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Gas prices drop 3 cents

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts are down for the third straight week, with a 3-cent decline that is the largest one-week drop since the end of 2008, according to **AAA Southern New England**.

AAA's survey of prices in Massachusetts today found self-serve, regular unleaded averaging \$2.569 per gallon, down 3 cents from last week and 7 cents in the last three weeks. The current price is 4 cents above the national average for self-serve unleaded of \$2.52, and is \$1.50 less than the \$4.06 found this time a year ago. The range in prices in the latest AAA survey for unleaded regular is 46 cents, from a low of \$2.399 to a high of \$2.859.

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Change		+ .42
Last		115.85
Volume		12,901,373
Up		12
Down		8
Unchanged		8
Gainer		
The Hanover Insurance Group Inc.	\$37.66	+\$.43
Decliner		
Waters Corp.	\$48.67	-\$.27

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Mack Prototype meets medical manufacturing standard

GARDNER – The quality management system of **Mack Prototype Inc.**, a division of **Mack Molding Co.**, has been certified to be in compliance with the requirements of the ISO 13485 international quality standard for medical device manufacturing. The **International Organization for Standardization** created the standard to provide medical devices meeting customer and regulatory requirements. **NSF International Strategic Registrations**, an accredited registrar, carried out the third-party assessment and certification, according to a press release. Mack Prototype is a low-volume manufacturing

company that specializes in SLA rapid prototyping, CNC machining, LIM polyurethane, and injection molding. The Gardner location houses eight injection presses for low volume, small-to-medium part molding.

WPI recognized for work environment

WORCESTER – **Worcester Polytechnic Institute** has been recognized as a "Great College to Work For" in **The Chronicle of Higher Education's** second-annual survey. The university was ranked for excellence in the area of "Tenure Clarity and Process." The survey is featured in the July 10 issue of the periodical. The results of the survey are based on responses from nearly 41,000 administrators, faculty members, and staff members at 247 colleges and universities, according to a news release. The survey recognizes colleges for specific best practices and policies in the categories of: compensation and benefits, institutional policies, and work environment. The survey provided rankings in 26 categories for four-year institutions.

Auctioneer relocates

Robert L. Potvin has re-hung his auctioneer shingle, and is again located on 147 West Main St., West Brookfield. The move is intended to better serve the scap-gold selling business, according to a press release. His business has a Web site at www.goldredeemer.com.



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