He would often seal the deal by banging a Saladmaster pot against a competitor's offering. The Saladmaster cookware would always be unharmed. The same could not be said for the competition.

CHEERS to the legacy of a marketing whiz who set the standard for the television pitch. Nahatis, a lifelong resident of Manchester, passed away earlier this month at the age of 95.

It's no surprise that Nahatis became an infomercial pioneer. He got his start as a teenager selling suits around town to support his family. He hooked up with the mail-order Saladmaster business in 1951 and made history a few years later when he pulled carrots and lettuce from his pocket and fed them through a company food processor during a spot on a Providence TV station.

In short order, he was doing regular 60-second spots on WBZ in Boston, making himself part of New England history.

"I truly learned to make the Saladmaster 'talk,'" he wrote in his memoir, "What-A-Hell-Ova-Way To Make A Living," released last October. "I eventually perfected the presentation so well, I hardly ever missed a sale."

Next month, many families will pull Saladmaster pots and pans — some bought decades ago — from their cupboards to help cook Thanksgiving dinner.

Chances are, it was Nahatis who made the sale.

WEB QUESTION

This week's web question:

A story on Page 1 of this week's paper is about how state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, refuses to debate his opponent, Democratic candidate Tram Nguyen. **Do you think Lyons should debate his opponent?**

Yes. Voters deserve to hear what both Lyons and Nguyen have to say about the issues.

No. They are so different it doesn't really matter.

Last week's question:

As the natural gas crisis stretches into its fourth week, certain problems are coming into sharp focus. In Andover, one of the biggest impacts is road closures as crews dig up the streets to replace gas lines and other underground equipment. **Do you find this to be a nuisance?**

Yes. It's hard to get from point A to point B in town. I can't get into my driveway or down my street. 18 votes.

No. There are much worse problems, such as how some people who don't have heat or hot water. 28 votes.

It could be worse. Police and construction crews are doing a great job of detouring traffic and keeping cars moving. 31 votes.

Nguyen supports what we support

Editor, Townsman:

Why do we support Tram Nguyen as our next state representative? The reasons are many.

Tram will support public education and will vote in favor of providing needed state aid to our schools, a significant contrast from her challenger. Tram will defend women's reproductive rights, also a significant contrast from her challenger. Another significant difference from her challenger is that Tram will promote treating all our citizens with fairness, respect and dignity, no matter their race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity, rather than leading the charge against equality.

Tram will advocate for our veterans and will work to provide them with the help they need and deserve, once again distinguishing herself from her challenger. Tram will actively work to prevent gun violence, yet again a significant contrast from her challenger. And, Tram will be a full-time legislator and accessible to all her constituents, yet another way in which she will stand in stark contrast with her challenger.

Tram has already shown her ability to work bilaterally at the Statehouse, helping to pass key legislation — something her opponent hasn't done in his 8-year tenure. Tram is smart, energetic and passionate, virtues very much in need in our next representative on Beacon Hill.

Please join us in voting for Tram Nguyen for state representative on Nov. 6.

JUDY ESKIN AND JOEL BLUMSTEIN
3 Athena Circle
Andover

'I admit it, I manipulated last week's web question'

Editor, Townsman:

Yes, I admit it. Considering how important the issue of exploding property taxes here in Andover has become and that the Townsman decided to take our pulse using an online poll to see how we feel about the matter, I decided to obey the Boston and Chicago voting maxim: vote early and vote often.

And so I did. I voted for ALL three choices in the poll, voting multiple times for each choice (and to be fair to each choice, I made sure that I voted for each one the same number of times as I voted for each of the other two). It was easy. I won't take up space here to instruct Townsman readers how you, too, can become a Jedi master of online poll manipulation to get whatever poll results you want, but just ask the nearest 5th grader and they will explain how easy it is to manipulate the Townsman's online polls (and just about all other online polls as well).

I was tempted to write an automated bot that would have voted for one or more of the poll choices a million times (just to pick a number of votes that would be unquestionably larger than the population of Andover to make the point), but again, that would have been like taking candy out of the mouths of babies.

And this, too, is easy enough to do that there are probably numerous middle schoolers here in town who can do this with their eyes closed and both hands tied behind their backs, so my creating a bot that could vote in the Townsman's online poll a million times would only prove that I have the software skills of a middle schooler.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tram Nguyen represents values of 18th Essex District

Editor, Townsman:

Voters in the 18th Essex District have a clear choice between incumbent state Rep. James Lyons and his opponent, Tram Nguyen. On the following important issues, we believe most voters will support Tram's positions:

— Supporting the Middle Class. Tram believes our state economy must work well for all residents. She supported bills to raise the minimum wage and provide paid family and medical leave for workers. Lyons opposed these measures, which were signed into law by Gov. Baker.

— Women's Health Choices. Tram is committed to protecting safe, legal access to abortion and other reproductive health services for women. Lyons has strongly opposed a woman's right to make her own reproductive choices and sought to reduce funding for those services.

— Common Sense Gun Safety. As a legal aid attorney who advocates for victims of crime, Tram is committed to keeping guns out of the hands of people who could be a danger to themselves and others. Lyons has a 93 percent rating from the NRA and supported amendments to water down the Extreme Risk Protection Order bill, recently signed into law.

— Protecting LGBTQ Rights. Tram will vote "yes" on Question 3, which would maintain current law prohibiting discrimination against transgender community members. Lyons is opposed to this law and is a sponsor of this effort to repeal current protections.

— Conservation and Environmental Protection. Tram will support legislation to adequately fund state parks, help protect our green spaces, and fight global warming. Lyons voted against the state environmental bond and opposed a bill placing the state on record in support of the Paris Climate Accords.

— Immigrant Rights. Tram vehemently opposes the inhumane separation of children from their families at the borders. By contrast, Lyons has proposed extreme policies, including an amendment to allow police officers to stop anyone who "looks illegal" and check for immigration status, which was not supported by a majority of his Republican colleagues.

When Andover voters consider the differences on these key issues, we believe they will join us in voting for Tram Nguyen for our state representative on Nov. 6.

RICHARD AND JUDY HOWE
3 Robandy Road
Andover

Nguyen will get things done

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to urge my fellow residents to vote on Nov. 6 for Tram Nguyen to be our state representative.

Jim Lyons has had eight years in office and we have precious little to show for it. His track record is one of symbolic obstruction when we need strong leadership advancing our agenda. Effective legislators find common cause and build coalitions to get things done. What has Jim Lyons done for us on priorities like addressing our regional transportation woes, modernizing our energy infrastructure, improving the quality and security of our water supply, investing in our educational capabilities and securing the support our seniors need?

So you don't need to be a hacker nerd any more to tilt online poll results, bigly, any way you want. Just ask the nearest 5th grader. (BTW, the choice that got the most votes was not my handiwork, some other skilled poll manipulator massaged those votes).

BOB POKRESS
3 Cherrywood Circle
Andover

Lyons helps his constituents

Editor, Townsman:

Several months ago, I ran into an issue with a Massachusetts state agency that I simply could not get resolved on my own. Despite having all the documentation and evidence I needed, and knowing that I had the truth on my side, the inflexible state bureaucracy simply would not take the time to listen to my side of the story.

A friend suggested I reach out to my local state Rep. Jim Lyons, and I decided to give it a try. Unlike others in government, Jim Lyons actually took the time to listen to my story and understand the issue at hand. Once he understood, he became my number one advocate. He got the unresponsive agency to actually listen to me, and once they did, understand the problem and bring about a resolution beneficial to all parties.

Jim Lyons is a responsive, conscientious legislator who works hard for his district. He's willing to stand up and fight for people when no one else will. I hope you'll join me in supporting him this November.

RAJA REHMAN
201 Holt Road
Andover

Lyons, Ted Cruz have same, old playbook

Editor, Townsman:

Jim Lyons is the Ted Cruz of Massachusetts. He's so aligned with Ted Cruz that he worked as his 2016 campaign manager here. Cruz ended up losing with a measly 4 percent of the vote in Andover. With the same embarrassingly outdated views on social issues, it's a wonder that Lyons has ever been elected here himself.

Both Jim and Ted have an obsession with trying to legislate people's personal decisions. The vast majority of us could give a hoot about what our neighbors do with their lives. We care about real issues that affect our wallets, such as taxes, health care, education and how we're taking care of our seniors and veterans. Instead of keeping the focus there, Jim and Ted waste time fighting to bring society back to a time when gay people had to hide and women had few choices.

What good does that do any of us?

What would do us good is for Jim to vote to approve the state budget for once. He claims to have voted "for" a bunch of line items, but what kind of empty gesture is that when at the end of the day he also refuses to fund those things?

The people of Massachusetts don't like extremism, or lack of courage. We value hard work, and teaming up with folks we might not fully agree with in order to find solutions. It's about time we had someone on Beacon Hill fighting for the things that we care about, not just 4 percent of us, but all of us. This Nov. 6, I'll be casting my vote for Tram Nguyen for state representative.

JOHN CHIESA
7 Appletree Lane
Andover

LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

Mail to:
33 Chestnut St.,
Andover, MA 01810
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E-mail: townsmen@andovertownsmen.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.

It is time for a new approach. Someone who is accessible, seeks a range of perspectives and knows how to collaborate to get things done. We need a solution-oriented advocate on Beacon Hill, not a grandstander focused on the wrong things.

Tram Nguyen is extremely well qualified, including having a demonstrated track record of public service and a well-established commitment to our community. Please join me in enthusiastically voting for Tram Nguyen to be our state representative on Nov. 6.

JACOB TAMARKIN
12 Forbes Lane
Andover

Vote 'yes' on Question 3, preserve rights of transgendered

Editor, Townsman:

Live and let live. Mind your own business. These are well-known mantras in our culture today. But we live in a time when inaction and silence can be more harmful than helpful.

Some of us work with, go to school with, sing in choir with, or live with and love people who happen to be transgender. Many of us don't realize that we know someone who is transgender. In 2016, Massachusetts updated its nondiscrimination law to include protections for transgender people in public spaces like restaurants, parks, hotels, and hospitals. But some people — who judge others for being transgender — have gathered enough signatures to put this existing law up to popular vote on the Nov. 6 ballot, making Massachusetts the first state to vote on keeping civil rights for the small minority of citizens who are transgender.

As clergy, we believe that discrimination against transgender people goes against faithful values like welcoming the stranger, treating all people with dignity, and living a life of compassion. We also believe that all people are entitled to the same basic civil rights in civil society. We know that those who work with, go to school with, sing with, live with and love people who are transgender will vote "yes." We will vote "yes."

To the vast majority — all those who don't know a transgender person personally — please remember that you don't have to entirely understand another person to stand up for their basic civil rights.

We pray that the citizens of the Commonwealth will uphold the current law, choose the path of nondiscrimination, and vote "yes" on Question 3 on Nov. 6.

REV. WILL GREEN
Ballardvale United Church,
Andover

This letter was also signed by 12 other members of the clergy serving the Andovers and surrounding area.

SEE MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 6

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A large crowd participates Sunday in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Andover.

Thousands gather for annual walk to end Alzheimer's

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Hundreds of colored pinwheel flowers filled the grass area around Brickstone Square, symbolizing those affected in some way by Alzheimer's disease.

This year's walk to end Alzheimer's brought more than 3,000 people together to support the cause. Nearly 300 teams were registered.

Walk manager Nicole Francoeur said although the walk wasn't perfect this year, people were still really glad it happened.

In addition to the original walk date being postponed due to the Sept. 13 gas explosions, the route of the walk was also adjusted.

"We switched up the route a little bit and did a half mile route along the Brickstone building because of all the gas construction," she said. "It just wasn't safe for our walkers to be along the route with all the active construction."

Despite the postponed date, route adjustments and construction, Francoeur said she was very happy with the turnout.

Prior to the walk, \$587,000 had been raised, which was 98 percent of the fundraising goal of \$600,000. Francoeur said fundraising will continue through Dec. 31 for this walk season, so she is hopeful that goal will be surpassed.

Matt Strauss, 59, attended the walk for the first time with his daughter Jacqueline Strauss, 22. The two traveled from Swampscott for the special event, which Matt said was extra special because he was able to walk with his daughter, whom he said was his motivating factor.

Matt's father died from Alzheimer's disease in 2004, so the event meant a lot to the two of them.

"It was an enjoyable event and for a great cause, and hopefully someday they will find a cure," Matt said.

This was Jacqueline's third year participating in the walk, an event she said she looks forward to every year.

"Although I do the walk each year for my grandfather who died from Alzheimer's, I also do it for my nana," she said. "She can't physically do the walk herself, but she is so happy with how many people support the cause."

Jacqueline said it was also really nice to be cheered on throughout the route by students from Merrimack College.

Tiffany Potter from Kiss 108 was the master of ceremonies for the walk. She recognized sponsors and some of the walkers before the walk began.



Terri O'Leary of Haverhill holds a flower while listening to the opening speeches Sunday. O'Leary was walking in honor of her mother, who has Alzheimer's Disease and is in the hospital.



Matt Strauss participated in his first walk to end Alzheimer's with his daughter Jacqueline Strauss.



Merrimack College student Jessi Kuhlman cheers on walkers Sunday during the annual walk.

Walkers shared their stories about their connection to the disease during the promise garden ceremony. Participants held up colored pinwheel flowers, each color representing a different connection. An orange flower represented if you cared for someone with Alzheimer's, purple if you have a relative or friend who has died of Alzheimer's, yellow if you support the cause and blue if you have Alzheimer's. "It's a somber moment, and it's when people recognize why they're involved with us," Francoeur said.



Tiff Potter of Kiss 108 Radio speaks Sunday at the annual event.



Ed Pease of North Andover and his daughter Sadie listen to an emotional speech Sunday. They were walking in honor of Sadie's grandmother, who has Alzheimer's Disease.



Adele Johnson, left, and Cahla Ahlstrom, both with the North Andover Senior Center, listen to the opening speeches Sunday.



Bill Johns, center, of Gloucester, carries a sign in memory of his mother, Elinor Lee Davis, while walking alongside his sister Diane Mannell of Dracut. They and three younger members of their family, from left, Matt Mannell, Lee Pittas and Dan Mannell, all took part Sunday.

Local fundraiser helps girls in Kenya

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Eight current or former women from Andover are hosting a fundraiser in town for the “Kakenya’s Dream” project which supports education programs in Kenya that empower girls.

The event benefits the nonprofit group Kakenya’s Dream which was founded by Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, a CNN Hero and National Geographic Emerging Explorer winner.

Kakenya Ntaiya graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in Virginia in 2004, and Andover resident Jaime D’Innocenzo also graduated from the small college.

“I am class of 1983, and I met her at an Alumnae Achievement Awards dinner. So, we share the alma mater but attended at different times,” D’Innocenzo said.

D’Innocenzo was so impressed by Ntaiya’s story of survival that she is hosting the fundraiser with seven other current or former Andover resident women:

Lori Wanzek, Deborah Gray, JoAnne Heim, Kathy Hurst, Deb Marrow, Marisa Kafantis and Karen Beuler. The fundraising gala is Saturday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Country Club. You can purchase tickets or make a donation at <https://www.kakenyadream.org/gala2018/>.

Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya’s story goes like this: She was engaged at 5-years-old, experienced female genital mutilation as a young teenager in preparation for marriage. Her life was set to follow the traditional path of ending school to become a wife and mother, but Kakenya had a different dream. She negotiated with her father to return to school after undergoing FGM. When she was accepted to college in the United States, she promised her community she would use her education to help the village in exchange for their support. Kakenya went to earn her PhD in education and returned to her community to fulfill her promise.

Kakenya founded Kakenya’s Dream to educate girls, end harmful traditional practices, and uplift her community. In 2009, the Kakenya Center for Excellence boarding school opened doors, serving 30 students. Today, Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya reaches thousands of young girls and community members each year through the holistic, and girl-centered programs she pioneered at Kakenya’s Dream.

She was honored to receive the Feminist Majority Global Women’s Rights Award from the Feminist Majority Foundation in 2013 and the Vital Voices Global Leadership Award in 2008. Kakenya was recognized by Women in the World as a “Woman of Impact,” and named a Top Ten CNN Hero. Kakenya was also named one of Newsweek Magazine’s “150 Women Who Shake the World” in 2011 and counted among the Women Deliver 100: The Most Inspiring People Delivering for Girls and Women.

For more information see: kakenyadream.org



Kakenya Ntaiya founded an organization devoted to educating the world about horror of female genital mutilation. A fundraiser for the group, Kakenya’s Dream, is being held Oct. 20 in Andover.

COURTESY PHOTO

Ironstone Farm hosts annual gala with patriotic theme

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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People can join a patriotic party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day, at Ironstone Farm’s Spirit of Giving Gala on Saturday, Nov. 10. The bash is Ironstone Farm’s major fundraiser of the year, supporting the nonprofit programs in Andover that provide therapy and educational programs for children with special needs, returning veterans and others.

This year’s Great Gala honors former WBZ-TV journalist, pastor and activist Liz Walker and Home Base veterans program Executive Director Jack Hammond for their spirit of giving and tremendous contributions in the community at large and to Ironstone Farm’s nonprofit programs specifically.

Known for its willingness to reinvent itself each year, Ironstone Farm’s gala annually delivers something unexpected. This year’s patriotic, USO-extravaganza-style event will allow for unique entertainment and theme. The party begins at 6



WBZ-TV journalist, pastor and activist Liz Walker will be honored at the Ironstone Gala on Nov. 10.

p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

Billy Costa will serve as master of ceremonies. Live music will entertain the crowd. Dinner, live and silent auctions for once-in-a-lifetime



Home Base veterans program Executive Director Jack Hammond will be honored at the Ironstone Gala on Nov. 10.

experiences, and a raffle for stunning jewelry are among the activities. Formal gala attire, including black-tie, is encouraged. Or people may wear their military uniforms or sport red, white and blue dress and accessories.

All the money raised supports Ironstone Farm’s nonprofit

programs. Ironstone Farm, on Route 133 in Andover, provides therapy for children and adults with special needs, people diagnosed with cancer, veterans who have experienced trauma, families and teens at risk from violence, elders with memory issues and people recovering from addiction

IF YOU GO
What: Fundraiser for Andover nonprofit Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm
When: Saturday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m.
Where: Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell
Theme: 100th anniversary of Veterans Day/Armistice Day
Honorees: Liz Walker and Jack Hammond
More details: Live music, live auction, games, silent auction, raffle for Elyse Fine Jewelers, dinner by Lenzi’s, complimentary valet parking
Tickets: \$150 per person, or included as part of a sponsorship. Call 978-475-4056, neilfater@challengeunlimited.org, or visit www.ironstonefarm.org/gala.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER THURSDAY, OCT. 18

AUTHOR VISIT, 6:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 74 Main St. Jenna Blum will read from her new novel, “The Lost Family,” which tells the story

of a man who lost his family in the Holocaust and his hope of starting over with his new wife and daughter; she is the author of “Those Who Save Us” and “The Stormchasers”; free and open to all; 978-475-0143.

PANEL DISCUSSION: COORDINATING YOUR LOVED ONE’S CARE, 2 p.m., Bridges by EPOCH at Andover, 254 Lowell St. Attendees will get experts tips on where to begin when coordinating care for a loved one; panelists will include Elder Law Attorney T. Michael Sullivan of AndoverLaw, P.C., Erin DiCarlo, owner of Dovetail Support Services, Bonnie Sisson, community relations manager at Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Annmary Connor, director of elder services at Andover Senior Center, Jennifer Pilz, MPT, CMC, owner of Riverside Care Advisors, and Beth Vellante, executive director of Bridges by EPOCH at Andover; refreshments will be served; 978-775-1070, www.epochsll.com.

OCT. 19 AND 20

‘AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY,’ 7 p.m., The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road. Spotlight Playhouse will present the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning drama; the melodrama shares an intimate view of three strong-willed Weston daughters whose lives have diverged until a domestic crisis brings them back to the Oklahoma house they grew up in and to the bitter, dysfunctional woman who raised them; tickets range from \$18 to \$20; 617-470-2175, email tickets@spotlightplayhouse.org, www.spotlightplayhouse.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

HYE KEF 5, 7 p.m. to midnight, DoubleTree By Hilton, 123 Old River Road. The five-hour dance, presented by Armenian Friends of America, Inc., will feature musician and singer Onnik Dinkjian, along with John Berberian (oud), Mal Barsamian (clarinet), Ara Dinkjian (keyboards), and Jason Naroian (dumbeg); continuous buffet, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., coffee and dessert, and a cash bar; tickets are \$65 for adults and \$50 for students 21 and under; tickets must be purchased in advance, as they will not be sold at the door; all sales are final; proceeds will benefit the Armenian Churches

of the Merrimack Valley, St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of North Andover, the Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe in Bradford, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church of Chelmsford, and the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, New Hampshire. For tickets, call 603-560-3826, 978-683-9121, 978-375-1616, 978-808-0598 or 978-475-8309. For more information, visit armenianfriendsofamerica.org.

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Amos Blanchard House and Barn, 97 Main St. Since 2007, the Andover Center for History & Culture has welcomed the community to the lawn to socialize while buying fresh, locally grown food; www.andoverhistoryandculture.org/farmers-market.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

ANDOVER 101 AND ANDOVER 102, Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Andover 101 will introduce residents to the essential stories of Andover at 1 p.m., and Andover 102 will take residents on a tour of Andover’s special places at 3 p.m.; both programs are free of charge, but reservations are required; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

OCT. 21 AND 28

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 2 to 7 p.m., Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App; 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), www.redcrossblood.org.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

FLUAU: FLU CLINIC, 3 to 6 p.m., Bridges by EPOCH at Andover, 254 Lowell St. Bridges by EPOCH at Andover is partnering with Caretenders Home Health and Hannaford Pharmacy to

host a flu clinic with a tropical luau theme; most major insurance plans accepted; bring insurance cards; for those without insurance, the flu shot will be available for cash or check purchase: \$40 for the quadrivalent flu vaccine (under 65), \$80 for the high-dose flu vaccine (65 and older); flu shots will be offered amidst live entertainment, “mocktails” and luau-themed appetizers prepared by Bridges by EPOCH at Andover’s executive chef; registration is required; 978-775-1070, www.epochsll.com.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

CONSERVATION MOONLIGHT HISTORY HIKE, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Pole Hill Drive, Andover. Join local historians from the Andover Center for History and Culture and members of the Andover Conservation Commission for a hike at the Pole Hill Reservation in the light of October’s full Blood Moon; share spooky stories including Andover’s relationship with the Salem Witch Trials, the Pole Hill Dance Hall murder and the mysterious sacrifice circle found on the banks of the Shawshen River; wear sturdy boots and bring a flashlight; limited parking on Pole Hill Drive; carpooling is encouraged; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES, 5 to 6 p.m., Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains, and explore behind the scenes in the Blanchard House and the History Center; tour the Blanchard house attics, closets, nooks and crannies and hear stories about rarely seen collections items; free and open to the public; registration is required; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, noon, Bridges by EPOCH at Andover, 254 Lowell St. Join fellow caregivers to trade tips and receive expert advice and support from dementia care professionals who understand the everyday

challenges and concerns; a complimentary lunch will be served; meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month; 978-775-1070, www.epochsll.com.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

PUBLIC SAFETY BREAKFAST FORUM, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m., Lanam Club, 260 N. Main St. Hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; a full breakfast buffet is included; \$25 for MVCC members and \$45 for nonmembers; registration is required; 978-686-0900, email office@merrimackvalleychamber.com, www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

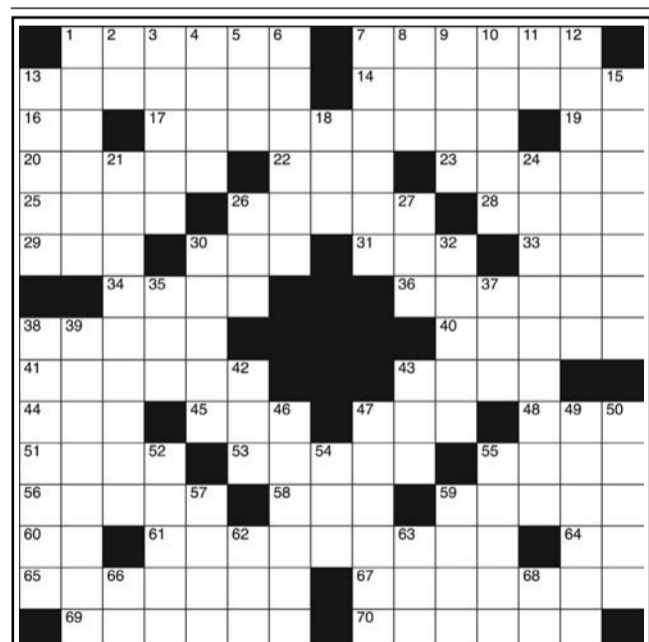
NINTH ANNUAL IN PINK BRUNCH & COMEDY SHOW, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Nationally-known comedian and motivational speaker Loretta LaRoche will perform a stand-up routine to benefit women’s health initiatives at Greater Lawrence Family Health Center; Congresswoman Niki Tsongas’ district director, June Black, will be honored with the health center’s Rosalyn Kempton Wood Award for Inspirational Leadership; the event will feature silent and live auctions, brunch provided by the country club and a gift for attendees; early bird tickets are \$45 and will be available for a limited time online; www.glfhc.org/inpink2018.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App; 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), www.redcrossblood.org.

THROUGH OCT. 28

GAYLE CARUSO ARTWORK ON DISPLAY, Bromfield Gallery, 450 Harrison Ave., Boston. “The Light and the Wallpaper,” artwork by local artist Gayle Caruso, will be featured in a new exhibit at the gallery; the gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; www.bromfieldgallery.com.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Rhythmic patterns
7. Ethical theory
13. Nightclub
14. Upsets
16. Type of railroad
17. Home of The Beatles
19. Political organization
20. Disgraced cyclist Armstrong
22. Seven
23. Enlarges hole
25. Some are big
26. August ___, German socialist
28. Unappetizing food
29. Cast out
30. Adult male
31. After uno
33. Midway between northeast and east
34. Kenyan settlement
36. Oxygen deprived

CLUES DOWN

1. Spanish seaport
2. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
3. Powders
4. One of the “Great” ones
5. Increase motor speed
6. “E.T.” director
7. Caught sight of
8. Congressional investigative body
9. Aroma
10. Runs without moving
11. Southeast
12. About remembering
13. Slang for famous person
15. Potential criminal
18. Body part
21. All over the place
24. Conqueror
26. Actress Ling
27. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
30. Distributes
32. Golfing legend Sam
35. Laos musical instrument

Solution in Classified Section

38. British writer
40. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
41. Vehemently expressed
43. Hurt
44. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
45. Gradually weaken
47. Cool!
48. Touch softly
51. Israeli city
53. Indicating silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Tropical Asian plants
58. A very small circular shape
59. Type of wrap
60. Potato state
61. Spinning toy
64. Type of degree
65. Ornamental molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Rise up
37. Open payment initiative
38. Having no fixed course
39. Type of dog
42. Digital audiotape
43. Hit lightly
46. San Diego ballplayers
47. Stop working
49. Suitable for growing crops
50. Musical groups
52. Soft
54. Lowest point of a ridge
55. Beloved late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Cardinal number
62. Frozen water
63. One who is incredibly special
66. Rhodium
68. Top lawyer in the land

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The logic behind rebalancing your portfolio

Financially Speaking

By John Spoto



Portfolio rebalancing is a powerful risk control strategy that should occupy a prominent role in

the management of every investor's portfolio. Large institutional investors such as university endowments religiously rebalance their portfolios to bring allocations back in line with their original design. Unfortunately, individuals and advisors often allow emotions to override this time-tested and sensible investment policy, often with unpleasant results.

A broad consensus exists among investment theorists that a portfolio's asset allocation — the mix of stocks, bonds and cash — is the main determinant of both the risk (volatility) and returns the investor will experience. Over time, different assets produce different returns; therefore, the allocation can drift significantly from its original target. It is especially true during periods of very strong or very poor performance in a particular asset class. The result can be a portfolio that has changed substantively from the original and is now inconsistent with an investor's goals and expectations. Rebalancing allows an individual to periodically realign the portfolio with those goals and expectations.

Despite compelling research and empirical evidence supporting the practice, most investors fail to rebalance their portfolio. Why? Rebalancing runs counter to our emotions, requiring exceptional fortitude to sell assets that have generated the highest returns and use the proceeds to buy assets that have caused the most disappointment. Faced with this opportunity, most investors instead fall prey to their behavioral biases of fear or euphoria, do nothing, and let the markets dictate their investment strategy. Even worse, others fall victim

to the lure of the markets' momentum and herd mentality, dumping the poor performers in order to pile more money into the winners. When markets suffer steep declines as they did during the most recent financial crisis, these investors lose confidence in their plan, sell hard hit investments at fire-sale prices and seek out the safety of cash and bonds.

Portfolio rebalancing is neither free nor a guaranteed strategy for improving investment returns. It could trigger transaction costs to buy and sell securities and capital gains taxes if executed within a taxable account. While rebalancing systematizes the process of buying low and selling high, it cannot be relied upon to improve returns. The impact on returns depends upon the period being studied. For example, during investment periods when asset classes revert to their averages - price increases are followed by price declines and vice versa, rebalancing can generate superior returns. Conversely, during periods when markets maintain an upward trend, rebalancing may result in

inferior returns. Although a large body of research has demonstrated that, over long-time horizons, assets revert back to their average returns, suggesting that rebalancing will often improve investments gains, it is not a foregone conclusion that it will.

Serious investors understand that rebalancing is a risk control, not a return improvement strategy. Implementing a sensible, unemotional rebalancing policy will yield two important benefits. It will ensure that the integrity of your portfolio is maintained, and it will protect against a powerful force that can impact your wealth: your emotions.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

New digital newspaper collection available

Memorial Hall Library is pleased to announce a new free addition to its digital newspaper collection.

The Boston Metropolitan News, updated daily, provides web-based access to current and archived issues of 163 newspapers in the Greater Boston area, including the Andover Townsman, The Eagle-Tribune, Tewksbury Advocate, Wilmington Advocate, North Andover Citizen, Lowell Sun, Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Metro Boston, Boston Herald, and many others. Patrons can easily search and browse

current and archived news articles, editorials, reviews, birth and marriage announcements, obituaries and a variety of special sections. Boston Metropolitan News can be accessed at <https://mhl.org/bostonnews>.

The collection is available to anyone in the library and at home to Andover cardholders.

Other newspapers offered by the library, including the New York Times and Boston Globe, can be found by visiting <https://mhl.org/databases>.

The library is located at 2 N. Main St., Andover. For more information, visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

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148 Haggetts Pond Road: Gail A. Fairweather Estate and John D. Fairweather to 148 Haggetts Pond Road RT and Laura Szekely, \$425,000

32 High Plain Road: Elizabeth A. Hall to Julian Gent and Jessica A. Ferro, \$439,800

203 High St.: Andrew Meckel to Benjamin and Marybeth Heyd, \$629,000

6 Pheasant Run: George and Evelyn Ghiloni to Cory J. and Colleen A. Boston, \$670,000

17 Porter Road: Stephen H. and Hilary L. Loring to Gary Jaworski, \$559,900

6 Ravens Bluff: Chen Jye Jou and Martina H. Yen to Ramagopal Ananth and Geeta Vemuri, \$708,000

349 South Main St.: Robert Abisi and Joseph H. Baldiga to James S. Katsikas, \$454,000

117 Salem St.: NE Home Investments Inc. to Mark C. and Ann Marie Sutton, \$1,350,000

2 Sheridan Road: 833 Capital Group LLC to Lynn H. Blais and Garrett Hunt, \$605,000

83 Tewksbury St.: William L. and Regina M. Kieckhafer to Kenneth A. and Theresa M. Lepitre, \$803,000

5 Walker Ave.: David J. Hering and Mercedes Escobar-Martin to Sam and Kerin Miller, \$369,500

9 Whittemore Terrace: Andrew W. and Margaret A. Sukienik to Tilahun Anshu and Nancy W. Kariuki, \$984,625
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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lots of activities and programs on tap.

Friday Night Special: Chinese American Association of Andovers and Andover Elder Services host free activities at The Center on Fridays,

from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., including Zumba, yoga, ping pong, Mah Jong, board and card games, and other social activities. All are welcome.

Wellness Clinics: Stop in for

a blood pressure and weight check with trained nurses Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Get help with day-to-day health needs. This service is free and confidential.

Townie Trips: Thursdays, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Center offers in-town traveling for those who want to get their hair done, go out to lunch, to a friend's house or to the library. A one-hour minimum stay at the destination is required. The cost is \$4 one way or \$7 round trip. Travel plans should be arranged by Tuesday at noon. Call 978-623-8323 to schedule transportation.

Monday Movie Matinee: Free movies are shown Mondays at 1 p.m., with popcorn and sodas available for purchase.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by

donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

What's for Lunch: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50. Prior day registration is requested.

Bereavement Support Group: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group meets on the

second Monday of the month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

Computer Users Group: Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at Memorial Hall Library.

Council on Aging board meetings: The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

Parkinson's Support Group: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., September through June, and are open to all. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

Brown Bag: Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank and The Center at Punchard, are expanding the Brown Bag program. This free program is for anyone 60 and over with an income less than \$21,978 for a single person or \$29,637 for a couple, on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps or fuel assistance. The grocery bag is available on the fourth Tuesday of the month and must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at www.myactivecenter.net.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8320.

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Townspeople



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This fashionable scarecrow was designed by Mary LaBrie for the annual Andover Coalition of Education Scarecrow Festival.



Newcomers & Neighbors members made this scarecrow for the Festival.

Scarecrow Festival scares up some fun

STAFF REPORT

Some interesting characters invaded downtown over the weekend and looks like they might stick around for a while.

At least until Halloween. The Andover Coalition for Education, or ACE, kicked off its annual Scarecrow Festival on Saturday. Even though it was cold and dreary, the Halloween spirit was on full display as scarecrows now adorn light poles up and down Main Street.

The event, which runs until Saturday, Oct. 27, is part of an ACE fundraiser. The proceeds from the purchase of scarecrow kits, which cost \$50, supports Andover public schools.

Sponsors alone had already raised \$13,000. The purchase of scarecrow kits will raise even more, according to Jennifer Srivastava, ACE director.

This year, ACE is planning on displaying approximately 75 scarecrows on Main Street's light poles. In addition to schools, civic and non-profit organizations will also be able to create their own personalized

scarecrows, each with their own educational theme and creative flair.

The theme for this year's festival is "Andover Goes International - Explore the World!" inspired by the diverse community and educational focus on global connections through the Andover Portal. For those that have not experienced the Portal, ACE and APS, in collaboration with Shared Studios, launched the first Portal in a K-12 school district last March. This immersive audio-visual experience enables students to come face-to-face with students around the world, and is a tool for teachers to enhance global curriculum.

In addition to the posting of scarecrows, there will be a "Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt" during the festival to encourage families to visit all of the scarecrows and find hidden items as part of the fun.

ACE will once again be hosting a Poetry Event on Friday, Oct. 26 after school in downtown Andover. Students are encouraged to write an original poem or read a favorite poem of their choice.



Bancroft 4th and 5th graders made this scarecrow.



Students in Ms. Bresnahan's class at High Plain Elementary made this scarecrow.



Members of Andona made this scarecrow for the annual festival.



The Andover Board of Selectmen and town manager made this scarecrow.



Children in the Shed Children's Campus made this scarecrow for the festival.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

Baby Brunch planned

Parents of children under the age of 1 are invited to an informal get-together on Saturday, Oct. 20 to meet other parents, see what the library has to offer, and enjoy some goodies.

Drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and noon. Participants may win a special handmade door prize.

Registration is not necessary. Email bkerrigan@mhl.org if there are any questions.

Celebrate Halloween with the Junior Friends

Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend the Junior Friends' Halloween party on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 3:45 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Activities will include games and Halloween-inspired crafts.

Costumes are encouraged as the party finale will be a costume parade through the library at 4:25 p.m.

Other events in the Children's Room:

Thinking Thursday, Oct. 18, 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, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. Register online at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Yoga for Kids, Sunday, Oct. 21. Offered by Stand Tall Family Yoga, ages 5 to 9 can come to Bigger Yoga at 2 p.m. and walkers to age 5, with a parent or caregiver, can attend Little Yoga at 3 p.m. Online registration is required, as space is limited.

In-Be-Tweens Program: Halloween Craft, Monday, Oct. 22, 4 p.m. Open

to students in grades four and five. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Reading with Annie, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 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.

Make It Take It Tuesday, Oct. 23 and 30, 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.

Around the World in 30 Minutes, Friday, Oct. 26, 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.

Legomania, Saturday, Oct. 27, 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.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, Oct. 27, 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.

Summer Readers, Monday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m. The group, which is continuing into the fall, is designed for ages 8 to 12. Group members

will discuss "The Trumpet of the Swan" by E.B. White. Attendees should request and read the book beforehand. Register the name of the child attending the session.

In-Be-Tweens Program: Autumn Craft, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 4 p.m. Open to students in grades four and five. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Junior Friends, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 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.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library; registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

Andover Thrives as residents shop at local stores

STAFF REPORT

Two local moms decided last week to do something for local businesses hurt by the ongoing natural gas disaster.

And, presto, Andover Thrives was born.

Thanks to Facebook chatter, downtown businesses were greeted by dozens of shoppers on Saturday, who made their way to Main Street with the aim of helping out their friends and neighbors while also getting some good deals.

Johanna Buoncontri, founder of Andover Mums Facebook page, and Gi Cyrier, founder of Mini Emporium, a mobile clothing emporium, decided to "bring the community together to support our local businesses as they get back on track," according to the Andover Thrives Facebook page.

The Andover Thrives event was supposed to "piggyback" on the Andover Cares event, which was canceled due to inclement weather. However, they did partner with the Andover Coalition for Education, or ACE, which held the start of its annual Scarecrow Festival fundraiser on Saturday.

From 11-5 on Saturday, residents were invited to "stroll, shop, dine, and support our community."

Businesses participated in various ways, including selling T-shirts to benefit the Greater Lawrence Relief Fund.



Alex Vispoli, left, chairman of the Andover Board of Selectman, snaps a photo of children selling T-shirts from the Mini Emporium, mobile children's boutique, during Andover Thrives Day. The event asked the community to support local businesses and the Greater Lawrence Disaster Relief Fund via Essex County Community Foundation while also getting special offers from the local businesses.



Chic boutique was one of several stores offering deals during Andover Thrives Day.



Twin sisters, Catie, left, and Maddie Gorecki, 7, as well as Maggie Rogers, 7, help sell T-shirts during Andover Thrives Day in front of Old Town Hall.



Dana Allen Walsh, Andover's South Church senior pastor looks over items at Chic boutique.

Elder Services sewing group provides stuffed comfort to patients

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's a typical morning at the Andover Elder Services Division as volunteers greet visitors at the front desk, roasting BBQ pulled pork wafts through the air as the kitchen staff prepares for lunch, and in room 2, a small group of women sit together happily sewing special stuffed animals they call "Comfort Critters."

Comfort Critters are hand-crafted dolls and stuffed animals that are cut, sewn, stuffed and embroidered by this special group of women. The critters are donated to hospitals, nursing homes, specialty care units, and nurseries throughout the area as comfort tools for patients. Research has shown that holding and hugging therapy dolls can quickly calm someone's nerves and lift their spirits.

"Therapy dolls have long been used in medical facilities to give patients something positive to focus on," Andover Elder Services Director Annmary Connor said. "The effects of the soft toys can be soothing, ease feelings of isolation or sadness, and bring back happy memories of early childhood."

The Comfort Critters group has been meeting for years, and have made hundreds of Comfort Critters to distribute within the local community.

"We have been doing this forever," said Evelyn Retelle of Andover, who is the leader of the group. "Too many years to count!"

The Comfort Critters group meets weekly, and each person has their own role to fill.

"We have a great group of people, each of whom can contribute to the projects, even if they do not have any previous sewing experience," said group member Barbara Biondo of Andover.

Biondoi went on to say that some people trace patterns, or cut materials, while others with sewing or embroidery experience take on more skilled tasks.

"It's wonderful to take a piece of flat fabric and create something beautiful from it," said group member Kate Kakridas of Andover. "It makes us happy."

And, just as importantly adds Connor, the group has made many people happy.

To learn more about the Comfort Critters group, contact the Andover Elders Services Division at 978-623-8320.



From left, Barbara Biondo, Kate Kakridas and Evelyn Retelle hold up some of their Comfort Critter creations during a recent meeting at the Andover Senior Center.



Samples of the therapy dolls, known as Comfort Critters, being made by a group affiliated with Andover Elder Services.

Active town volunteer remembered

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The memorial contribution suggestion list for the late Doug Mitchell of Andover is a long list of non-profits across the Merrimack Valley as he was a very caring and generous man who cared deeply about his hometown.

Mitchell died July 31 after battling leukemia for some time. He was 77 years old.

His wife of 54 years, Pamela, has asked the organizations close to her late husband's heart, to gather in his memory for an informal party on Oct. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m., at West Parish Fellowship Hall, to share memories and stories.

The Andover Center for History & Culture is among Mitchell's dearest non-profits and staffers remember him as a generous friend. He was a past president of the board, serving from 2011 to 2013.

"For us, Doug was a mentor, historian, loyal supporter and enthusiastic Andover at Work volunteer. He was an active board member for about 14 years and helped to guide us through many years of change and growth. Most importantly, Doug was a friend. We will miss his generous spirit, enthusiasm for the joy of discovery, and friendship," said Elaine Clements, who is the executive director of the Center.

Mitchell was also active with Andover's A Better Chance program. ABC President Gabrielle Hager Nossiff of Andover said Mitchell was the group's seventh president.

"During our 50th anniversary year of celebration, we heard Doug's recollections about the program and alumni and that was one of the many gifts of the year. He was happy to talk and laugh with ABC alumni who were scholars during his tenure," Hager Nossiff wrote to the ABC community telling them about the Mitchell memorial event.

Mitchell was also active with AVIS, Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, Mass. Audubon Society, and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

He loved the outdoors and his interests were golfing, scuba diving, sailing, ocean research, hiking and volunteering for conservation purposes, according to his obituary. Mitchell worked over 30 years as a Financial Specialist at the Polaroid Corp.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children. Farmer Funeral Home of Haverhill handled his funeral arrangements.



Doug Mitchell

IF YOU GO

What: Memorial, Remembering Doug Mitchell

When: Saturday, Oct. 20, 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: West Parish Fellowship Hall, 129 Reservation Road, Andover

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago—Oct. 18, 1918

A potato weighing a pound and a half was raised in the Abbot Academy gardens and was brought to the Townsman office this morning.

In last week's Townsman the Andover Branch of the American Red Cross published the general rules for the sending of Christmas presents to the boys overseas. The importance of getting these gifts ready promptly and of making them fulfill the requirements of the War Department cannot be too greatly emphasized.

Thursday morning there were two accidents in this town due to the dense and penetrating fog. In one of the accidents which occurred opposite Walter Donald's in Frye Village, a Ford automobile ran into a telegraph pole and so seriously injured two of the occupants that they had to be taken to the Lawrence General Hospital.

75 Years Ago—Nov. 4, 1943

A novel feature that should awaken much interest will be the observance of "Dad's Day" Saturday afternoon at 2:30, when Punched's football team engages Tewksbury on the local playstead. The event is sponsored by Punched's Varsity club. A new organization composed of cheerleaders, senior members of the Girls' Band and varsity lettermen.

A stubborn fire which local firemen battled for four and a half hours early this morning, caused considerable damage to the Burns Company Store and the Andover Lunch and completely gutted the Knights of Columbus quarters and an unused attic in the Lunch building. Gregory Christie, Andover Lunch manager, estimated his loss of at least \$2,500.

Halloween, apparently celebrated as conscientiously in Andover on Saturday as on Sunday night, was "one of the quietest I can remember," Police Chief George A. Dane stated Monday. Something

new in Halloween tricks was reported. Gangs of boys were found to be throwing life-like dummies on Elm and Fletcher streets causing lines of vehicles to be braked suddenly as imminent danger to their tires as well as the necks of their drivers.

50 Years Ago—Oct. 24, 1968

A wave of house breaks over the past three months has netted thieves thousands of dollars in money, television sets, and jewelry, primarily, according to local police officials. The 43 breaks investigated between July and September, show no definite pattern as to operations, investigators state. In the Lowell Street area it appeared the breakers were in search of television sets.

An increased Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational High School at less cost to Andover than at present was explained to the selectmen at the school Monday night. Net cost of the facility expanded to accommodate 1,200 students could be \$7,737.17 in 1970, according to the

figures presented by Director James Booth. The town paid \$67,960 this year.

25 Years Ago—Oct. 28, 1993

A trend toward greater inclusion appears to be underway in some schools, and leveling is still used at high school in communities often considered similar to Andover. Inclusion or the increasing efforts to include all special-needs children in desegregated classrooms whenever possible.

Editorial: "The good news about last Saturday's household hazardous waste collection is that people took it seriously. Drivers of more than 900 cars were in line to safely dispose of old paint, hazardous chemicals, and more."

The choir of West Parish Church will perform "The Requiem" this Sunday, Oct. 31, during the 10 a.m. morning worship service.

The Department of Community Services will sponsor its annual Haunted House tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 29, at Doherty Memorial Auditorium.

TOWN BRIEFS

LaRoche performing stand-up to benefit women's health

This fall, nationally-known comedian and motivational speaker Loretta LaRoche will perform a stand-up routine to benefit women's health initiatives at Greater Lawrence Family Health Center. This will be just one part of the organization's ninth annual In Pink Brunch & Comedy Show fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas' district director, June Black, will be honored with the health center's Rosalyn Kempton Wood Award for Inspirational Leadership during the event. Black, a two-time breast cancer survivor who holds women's health causes near and dear to her heart, is being recognized for her time serving the Merrimack Valley.

In addition to LaRoche's routine, the event will feature silent and live auctions, brunch provided by the country club and a gift for attendees. Early bird tickets

are \$45 and will be available for a limited time at www.glfhc.org/inpink2018. Parties interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact the organization's External Relations department at glfhcevents@glfhc.org.

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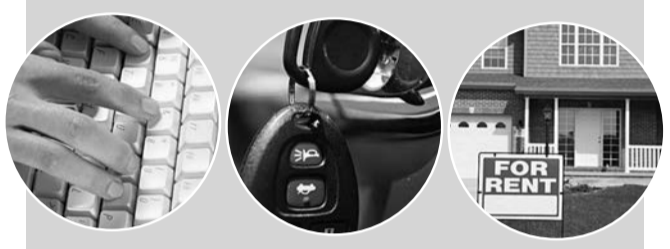
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Sports

A PERFECT BALANCE

Coyle a star on the gridiron, in the classroom for Andover

By MICHAEL MULDOON
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Ethan Coyle is a brilliant scholar. After all, he scored a 1,590 on his SATs (1,600 is the maximum) and he could very well end up the Andover High valedictorian this spring.

He also loves sports. He's a three-sport captain who bleeds football.

So, Ethan, are you a brilliant scholar who plays football or a football player who happens to be brilliant?

After some thought, he said, "I'd have to say a brilliant kid who plays football. But it's been a huge, incredible part of my life. I've been good at school for a long time. But football changed the trajectory of my life. It made me a better person."

Coyle, who also wrestles and throws the discus in spring track, has an uncommon love of football.

Academic heavyweights MIT and Williams are his two top choices but football is an important part of his decision, too.

"I'm playing football," he assured. "Athletics are a huge part of my life."

The 6-1, 240-pound Coyle is a two-way starter on the line this fall and can bench press 285 pounds. He graded out as Andover's best lineman vs. Franklin with 7 tackles, 2 tackles for a loss and a sack.

For the season, he has 13 tackles, five for loss, and a team-high four sacks. He had two against archrival Central Catholic.

Andover football coach E.J. Perry has coached a lot of accomplished student athletes over the years.

He has coached 2-3 seasons (basketball, football, volleyball) for nearly 30 years but says he has never had anyone like Coyle.

"He's the most accomplished



COURTESY PHOTO

Ethan Coyle dominates on the field and in the classroom for Andover.

student-athlete I've ever seen," said Perry. "And at Salem, I had an athlete with a 1,600 SAT."

What about that 1,590, Ethan?

"I took it fall of junior year and got an 800 in math and a 790 in English," he said.

The lure of the perfect 1,600 wasn't strong. He just took it the one time.

"It was good enough for me," he said.

According to prepscholar.com, 1.7 million students take the SAT test every year and only about 300 score 1,600. For those who didn't get an 800 on their math SAT, that's less than two hundredths of a percent.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Ethan Coyle throws a block during practice. He is also a star in the classroom.

Guess, we can call Ethan a "math guy" ... especially with that paltry 790 on his verbal.

He also scored a 5, the top score, on his advance placement exams in physics, history and Java (computer programming).

Math and sciences are in his genes.

He and twin brother Noah, another stellar student, are the sons of Andover doctors Cyndi DeAngelis, an ophthalmologist, and Francis Coyle, an anesthesiologist.

Ethan said, "I'm a big math guy. I love physics. I'm also really interested in economics."

He thinks he has the perfect balance with his friends from football and friends from the physics and calculus.

"It's like two different groups," he said.

"They are very different and both have enriched my life."

The stereotype is the football players are the popular kids in high school but Coyle is also proud of being a gifted student.

"Some nights I'm up to 1 a.m. but it's very rewarding," he said. "Not a lot of kids can look at MIT."

Football starts strong, but falls to Haverhill

By DAVID WILLIS
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Haverhill — At halftime, Andover had Haverhill's offense in check, trailing just 7-0 with an upset within reach.

But the Golden Warriors could not carry that momentum into the second half and fell to the Hillies 24-3 on Friday.

Through the first two quarters, Andover kept the Haverhill offense out of the end zone. The Hillies'

lone points came on an interception return.

Meanwhile, Golden Warriors running back Tommy Duncan had run for 103 yards on 16 carries before the break.

Andover cut Haverhill's lead to 7-3 with 6:41 left in the third quarter on a Shamus Florio 31-yard field goal.

But the Hillies responded with the next 17 points to clinch the victory.

Andover was playing without

top running back Josh Ramos, who missed the game with a leg injury suffered against Methuen.

Phil Menihas (19 tackles), Kelvin Davila (9 tackles), and Dan Blatman (6 tackles) led the Andover defense.

The Golden Warriors will next travel to Lowell on Friday (7 p.m.)

Haverhill 24, Andover 3

Andover (1-4):	0	0	3	0	—	3
Haverhill (5-2):	0	7	3	14	—	24
Second Quarter						
H — Joe Santoro 8 interception return (Sergio Martinez kick), 3:59						

Third Quarter
A — Shamus Florio 31 field goal, 6:41
H — Sergio Martinez 29 field goal, 0:45
Fourth Quarter
H — Dante Cadeus 33 pass from Brady Skafas (Sergio Martinez kick), 9:44
H — Brady Skafas 1 run (Sergio Martinez kick), 6:35
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: Haverhill (36-144) — Ayden Alvarado 9-36, David Carreiro 12-38, Brady Skafas 4-26, Carlton Campbell 7-18, Colum O'Brien 2-25, Disani Houston 2-1; ANDOVER (23-116) — Tommy Duncan 19-106, Victor Harrington 2-3, Shamus Florio 1-6, Aidan Ritter 1-1
PASSING: Haverhill — Brady Skafas 9-16-0, 134; ANDOVER — Victor Harrington 5-13-2, 61
RECEIVING: Haverhill — Dante Cadeus 3-76, Sam Prescott 1-7, Hunter Prescott 2-13, Blake Bachry 1-16, Sam Powell 2-22; ANDOVER — Brendon Moody 4-47, Nick Zalanskas 1-14

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THE WEEK IN ANDOVER HIGH SPORTS

Abouhamad, Fraser lead volleyball to big wins

VOLLEYBALL

Brooke Abouhamad delivered a huge day with 22 service points, 13 assists and three aces as Andover beat Chelmsford 3-1 on Friday. **Hailey Halverson** added 20 service points, four aces and six blocks and **Alexis Mancha** had nine digs for the winners.

Caroline Fraser tallied 24 service points, 22 digs and 28 assists to help Andover down Winchester 3-2 on Saturday. **Alexis Mancha** led Andover in kills (15) and digs (9).

Brooke Abouhamad scored nine assists to help Andover top Methuen 3-0 last Wednesday. **Alexis Mancha** added 18 service points and six kills and **Emily Nason** had five digs for the winners.

GOLF

Trapp, Warriors keep rolling

Tyler Trapp and **Cade Cedorchuck** each won 2-and-1 to lead Andover to a 16-4 win over Haverhill last Tuesday. **Nick Ventura**, **Teddy Gorrie**, **Steve Ingram** and **Jon Rowe** added wins for the Golden Warriors.

Mac Lee won 3-up and Andover topped Central

Catholic 14-6 last Wednesday. **Josh Gruenberg** and **Jon Rowe** added wins for the Warriors.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Cain stars

Sarah Cain was second overall in 21:43 as Andover edged Central Catholic (27-28) and Tewksbury (26-29) last Wednesday. **Emma Griffin** was fourth overall, **Sophia Coutu** was seventh and **Juliet Sellers** and **Emma Dowty** were 12-13.

GIRLS SOCCER

Joel breaks through

Senior **Emma Joel** scored her first career goal to lead Andover to a 5-0 win over Lowell last Tuesday. **Monique O'Toole** added two goals for the winners, **Nicole Blanchard** and **Ashley Kendrigan** each scored once and **Scarlette Gillette** made three saves for the shutout.

Chloe Fields scored a goal, but Andover lost to Lincoln-Sudbury 2-1 on Saturday.

SWIMMING

Spring, Pantazi have breakout days

Riley Spring won the 100 backstroke (1:11.32) and **Andrea Pantazi** took the 100 freestyle (59.45) to help Andover to a 92-78 victory over Dracut on Friday. **Gabby**



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Josh Gruenberg, left, and Jon Rowe walk during the Golden Warriors' victory over Haverhill last week. Both scored individual wins.

Rickards (200 freestyle), **Amanda Morin** (diving) and **Addie Earle** (100 breaststroke) added wins for the Warriors.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Jayasinghe leads the way

TJ Jayasinghe (fifth, 19:00) and **Jason Denoncourt** (10th 19:32) were the first two in for Andover as the

Golden Warriors fell to Central Catholic (26-29) and Tewksbury (18-41) last Wednesday.

FIELD HOCKEY

Gregory, Andover snap skid

Sydney Gregory scored the game-winning goal as Andover bounced back from two straight losses to beat Needham 1-0 on Saturday.

Ali Gasperoni made three saves for the shutout.

Despite a **Hailey Doherty** goal, Andover lost to Central Catholic 2-1 on Friday.

Andover fell to Chelmsford 1-0 last Wednesday.

BOYS SOCCER

Warriors fall

Andover lost to Lowell 3-0 on Friday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

Golf
Andover at North Andover, 9 a.m.

Boys Soccer
Central Catholic at Andover, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Central Catholic at Andover, 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

Field Hockey
Andover at North Andover, 3:45 p.m.

Football
Andover at Lowell, 7 p.m.

Girls Swimming
Billerica at Andover, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Girls Soccer
Danvers at Andover, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Girls Soccer
Andover at Shrewsbury, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

Field Hockey
Beverly at Andover, 7 p.m.

Girls Swimming
Andover at Belmont, 4 p.m.

Girls Volleyball
Andover at Reading, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

Boys Soccer
St. John's Prep at Andover, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

Field Hockey
Andover at Nashoba Regional, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Volleyball
Andover at Barnstable, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Boys Soccer
Andover at North Andover, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Andover at North Andover, 5 p.m.

LOCAL NOTE

Andover Hooptown's Fall 2018 "Boot Camp" basketball camps will run Oct. 20-21 and Nov. 3-4 and 10-12 at the Andover High Fieldhouse. For more information visit "hooptowncamp.com"

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Sunny and breezy	Plenty of sun	Spotty showers	Partly sunny	Chilly with sunshine	Cloudy	Chance of rain
High: 45° Low: 27°	High: 57° Low: 46°	High: 61° Low: 40°	High: 52° Low: 30°	High: 49° Low: 38°	High: 53° Low: 34°	High: 49° Low: 33°

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calendar and call 978-623-8432 if there are any questions.

Learn about Tarot: Teens are welcome to learn about Tarot cards and reading from Ann Hentz on Monday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. Hentz will talk a little about the cards and then read one card per attendee. Registration is required. Register for this program at www.mhl.org/calendar. For more information, call 978-623-8432.

Get a jump on college planning,

financial aid: Join Jim Femia, certified college planning specialist, for a talk on college planning and financial aid on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. Teens and their parents/caregivers will learn about financial aid eligibility, how to avoid mistakes on the FAFSA, and more. Register at www.mhl.org/calendar or call 978-623-8432 for more information.

Teen Book Café at Andover Starbucks: Teen book lovers can stop by the Andover Starbucks

from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 for a free tall drink of their choice and to listen to Anna, the teen services librarian, talk about new releases. Each teen will leave with at least one free, new book. Other events at the library include:

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Thursday, Oct. 18, 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: Oct. 19 and 26, 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, Oct. 23 and 30, 6 p.m. Watch a movie in the Teen Room. Call 978-623-8463 for each night's title.

Random Fandom: "Stranger Things": Wednesday, Oct. 24, 3 p.m. Celebrate all things Hawkins Middle with an

Upside-Down themed craft. All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12, and are free to attend. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

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