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Whole world in his hands - Lifting so-called Atlas stones is a staple of the strongman competition.

Andover's Art McDermott will compete in the national strongman competition beginning today, Thursday.

Herculean task

Andover man battles cars, more in bid for national strongman title

By Rebecca Piro

to quit when it comes to Competition. McDermott, a working out. But not Wildwood Road resident, is strength trainer Art McDer- one of 22 people across the mott, who rubs chalk on his country who will compete forearms, takes a deep for the national title starting breath, and lifts a 20-foot today, Thursday. McDeriron pole weighing 800 pounds - and runs with it.

"You go as fast as you can until you start to black out a little bit," he says.

Strange though it may sound, that's the kind of

oomph it takes to qualify for Most people know when the National Strongman mott's competition will be in St. Louis, Mo.

And McDermott - a solid six-foot-tall man weighing 270 – is one of the

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School-delay costs tallied

Will cost at least \$75,000 to move classrooms to new school

spend at least \$75,000 moving the days students and teachers from their permanent ones.

salary money the town will have. Andover; and unpack. If the new schools don't open to dole out to teachers at the new by Sept. 5, the town will have to schools for working an extra three

Three days is how long Tuttle temporary classrooms into their estimates it will take for teachers throughout the existing schools is until the building is ready. School That figure, according to they are temporarily housed; School Committee, School Build-Bernie Tuttle, business manager move the books and equipment to ing Committee, and school and on River Road, to house the stu-

ing financially and time-wise.

and students to pack up where one option that members of the for the schools, is how much extra the new buildings in west town administrators are consider-

ing. The School Building Com-"The three days would have to mittee agreed Tuesday night to be made up," says Tuttle, mean-recommend against using the recommend against using the Franciscan Center to house the Dispersing students by grade High Plain Elementary students officials recently suggested adapting the vacant building, located

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FLYING WITH TED WILLIAMS



baseball slugger prepared fighter pilots for World War II. See page 6

John Harris, who had Ted Williams as a check pilot, remembers flying with Williams as the

Drug patrol

Detective shoots at allegedly attacking truck

By Rebecca Piro

A police officer fired his gun Saturday at a couple who allegedly tried to back over him

twice with a pick-up truck. Detectives Mike Lane and Dave Carriere were patrolling the Grill 93 parking around 10 a.m. that morning - a wellknown place for drug deals, say Lt. Jim Hashem. Dressed in plain clothes and driving an unmarked vehicle, the officers noticed a couple who appeared to be using narcotics, sitting in a red pick-up truck, say police. The officers got out of the car. approached the truck and identified themselves as policemen Both men are part of the department's substance control unit.

The driver of the vehicle put the car in gear and attempted to back over Det. Lane. Hashem. Lane allegedly got clipped, though not seriously.

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Hundreds wait for hug from saint

purple sari and smiling peacefully, Anita Rao-Ballakur of Andover waited patiently in a long line to get close to the Indian saint known worldwide for her inspirational hugs.

The saint's name is Ammachi (which means beloved mother). Admirers It started at 10 a.m. with a wait hours to get and give her hugs as she is considered a Mother Theresa-like fig-

Admirers from across New England were plentiful when Ammachi's summer US tour brought her to the Ramada Rolling Green in Andover on Monday. Several hundred barefoot people dressed in white clothes, attended the day-long event. meditation service followed by "darshan," which is the

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Resident Anita Rao-Ballakur met Ammachi on Monday.

School Committee squabbles

New member spars with chairwoman, superintendent

School Committee meetings and behind the scenes. Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood was angry with fellow member Christopher Smith this week for launching an unofficial School Committee Web site without official approval. The item was to be discussed at Monday's meeting. but it was tabled because the been discussed on June 18, but no action was taken to approve the

site. Smith then launched the Web "You have not been forthcomlaunching, and addressed the mat- publicly. ter after a motion to table it for the night had been made

respect for each other," said Gird- committee meeting was scheduled wood. Smith indicated that he had meeting had run late. It had also asked members for input on the ly after 11:30 p.m. The meetings page, but Girdwood hadn't frequently continue after 11:30 responded to him.

Personalities are clashing at the page unofficially with the hope of ing," said Smith. Girdwood said getting the School Committee to she hadn't had the time to give her approve the site. Girdwood was input. Smith complained that the angry that he hadn't waited for the evening's meeting had run so late committee to approve it before that the item couldn't be discussed

"If our meetings were run tht had been made. more efficiently we wouldn't be here until 11:30," said Smith. The to end at 10 p.m. and ended short-

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Next month: Wrap comes off safety center

Police side ready in August, old station to be torn down; fire side ready in 2003



Lt. James Hashem checks on some of the new equipment at the new safety center.

By Rebecca Piro

There's one sure sign that the new public safety center is coming along. Police officers touring the new building no longer need to trade in their soft blue caps for hard plastic ones.

"It's not a hard-hat site any more," says a cheerful Lt. Jim Hashem as he walks through the the 911 system works. building's front door. "That means we're getting closer."

since the contractor broke operating out of there. ground - and several months ater than scheduled - the police pletely out of the old building department is scheduled to begin and into the new one, the entire

week of August.

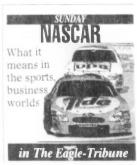
announced for security reasons. says Hashem. The biggest factor

that drives the move is the communications lines - whether the phones are up and running and "The bulk of the (moving) can happen the week before, or It's been a long, slow trip, but the week after," he says. "The

construction on the first half of critical stuff for us is the comthe public safety center is com- munications. The day that is up ing to a close. Almost two years and running is the day we'll be When the police are com-

operating out of the new build- existing building will be torn

ing during the first or second down - a day that Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he has An exact date for the official been looking forward to for a switchover will not be long time. Stapczynski calls



Franciscan center no longer considered

OPENING SCHOOLS

dents temporarily. After listening to reports from Kaija Gilmore, the town's building inspector, the School Building Committee agreed that there are too many problems to make the option a viable one.

'My own personal feeling is that the Franciscan Center would take a tremendous effort. which would take away from the energy (available) to get the new schools ready," says Mark Johnson, committee chairman.

According to a written list from Joe Piantedosi, Plant and Facilities director, the Franciscan Center would need to be hooked up to a sewer system. The building also lacks handicap bathrooms and accessibility, the fire alarm system is not up to standard, asbestos is present, and the public process to obtain a lease would take at least five weeks, among other things.

'This is a long list, and it's probably only half the list once \$75,000 is only the beginning of tary students 45 minutes to one p.m.

we open that can," says Bernie the costs if officials decide to hour later than the rest of the Morrissey, School Building Committee member.

Ultimately, the School Committee and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski will decide which contingency plan to follow if the new schools do not open in time for the first day of school, Sept. 4. The options currently on the table include partial occupancy placing some students in the middle school, which officials expect to be finished first, and housing the elementary students elsewhere - or distributing students from both schools by grade throughout existing schools. Other options include the "stay-put" method, which calls for forfeiting the redistricting plan for this year and keeping students at their current schools until the 2003-2004 school year when the buildings are 100-percent complete. Superintendent Claudia Bach and Tuttle were unavailable Wednesday morning. The

mentary schools late. Transportation costs could be even more daunting, because the town would have to hire, temporarily. more buses to drive the students from the Cross Street neighborhoods to schools all over town. Tuttle does not yet have an estimated cost, because he doesn't even know where he will find the extra buses to hire.

The two companies the town normally contracts do not have additional buses. "The big unknown is the transportation. The vehicles we would need aren't there at this point in time," he says. Hiring extra buses for a finite period of time will undoubtedly cost the town lots of money, he adds."I'd like to own a transportation company if we're going with this model," says Tuttle. "They'll have us over a barrel."

One option to solve the bus

open both the middle and ele- town. Buses would then have time to return to pick those students up and drive them to their locations.

Physically moving the books and equipment from one school to another might not cost the town anything, Tuttle says. He thinks the town can get away with using its own Public Works vehicles and manpower. The School Building Committee, however, has asked him to investigate how much it might cost to hire a mover.

If forced to open the schools late, the town will pass the moving charges and the extra teacher salaries to general contractor John T. Callahan, says Johnson.

The School Committee is scheduled to decide on the contingency plan by Aug. 16 - the date the town hopes to receive a certificate of occupancy for the schools. The next School Building Committee meeting is schedcrunch would be to start elemen- uled for Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6



Barbara L'Italien has a lot of family support on the campaign trail from husband, Kevin Hall, and children, Rudv. 12 (not pictured); Samantha, 8; Andrew, 4, and Allie, 10.

Smith dismisses student contingency plan

DISAGREEMENT

p.m., though they are usually scheduled to end at 9 or 9:15 p.m. Girdwood-said it was important to hear from the teachers, administrators and parents who attend the meetings.

"We've had to table 50 percent of our agenda," countered Smith.

Agenda items usually occur at least a half hour late and opportunity for citizen input has happened after 10 p.m. on occasion, forcing parents to sit for two and a half hours before

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Smith first made a motion for the site to be approved at the committee's June 18 meeting. He said he received positive feedback from fellow members and the technology coordinator Ray Tode. In a press release announcing the site. Smith stated that the School Committee had become inaccessible to the public and that meeting times and agendas



Christopher Smith: Calls holding classes in gyms

HOURS

were difficult obtain before the meetings Smith said the current school district site was "terribly out of date and was very political."

Smith sent out four other press releases this week. In one release he Claudia Bach:

Committee

members "are

opinion.

"The superintendent's

schools aren't open) is

not in the best interest

of our students."

CHRISTOPHER SMITH

stay in their current schools until the new schools' construction was completed. He called Superintendent Claudia Bach's plan of having multiple classes held concurrently in gymnasiums "absurd" and "ludicrous." He also stated that parents and teachers were against the plan.

"The superintendent's plan is not in the best interest of our students," his release stated.

The other releases regarded the Web site, the buying of textbooks, and the expansion of allday kindergarten and the laptop computer pro-

Tuesday to spend \$208,194 on new textbooks. "These new books will be used across the district and benefit all of our students. Thanks to the generous 10-percent increase in our school budget this year, terminate the superintendent.

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Andover is fortunate to have these additional funds to buy so many new books for our students," said Smith.

Bach spoke last week against committee members acting outside of the meetings. "A School Committee person has no vote until they are a member of five people. They are one-fifth

of an opinion. They announced that students should have no power on the street corner," she said.

Smith was elected to the School Committee after running as an anti-override candidate. It is one difference of opinion he has had with fellow members and the school administration. Since he was elected he has spoken publicly and to the press against the over-

ride and against other common views of other plan (to hold classes in members of the School Commitgymnasiums if the new

The Web site <andoverschools.org> bears Andover town seal, the state law stating the School

Committee's pur-

pose and powers. The School Committee voted upcoming meeting agendas and links that can be used to send emails to each committee mem-

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The first legal powers of the School Committee stated on the unofficial site are to select and

State House politics New seat has interest

By Judy Wakefield

Andover's Greater increasing population has resulted in a new state representative seat.

It's the newly formed 18th Essex District seat representing three precincts in Andover and parts of five other nearby communities.

A political newcomer from Andover has announced her candidacy for the seat.

Democrat Barbara L'Italien, a former elder-care worker who is active with numerous youth groups in Andover, turned in 308 signatures – twice the 150 required - to get her name on the September primary bal-

She is facing democratic challenger Kevin Shea of Georgetown. The two will face off in the Sept. 18 primary. The winner will face Republican Kathleen Sachs and Independent Alfred DePietro, both of Georgetown. Sachs and DePietro are running unopposed.

"New leadership and innovation" is the campaign slogan for L'Italien, an Andover native who graduated from Andover High School in 1978 and Merrimack College in 1984.

"We need new leadership out there," L'Italien said. "I've been an activist for parents, kids, schools and elders and I am motivated by that."

She may be best known for her recent support of the failed Proposition 2 ½ override campaign. She was cochairman of the SOS (Support Our Students) group. However, she said she wants voters to know "there is much more (to me) than the override.

She emphasized her commitment to elders, as she worked as an elder-care worker before she gave birth to her four children.

"I worked side-by-side with senior citizens to provide them the skills and resources to live independently and to protect them against elder abuse," she said, noting that her widowed mother, Claire L'Italien, lives with her.

Her involvement with local youth groups is lengthy. She is an Andona Society member, very active with the Bancroft School parents group, the townwide parents school group and is a board member of the Andover Youth Foundation.

"I have the real-life experience, the energy and new ideas," she said.

Her campaign officially kicks off next Thursday, July 25 when she hosts a reception at China Blossom Restaurant in North Andover. Her campaign headquarters is located in a strip mall on Route 125 in North Andover, a central spot for the new 18th district.

The new district includes six towns and contains precincts 1, 7, and 8 in Andover and parts of North Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Methuen and Haver-



Barbara L'Italien will face Kevin Shea in a race to represent part of Andover. Shea was in town the day of the override elections.

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Ammachi in Andover

SAINT VISITS

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hug-blessing session. Many used their waiting time to meditate. They sat on the floor and in chairs with their eyes closed as soft music played in the background Organizers said Ammachi,

who is also called Amma, typically gives "darshan" until about 3 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. she returned to the hotel's main ballroom to lead a stirring 90-minute set of devotional music "In India, hundreds of thou-

sands of people flock to see her. I know of people who have waited 26 hours to hug her," explained Rao-Ballakur as she waited in the darshan line with an assigned number. "She is so full of love and sees people unconditionally. There is no race, no culture, no religion with Amma. She is beautiful."

Hindu by birth, Ammachi was born in 1953 in a poor fishing village in the state of Kerala in southern India. She left school at 9 years old to work for her family. She established herself as a mystic in the village and soon attracted crowds with her presence. She came to realize a simple hug was an expression of love so many yearned for, but rarely received.

Now 48, she has toured the

world for the past 15 years spreading her message of love. She is currently on tour of 11 American cities. Ammachi does not claim to heal sick people or make miracles. However, some people have claimed that their lives changed after receiving her simple hug.

Wearing a plain white sari. she sat on a chair at the front of the Ramada ballroom and simply smiled and hugged whomever approached. Couples with children, handicapped people, and others of all ages did just that, returning to their seats and seemingly feeling grateful for the experience.

Ammachi speaks limited English. Organizers said she travels with an entourage of 35 people who help translate questions from her admirers. "I met her two years ago and I

was thrilled when I heard she was coming to Andover again," said Rao-Ballakur, who lives on Orchard Street. "She is a divine soul who has enlightened so many people ... she is so filled with love." There was no fee for the event, but Ammachi accepts donations for a trust. That money has paid for soup kitchens and shelters in the US and India. In addition, her charities give medical care to thousands of people in India.

IN BRIEF

Volunteers sought for Pomps Pond Shawsheen cleanup

By Evan Greer

Come Saturday, July 20, Shawsheen River Watershed Association Vice President Jack Brady will be waist deep in water. Wearing his "oldest, dirti-est pair of tennis shoes," he will be feeling along the bottom of the Shawsheen River for old

Brady is just one of the many volunteers that it will take to make the SWRA's tire removal river cleanup day a success, he says. Volunteers should plan to meet in the parking area at Den Rock Park, off Route 114 in North Andover. The cleanup will last from around 9 a.m. until

"Experts estimate that there are more than 1,000 tires in the lower third of the river," says Brady, who has been doing river cleanups for the past 10 years. The tires, he says, are particularly harmful because they sink to the bottom of the river, filling up with silt and mud, creating sandbars, and diverting the river from its natural flow. "We want to reestablish the river's natural channel," Brady says.

Some volunteers will work up-river into Andover; others will work toward North Andover and Lawrence. Volunteers should dress according to what they are willing to do, says Brady. Those who are willing to get right into the river and pry up submerged tires should wear appropriate clothes. Those who would rather help from dry land should wear long sleeved shirts and trousers, rubber boots and gloves. Even those volunteers who remain on the shore will get wet, says Brady.

"The tires we're pulling out have been there for at least 10 years," says Brady, quite enough time to disturb the water's natural course. Reestablishing the river's natural flow would allow fish to swim up from the ocean and repopulate the watershed's depleted supply, he says. The SWRA has planned more river cleanups for Aug. 17 and Sept 21. For more information, visit

<www.shawsheen.org>. Evan Greer is a summer intern.

Tax bill sent

The town of Andover has mailed the real-estate tax bill for the first quarter of fiscal year

Roads closed by No. Reading resurfacing

Several main roads in North Reading will be closed for two hours tomorrow morning, Friday, July 19 because they are being resurfaced. North Reading's Department of Public Works said these areas will be closed starting at 7 a.m. tomorrow: Haverhill Street, from the Andover town line to North Street; North Street, from Route 28 to Haverhill Street; Marblehead Street, from Middleton town line to Haverhill Street.

In case of rain, the DPW will do the work on Monday morning, July 22. For more information, call the DPW at 978-644 6060.

Two rescues for Andover lifeguards

By Jesse Greenspan Lifeguards at Pomps Pond spend most days conducting swimming lessons and watching waders move slowly through the still waters. Last season, no serious rescues were required.

This year, however, lifeguards have already had to make two separate rescues at Pomps, one of Andover's most popular swimming holes.

One of those came July 4 in the late afternoon, which was one of the busiest days of the year for the lifeguard staff.

Brandon Antonakos, 17, was reportedly sitting at the end of the dock in a chair when he heard cries from the other side of the swimming area. According to Antonakos, whose friends call him Visor, he saw a man in his 20s splashing around and drowning while a women next to him called for help.

As Antonakos prepared for the rescue, a fellow lifeguard blew a whistle, signifying that every swimmer needed to immediately leave the water. On July 4. this meant clearing an exceptionally large number of people from the swimming area.

"I jumped in, grabbed my tube, swam to him and put the tube under his arms." Antonakos said. "You want to keep (the tube) between him and me, and I put my arms under his and moved into shallow water where he could stand. I assume he couldn't swim." In his three years lifeguarding

at Pomps, it was the first rescue Antonakos had made.

Earlier in the year, another



Lifeguards Brandon Antonakos and Vicki Britton have rescued troubled swimmers from the Pomps Pond waters this summer.

serious situation developed Vicki jumped in. when fellow lifeguard Vicki Britton was forced to rescue a pair of girls at the outskirts of the swimming area.

Head lifeguard Jenn Flemming, who was also on the scene at the time, described the situanear the far raft, and one of them became a distressed swimmer." she said. "They began pulling each other under and that's when

According to Flemming, one girl grabbed onto Britton's tube and was pulled into shallow water while the other girl was able to recover on her own.

Despite these moments, the majority of the summer has tion. "There were two little girls remained free of such excitement for Antonakos, Britton and the rest of the Pomps Pond staff.

Jesse Greenspan is a Towns

Quote, unquote . . .

DON'T THINK A BURGLAR would care how much (weight can lift). But they're welcome to try to steal something from the garage

Art McDermott, competitor in this week's National Strongman Competition, who stores the 420-pound stones and other items he lifts in his garage. (Story, page 1)

WISH I WAS BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN.

tary art teacher Tricia (Midolo) Salzano reflecting or had when a student at Andover High School. (Story,

News Calendar

Thursday, July 18

Preservation Commission, Site Visit, 167 Highland Road, 6:30

Monday, July 22

School Committee, School Admin-

Tuesday, July 23

Planning Board, Town Offices

Wednesday, July 24

Friends of Andover Music Education, Memorial Hall Library, sec ond floor, 7:30 p.m.

Government Review Committee,

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30

Vision 21 Committee, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 1

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting. Memorial Hall Library. 2nd floor, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5

Board of Health, Town Offices,

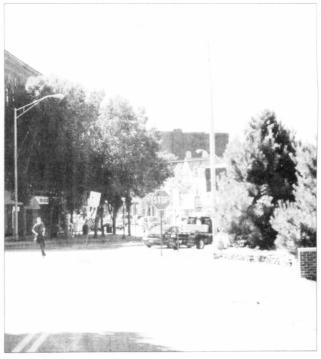
Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall

PAST AND PRESENT





Elm Square, the almost-five-way intersection in front of Memorial Hall Library that brings together Elm, Central and Main streets, has changed several times during the years. In the photo at right is Elm Square as it appeared in 1909, well before the current Elm Green Veterans Memorial was built. In the photo at right is Elm Square as it appears today

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GUN FIRED

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The truck immediately changed gears, moved forward, and then came at Lane in reverse again, according to police.

Lane fired once at the vehicle, but did not hit either occupant. Police, who say the incident is still under investigation,

will not say whether the bullet hit the vehicle. Lane did just as he was trained to do in such a situation. says

Hashem. "Officers are trained to stop the threat, what-LT. JAMES HASHEM ever that may

be," he says. It's the first time an officer

says Hashem. The last time occurred during a pursuit where Lt. William Mackenzie fired at an escaping vehicle.

On Saturday, the red pick-up truck drove off towards River Road, where it merged onto Interstate 93 South. The officers followed in a "slow-speed" pursuit, driving about 55 mph through the break-down lane, Hashem says. The occupants of the truck were seen to be throwing what appeared to be pills out the window, he says.

Both were taken into custody on I-93 moments later. Both

appeared to be under the influ-

ence of drugs, says Hashem.
The driver, Douglas Racca. 39, of 8 Gillette Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested. He was charged with assault with intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his truck), driving to endanger, failing to stop for a police officer, possessing a

Class A substance, possessing a Class E "They had a number of substance and pill bottles with them. conspiring to violate the con-The majority of the trolled subdrugs were disposed of stance laws. on the highway."

His passenger, Tina Mariano, 33, of 25 Bradford Road. North Chelmsford, was arrest-

has discharged his weapon at a ed and charged with possessing suspect in two or three years, a Class A substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance laws

"They had a number of pill bottles with them - oxycontin and prozac. The majority of the drugs were disposed of on the highway," says Hashem.

Officers, with the assistance of the state police and canine dog, searched the highway for evidence of drugs, but didn't find any.

"The incident is still under investigation, and there are a lot of questions I don't have the answer to right now," says

Under investigation | Police getting ready for new digs

■ SAFETY CENTER

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himself the spokesperson for the project, and has had to explain to the public the reasons for the multiple delays in the \$13 million project. Joe Piantedosi, director of Plant and Facilities who also has authority over the project, is on vacation and is unavailable to comment.

Mello Construction, general contractor for the project, broke ground in October 2000 and promised a finished center by September 2002. The project has since slipped steadily behind schedule. Carlos Mello, company president, has blamed the town for being slow to sign the contract, as well as the harsh winter of 2000 for the delay. The town says Mello has not had enough workers on site, only recently bringing the manpower up from 20 to 35 workers on site. Selectmen are now hoping to see the project wrap up by August 2003, as are public safety employees, who have had to work amidst construction for almost two years.

"Our entrance has been changed from day to day. We've moved where we park our cruisers six or seven times. We have some of our equipment spread throughout town. We've dealt with it from day to day," says Hashem

The delays are costly as well. In April, Town Meeting approved \$830,000 to pay extended salaries of the project's architect and the town's project manager, and for storage space for the fire department during the transition and other project needs. The town also extended a temporary easement into Friend-



ly's parking lot, though Stapczynski says the town is not paying anything for the ease-

The project will force the fire department to change its emergency-response routes, as firefighters, EMTs, their equipment, trucks and ambulances will be dispersed throughout town. Five firefighters will be stationed at a renovated garage at Spring Grove Cemetery. The fire deputy will work out of Ballardvale Sta tion. Extra equipment will be housed at a rented trailer next to West Fire Station. The changes will delay fire and ambulance response to the center of town by about a minute and a half, Fire Chief Chuck Murnane has said. The fire chief and his secretary will be housed in the police section of the new building temporarily.

The town has met with its lawyer to consider its options for charging Mello for the delays.



Residents will soon be entering the new center, which comes with more advanced iails for prisoners.

says Stapczynski

"Without revealing exactly what has been said in executive session, we've met with counsel about our options," he says.

Demolition of the existing building should begin shortly after the police and fire departments make their move, and will last about seven weeks, he adds. Mello's construction schedule calls for one year to build the fire department half of the building.

Settling in

Police may spend some time wandering aimlessly through their new building once they move in - because it's so much bigger than the station in which they currently work

'The lobby's a little bit bigger than it is now," says Hashem, whose voice echoes off the unfinished concrete floor and stone walls. He should know. His current office is located directly off the lobby at the exist-

ing station, where he can pretty much hear everyone that comes in and out. And in case that office isn't already small enough, it's currently filled with boxes marked in red ink for

The Townsman toured a portion of the second floor of the building, the floor where the public will enter the station. A quick look around at the unfinished floor reveals a lighter, brighter, bigger atmosphere, even in its incomplete state.

The dispatch area is at least double the size of the existing one. The new one will have extra stations, as well as a break room with kitchen accessories and a bathroom. The dispatch supervisor will have her own room. All the computers, phones, cameras and equipment is brand new.

"This is the way it's supposed to be," says Hashem. "It's not extravagant. Anyone who is doing over their police station is doing it this way.

There are areas of the existing station that do not comply to code. "We're out of compliance with everything," says Hashem. The jail cells meet regulation, unlike the existing cells which still had bars - a danger to suicidal prisoners - and had to be adapted with a layer of glass. Each cell is better monitored with a strategically placed camera - eliminating the blind spots that could be a problem in the existing cells, says Hashem and there are almost twice as many cells in the new building. Currently, officers are sometimes forced to "double-up" prisoners in cells.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 10 - At 11:10 p.m., Peter Kousounadis, 29, of 11 Oak St., Tyngsborough, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance with the intent to distribute it, and having a controlled substance near a school or playground.

Thursday, July 11 - At 9:59 a.m., Joshua Schermerhorn, 19, of 701 Summer St., Weymouth, was arrested and charged on a warrant for petition for commit-

Saturday, July 13 - At 10 a.m., Douglas Racca, 39, of 8 Gillette Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with assault with intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a truck), driving to endanger, failing to stop for police, possessing a Class A substance, possessing a Class E substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance laws (see story, page 1)

At 10:10 a.m., Tina Mariano, out a leash. The animal control

33, of 25 Bradford Road, North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class A substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance

At 1 p.m., John Stanley, 48, of 10 Washington Park Drive, Apt. 11, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 10 - At 1:32 a.m., a Furnari Farm Road resident reported that someone had knocked on the house's win-

dow and then left. At 4:49 p.m., a School Street female reported being verbally abused by her neighbor.

At 4:53 p.m., the animal control officer responded to a Prospect Road address to help a dog that had its head stuck in a rocking chair.

At 4:55 p.m., a Partridge Hill Road caller reported that a person was walking a pit bull with-

officer gave a verbal warning to the dog's owner.

At 9:39 p.m., police spoke with a Florence Street female

who complained that she had hurt her back after someone threw her to the ground. An officer determined that the female had been hurt as a result of "horseplay," according to the log, and no assault had taken place. The female was transport-

ed to the hospital by ambulance. At 2:39 p.m., an officer assisted an ambulance that responded to the address of a suicidal male.

At 6:55 p.m., an employee at Athlete's Corner reported that some kids in a gray van had thrown water balloons out of the vehicle.

Friday, July 12 - At 1:09 p.m., a Farrwood Drive resident reported that someone claiming to be a police officer had left an annoying message on her answering machine.

At 2:15 p.m., an ambulance responded to Lovejoy Road where a male had fallen off his

bike. He was transported to the

At 2:21 p.m., an ambulance took a male to the hospital after a large sack fell on top of him at a Ballardvale address

At 6:27 p.m., a caller reported that someone was on Haggetts Pond in a motorized boat, which is a bylaw violation.

Saturday, July 13 - At 12:22 a.m., a resident reported finding a male in her son's bed and told him he isn't wanted in her house. The male left but the woman

wanted to speak with an officer. At 10:19 a.m., a caller reported an unattended death of a person on Amherst Road. The death was not suspicious, says Lt.

Thomas Siopes. Sunday, July 14 - At 12:20 a.m., a Princeton Avenue resident reported that a teenage boy was looking in the window while her daughter was taking a show-

At 9:07 a.m., a Holt Road resident reported that the contractor who is doing work on his home was threatening him.

At 10:57 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported an unwanted guest. The person left before an officer arrived, and the officer advised the resident to get a restraining order against the other person.

At 7:54 p.m., a Jenkins Road caller reported that someone had shot a bb gun against her new horse trailer.

At 8:53 p.m., a female reported having a domestic problem with her stepfather.

Monday, July 15 – At 2 p.m., a Clark Road resident reported harassing phone calls. At 2:05 p.m., an officer

responded to the Tage Inn after receiving a report that a male had put his cigarette out on his girlfriend's face. Upon arrival, the officer determined that the cigarette incident had taken place in Plaistow, N.H., and that the couple was currently arguing about car keys in Andover.

At 6:07 p.m., a male reported that he had lost his cell phone. between Andover and Boston about a week or two ago.

At 6:56 p.m., an officer brought an abandoned backpack left on Reservation Road back to the station for safekeeping.

At 8:33 p.m., an Argyle Street resident reported that she had returned home to find a male standing on her porch who ran away as she approached. A responding officer found the boy and his companion, who said they were pretending to be actors making a film.

At 10:01 p.m., a Bailey Road resident reported that someone had tampered with his gas grill the night before. A responding officer determined that an animal

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Our Wine Buyer's Weekly Wine Pick...

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small farm' and this farm from Perpignan France, which sits on the Mediterranean Coast, produced a bistro-styled red meant to be consumed as a beverage which compliments food rather than

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ogress as talks continue

By Rebecca Piro

Ten hours of talking did not bring the firefighters and the town to a compromise agreement after the parties' first meeting with a mediator last Friday. An end to the contract dispute, however, seems to be closer than some firefighters had projected.

Selectmen Chairman Ray Hender announced Monday the hands of the arbiter, a representative from the Joint Labor Management Committee in Boston, who mediated negotiations at a meeting last Friday.

Because they were unable to resolve their differences, both parties must wait for the arbiter to decide for them.

Jim Cuticchia, vice-president of the 77-member firefighters union, said the arbiter had ordered the parties not to talk

about the discussions publicly. He said a decision could be reached "soon," but would not say whether that means in the next week or two.

When a decision is announced, the agreement will be binding on both parties immediately, said Hender.

new three-year contract since February of 2001.

Firefighters have been stacking selectmen's meetings for the past several weeks in protest. They say that Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski agreed tentatively to a contract in April, and agreement. Stapczynski says he never agreed to the contract, and to the government building. that both he and the firefighters

have selectmen's approval before he can agree to anything. Neither parties have made

public the sticking points of the contract.

In May, some firefighters speculated that mediation would add six to eight months onto the contract negotiations. Recently, The union's contract ran out town officials stated that media-July 2001. The union has been tion was the only remaining night that the dispute now lies in negotiating with the town for a option, as both parties were at a standstill. Last Friday morning, the firefighters picketed outside of Town Offices with signs and

'We don't know who's behind us," said firefighter Eric Teichert, brother of Selectmen Ted Teichert, at Town Offices that he has since reneged on that Friday. "Obviously they're not behind us," he added, gesturing

Townsman intern Evan representatives know he must Greer contributed to this story.



Firefighters picketed in front of Town Offices last Friday with signs bearing messages such as "no contract, no trust" and "keep Andover safe

POLICE LOG

■ INCIDENTS

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had gnawed on the grill. Tuesday, July 16 - At 6:52 a.m., a caller from Essex Street reported that a member of a flock of Canadian geese had been struck and killed by a car.

At 12:14 p.m., a caller from a business on Minuteman Road reported that there had been a suspicious man in the parking lot that morning.

At 1:06 p.m., a female from Old River Road reported receiving a threat over her cell phone.

At 2:10 p.m., a Shawsheen Road resident reported that someone from the skate park had thrown a razor blade at a person walking by.

At 3:08 p.m., a caller reported that a student was assaulting other students on a bus traveling down Lowell Street. A responding officer met the bus and saw that the suspect student was sitting in his seat.

At 4:33 p.m., officers responded to a business on Shattuck Road where janitors were inside protesting, screaming loudly, according to the log. An officer moved them out of the building

At 8:04 p.m., an officer was to file on some syringes and empty prescriptions she found at

the Memorial Circle playground. At 9:39 p.m., a Ridge Street female reported that her daughter and a friend were followed home from the downtown area by a red Pontiac

BREAKS

Reming was responding to an Street. attempted break-in at Concrete

Wave on Andover Street. While he was responding another alarm sounded, this time at Optech on Lupine Road. The officer saw the suspect lurking around the a.m., a male reported a possible Optech building with his car trunk open, but the suspect escaped into his vehicle – which Brickstone Square reported the was stolen out of Medford - and theft of a laptop computer. drove away towards Lawrence with his headlights turned off, refusing to stop for police. Andover officers gave up the chase when the vehicle crossed into Lawrence and the suspect reported that someone had has not been found. The suspect did not successfully enter either building, says Lt. Tom Siopes, though Concrete Wave has prymarks from a crow bar on its of gear and rolled into a fire door. Police have yet to file a engine parked near by. Signifireport on the incident.

THEFTS

Friday, July 12 - At 9:14 a.m., a Ballardvale Road resident issued a court summons to a drireported the theft of some pack-

Lane resident reported that a mailbox was stolen.

At 9:29 a.m., an employee at Street reported that someone had driven away without paying for parked at Market Basket.

a.m., an Andover woman reporthad been stolen by the owner of Ripa Jewelry. That branch of the company had closed when the p.m., an officer issued a court woman went back for her ring. says Lt. Jim Hashem, and she is in contact with another branch to

get the ring back. At 11:28 a.m., a female At 11:58 p.m., Officer Peter reported a bike stolen from Main

Monday, July 15 - At 1:43 was towed.

p.m., a Brookside Drive caller reported that money had been

Tuesday, July 16 - At 9:01

AUTO INCIDENTS (partial)

Wednesday, July 10 - At stolen a laptop computer from her car

At 10:10 a.m., a car parked on Greenwood Road slipped out cant damage was not done to either vehicle and was estimated to cost less than \$1,000.

At 12:18 p.m., an officer ver for driving without a license, driving an uninspected vehicle, At 9:24 a.m., an Atwood improperly displaying license plates and driving after his license was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., a female reportthe Mobil Station on North Main ed that her wallet had been stolen from her car, which was

Thursday, July 11 - At 2:09 Saturday, July 13 - At 11:17 a.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver for driving ed that her diamond allegedly without a license. The car was towed.

Friday, July 12 - At 2:46 summons to a driver for driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, July 13 - At 2:06 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver for driving without a license and without a valid inspection sticker. The car

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Opinion

Town needs people who go their own way

Public debate among fellow committee members has been in short supply in Andover for some time, as elected officials have focused on "consensus

But a healthy, hearty debate on issues – including spending and educational priorities - is both welcome and needed.

Superintendent Claudia Bach said recently: "A School Committee person has no vote until they are a member of five people. They are one-fifth of an opinion. They have no power on the street corner." But each committee member must have his or her own opinion, and should articulate it, both on the street corner, if they desire, and in formal meetings. This is how voters know what they believe in. This is how they take a stand - and Andover is in need of those willing to take a stand, even when, on some issues, they seem to stand alone. If people don't like what they have to say, they will be voted out of office.

Obviously, the goal of such opining should be to arrive at a positive solution to some problem, not simply to cause problems for the opposition. Public officials must also be able to set down their personal and political differences and work together civilly.

Some of the comments made recently by School Committee and administration members show a rift between new member Christopher Smith and other members. The truly committed official can set aside differences, debate the issues and keep the focus on education and the students of Andover.

Debate without bitter division should be the goal.

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The Andover Sportsmen's

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• 13 people, or 28 percent,

said "I can't wait to get into

the woods and blow off some

steam. It's an age old hobby

and it's protected in the Con-

• 16 people, or 35 percent,

• 15 people, or 33 percent.

said "That's not my thing.

But others can do whatever

they want at the club."

said "Guns are cruel, unusual and primitive. Keep this out

of my back yard!

said "Other

(46 people responded)

Web question

FOUR ON THE FLOOR



Assistant sailing instructor Mark Roders (at right) and lifeguard Brandon Antonakos push off from the dock at Pomps Pond in a new paddle boat now available for rent there.

Flyboy Ted Williams fans a BoSox fan



Stunned by all the nonsense about Ted Williams' family? Tired of hearing that his son actually wants to deep-freeze Fenway's greatest resident? Wouldn't it be nice just to hear from someone who affectionately refers to Williams as "granddaddy

Well, then, meet John C. Harris, of Washington Park, who flew with Williams while Harris was training to be a fighter pilot in 1944.

Harris says that at Bronson Naval Air Station in Texas, where he and Williams were stationed for a time. Williams was known as a granddaddy by many of those learning to fly.

"It was a term given to a check pilot who gave good marks. He was good to the cadets," says Harris, who was also stationed at several other bases during his 31 months of fighter-pilot training.

Williams, a Marine pilot, tested Harris and three other Navy men on how well they could fly in formation, which is to say in sync, while flying close to one another. The best hitter who ever lived - and a man well known for being a perfectionist - flew his plane on each side of the four men viewing their work. Harris was on the right side of his quartet.

'All of a sudden, I look over to my right and it's Ted Williams says Harris.

"He wiped his brow, indicating it was a hot day, and I wiped mine indicating,

"Then he started to fan me with the wing of his plane," says Harris. "The breeze couldn't reach us, obviously. I believe it was his way of putting us at ease. He was lessening the nervousness

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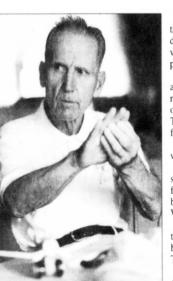
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John Harris, of Washington Park, explains how to fly an SNJ, a training plane for fighter pilots. He flew with Ted Williams while training for World War II.

that comes with a check ride." Harris seems to believe that Williams deserves the accolades he got as not only a baseball player, but as a gifted pilot. He says that after the Splendid Splinter waved his wing at Harris, Williams tried something

THURSDAY

"He disappeared from my right. The next thing I knew he was right overhead, upside down. It was like he was flying in formation with us, flying upside down. I'd say any pilot who can do that is a good pilot."

Harris, who grew up in Massachusetts and enjoyed baseball, also remembers returning to his barracks from the hangar one day, and seeing Williams walk his way. They saluted each other and exchanged a

"If only I'd had a baseball to sign. He

was very good to everybody," says Harris. Well, almost everybody. Williams wasn't so great to opposing pitchers. When a team from Corpus Christi came to play the baseball team at Bronson Naval Air Station, Williams had his way with them.

"They couldn't get a ball by him. If they threw it anywhere near the plate, he hit a home run. He hit three home runs that day. Then they just walked him," says Harris.

The brief interaction with Williams made enough of an impression with Harris that when Williams fell ill in 1997, Harris wrote him a letter, to which his personal assistant Mary Dluhy responded.

Like most people in Red Sox country, Harris would like to see cryonicsgate brought to a conclusion.

'It's too bad for Ted, because he's a national hero. It's too bad it happened to his family because it gets on all the national TV and in the papers. You kind of wish it hadn't happened," says Harris. "We all admired Ted for what he did in baseball. For this to come along, it hurts."

But the pain isn't anywhere near so nding that it can ruin his mind's ev view of the great No. 9 fanning the heat away from a Red Sox fan and fellow fight-

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Can you understand how cruelly I feel the lack of friends who will believe in me a bit?

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If you ignore your uniqueness and try to be everything for everybody, you quickly undermine what makes you different.

JACK TROUT

FILE

Every way up has its way down.

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If you are afraid for your future, you don't have a present.

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Best quotation sent in to the File:

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ALBERT EINSTEIN

I am at two with nature. WOODY ALLEN

The JFK quotation:

We stand today on the edge of a new frontier... But the New Frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises - it is a set of challenges. It sums up not what I intend to offer the American people, but what I intend to ask of them.

On Ted Williams

No other player visible to my generation concentrated within himself so much of the sport's poignancy, so assiduously refined his natural skills. so constantly brought to the plate that intensity of competence that crowds the throat

LETTERS

Speaking again on desire for fire-contract resolution

Editor, Townsman:

At a recent selectmen's meeting, I spoke in support of the firefighters' union budget request in admittedly and intentionally personal terms. Certainly, the memory of our 1989 condominium fire will always remain vivid in my mind. Each night of the past 12 years when I kiss my daughter good night, and in the morning when I awaken beside my wife, it is with enduring and profound gratitude for the prompt professionalism of the Andover firefighters who saved their lives.

That said, there are elements of this unresolved contract process that are aside from the personal. As someone who has spent most of his professional life negotiating and mediating disputes between individuals and government bureaucracies (local, state federal and international), some of the lessons I've learned may be pertinent to this

It has been my experience that the most cost-efficient and outcome-effective dispute resolutions occur early in the process, when opposing posithe rise of resentments, and before personalities begin masquerading as principles.

A common characteristic of such timely resolutions is the opinion demanding closure, we willingness of both sides to accept less that what they might rassing and expensive prospect want so long as their fundamental needs are respected and addressed.

The last, best chance for such an agreement may have occurred in April when, after for years. meeting with the firefighters union, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski appropriately brought a settlement proposal back to the selectmen because

they are the ultimate decision- mechanism (to settle negotiamaking authority.

It appears that, for the selectwithin the union proposal was a line item that would have added approximately \$10,000 to this year's multi-million dollar town

At that point, the selectmen had several options. A few, only a few, follow. They could have approved almost all of the contract, sending only the discrete, disputed line item to a comparatively quick and inexpensive arbitration. They could have proposed a comparable offset cost savings from another line item. In either event, it seems likely that an agreement could have been reached within days if not hours. The dispute would have been defined, the damage contained, everyone's frustration diminished.

Instead they exercised their undisputed authority, declared a stalemate and decided to send the entire contract to arbitration. While there appears no question of their unilateral right to make that inflexible decision, it follows that they own equivalent tions have yet to harden, prior to responsibility for the consequences that inevitably flow from that decision

Absent the unexpected and immediate ascendance of public now face the unpleasant, embarof an arbitration that can last indefinitely, with scars of mutual mistrust that may disfigure relationships between the selectmen and the firefighters' union

Selectmen Chairman Ray Hender was quoted in a recent Townsman, speaking about arbitration, as saying that "the use of a third party is an acknowledged

tions)." He is correct, to a point. However, the existence of a men, the potential deal-breaker mechanism does not require or recommend its time-consuming use when renewed negotiations, focused on the April deal-breaker, could resolve the conflict

> In that same edition, the Townsman editorialized that "those who believe their goals to be reasonable have little to fear from arbitration." Aside from the draining and demoralizing continued delay in fire department employees receiving pay raises which have already been justified by their job performance, that statement is also accurate. But a community that has already endured embarrassing and expensive delays in a high-school renovation project, in the completion of a public safety center, and in the current construction of new schools, does not need another public and protracted example of municipal inability to efficiently and effectively resolve prob-

> Twelve years ago, Andover firefighters, calling on their training and dedication, prevented a destructive blaze from becoming a killing inferno. They didn't delay or delegate. They resolved the problem. It seems only fair to hold an experienced and insightful Board of Selectmen to the same standard of prompt professionalism today. Even at this late date, they know the ways, given the will, to extinguish a different kind of fire before more damage is done both to fire department employee morale to and this community's reputation for civic compe-

> > **Brad Pearson** 14 Lucerne Drive

On budget picture, things don't add up in Andover

Editor, Townsman:

You would think that the town of Andover would get the message, after the recent tax override failed by close to a 2to-1 margin, that it is time for a change in school-management practices. Instead we hear the same discredited message that Andover does not spend enough on its schools and that school programs will be affected. All of our town's residents are too smart to fall for these scare tactics.

The problem today in Andover is that things do not add up. We were told that 26 positions would be cut before the override vote, and then no cuts take place because people are reallocated. The costs of the two new schools keep climb-

the two new schools is still up in the air.

Right now we need open disclosure about school and town spending and plans for the future, because no one involved in running our town's schools has any credibility left. Where is a real spending plan for our schools that justifies staffing levels, program requirements. salary increases, etc.? No such plan has ever been produced. All we get is sound bites and small pieces of the financial picture that do not add up in a meaningful way to justify further increases in school spend-

I, as a senior citizen, am not against necessary spending. However, I am strongly against

ing. And the opening date for wasting our hard-earned tax dollars as the School Committee and others keep doing by failing to complete buildings on time, or by failing to propose prudent budgets in the midst of the current economic recession.

Many seniors like me have supported increased school spending for years and were once proud of how our schools were run. This is no longer the case. Andover school manage ment is now the embarrassment of Merrimack Valley

We would be well served to demand changes in school management itself and to open the books so we can ensure we get what we are paying for expect - superior education for

our town's children. Warren Kearn 394 High Plain Road

Mental illness needs attention, a will to care

Editor, Townsman.

Last week we witnessed the deaths of two more children and their mentally ill mother. Their family recognized the crisis situation and tried, against all odds, to save their lives, but were unable to access treatment for their ill family member. The destiny of people with untreated brain disorders has become jail or the grave.

Fifty percent of people who have mental illnesses go untreated on the streets or in prisons. National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI) families know and advocate for proper treatment of brain disorders.

Health insurance and medications are often out of the reach of the most ill members of our society. Hospital closings, the lack of communication and

wage jobs, only one unstable

child-care arrangement away

from needing welfare them-

selves. To ignore the urgent

child-care needs of poor work-

mental-health workers and under-staffed programs further damage the fragmented system.

The destiny of people with untreated brain disorders has become jail or the grave.

Human intelligence has provided the technical tools and machinery to see inside the human head. Scientific research

coordination between in-hospitions. Our intelligence has made tal physicians and doctors in it possible to see and detect community settings prevent chemical imbalances in the continuity of care. Underpaid brain and correct them, but, it is attitudinal change that is crucial to connecting people in a creative society. How do we fix the social imbalances?

We come late to studying the brain as a legitimate organ of the body that can get sick and can be treated. We are merely at the threshold of acknowledging that mental illnesses are brain disorders. Stigma has been a major barrier. Mental illness has always been at the bottom of the budgetary barrel. More than the lack of funds, it is lack of the will to care for people in need that is the major obstacle

Jean DeRosa President, NAMI-MASS 158 High Plain Road

NEWS: Dedication planned

21 Andover soldiers remembered in Armory Park's brick walkway

Several soldiers from Essex • Phebe Foxcroft Phillips County, including 21 from • Col. Samuel Johnson, Revolu-Andover, are being honored tionary War Sunday in Salem, Mass.

It's part of the Armory Park War dedication. Each of the county's . John Dove 34 communities were asked to • Second Lt. Orrin L. Farnham, select about 20 people who Civil War served in the volunteer militia, . Maj. Horace Holt, Civil War the National Guard, and numerous wars, from 1629 to the present day. They will be remembered in a brick walkway.

Andover Historical Society selected 21 soldiers from • John Smith Andover to be included

Those selected

The Andover people selected were involved with several wars. Those selected are:

- · Private Joseph Abbot, who fought in the Colonial Wars · Private Henry Bodwell, Colo-
- nial Wars
- · Private Ward Noyes, Colonial remembered in the walk way. Wars
- Lydia Tyle Samuel Phillips Jr.

- Sgt. Henry F. Chandler, Civil

- · First Lt. William Marland, Civil War
- •Elizabeth Stuart Phelps • Private Walter Raymond, Civil War
- Peter Smith · Harriet Beecher Stowe, best known for writing Uncle Tom's
- Cabin • Pvt. Charles Barney Gould, Spanish American War
- CDR George Levick Street, III World War II

In addition, the Soldier's Aid Society of Andover will also be

"This is the second phase of Armo explained Martha Carlton of the Peabody Essex Museum in

The restoration of Armory Park is a museum project and a formal dedication was held in

The brick-walkway event is scheduled for this coming Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

The park is located at the corner of Essex and New Liberty streets in Salem. The public is welcome to attend the ribboncutting ceremony which will also include a rifle salute in memory of the soldiers

For directions and more information about Armory Park. see the museum's Web site, <www.pem.org>.

- Judy Wakefield

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Child-care costs are too much for low-income families in light of the \$181 billion in gible children who need child On June 26, the Senate new tax cuts that will go to the

can investigate brain connec-

Finance Committee left millions richest one percent of Ameri-

of children in low-income workcans during this same period of ing families without child care help when it approved the Work, Parents know, and studies Opportunity and Responsibility repeatedly have shown, that for Kids (WORK) Act of 2002 good quality child care - care While this bill increases funding that provides a loving, safe, and for child care over the next five stable environment - helps chilyears, it is actually far less than dren enter school ready to learn and succeed. The positive is needed to help welfare recipients who must work and to impact of good care is even maintain current child-care sergreater for low-income children. vices for low-income working Yet parents often face great difficulty finding child care they Hard-working families need can afford. Child care for just child-care help. Welfare reform one child can easily cost anyefforts must provide adequate where from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year - more than the average child-care funds for families trycost of tuition at a public univering to leave welfare as well as sity. For many families, the those families desperately trying to stay independent of welfare. numbers simply do not add up. Millions of parents are in low and they are forced to choose

child care. The Child Care and

Development Block Grant

(CCDBG) is the primary source

of help for families who cannot

care help are getting it.

The Bush Administration's position on child care is even more disconnected from what low-income working families need to remain self-sufficient and help their children get ready to succeed in school. They recommend no new funding for child care.

It's time for the President and Congress to get serious about making children a priority. They must significantly increase the funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) to truly serve the well-being of children. Specifically, our senators must support an amendment to ensure an additional \$11.25 billion increase in the CCDBG when the welfare and child care bill is

between rent, food, utilities, and considered by the full Senate. Sue Halloran Director Child Care Circuit Northeast Merrimack Valley 190 Hampshire St. Lawrence



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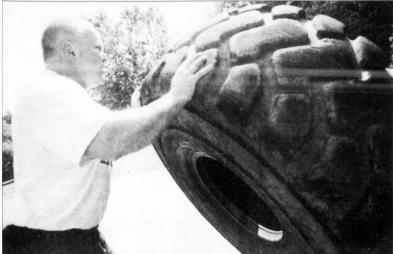
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years is inexplicable, especially nationally, only one in seven eli-



Bigger is better - Flipping monster-truck tires can be a warm-up for strongman competitors.

Strongman: Muscles versus gravity

■ HEAVY LIFTING

Continued from page .

"There will be a handful of guys there like me," says the strength trainer. "The rest will be 6-foot-three (inches), and 300-plus pounds - generally NFL-lineman size. I probably was meant to be 180 and playing golf."

But size has never stopped McDermott. He started lifting weights back in high school when he threw the shot put for track and field. Today, at age 40, he's built an entire gym onto his house, complete with barbells, bench presses and free weights, where he works full-time as a private trainer. But when it comes to his own workouts, McDermott heads for the

Inside sit a dozen cement "Atlas" stones, round weights tipping the scales at anywhere from 200 to 420 pounds. Chains with two-inch-thick links are draped across the floor, winding around stacks of weights, metal yokes and tractor-trailer tires

"This is the heavy stuff," he says. "I started accumulating all the little toys, and it sort of grew from there.

The "little toys" are anything but, and training for a Strongman competition is no game While it may be funny to watch a Strongman competitor lift a Harley Davidson motorcycle just for fun, serious injuries can - and often do - occur. McDermott has his second injured shoulder to prove it.

His injury, in fact, will force him to sit out of the first of the competition's four events, automatically putting him in the hole score-wise. But McDermott believes he still has a fighting

chance to make it to the final shooting for 700 pounds," says round - scheduled for Saturday

where the top 16 trainers will compete in a whole new range of unique and heavy events. The top five winners will go on to the world competition. But for now, McDermott's happy just to be traveling to Missouri for the Nationals, which was his goal this season. He's focusing on that, rather than the shoulder surgery he's facing as soon as he returns to Andover.

"Every time I compete I do a little more damage. But how much more can I do?" he rea-

He's having fun, and so is the rest of his family. McDermott's wife has started strength training and can lift a 200-pound atlas stone. His two kids, ages 2 and 4, are already flipping regularsized car tires and couch cushions. They'll be cheering for him at the national competition this week

The first event consists of hoisting a bar 'essentially a truck axle rubber with wheels on each end, weighing a total of 300 pounds. The next event is called a dead lift, where each competitor grasps a rod with boxes of silver dollars on each end, and lifts it off the ground. Overseers of the event will pile on the coins until the competitors can't lift any-

more.

McDermott.

But that's only a warm up. The third event, called a Hercules Hold, requires him to hang on to two Ford Explorers to keep them from rolling down a ramp on each side of him. "I have to hold them until the handles rip out of my hand," he

And for a final showdown, McDermott will lift five Atlas stones, weighing up to 385 pounds, onto five 56-inch-tall pedestals. Is this insane?

"Yeah, it is," he admits, laughing. "But I'm not crazy."

By that, McDermott means he hasn't adopted the "I'm not afraid of nobody" attitude. He says he would still call the cops if he heard burglars rummaging around his yard. "I don't think a burglar would care how much I spot," he says. "But they're welcome to try to steal something from the garage.



Art McDermott in action, spinning "Conan's "I'm

\$225 to push 'reset'?

Resident questions permit fees, other electrical costs

By Rebecca Piro

Resident Debra Randall never thought blowing a fuse could be so costly. But after paying \$225 for a man to drive to her Burnham Road home and push her circuit box's red reset button, she's changed her mind.

"That was a scam," she

Randall experienced a power outage throughout half her house on a weekend last month. "I looked at my fuse box, and I wasn't sure (what to do)," she

Rather than try something herself and make the problem worse, Randall says she opened the phone book and flipped to one of the biggest ads in the yellow pages - the one for ElectricMan. "It stood out to me on the Yellow Pages. (It says) within 24 hours

we'll be there. It said we do everything, (including) minor repairs, and it had the Better Business Bureau on their logo.

She called ElectricMan that Monday, and the person on the other end of the line promised to send a worker to her home.

"The first day they didn't show up. They called and said hand, and could he come the next day? By Wednesday at 5 o'clock. I had called them three times," she says.

Finally a man arrived at her door and announced as he entered that ElectricMan charges a fee of \$125 per hour - "whether it takes me five minutes or 10 minutes," Randall remembers him saying. The man also informed her that he had to charge her a \$100 permit fee.

"I said, 'It's \$225 for you to walk into the house?' and he said, 'Yeah," says Randall.

She walked the man to her fuse box, where he simply pushed the reset button to reinstate the electricity. Then he asked her for the check.

"It was like six minutes he was here," she says, outraged. "He said, 'I'm really sorry I have to do this.

"So I wrote him the check," she says. "It killed me. What Randall probably didn't do was read the back of the invoice, says Peter Manzelli, an employee of Express Electric Unlimited - which recently bought ElectricMan. Manzelli says that the company did nothing wrong, and the invoice spells out the reason behind all



Debra Randall wants to make sure other residents know how much they can be charged for a simple task.

the charges and the company's

"Unfortunately for some people, it comes across as unfair, because it looks as though we've just pushed a button. A scam is a kind of 'take the money and run," he says.

The \$100 permit fee that the company charged is their standard fee across the state he says. the electrician had hurt his adding that he believes it is not extreme compared to other electrical companies. While Randall says that Andover's electrical inspector, Dick Salenas, told her she didn't need a permit for the work that the company performed, Manzelli says the company's policy is to automatically apply for a permit and charge the customer for it just to be safe.

Any job that we do, we just pull a permit," Manzelli says. 'It has been our interpretation of the law that a permit is required for everything because you've tampered with someone's electrical system."

He says the company charges a flat rate of \$100 for permits, because the fees throughout the state average about \$65, and the company adds in \$35 for its own paperwork and handling. Salenas says that electrical permits in Andover can be as low as \$5 or

The state is investigating many complaints regarding ElectricMan, and its connection with Express Electric, says Rich Fredette, executive director to the board of state examiners of electricians. He says that ElectricMan's license was suspended some time ago and

that the company is currently on probation. The board of state examiners is currently awaiting an August hearing where ElectricMan employees will answer questions regarding those complaints. The board has also scheduled a hearing for Express Electric regarding its connection with ElectricMan. The state recently rejected Express Electric's license application, says Fredette, because of complaints that the company was filing permit applications before receiving a license

"Those are all allegations and they haven't been proved yet," he says. "All we can say is that he (Manzelli) is not properly licensed.

Manzelli says ElectricMan is no longer operating, and that Express Electric does not need a license, as it is not a corporation. The advertisement in the Yellow Pages is simply left over from when the company was in operation a few months ago. Manzelli has not received any complaints in writing from the town of Andover - as is required by the state if there's a problem, he says.

"We are not out to pay \$10 for a permit and put \$90 in our pocket," says Manzelli. "The biggest problem we end up with is that people don't read their paperwork.

Until the hearings in August, Fredette says there isn't much else the state can do. His department recommends that residents who believe they've been victimized by a company take their complaints to a small-claims court.

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Singing the blues

The Andover Senior Center has purchased blue tops with the words "Sunrise Singers" for the senior choral group that was picked to sing at the Lowell Spinners minor-league baseball game Wednesday, July 31. All of the approximately 20 singers expect to wear the blue shirts with white slacks to give a professional appearance.

An uphill battle

Pilots who fly at night must rely on their instrument panel. But what happens when those instruments aren't reli-

John Harris, an Andover man who flew with Ted Williams in World War II (see page 6), knows the answeryou hold your breath.

Harris recounts practicing night take-offs and landings on the carrier Ranger 4 in the Pacific. As his fighter plane headed toward the end of the deck for a take-off, he looked down at his instruments and saw that his air speed indicator indicated he was only going 50 mph, much too slow for a plane to take off. Expecting to plummet off the edge of the deck to a watery grave, Harris quickly looked at his other instruments - which showed he was climbing, that his nose was up as it should be and that everything was in order.

Harris didn't crash into the ocean; he climbed into the night sky.

What happened?

"That air speed indicator was stuck on 50. That was enough to take 10 years off your life," he says.

- Neil Fater

YMCA saddling up for its 7th Annual Dallas Night Celebration

The 7th Annual Dallas Night Bar-B-Que will be held on the grounds of the Andover/North Andover YMCA next Thursday, July 25. "Get out your cowboy boots. 10-gallon hats and western wear and come on

down," organizers said. This year's events include

- · Prizes for all cowboy and cowgirl costumes;
- · Pony rides;
- · Live western music
- Square dancing; · Games and activities for the whole family;
- · Dunk tank;
- World's largest water-balloon toss;

· Grills fired up for chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Pre-register for seating times: 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, or 7:15 p.m Tickets can be purchased in advance at the member services desk for \$6 or \$8.50 on the night of the barbeque.

This event is open to the community, both YMCA members and non-members. Call 978-685-3541

500-year-old scalps

Andover Indian burial ground launches author's tribal interests

Andover whose passion for archeology started in a one-room schoolhouse.

'Mrs. Shattuck used to take us to the Indian burial ground and I was just fascinated by that," explained Raymond G. Potvin, who attended the former North Street School until it closed

halfway through his sixth-grade

Mrs. Shattuck also brought students to her family farm where Ray and the rest of the kids had a ball looking for buried trea-

That passion for hidden treasures The cover of Raymond stuck Potvin's book depicts an with Potvin Indian village along the ever since, as Merrimack River at the former has Shattuck Farm in West enjoyed a life Andover some 500 years ago.

he calls amateur archeological adventures. Potvin's quests have taken him worldwide, to the Tomb of Tut in Egypt, the Buried Army of China, and Yucatan villages in Mexico, to name just a few of his favorite sites.

Now retired from Massachusetts Electric, where he worked as a lineman. Potvin

had the time to organize a CALLS HIMSELF a unique slice of Native Amerifarm boy from West can and colonial settler history for his new book. The Scalp Hunters: Abenaki Ambush at Lovewell Pond -

> Potvin, a father of three grown children who lives on Kathleen Drive with his wife. Eleanor, never purposely set his book evolved from his

research for a slide presentation on TELLIFORS! Anglo-Indian At Lovewell Pond - 1725 friendships.

An active volunteer at the Robert S Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy and a mem ber of several historical societies stretching from Nashua.

N.H., to Andover, to Fryeburg. Maine, he spent almost full of what five years

researching those friendships. It was the story of Lovewell's fight with Pigwacket Indians at Saco Pond

in 1725 that captured Potvin's attention and is the focus of "It's just a fascinating story," said Potvin, who

said Potvin, who teamed up with Alfred E. Kayworth of Derry, N.H.,

Amateur archeologist Ray Potvin in his study on Kathleen author of two other books were financed by the sale of shares to investors... Brothers

Both authors are sympathetic to Native Americans. Their book's foreword states that they agree philosophically when they call them America's "original people." Just as the title suggests,

about Native Americans.

the book is about scalp-hunting those "original people." The trade was big money in the mid- to late 1700s, with the English paying up to 100 pounds for adult male Indian scalps. Abenaki Indians were being hunted to extinction at this time, according to the

"Early frontiersmen were barely making a living on the farms so 100 pounds was big money," said Potvin. "Private scalp-hunting expeditions

cousins, friends, everyone got together as if to go on a turkey shoot?

The book centers around one of these expeditions that took place in the winter of 1724-25. A well-known bush-fighter named Lovewell went north from Dunstable with 80 volunteers on snow shoes. They planned to raid Pigwacket Valley where the towns of Conway, N.H. and Fryeburg, Maine are now located. However, they were diverted by Indian tracks and eventually destroyed a small Indian party, scalping the vic tims. Lovewell proudly paraded the scalps of his victims around the streets of

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Tropical tango - Edith and Bob Sanborn share a dance at the Senior Center luau on July 10



Sheldon and Etta Chandler catch the Aloha spirit. Below, a map of the Hawaiian isles.



HERE WAS NO SURFING at this Hawai ian-themed party, but the pineapples, fresh fruits and colorful leis were

Andover's Senior Center hosted a Hawaiian luau last Wednesday night.

About 60 seniors attended, said Bernadette Mackin, assistant program coor-

Seniors are surveyed about party themes Hawaiian theme is a hit among the senior on the dance floor.

They offer different ideas for parties and the luau was one of them." she said.

Hawaiian chicken was served along with red bliss potatoes, and julienne vegetables. The colorful affair was capped off with a pineapple pudding pie for dessert. The centerpiece pineapples went over as well as the

Music was provided by Rainbow's End. and while there was no hula dancing, couthroughout the year, and Mackin said the ples enjoyed showing their favorite moves

Judy Wakefield

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center Here are some of the activities coming up at the

Andover Senior Center. Garden & Lunch Tour: On Tuesday, Aug. 6 we will travel to Salisbury to enjoy the beautiful backyard garden of Carol Gura, which has been selected as a national tour garden. Lunch will follow at Stripers Restaurant, also in Salisbury, where our meal choices will be Chicken Essex or London Broil. Cost of the trip, including bus, is just \$28, and reservations may be made by stopping into the

following day. Movie Matinee: On Monday, July 22 at 1 p.m. we'll show the video Mr. Write, starring Paul Reiser. At long last, Charlie (played by Reiser) has found his Ms. Right. The only catch making her agree. High energy romantic comedy. Come in out of the heat and join us. All are welcome no charge

center. Rain date will be the

Lobster and Chicken Bake: Tickets are currently available for our lobster and chicken bake, which will be held Saturday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. Menu will consist of lobster and chicken with all the fixins, followed by great entertainment with the Gentlemen Songsters barbershop quartet. Get some friends together and plan to join us for an enjoyable evening out. Advance ticket purchase (\$15) only; no tickets at the door.

Newcomers' Coffee Hour: If you or a family member is recently retired, new to Andover, or have been wondering what the senior center has to offer, we invite you to join us at our next newcomers' coffee hour, which will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Stop by, meet the staff, and find out about the many opportunities that are available through the center.

Spirituality Series: Our popular summer spirituality ries "Food For Body & Soul" will continue Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Andover resident Jane Gossard, who will share her own journey, "Finding Your Spiritual Power: One Woman's Story." Gossard is an accomplished storyteller, having performed at Brother Blue's in Cambridge and at the Andover Bookstore, as well as at area festivals. The presentation will be followed by a light supper. Advance reservations (\$3) are necessary, so that we may plan our

food needs. Exercise Classes: Many of our summer exercise classes still have space, so it's not too late to join in. We offer classes in men's exercise, senior modified yoga, low-impact aerobics, strength training, water workout and tai chi. Stop by the center for more informa-

Local Indian burial ground launches author's tribal interests

RAYMOND G. POTVIN

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Boston and had no problem recruiting more volunteers for his next scalp-hunting expedi-

tion. The book is not as gory as the title sounds," said Potvin. "What I attempted to do was to get into digging out the real human beings in this story.

The book does indeed detail the names and backgrounds of men who allegedly signed up for these expeditions and Potvin says his research shows there was one from Andover. According to Potvin, Jonathan Frye, son of Captain James and Lydia (Osgood) Frye, was born in Andover in 1705 and graduated from Harvard College in 1723. He served as chaplain of Lovewell's company.

Against his parent's wishes, he joined the company. He was in love with a young girl that his parents disapproved of. So, he joined the scalp hunters in hopes of getting enough money to host his own wedding. The 20year-old Frye is credited with getting the first Indian scalp at Pigwacket with Lovewell's company and some documents suggest he even scalped on the Sabbath, according to the book.

Documents cited in the book show that Lovewell's fight launched poems and ballads in the early 1800s. The authors state that while songs and poems are not the best



This diorama of a Pawtucket village along the Merrimack River 500 years ago, based on the Shattuck Farm site in Andover, was created in 1939 and restored at the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy in 1995.

source for historic fact, it is interesting to pick out ideas for even more research. The note that folks of the time were singing and book is meant to give ideas," Potvin said.

"I'm hoping people get into the book and store for \$17.95.

The book is available at Andover Book-

OBITUARIES

writing about the event.

Joyce M. Gallivan

Service is today

Joyce M. (Williams) Gallivan of Fullerton, Calif., died Wednesday, July 3.

Mrs. Gallivan was born and raised in Andover and attended Andover schools. She was a graduate of Boston University.

She taught for 14 years with Active in local groups the US government schools in foreign countries. She taught for 20 years with the Norwalk La Mirada Schools as a kindergarten

Members of her family include her daughter, Shaun Kathleen Gallivan; grandson, Danny Gallivan; a sister, Wendy E. Murphy of Andover; a broth-

er, Glenn P. Williams of Vancouteam. ver, Wash.; and three nieces.

A celebration of life service will be held today, Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the March of Dimes.

Julie D. Schmidt

Julie D. (Dorner) Schmidt, 89. of Andover, died Thursday, July 11 at Lawrence General Hospi-

Born in Sanford, Fla. and educated in East Rutherford, N.J., she graduated from East Rutherford High School, where she was captain of the girl's basketball

She worked as a legal secretary for a lawyer in Rutherford. She moved to Andover in 1955 and spent her winters at

New Smyrna Beach, Fla., since She was past matron of the

Eastern Star in Rutherford and had been very active at West Parish Church in Andover. She had been a den mother for the Cub Scouts and was active with American Field Service.

Members of her family include her husband of 64 years. William C. Schmidt Sr. of Andover; a son, William C. Schmidt Jr. of West Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Inez Sasse and her husband, Richard, of Blacksburg, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

held Monday, July 22 at 11 a.m. at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.,

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Jacqueline Greeley

Formerly of Andover

Jacqueline (McDonald) Greeley, 70, of Methuen and formerly a longtime Andover resident, died Saturday, July 13 at her

Born in Lawrence, she graduated from Lawrence High

Mrs. Greeley worked at West-A memorial service will be ern Electric Co. in North

Andover for 18 years

Mrs. Greeley and her husband owned and operated a service station and convenience store in Mashpee from 1983 to 1992.

In 1992, she returned to Greater Lawrence, settling in Methuen. She was a parishioner of St. Patrick Church in Lawrence.

She was the widow of John E. Greeley.

Members of her family include her son, John F. Greeley of Marshfield; sisters, Claire Beacotte of Lawrence and Evelyn Mount of Pacific Palisades. Calif.: and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Farrah Funeral Home, 170 Lawrence

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11 at Holy Family Hospital in

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr.

McKeon graduated from New

York University. He was a certi-

fied public accountant, and

retired as vice president and

treasurer of Biltrite Corp. in

nicant of St. Augustine Parish.

He served as regional president

of the Tax Executives Institute,

and was financial secretary for

10 years for Chelmsford School

Members of his family

include his wife, Dorothy J

(Freeman) McKeon; a son,

Thomas McKeon of Windham,

N.H.; daughters, Dr. Catherine

and husband Michael O'Malley

of Tyngsboro, and MariEliza-

beth of Arlington, Va.; six

stepchildren; a sister, Delores

Weber of Syosset, N.Y.; 19

grandchildren; and one great-

Memorial contributions may

be made to Holy Family Hospi-

tal Cancer Management Center,

70 East St., Methuen, MA

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Burial was in St. Mary Cemeterv in Tewksbury.

Enjoyed sailing, cooking,

Donna Marie (Roy) Brucato.

54, of Haverhill and formerly of

Andover, died Wednesday, July

Born in Methuen and educat-

ed in Andover, Mrs. Brucato

was a merchandiser in the

Boston area. She moved to

Her family said Mrs. Brucato

was a gourmet chef, talented

artist, amateur writer, certified

scuba diver and gym instructor.

She traveled extensively and

Haverhill six years ago.

Donna M.

Brucato

10 at her home

grandson.

Building Committee.

Mr. McKeon was a commu-

Methuen, after a long illness

Gary A. Wilt

Former police officer was husband of Townsman's production manager

Gary A. Wilt, 66, of Salisbury, died Wednesday, July 10 at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport.

The son of Virginia (Allel) Borden and the late William Wilt, he was born in Peabody and received his education in the Danvers school system.

Mr. Wilt was an honorably discharged veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was a member of the Plaistow Fish & Game Club in Plaistow, N.H., the Elks Club in Newburyport, and the American Legion Post in Seabrook, N.H.

Mr. Wilt was a retired pressman from the Label Print Co. in Newburyport and prior to that, he was a police officer for the town of Georgetown.

In addition to his mother, calling hours. members of his family include his wife of 18 years, Christine (Turner) Wilt, who is the production manager at the Andover Townsman; a stepson, Michael Robinson of Amesbury; four sisters, Sandra Green of Portland, Maine, Marsha Coleman, Joyce Lamarre and Donna Delp all of Danvers; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St., **Danvers**

Burial was in the National Veterans Cemetery in Bourne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrence Home Health Visiting Nurse Association, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence MA 01843.

Theodore C. George

Ran George's Market in Lawrence for many years

Theodore C. "Ted" George, 84, of Andover, died Saturday July 13 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mr. George owned and operated George's Market in Lawrence for many years. He moved to Andover in 1957.

Mr. George served in the Army during World War II.

Members of his family include his wife, Sophie M (Cannata) George; sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore C George Jr. and Christa of

OBITUARIES

The Townsman will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here. but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a mplete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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Andover, Christopher and Susan George of Windham, N.H., Stephen and Sally George of Windham, and David George of Andover; daughters, Lynn Kiley of Windham and Susan George of Andover; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Funeral services were private and were by Cataudella Funeral Home. Methuen.

Margaret Madden

Lifelong town resident

Margaret Madden, 82, a lifelong Andover resident, died Sunday, July 7 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in

In keeping with Ms. Madden's request, there were no

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., 01844.

Howard C. Hamilton

Worked as an electrical engineer; owned video business

Howard Carlton Hamilton, art and writing 5, of Andover, died Thursday, July 11 at Kindred Hospital in Peabody.

Born in Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Hamilton graduated from the University of Vermont and received a master's in business degree from Northeastern University. He worked as an electrical engineer at Western Electric. and owned and operated Carlton Engineering Co. and Movies & More Video.

Mr. Hamilton served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of South Church and enjoyed being with his fam-

Members of his family include his wife of 49 years, Mary C. (Adams) Hamilton; sons. John Hamilton and wife Audrey of Andover, and James Hamilton and wife Cathleen of Lexington; daughter, Katherine Hamilton of Alexandria, Va.: brothers, Joseph Hamilton of W. Brattleboro and Richard Hamilton of Marlboro, Vt.: sister. Alice Martin of Pittsfield, Vt.: six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Church Memorial Gifts, in memory of Howard Carlton Hamilton, 41

Central St., Andover, 01810. Funeral services are tomorrow, Friday, July 19 at 11 a.m. in South Church.

Burial will be private. Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Flo-

Harry F. McKeon Jr.

CPA retired as treasurer and VP of Biltrite Corp.

Harry F. McKeon Jr., 71, of Andover and formerly of Chelmsford, died Thursday, July

Donna Marie Brucato, 54 Elizabeth Alden Dunn, 89 Mary E. Frederick, 84 Joyce M. Gallivan Theodore C. George, 84 Jacqueline Greeley, 70 Howard C. Hamilton, 75 Margaret Madden, 82 John "Red" McDonald, 83 Harry F. McKeon Jr., 71 Margaret Saret, 95 Julie D. Schmidt, 89 Bradford E. Webb, 89 Gary A. Wilt, 66 Margaret M. Zinser, 55

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DUNN - Elizabeth Alden (Cor nish) Dunn, 89, of Canton, died Wednesday, July 10 at home Members of her family include her daughter. Nancie Savastano of Andover...

FREDERICK - Mary E. (Hunter) Frederick, 84, of Methuen, died Friday July 12 in Great Bar-rington. Mrs. Frederick worked at Tyer Rubber Co. in Andover

SARET - Margaret (Blum) Saret 95. of Brookline, died Sunday. July 14. Members of her family include her son and daughte

in-law, James and Barbara Saret of Andover, A memoria observance was scheduled to be held through yesterday evening, Wednesday, July 17 at the home of Jim and Bar bara Saret, 9 Delphi Circle

ZINSER – Margaret M. Zinser 55. of Kingston, N.H., died Thursday, July 11 at Massa chusetts General Hospital in Zinser formerly worked at Raytheon in Andove

was an avid sailor. Members of her family include her husband, Gregory P. Brucato; father, Alcide Roy of West Palm Beach, Fla.; sons, Kurt Brucato and wife Rachel of Portland, Ore., and Derek Brucato of Haverhill; brothers, William Roy of San Francisco, Leonard Roy of Buffalo, N.Y. and Richard and Michael Roy of Florida; and many nieces nephews, aunt and uncles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston.

Bradford E. Webb

Owned Webb Poultry Farm in Andover

Bradford E. Webb, 89, of Lake Worth, Fla., and formerly of Andover, died Monday, July

Born in Andover, Mr. Webb graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He owned Webb Poultry Farm in Andover and retired from Palm Beach County schools.

Mr. Webb served in the Army during World War II. He was the widower of Ruth

P. (Prescott) Webb.

Members of his family include daughters, Barbara and husband William Miner of Andover, Patricia Holden of Lantana, Fla. and Lucille Cormier of Columbus, Ohio: sisters. Ruth Newcomb of Tewksbury, and Adelaide Shorten of Andover: a brother, Phillip Webb of Andover: eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was also the father

of the late Bradford Webb Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to Essex Agricultural & Technical School, 562 Maple St., Hathorne, MA 01937

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.,

John G. **McDonald**

Retired Raytheon program manager was Andover native

John Gainey "Red" McDonald, 83, a lifelong Andover resident, died Wednesday, July 10. Born and educated in Andover, Mr. McDonald retired as a program manager from

Raytheon. He attended St Augustine Church.

Mr. McDonald served in the Army and Navy during World War II. He was a member of Andover Knights of Columbus Andover Elks Club and Andover VFW.

Members of his family include his wife of 52 years. Edna W. (Menchions) McDon ald; sons, John McDonald and wife, Lisa, of Andover, and William McDonald of Chelmsford; daughters and sons-in-law Judith McDonald of Taunton. Beverly and Ross Petty of Way land, Joan D'Angelo of Boston Kathleen and Warren Boise of Andover, Maureen of Kittery Maine, Lynda and Marc Abend of Ashland, and Patricia McDonald of Newburyport: a sister, Catherine McDonald of Walnut Creek, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and

be made to American Lung Association of Massachusetts, Abbey Lane, Middleboro, MA 02346-3230.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery

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While at John's, he was a member of the Celtic Band. He attended the American School of Karate in North Andover and holds a black belt in karate.

The son of Maripat and William Moriarty, he will attend Georgetown University in the fall



Kellen J. Moriarty

Gordon College in Wenham announced the following local undergraduates: Cynthia Garrett Rayner, majoring in English language and literature; and Jessica Erin Youell, majoring in psycholo-

Joshua D.M. Williams of Andover, the son of Michael Williams and Susan Montgomery, was awarded the Andover Club Prize at Phillips Academy.

This prize is given to an outstanding member of the 11th-grade class who combines excellence in scholarship with achievement in other fields.

Caitlin Meehan, a recent graduate of Andover High School, has been awarded honorable mention in the 2002 Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America/New England Chapter Scholarship Competition. The contest is held to identify high school students who can best inspire other teens to control their asthma and allergies and to find out how teens would make their schools or communities more asthma- and

allergy-friendly In addition to being a high dancer who works as a dance instructor in her spare time. She also assists mentally and physically challenged children with riding lessons and helped initiate a program at her school to teach a class of fifth-grade students about environmental issues.

In her winning scholarship contest essay, Meehan says that there are many ways to eliminate or lessen the many triggers of asthma and allergies in everyday school life. She says that making the switch from chalk and blackboards to whiteboards with fumeless markers is "definitely a step in the right direc-

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CHRISTOPHER SMITH



Smith



Collins

stealing and cheating the town of Andover ... I bitterly resent those comments."

"If people accuse

me of lying,

DICK COLLINS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

What they really meant was...

Perceptions differ on who's 'lost their job'

DDRESSING FALLOUT FROM RECENT clarify the situation. news stories regarding override cuts that were promised and the improper use of funds, School Committee member Christopher Smith said, "There is a perception of a lack of candor among this committee and certain members of this administra-

Member Dick Collins said "If people accuse me of lying, stealing and cheating the town of Andover... I bitterly resent those comments

Superintendent Claudia Bach referred back to the Townsman's March 7 article and accompanying chart regarding position cuts that would be made whether or not the override vote passed.

Some of the job losses were to be integrated into the other schools, while others were not

on March 7 is what happened," she said. Last week Bach couldn't name one person

who would not be working for the Andover of his duties. schools next year, except for Bancroft assistant principal Joyce Fahy-Laundre, who applied for and received a principal position in Melrose.

Bach continues to say that people have lost longer performing the same job that they had been performing.

But these people will continue to be employed by the Andover schools.

Every one of those people had to go down and look for and apply for (other) jobs," she said. "I'm puzzled as to why that is unclear."

"We are not eliminating their jobs," said argued.

member Skip Eccles, in a seeming attempt to

The charge that the superintendent lied to

the public is ridiculous," said Collins. Chairwoman Tina Girdwood called for the matter to be put to rest. "This is a difficult time for all of us. We're trying very hard. Let's get this back on a positive note," she said

More teaching, less administering

By Ben Hellman

Physical education coordinator Brian McNally and health coordinator Dave Nichols will do more teaching next year, allowing the school administration to cut one full-time administra-The list is absolutely accurate. What I said tive position without eliminating a central-office administrator. Nichols will lose 60 percent of his administrative position, and McNally 40 percent

> Brian has stepped up to the plate. It radically changes his job," said Superintendent Claudia

Nichols's position was in jeopardy after the their jobs, with the meaning that they are no override vote failed. The school administration had said it would cut one central-office curriculum coordinator's position.

The system's health teachers attended a School Committee meeting last month asking that Nichols's position not be cut.

Nichols is responsible for bringing \$190,000

in grant money to the school system, they All-day K gets the OK

Program costs \$3,500 per student By Ben Hellman

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ENDORSED a feebased, full-day kindergarten program this week. Andover will take the all-day K pilot program at the Shawsheen School and expand it to include one full-day section in each of the elementary schools in the fall. The program costs \$3,500 per student, though a waiver is available to families who qualify for assistance. The classes will not exceed 24 students and the students will be picked by lottery.

Shawsheen principal Brenda O'Brien and teacher Irene Velonis gave a glowing review of the Shawsheen pilot program, which they said allows the teacher more one-on-one time with and allows for less "hurried" time

Velonis said that a nap time she had allowed for was not necessary. Students preferred quiet time when they were allowed to play or interact

Committee member Skip Eccles was skeptical that there would be people in town who wouldn't want all-day kindergarten when they learned of the benefits. Superintendent Claudia Bach said she never intended the program to cover all kindergartners.

Will we be able to offer a payment plan?" asked member Gerry Gustus. Bach stressed that they needed to ensure that the teachers got paid. Will we refund money if we collect too

much?" asked Gustus. 'That's certainly something to consider." said business manager Bernie Tuttle. Tuttle then asked Gustus if he intended to return money if the schools collected more money in athletic fees. Gustus said it was nice when he overpaid a bill from Sears and got a refund.



The School Committee voted to offer one all-day kindergarten section in each of the elementary schools in the fall.

to move to system-wide all-day kindergarten because of the questions surrounding the opening of the new schools. "No one knows when Callahan is going to turn those buildings over. The school system is taking on a lot," she said.

West Elementary principal Charlie Friel said the program was something he wanted to pursue this year. "The benefits outweigh anything we'll have to go through," he said.

Elementary principals O'Brien, Eileen Woods and Scott Morrison were also present and agreed that if the new elementary school isn't ready in the fall and the students were distributed to the existing elementary schools for a Parent Kristen Wise said this wasn't the year month, the program wouldn't be disrupted.

THEN VERSUS NOW: When Andover students become Andover teachers

This story is another in a series of occasional stories of Andover students who went on to become teachers in the Andover school system.

RICIA (MIDOLO) SALZANO WAS DESIGNING restaurants and churches after college. But the Andover High School class of '89 graduate found she would rather be teaching.

Salzano had gone to work for an architectural firm after graduating from the Chamberlain School of Design at Mount Ida College, but she found that the lack of interaction with others just didn't suit her. In 1996, she began teaching in Lawrence and remained there until she was hired to teach art this year at the Shawsheen Elementary School. She will teach at High

Plain Elementary when it opens. In architecture Salzano was "always alone - I'm a people person," she laughed. Salzano is gregarious and fun. It's not hard to imagine her with kids. She jokes around, laughs frequently and thinks quickly. She likes the challenge of coming up with creative projects. She took her 4-year-old son Jameson out to paint rocks the other day. She had the paints all set up and he was interested for about two minutes. "Then he wanted to paint himself," she laughed. Her daughter Cora is almost a year and a half old.

At school, Salzano teaches the fur damentals of art: line, color and shape. She gets to integrate art into classroom teaching as well. Shawsheen did "Project Ocean" this year. Salzano did a section on Winslow Homer, an American Impressionist known for his water scenes. "It's fun coming up with projects. Every day is different," she said.

Salzano has a unique teaching tool that helps her bond with her students. Her mother kept all of her times I don't remem-

childhood art pro- Tricia (Midolo) Salzano, a member of the

jects. "I have this AHS class of '89 (top photo), paused earlier huge bag full of stuff this week in one of the art rooms at Andover I did since I was in High. She will teach art at High Plain Elekindergarten - some- mentary when it opens this fall.

ber doing it," she said. She pulls out pieces to show her students.

Salzano had her own ideas in high school and she liked to have fun. She recounted honors level grades and detentions for lateness. "I was a good student. I would do things at the last minute, on the brink of going crazy," she said. She hated parking at the high school. She said she got to school on time, but by the time she pulled into a spot and got into class she would be late and eventually have to see the principal. "I was here, I wasn't in the building," she explained.

Test taking was a strength. "I love tests - it's a challenge. I liked the humanities. Hike to read. I hated writing papers," she said.

A difficult class for her was Dominant Ideas, an English class with former Andover teacher Bill Becker. "He was just so tough," she said. The class explored different societies through literature. She had to read Brave New World. For one project, Salzano found herself polling classmates about alcohol, drugs and sex. Her partner was Eszter Vajda. "We worked so hard. We were at her house until two in the morning. (The teacher made) all negative comments. We were so angry," she said.

Salzano didn't take art in high school except for a new graphic arts class with Fran McCormick. "She was learning as much as we were learning. (Looking back now,) the program was archaic. I think it was MacPaint," she said. Salzano also took photography.

Growing up, Salzano was surrounded by relatives in school and in the town. "I had to watch what I did because I had eyes on me," she said. Her dad, Jim Johnson, was the police chief in town when she was growing up; her mom, Fran Johnson, also worked for the town for 20 years in the town clerk's office and finally for the Department of Public Works. She had cousins and second cousins as teachers. Salzano credits English teacher Kathleen Scanlon, a cousin, with helping her to learn to write. Another cousin, Ginny Caswell, was a secretary at Doherty Junior High. Ninth grade became part of the high school in her senior year.

Salzano stood in front of Andover High School recently reminiscing about sneaking decks of cards into the cafeteria and playing in 45s tournaments in study hall. "I wish I was back in high school again." she said. Another memorable experience was going to Spain with the Spanish Club. She pointed to the hill in front of the school and how it used to extend closer to the building. The area by the school that is cement with tables for students to sit was grassy when she was a student. "It doesn't seem that long ago," she said.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Pike School announces honor roll for final term

the following students to the honor roll for the spring academic term. Upper School students receiving high honors all had an A average in their coursework during the previous

HIGH HONORS

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ON CAMPUS

Erica Bibby

CAITLIN MEEHAN

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tion." She also believes the curriculum could do more to address the problem of smoking as an allergy trigger. "Guest speakers are brought in to help make students more aware of the severity of issues like AIDS or anorexia, and I think that they can have the same effect for smoking," she says. Education, she believes, is key to reducing the problem of asthma and allergies. "The pub-

lic needs to become aware of just how allergy management plans many people wince when they see erasers being clapped or a cigarette being lit," she says.

Meehan is one of 30 students from throughout New England who were honored by the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America/New England Chapter (AAFA/New England). In the ments. coming year, they will work on educateens to implement sound asthma and High School.

Sara Tuman, a Union College Class of 2002 psychology major in Schenectady, N.Y., recently presented at the College's 12th annual Steinmetz Symposium, a showcase of student creative, scholarly and research achieve-

Tuman, a resident of 63 High Plain tion programs to help motivate other Road, is a 1998 graduate of Andover

"The Link Between Depression and the Non-medicinal Uses of Ritalin Among Young Adults

The symposium is named for Charles Proteus Steinmetz, professor and head of electrical engineering and applied physics at Union from 1902 to

Alex Tommasino, formerly of School Street, received a bachelor of bachelor of arts in political studies.

Tuman gave a presentation titled business administration degree in finance from Florida International University at spring commencement in Miami. Fla. He is the son of William Tommasino of Boston and Linda Tommasino of Key Biscayne, Fla.

> Patrick McCandless, a member of the Andover High class of 1998, graduated May 25 from Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., with a



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Business

IN BRIEF

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce hosts networking event

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a marketing mixer Tuesday, July 23, a networking event for businesses, at Blaire House of Tewksbury, 10-B Erlin Terrace, Tewksbury. The mixer will be held from 5-7 p.m., and is cosponsored by Blaire House of Tewksbury.

Chamber Vice President Wil Carpenter comments, "The marketing mixers are a proven way for our members to meet one another and promote their products and services. In addition, there is no better way to meet business people if you are new to the area, than at one of the Merrimack Valley Chamber's mixers."

The mixer will feature hors d'oeuvres, beverages and prizes. Cost is \$10 per person, or bring a friend for the same price. The public is invited. The price for non-members is \$20.

For information about the Merrimack Valley Chamber, call 978-686-0900 or visit the Web site at <www.merrimackvalley-

Korn/Ferry names Sullivan office managing director in Boston

Korn/Ferry International, an executive search consultancy, announced that it has appointed Robert Sullivan as the office managing director in the Boston office.

"I am excited about leading this office of Korn/Ferry," said Mr. Sullivan. "We have a great team of recruiters covering all industries and I'm looking forward to continuing our success in

Sullivan has been with Korn/Ferry International for 6 years, where he has specialized in senior-level executive searches for such clients as Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting). American Management Systems, Compaq, Deliotte & Touche, EMC, Ernst & Young, and Fidelity Investments.

Recent searches have included management consulting, financial services, venture capital, high technology and corporate organizations. Most recently he was co-head of the professional services practice.

Prior to joining Korn/Ferry, Sullivan was the director of recruiting for Deloitte & Touche Management Consulting, where he was responsible for recruiting for the northeast region. Sullivan also spent time at Fidelity Investments and another management recruiting firm, where he developed and managed a professional staff of consultants.

Sullivan holds a BS in business administration from Villanova University and attended Boston College's MBA program. He graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth High School in 1977. He lives in Andover with his wife, Ellen, and three daughters, Kathryn, Heather and Kelly.

Papalia feted for Q1 home sales

Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors announced that Sue Papalia, a Chairman's Circle recipient, placed second in Massachusetts for exceptional accomplishment in residential sales achievement in the first quarter of 2002, and third in the North-

The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc. sales associates who qualify for this award must place in the top three in their office and rank nationally in the Prudential Real Estate Network

PUTTING THE TEE IN TEAM



Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Elder Care Fund, was a team of golfers from Angel Home Care, in Andover. From left are Frank Marr, Terrie Marr, Donald Biasiucci and Cheri Monk. Tournament proceeds will provide emergency assistance and in-home services, when there are no other resources, to help elders remain safe and independent in their communities. A full field of 144 area golfers and area businesses supported the event, organizers said.



From left: Nina Zannierei, executive director of the Paul Revere House; Ken Leiber, chairman of the Boston Stock Exchange; and Alice and Karen Colombosian at the Boston Stock Exchange after the opening bell on Friday

Yogurt-makers have a peal

Colombosians ring the bell at Boston Stock Exchange

By Ben Hellman

Boston traders got a treat last week. Alice and Karen Colombosian, spokeswomen for Colombo Yogurt, came to ring the bell at the Boston Stock Exchange - and brought yogurt with

Alice and Bob Colombosian, of Argilla Road, are familiar faces for those in Andover and on the Exchange because of a series of recent commercials for Colombo Yogurt, the first batch of which was made in Andover by Bob Colombosian's mother. The Colombosian family owned the company for

Currently, Colombo Yogurt is sponsoring a program to raise money for the Paul Revere House in Boston. This "Preserve Our Heritage" campaign was celebrated with the bell ringing last Fri-

"It was very, very exciting," said Karen Colombosian, who came in place of her father, Bob Colombosian, who is recovering from surgery

Karen and Alice Colombosian described the Boston Exchange as calmer that the New York Stock Exchange, but they were still excited.

"It's more dignified. All the traders were eating Colombo Yogurt," said Karen Colombosian.

Alice Colombosian actually rang the large bell. "It was almost like the Liberty Bell," said her daughter. "She rang it 20 times and everyone cheered.

We had a very nice day," said Alice Colombosian.

The two then got to sign their names at the exchange. The last person to ring the exchange bell was Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart, so the Colombosians got to sign their names below

Afterwards they went to the Paul Revere House to present awards to children who had created artwork showing their family background, while incorporating a container of Colombo Yogurt into the picture. Colombo Yogurt will donate 25 cents (from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$50,000) for every specially marked container lid mailed in by Aug. 31. The Colombosians also met a great-great-great grandson of Paul Revere at the event.

The Colombosian family sold Colombo Yogurt in the early '90s and it changed hands until General Mills bought it several years later. The couple was contacted by the new ownership last year to make a series of commercials in Andover. Three new commercials featuring Bob and Alice Colombosian are set to air in a month.

Workers wanted at Amicore

By Ben Hellman

The information technology company Amicore moved into its corporate headquarters at Minuteman Park last weekend. The company advertises 26 job openings on its Web site <amicore.com> and will have 70 area employees in the Andover area. It is seeking people for its software-development, project-management, sales and customer-support areas.

The company is renting a space just larger than 30,000 square feet at 200 Minuteman Road.

a great location," he said. Amicore is an information-tech-neighbor.

nology company in the health-care industry. The companies Pfizer, Microsoft and IBM created Amicore in 2001. PenChart of Salem, N.H. was taken over by Amicore, giving the company an employee base in the

The company says it offers its services to doctors' offices, automating the offices, reducing errors and allowing doctors to focus on patients instead of paperwork.

Fitzsimmons recently moved his family to Massachusetts from Cali "We liked the Boston area for fornia, and is new to the Andover technology and health care," said Jim area. He was looking for a good place Fitzsimmons, president and CEO. for his staff to go out to eat on Tues-The bulk of Amicore's business is in day night. "I'm just learning my way New England. "Andover seemed like around," said Fitzsimmons. "We're looking forward to being a good



Amicore's orporate headquarters are now in Minute

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Arts & Entertainment

COOL WAVES



Jenn Fiemming, head lifeguard at Pomps Pond, plays with the beach's newest toy. The wind surfer isn't available to rent yet, but residents can use paddle boats, sail boats, canoes and kayaks by the hour

Not the town you thought it was

Locals can guess whodunnit in murder mystery set in Andover

By Rebecca Piro

cial place in her heart for what she sees as the charming New England town of

"Andover is so lovely." She pauses. "It's too bad I made two murders happen there." No, Porterfield isn't on the Andover

Police Department's most wanted list. She's the author of the book Think Twice, Twice, a murder mystery set in town. "I wanted a charming town, a small community and I know Andover well," she says.

Those familiar with Andover will quickly realize that Porterfield's book can only be pure fiction, as the majority of Andover's crime tends to range from mailbox vandals to noisy neighbors. But there are places throughout the book that the attuned Andoverite will spot as references to real, historical places in town - like Porterfield's March House Cafe, a cre-

ation modeled after the former Backstreet 9 years old," she says. "I declared to my Cafe on Essex Street, now Glory Restaurant. Porterfield visited the restaurant years ago when it was called Backstreet. Her mother. Haverhill resident Barbara Gove. says her children took her to the Cafe for her 70th birthday.

It might be tough for many to identify the Andover references, because Porterfield man, and refused to let her escape to her might discover pieces of Andover in the a novice writer - hid them well. "I was afraid that if I named certain places, they'd sue me if they didn't like the book!" she

uses her writing as a way to vacation back the sly. Growing up in next-door Haverhill, in the places she grew up. "Writing gave me author Holly Porterfield always had a speach chance to spend time where my roots are," she says.

first inclinations were towards journalism,

"Writing had been my dream since I was



Think Twice, Twice is the first book by Porterfield (above)

sixth-grade teacher that I was going to be an she says. author some day. Since I'd made the declaration, and she told me it would happen, I the Andover Bookstore. Readers will disknew it would happen.'

notebook and pen.

"I was not allowed to write. It meant I was taking time away from him," she says. might be really excited about this book." "I might have written a book long before—she says. "If I've been to a place and I'm

a chance to spend time where my roots book, and it may have been a long time coming, but Porterfield says there are more Writing is also in this author's roots. Her on the way. She's been working on what she believes will be her masterpiece: a novel but she broadened her dreams to include called The Sword Dance of the Human

The sword dance is a medieval dance

that people would perform in the streets," she says. "Someone would pretend to die and be reborn, which made the community feel like everything was resurrected.

Porterfield's son, now 24 years old, was very ill as a child, and she almost lost him. "I went through a sword dance with my human spirit," she says. "While my son was ill it tested the mettle in me."

The book has similar themes, and it is sometimes so painful to write that Porterfield says she must stop and take breaks. "I will continue writing mysteries until I finish the book

that I feel is going to be my work of art,"

Think Twice, Twice will be available at cover that the title is a hint at uncovering the But it took time before Porterfield could mystery, as Porterfield is suggesting that make the dream reality. She says her first readers not necessarily believe everything husband, now deceased, was a controlling they learn about the characters. And readers

"That's why I thought Andover people Today Porterfield lives in Idaho. She now, but I wasn't allowed. I had to write on reading about that place, it brings me there.

High school bands are coming home

Former AHS grads are back to shake the walls of Old Town Hall

By Kyra Auffermann What's Up Intern

Every suburban high school has its share of garage bands, most of which, thankfully, never leave the garage before splitting up. Andover tends to have a musically oriented and talented teenage population, but even so, it's rare for its high-school groups to stay together after graduation

However, the rock band Crown - consisting of AHS grads Brock Bouchard on lead guitar; Chris Krey doing vocal, guitar, keyboard and bass; Roger Cohen on the drums; and Dave Wholey playing the bass and guitars – has managed to remain intact through its members freshman years at separate colleges. Crown will be headlining at the upcoming Andover

Driscoll doing guitar and upcoming show, and is looking vocals, Glen Cancelleire play- forward to performing at Old

"(We) started off as being a highschool rock band, and now we've been together a couple years," says Krey. "Our song writing has gotten us to a second level."

on the drums).

Crown hopes to start touring regularly during the summer. and is launching a second Foo Fighters or Bush, will be attempt to release an album, due out around Christmas.

mer AHS student and UMass and James Checrallah playing alumnus, describes his band as the bass. "The band has only

since 1995, when currently live in Andover. he was in high school. The band is scheduled to tour the East Coast through Septemupcoming CD to be released in

"It'll be an

awesome show."

BILL FAHEY

Middle Run, whose members compare their sound to the opening the show, with Jimmy Noonan on the guitar and Will Daily of Mappari, a for-vocals, Andy Gossart on drums

Youth Services-sponsored show at Old Town Hall along with Mappari (Will Daily and Chris Mappari (Will Daily and Chris He's "psyched" about the high-school friends, and we've says Checrallah, "but we're old high-school friends, and we've been working on separate projects." All of the band members ing the bass, Anthony Buruicich Town Hall for the first time attended Phillips Academy, and

The show will be July 20. and the doors will open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. "There should be a lot of people there. it's three really awesome ber, with an bands," says Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services. "I know it's summer, a lot of people are busy... but it'll be an awesome show."

For more information about the bands, visit their Web sites: <www.experiencecrown.com> <www.mappari.com>, and <www.middle-run.com>.

For upcoming events, contact Bill Fahey at 623-8241



Chris Krey (left), a member of Crown, and Will Dailey, a member of Mappari, will play Saturday in the town where they grew up.

Author spells out gratitude

Grant winner Sabina Murray, PA writer-in-residence, to start fourth book

By Rebecca Piro

To a writer, winning a \$12,500 grant can be as exciting as winning one million dollars from the lottery.

Sabina Murray, Phillips Academy's writer-in-residence, felt that excited when a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council called her to tell her she had won a grant

fiction "When the woman called me I was having a cook-out for my students," she says. "I picked up the phone and she said congratulations. It was almost like winning Publisher's Clearing House, like someone should have knocked (on my

Continued on page 16

Thursday, July 18

How to Succeed in Business With out Really Trying. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children under 12, 8 p.m., July 18, 19, and 20, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-

Live music, children's series Pete & Ellen Allard, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41 <www.low-

Live music, with the Windham Community Band, sponsored by the Haverhill Downtown Association, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

Picnic concert, with Pick 3 Interpretations of Bluegrass, Celtic, Westem Swing, \$5 members, \$15 nonmembers, 7 p.m., Castle Hill, Glouster: Whitney Pearce 978-412-

Friday, July 19

Live music, Viva Broadway!, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park downtown Lowell: 978-970-5000. Ext. 41 <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Golf fundraiser, annual Sons of Italy Golf Tournament, Merrimack Golf Course, Howe Street, Methuen; Armand Buonanno 978-686-2280.

Live comedy, Greg Carey, Joe Matarese, Debra Parkman, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road: 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Scott Carney, Todd Verdonck, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938- Museum opening, Revolving Muse-

Saturday, July 20

History, craft workshop for kids. miniatures craft workshop, for ages 7-12, 3-5 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475

Live jazz, featuring Mark Kross Five-Piece Trio with Herb Pomerov and Billie Novack, \$15. 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 <www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Live music, Patty Larkin, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell: 978-970-5000. Ext. 41<www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Kids lizard show. The L'il Jouana Traveling Safety Show, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell: 978-970-5000, Ext. 41<www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Family show, the American State Festival Peacock Player's performs five Grimm Brothers fairy tales, \$8. 11 a.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 <www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Artist's reception, for Marsha York's show, 3-6 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport: 978-462-9891.

Live comedy, Greg Carey, Joe Matarese, Debra Parkman, call for prices, 8 & 10:30 p.m. Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road: 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

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EVENTS CALENDAR 8088.

> the opening of Home-Made: Pioneers and Public. Raise the Roof: Premier & Fundraising Event 5-9 p.m., \$35 donation. Opening reception. July 27. 5-8 p.m. free, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. 4p.m./ Sunday 12 - 4 p.m., 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell

Children's art festival, North Shore Arts Association artists will hold mini-workshops for kids of all ages, art scavenger hunt, mural painting and art exhibit of children's work will be on display N.S.A.A., free, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 197R East Main St. Glouster: 978-

Sunday, July 21

Pomps Pond concert, sponsored by Department of Community Services, 1-3 p.m., featuring Bill Seism Jazz Band, rotten sneaker contest, sandcastle contest, games bring a picnic or purchase sandwiches at concession stand; Kim Stamas 978-623-8274

Copeland and Gershwin, sponsored by Lawrence History Center/Immigrant City Archives, featuring baritone soloist. Robert Honeysucker free, 6 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish 6 Essex Street, Lawrence <www.landmarksOrchestra.org> or call 617-520-2200.

Live big band music, with Sammy Kaye Orchestra, \$25, 2 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham: 781-279-2200.

Tribute to area soldiers, Peabody Essex Museum will dedicate a commemorative brick walkway in

honor of Essex County Veterans. free, 2 p.m. Armory Park, Salem: <www.pem.org>

Summer jazz, with Arnie Krakowski, \$5, 6-10 p.m., Studio Restaurant. Rocky Neck Ave. Glouster reservation recommended 978-283-

Monday, July 22

Pomps Pond swim lessons, sponty Services, 11:15-noon, sessions for children ages 3 & 4 with parent and for children 5 and up. Lessons run Monday -Thursday with Friday as a make up day. Register at DCS office by Friday July 19: Kim Stamas 978-623-8274.

Karate Demonstration, with Lisa Belfiore, a student at the National Karate Institute will hold an informational meeting, showing karate moves followed by a Q&A. display of weapons, uniforms etc. free Stevens Memorial Hall Library North Andover: 978-688-9505

Tuesday, July 23

Walk, sponsored by Harold Parker State Park, 1-4 p.m., Russ Cohen will lead a three hour walk through the forest pointing out edible plants and sharing information about how to prepare them. Wear insect repellent and comfortable shoes, bring tration required. Meet at park headquarters, Middleton Road, North Andover: 978-475-7972

Live jazz, with The Marshall Wood

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Beginning to end, abbr.
- 5. Lethargic
- 10. Cubature unit 14. Wonderments
- 15. Heath
- 16. Dirt
- 17. Filing status 20. About river
- 21. Washes
- 22. Substitute
- 23. Take
- 25. Therefore
- 29. Strokes
- 33. Vaclav
- 34. Flower petals
- 35. Before 36. Aristocracy
- 37. Milled product of duram wheat used in pasta
- 40. Sickly
- 41. Brews
- 43. Cover with wood
- 44. Lets it be known 47. Enunciate
- 48. Away from wind
- 49. Indicates near
- 50. Ethiopian lake
- 53. Analyses
- 58. Trouble-bound 61. Area unit
- 62. Substance 63. Wife (German)
- 64. An isolated fact
- 65. Directs
- 66. Other side of yin (Chinese) **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. A wild goat
- 2. Chinese Moslem 3. Gather
- 4. Approves food
- 5. Make soiled 6. Saint
- 10. Causes to be heard

- 18. Diviner
- 7. Jerusalem temple site
- 9. Placental mammal
- 12. Rise up
 - 19. This (Spanish)
- 8. European money
- 11. Sailboat
- 13. Tots up

- 23. Business
- 24. Semitic language
- 25. Belonging to them 26. City in SW East Germany
- 27. Bads
- 28. Take hold of 29. Arguments
- 30. Net
- 31. Sea eagles
- 32. Closes 38. Most favorables
- 39. Household god (Roman) 41. Fed
- 42. The side of something that is sheltered from the
- wind
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- 46. Jai __, sport
- 47. Components
- 49. Travesty 50. Tai
- 51. Denomination
- 52. Swiss river
- 53. Nigeria people 54. Chancy
- 55. Ancient Japanese religious center
- 56. Ardour 57. Idler
- 59. Veterans battleground 60. Young women's asso-
- ciation

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WHAT'S UP

Fishy advice: Tips on getting the best bite in Andover waters

Summer is here and the water in Andover is warm; recorded at 81 degrees in Foster's Pond on Sunday. The warm water and hot sun can make fishing slower than usual, but Andover's various ponds will still yield a good catch of game fish, primarily Large Mouth Bass, especially in the late afternoon around 4.

Small, floating plastic minnows and other plastic lures have been doing well, according to Larry Bourget, a North Reading resident who fishes Andover's ponds. Bourget caught a 3.6 pound Large Mouth in Fosters Pond on Monday, just one of several large fish that he has caught in the area. Most bass being caught are averaging one pound or smaller, but the occasional large fish like Bourget's will occasionally find its way into a

Other fishermen reported catches of large pickerel and perch, as well as Andover's hearty population of black crappie, bluegill and sunfish. In this weath-

er. Andover's smaller species tend to frequent areas with drop-offs (where the water becomes deep quickly) and structure such as lily

pads and downed trees. In the evening when the water cools and the bugs come out, top water lures such as poppers and flies have been successful at drawing strikes. Live bait has been doing well, as always, particularly during the hottest hours of the day when lures fail to get

any response. For parents looking to find easy fishing for their children, now is the perfect time of year for them to learn. With the current conditions, a bit of bread, corn, or a worm suspended under a bobber will almost instantly catch a sunfish at any of Andover's ponds, making an enjoyable trip for even the most impatient young fishermen. Try Pomp's Pond for easy access or Baker's Meadow for a more secluded

► What's Up is written by kids for kids. E-mail submissions to: <iack@andovertownsman.com>

Phillips writer-in-residence wins fiction-writing grant

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door) and given me a big

The money might not go quite so far as a lottery win would, but it will make a difference for Murray as she settles in to write her fourth book. "When you get a grant like that, it makes you very optimistic. It's a cushion. It makes you feel like you can just write your book and get the extra support you need, and it

will all work out." And Murray needs all the help she can get. Besides writing, she's raising two children, ages 5 months and 4 years old. She does some teaching at Phillips when school is in session. And then there's her research - though some, including Murray herself, might argue that the research can be as

much fun as a vacation "Nothing wrong with that!"

she laughs. Murray spent the month of June in Greece researching the tourist industry for her new

book, tentatively titled Hellenic

Travel. It's set in Greece and features a character touring the landscape in the 1950s. "There is going to be mystery (in the story) as well," says Murray.

Murray applied for the grant by submitting samples from her most recently published book The Caprices, a collection of short stories that explores the Pacific campaign of World War II through characters that are part fictional, part family. Murray's mother lived through the Japanese occupation of the Filipino city of Manila. She shared her experiences with Murray, as did other family members and friends. From their tales Murray drew her stories.

Murray is one of 62 artists across the state to receive grant money. She competed against ,400 applicants to win.

"It was hard," she says. "It was tough to get.'

But Murray has more to smile about. Her first screenplay, Beautiful Country, slated to star Nick Nolte, is scheduled to begin production in October.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 18 THRU JULY 28

Continued from page 15 Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Route 97, Salem. N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Free outdoor film, Toy Story, 8:30 p.m., Columbus Park, Haverhill, sponsored by England's MicroCre amery, 109 Washington St., Haverhill; weather permitting; 978-373-

Marketing Mixer, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Beach Blanket Bingo Marketing Mixer. \$10 members, \$20 non-members, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. hors d'oeuvers and beverages, network and exchange business cards, Blair House of Tewksbury, 10B Erlin Terrace, Tewsbury; 978-851-3121.

Chamber Music Concert, North Shore chamber music ensemble, Eden's Edge will preform Debussy, Ravel and Boston-based composer Richard Cornell, free, 2 p.m. meet-the artists reception will be held following each concert, Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers; 978-768-6229 or 781-237-1814.

Wednesday, July 24

Family Music Festival, Anderson Gram folk Music, free, 6 p.m., sponsored by Department of Community Services, at The Park band stand, Chestnut and Bartlet streets, rain date is July 25, the rain location will be Memorial Auditorium. next to the park; DCS 978-623-

Organ Recital, with Ken Cowan, playing Mozart, Scarlatti, Willan, von Weber, Arne and Reger, adults: \$7; children: \$2, 8 p.m. Methuen Memorial Music Hall. 192 Broadway, Methuen: <www.mmh.org>.

Olde Tyme Circus, sponsored by the North Andover Lions Club. Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus two shows Wednesday July 24, and two shows Thursday July 25, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for more infor685-2159

Auditions, for the Valley Players production, Over the River and Through the Woods, 7 p.m. adults only, bring current head shot and resume. Amesbury Playhouse 194 Main Street, Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Field trip, the Learning in retirement Association, of Lowell is going to the birthplaces of John Adams and John Quincy Adams in Quincy; 978-934-3135

Thursday, July 25

Dallas Night, Family barbecue, fun and games for the whole family at the YMCA Andover/North Andover branch \$6 or \$8:50 preregistration, starts 5:30 p.m. seating times 5:45, 6:15, 6:45 or 7:15 p.m. 165 Haverhill Street, Andover: 978-685-3541

Stories and Songs, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library "This Land is Your Land" with David Bates & Roger, free, pick up tickets in the children's room after July 15, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m.

Live music, sponsored by the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, the West Newbury Vet Band, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

Live blues, featuring Maria Muldaur, \$21-25, 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 <www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Picnic concert, Bruce Marshall Group, R&B country blues and southern boogie, \$5 members, \$15 non-members, 7 p.m., Castle Hill, Glouster; Whitney Pearce 978-412

Mixed Media Workshop, North Shore Arts Association presents nationally recognized artist Sandra Saitto, to lead a three day mixed media workshop, \$150.00, July 25, 26, 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 197R East Main St. Glouster; call to register 978-283-1857

Magic Circle Theatre, presents

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Radio and TV personality, Ron Della Chiesa, will host an evening of entertainment, titled "The Strictly Sinatra MusicAmerica Dance Party," Friday, July 26 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Ramada Rolling Green.





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Sleeping Beauty \$6, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Balch Arena Theatre, Tufts Medford/Somerville campus; reservation and information call 617-627-3493

Friday, July 26

Live Folk/Bluegrass, with Northern Lights, \$20, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.

Live comedy, Mike Koutrobis, Greg Rodrigues, Troy Diamond, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Don Della Chiesa Dance Party, WPLM-FM Easy 99.1, WGBH-FM 89.7 the WGBH Educational Foun dation and the Ramada Gree presents: Strictly Sinatra MusicAmerica Dance party to support programming for Strictly Sinatra Saturdays and MusicAmerica Sundays on WPLM-FM. Live music, appertizers and cash bar. Ramada Green, Andover; for price, tickets and other information call 617-633-<musicnotnoise@aol.com>

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's, 9 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Lowell Folk Festival, Friday July 26-Sunday July 28, free, Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell 978-970-5000, Ext. 41 <www.low ellsummermusic org>

Chamber Music Concert, North Shore chamber music ensemble. Eden's Edge will preform Debussy, Ravel and Boston-based composer Richard Cornell, \$18, 8 p.m. meetthe artists reception will be held following each concert. Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Ave Glouster, for reservations and information call, 978-283-7673.

Tuner Hill Barbecue, The mansions



Pianist Leslie Amper

chef will cook up some saucy ribs. live country music, \$45 per person (liquor, tax and gratuity not included), 6-11 p.m., 251 Topsfied Road, Ipswich; reservations 978-356-

Saturday, July 27

Live comedy, John Rizzo. Pete Costello, 8 and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93. River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH

Comedy, Jimmy Tingle, \$25, \$21 seniors/students/groups 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St. Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200.www.stonehamtheatre.org

Sunday, July 28

Comedy, Jimmy Tingle, \$25, \$21 seniors/students/groups 2 p.m.. Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St. Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200.<www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Chamber Music Concert, North Shore chamber music ensemble Eden's Edge will preform Debussy Rayel and Boston-based composer Richard Cornell, \$18, 5 p.m. meetthe artists reception will be held fol lowing each concert, King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper Street, Marblehead, for reservations and information call; 978-631-2608.

Historical Society presents 'little' show in big way

Saturday, July 20, from 3 to 5 p.m., the Andover Historical Society will host "Little Things Mean a Lot: Making Miniatures," a History & Craft Workshop for children ages through 12. "Little Things" is offered in conjunction with the SiteLines: Art on Main exhibition sponsored by the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy. Nationallyknown artist Mark Dion's installation Selections from the Miniature Department of Decorative Arts will be the inspiration for this children's workshop, taught by Juliet Mofford. Participants will tour Mark Dion's installation of tiny things and then make their own miniature creations. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Call 978-475-2236 for information and registration.

Tall and true tales to be told at Memorial Hall Library next week

Memorial Hall Library will celebrate its Star Spangled Summer reading program by pre-senting storyteller Davis Bates and singer Roger Tincknell in a program of stories and songs for the whole family. Entitled This Land is Your Land: Stories and Songs from Sea to Shining Sea, the program will explore the diverse cultural heritage of the United States. This participatory concert is for all ages. and will include historical ballads, regional nonsense songs, just-so stories, family stories and more, according to a release. Hear how the bear missed the train, how coyote got his howl, and be prepared to sing, move and dance, especially to the closing song, Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land.

Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell have over four decades of combined experi- tickets for this family-oriented ence performing for families entertainment event are now and are known for their strong vocal harmonies and for their



Storyteller Davis Bates and singer Roger Tincknell

warm and participatory style Both have received Parents Choice awards for their record-

This Land is Your Land: Stories and Songs from Sea to Shining Sea will take place at Memorial Hall Library on Thursday, July 25 at 2 p.m. Free available from The Children's

DCS still heating up

nity Services will host three summertime events in the upcoming weeks.

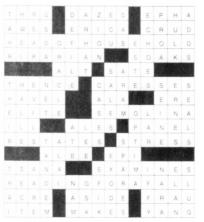
On Sunday, July 21, DCS will sponsor a live music concert at Pomps Pond from 1 to 3 p.m. featuring Bill Seism and his jazz band. The Berklee School of Music professor plays this annual concert at the Pomps Pond Family Fun Day activities. The day also features the Rotten Sneaker Contest. Events include sand-castle contests and games for the kids. Admission is \$10 per car and residents may pur-DCS information line for program weather updates at 978-

On Monday, July 22, Pomps Pond Swim lessons begin and register. run from 11:15 to noon. Ses-

The Department of Commu-sions are open for children ages 3 and 4 with parent and for children ages 5 and up. Lessons run Monday through Thursday with Friday as weather make-ups. Those interested can register at the DCS office by Friday, July 19. Direct all questions to Kim

On Wednesday, July 31, DCS hosts a bus trip to the Boston Harbor Island. Participants can cruise out to Georges Island, and are recommended to pack a lunch and wear walking shoes. The bus departs from Doherty Middle School at 9:45 chase a season pass. Call the a.m. and will return by 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$16 per person. Discounts are available for seniors and kids under 12. The rain date is Aug. 1. Call DCS to

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Sports

District 14 Little League Tournament

Americans move to champion round

Post 10-6 victory over Andover Nationals

By Rick Harrison

Danny Haugh belted a pair of homers, while Colin Bowman and Mike Morander also went yard and Ryan Kemp pitched a completegame victory, as the Andover American Major 11-12 All-Stars advanced to the District 14 Little League Tournament championship round with a 10-6 victory over Andover National in their winner's bracket final at Deyermond Field. The undefeated Americans, 4-0

in the double-elimination tourney, were in the driver's seat as they took the field last night (after Townsman presstime) needing just one more win to capture the district

Their opponent in the championship round was Tewksbury American, which edged Andover National 2-0 in the loser's bracket final Tuesday night at Poulin Field in Tewksbury

The loss knocked the Nationals out of contention as they bowed out of the tourney with a final record of

This is a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Andover Little League — to have both All-Star teams do so well in the tournament and finish as two of the top three teams," said Americans' manager Paul Sartori.

If Andover American lost last night's game at the neutral Methuen East field, a second winner-take-all game will be played tonight between the locals and Tewksbury American (6-1). Tewksbury's only District 14

loss was 5-4 to Andover American in their winner's bracket semifinal. The District 14 champ advances

to bi-district and sectional play. with sectional winners moving to the four-team State Tournament to be held way out west in North Adams this year

Double-elimination play also began in the Major 9-10 Division of the District 14 Tournament. Defending district champ

Andover National opened with a tough 5-4 loss to Tewksbury National at Devermond Field, while Andover American squeezed past Methuen West, 8-7.

The Americans are off until Sunday afternoon when they host Tewksbury American at Deyermond Field (1 p.m.). Tewksbury overpowered South Lawrence East 22-2 in its opener

MAJOR 11-12 DIVISION WINNER'S BRACKET

Andover American 10

Andover National 6

The Americans jumped ahead 3-0 in the top of the first inning and managed to keep the lead the rest of

However, it wasn't until the top of the sixth that the winners gained some much-appreciated breathing room with a four-run rally to break

Winning pitcher Ryan Kemp (2-() tourney) produced a gritty performance, the righthander going the distance while allowing 11 hits. fanning six and walking two.

"You had two outstanding teams butting heads and it was an entertaining game — good to win and tough to lose," said coach Sar-

The Americans wasted no time breaking out the long ball.

Danny Haugh got things started when he belted a solo homer to left. the ball clattering off the right field fence on the adjacent field at the Devermond complex. Kemp then laced a single and

Mike Morander launched his tworun blast to right field for a quick 3-0 lead. The Nationals bounced back

with a pair of runs in the second. including a bases-empty homer by Kurt Berthiaume. Eric Chu and Peter White fol-

lowed with singles, both advanced on a passed ball, and Kevin Hitchko lofted a sac-fly to trim the deficit to Haugh's second homer of the

game, and fourth of the tournament, boosted the Americans' lead to 4-2 as his smash again cleared the left field fence with plenty to spare. In the bottom of the inning Nationals' pitcher P.J. Farnham (2-

1) laced a single and raced home on a sharp double to left-center by Greg Cook. Colin Bowman continued the

power parade with a solo homer to left-center in the fourth, extending the Americans' lead to 5-3.

The four home runs in this game boosted the Americans' impressive

total in 11 in four tourney outings. In the fifth Zack Burdeau singled, Chris Sartori laid down a sac-rifice bunt, and Burdeau eventually scored on a passed ball for a 6-

Americans' edge The Nationals kept counterpunching in the home half, as Farnam singled, Mike Pierce ripped an

RBI double to left-center and Berthiaume's run-scoring single to The Americans finally put the exclamation point on the triumph in the sixth, starting a four-run rally

when Mike Palermo reached on an error. Kyle Lightner walked and both advanced on a passed ball. Kemp helped himself with a two-run double to the gap in rightcenter, before Morander was hit by a pitch and a passed ball pushed

Bowman drove in his second and third runs of the afternoon with

both he and Kemp into scoring

The Nationals refused to go quietly as they stirred around once again in the bottom of the sixth. Mike Yastrzemski singled, Kyle

Pettoruto walked and Farnham stung an RBI single to left before Kemp got the third out with two runners aboard.

Haugh, Kemp and Bowman finished with two hits each for the

Defensive standouts included Shawn McDermott at second base and leftfielder Morander who saved at least one run with a diving catch to end the Nationals' third inning

Leadoff batter Farnham sparked A-N with three singles, while Berthiaume and Yastrzemski stroked two hits apiece. Solid defense for the Nationals

came from the left side of the infield, shortstop Pierce handling four chances flawlessly and third baseman Cook making a diving ston and nerfect throw to first in the opening inning

WINNER'S BRACKET SEMIFINALS Andover National 12 Chelmsford Fitts 6

Andover took a 6-0 lead before Fitts had its first turn at-bat, and Chelmsford never came closer than four runs the rest of the way Leadoff batter P.J. Farnham

laced a pair of singles in the top of the first inning, driving in one run. as the Nationals sent 11 batters to the plate and scored six times Other highlights of the stanza were a two-run homer to left-center

by Kurt Berthiaume and doubles by Mike Pierce (RBI), Greg Cook (RBI) and Peter White. After Fitts notched a pair of runs in the second, the Nationals made it

10-2 with four runs in the third. Farnham and Craig Buckley launched the rally with singles, Pierce bounced a two-run groundrule double over the fence in rightcenter and Eric Chu followed with

a run-scoring double to left-center.
The final run of the inning came when Kevin Hitchko beat out a bunt and circled the bases as Chelmsford threw the ball around the infield.

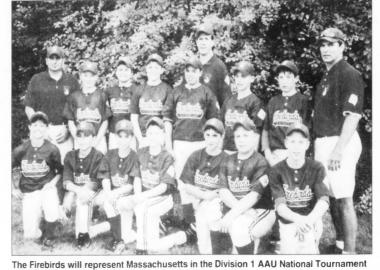
The locals scored their final two runs in the fourth on singles by Mike Yastrzemski, Tripp Stevens, Mike Donelan (RBI) and Brendon Hughes (RBI).

Farnham led the 17-hit Andover attack with three safeties, while Berthiaume had the homer (first of tourney) and double. Pierce rapped two doubles and Chu had a pair of

Cook, Hughes, Stevens, Donelan and Yaz lashed a hit each. Hitchko made the defensive play of the game in left field when ne reached over the fence to rob a

Fitts player of a home run.

Other defensive standouts were tfielders Kyle Pettoruto and John



in Lakeville, Minn. from July 26 through Aug. 2.

Firebirds capture silver

Four Andover boys on regional team defeated America's Pastime 13-The New England Firebirds the Firebirds came up on the

12 U baseball team finished its season with a silver medal in the Massachusetts State Tournament. Four Andover boys are

The Firebirds went into the tourney as the No. 1 seed and before losing in the champi-onship game. On Friday night the Firebirds defeated the Leominster Lightning, 13-6. Colin Bowman of Andover led the offense with three hits, and Ryan Kemp of Andover, collected two. The Firebirds

3 in game one on Saturday with Ryan Kemp adding another two hits. In game 3, the Firebirds overpowered the Frozen Ropes of Franklin, 21-2. Colin Bowman and Ryan Kemp each contributed two hits. In the championship pool series on Sunday, the Firebirds opened up with a 9-6 win over the South Shore Seadogs. Ryan Kemp took the win on the mound and Bowman, Kemp, and Gary Girolamo paced the offense with two hits each. In the championship game,

The eighth serve of the at-bat

short end of a 10-5 score. Chris Sartori of Andover pitched well for the Firebirds and the offense hit the ball hard but came up with little to show for it. Mike Palermo of Andover

had two hits but it was not enough to stop the hard hitting Hitdogs, who won the champi The Firebirds whose record

stands at 26-3-1, will represent Massachusetts in the Division 1 AAU National Tournament in Lakeville, Minn. from July 26 through Aug. 2.

Winning pitcher Mike Pierce (2-0 tourney) worked the first 3 1/3 innings. Berthiaume went the next 1 2/3 and Chu mopped up with a reless sixth The trio combined for a seven-

hitter and five strikeouts to send Fitts to the loser's bracket.

Ryan Buckley doubled and Dan DeCoste had a pair of singles to spark Chelmsford

Andover American 5 **Tewksbury American 4**

A tumbling bases-loaded catch by shortstop Kevin Twomey, who grabbed the popup between the mound and second base in the top of the sixth inning, brought this game to a dramatic end. Tewksbury, trailing 5-1 entering

the final stanza, rallied for three runs and had the bases loaded with one Andover complete-game win-

ning pitcher Kyle Lightner (2-0 tourney) got the second out on a comebacker to the mound, as he threw home for the force out. The count went to 3-1 on the

next Tewksbury batter, and one more wide pitch would have forced home the tying run.

uled off the next two pitches.

was popped up on the infield grass, with Twomey racing in and diving to make the clutch play and preserve "Kevin dove on the ground and

caught the ball and the game was

over," said Andover manager Paul

rolled over so it was a few anxious seconds before we knew he had

Sartori. "It was a spectacular way to Tewksbury, which had won three previous tourney games and outscored its opponents, 24-6. inched ahead 1-0 in the top of the

Andover erased the deficit in the bottom half when Lightner was hit by a pitch and Danny Haugh belted two-run homer (second of the

In the second inning Ryan Walsh walked and RBI singles by Mike Palermo and Ryan Kemp made it 4-

What proved to be the winning run came in the fourth when Lightner singled, Kemp walked and Mike Morander was hit by a pitch to load

Lightner scored his second run of the game on Chris Sartori's fielder's choice grounder, and Andover Lightner threw a second strike left the bases loaded to set the stage and with a full count the hitter for the pulse-quickening Tewksbury

inning, prior to Twomey's catch. were a two-run homer by Scott Darby and singles by Scott Oberg and Scott Capraro. Jim Mazzapica also had a bases-loaded walk to force home a run. Palermo finished with two hits

Key Tewksbury strokes in the

for Andover while single safeties were contributed by Morander, Sartori, Twomey and Zach Burdeau. LOSER'S BRACKET

Tewksbury American 2 Andover National 0

Tewksbury righthander Scott Oberg shut down the Nationals' potent offense Tuesday night with a complete-game five-hitter and seven strikeouts. Twice the locals had two runners

aboard but could not capitalize, as Tewksbury posted its fourth shutout in seven tourney games.

The closest Andover came to

coring was in the fourth, when Kyle Pettoruto lofted a long single off the base of the left field fence.

Had the ball traveled three more feet it would have been a gametying two-run homer

The winners scored their two runs early on a solo home run and a

wild pitch.

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pitcher Oberg belted an apparent bases-empty homer to left, but in rounding the bases he failed to touch first and the Nationals' appeal to umpire Charlie Larocque was upheld.

P.J. Farnham laced a pair of hits for Andover and also played a solid defensive game at shortstop.

Mike Pierce (2-1) pitched a strong complete-game four-hitter for the Nationals.

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Tewksbury National 5 Andover National 4

Flanagan both went 2-for-2 to pace Andover National in the tough-luck

The locals had 1-0 and 4-3 leads

across the tying and winning runs in the fourth

A-N put the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position with no outs in the final inning, but could not get them home from second and third.

One of Colombo's hits was a double and Mike Cahill also had a strong game offensively for

Catcher C.J. Leary was a defensive standout and Colombo pitched four strong innings in relief.

The defeat put A-N in the difficult position of having to win six straight games to climb out of the loser's bracket into the championship round.

The first of those survival games is tonight (Thursday) against South Lawrence West at Mt. Vernon Park

in Lawrence (5:45 p.m.). SLW also has its back to the wall after an 18-1 mercy-rule loss to North Andover National West in its tourney opener.

Life at the top: Post 8 all alone in their zone

The Andover Post 8 American Legion base ball team hammered Peabody Post 153 by an 11-1 count, and Lynn Post 6 also fell 11-4 recently as the locals assumed sole possession of first place in the Zone 8 standings entering the final

week of regular season play.

Post 8, with four Zone games left and a virtual lock on a playoff berth, improved to 13-2 overall for 26 points. Gloucester and the Swampscott Mariners are

a game behind with three losses apiece, while Newburyport and Danvers have four defeats Three other teams in Zone 8, including

Lawrence Post 15, also remain in the playoff hunt with five losses. Andover is bidding for its sixth Zone 8 title

and ninth playoff berth in the last 13 years. The locals have also advanced to the State final 8 four

Four of Andover's last five games this week are on the road and two are against other playoff

with Zone 5A leader Lowell Post 87.

The locals played at Salem Post 23 earlier this week, after *Townsman* presstime, and tonight Andover travels to face Beverly Post 331 in a 6

A Saturday doubleheader has Newburyport Post 150 at Aumais Field in the lone home game at 3 p.m., and Post 8 is back on the road against Lowell that night at Stoklosa Alumni Field (7:30)

The regular season finale is Sunday night against Danvers Post 180 under the lights at Twi Field (7:30 p.m.)

The best-of-3 first-round playoffs, between the top four teams in Zone 8 and Zone 5, begin next Tuesday night. Opponents will be deter mined this weekend

Sizzling Salini

Andover outfielder Andy Salini continues as one of the most dangerous hitters in Massachusetts Legion baseball.

He was 26-for-37 in the first 15 games.

scorching .703 average. He has hit safely in all

one in every game except Swampscott. He has also cracked five homers.

Injury report

Third baseman Brian Buckley turned an ankle while playing 'pepper' prior to the Lynn Post 6

A trip to the doctor the following day revealed a sprain and Buckley's foot has been in an air

His return to the lineup is on a game-to-game

Andover 11 Lynn Post 6 4

Kyle Ahern (4-0, one save) pitched five innings of two-hit ball, allowing two earned runs and striking out 10 in the game under the lights at the Breed Junior High field in Lynn.

"Kyle was terrific again." said manager Joe larrobino. "He did have some control problems (four walks) but we had a comfortable lead the

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Life at the top

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Jason White mopped up with two strong innings of two-hit relief, fanning three and yielding no runs. "It was an opportunity to give

job," said larrobino. The teams traded first-inning runs, Andover scoring when leadoff batter Paul Chiozzi walked, Matt Hennessy bunted him to second,

Jason some work and he did a nice

and Andy Salini's hot shot to short was booted for an error as Chiozzi In the Post 8 third Hennessy doubled. Salini and White walked to load the bases, and Chris Vining drilled a two-out, two-run single

White later scored on a passed ball for a 4-1 lead. In the five-run fourth Chiozzi

throwing error by the catcher, and crossed on Hennessy's single. Chris Hanlon walked and Salini launched his fifth homer of the season over the fence in right-center, the threerun blast making it 8-1.

Before the inning ended Will Walter singled, Paul Skinner was hit by a pitch and Matt Iorio stroked an RBI single to center.

In the fifth, Hennessy smacked his second double of the game and scored on Hanlon's single to left-

The final Andover run came in the seventh. Salini drew a one-out walk, moved to third on a passed ball and throwing error by the catcher, and tagged on White's long sacfly to right-center.

Hennessy sparked the 11-hit attack with three safeties, and he

also scored three runs, while Salini had two hits, scored three runs and lorio laced a pair of safeties.

Defensively, Salini made a div-Lynn runners on base

"Skinner has been outstanding behind the plate all season," said larrobino. "And 15-year-old lorio is also doing a terrific job at second

Andover 11 Peabody 1

The first attempt to play this game ended in a rainout with the core tied 2-2 in the fourth inning

The replay at Aumais Field saw Post 8 erupt for six runs in the bottom of the first and never look back. Three pitchers combined for a

nine-hitter, nine strikeouts and no walks, with starter and winner Jon Shaw (3-1) working the first five frames and fanning six

Jason White pitched the next two

and Will Walter finished it with a shutout seventh

The six-run first started with a ing eatch in center field with two one-out single by Matt Hennessy and walks to Chris Hanlon and Andy Salini. Brian Buckley lashed a two-run single to left, Walter belted an RBI double and Chris Vining's infield out rescued Buckley.

Paul Skinner and Matt Iorio drew back-to-back walks to re-load the bases for Paul Chiozzi, who slapped a two run single.

Buckley singled home Salini, who laced a one-out single and advanced on a balk, to make it 7-0

In the fourth, Hanlon walked and Salini bounced a one-out groundrule double over the fence in leftcenter. Ryan Shepard singled both home for a 9-1 cushion.

The last two runs crossed in the fifth as Anthony Perry doubled, Iorio singled him home, Chiozzi walked and Salini slapped an RBI

Salini sparked the 11-hit charge with a perfect 3-for-3 night and he also scored three runs. Buckley was 2-for-2 and Hanlon scored twice

Defensive standouts were Hanlon at short and catcher Skinner, who threw out two would-be bases-

EARLIER GAMES Andover 6 Middleton 0

Kyle Ahern tamed a Middleton team that includes several of the best high school players on the north

"Good breaking ball, good changeup and good control have been the secret to Kyle's success this summer," said larrobino, "He

Ahern faced 25 batters which is four over the minimum. Deuces were wild as he walked two, hit two batters and yielded two hits, but two of those six baserunners were erased

where two runners got aboard and they had just one player get as far as second base," said Iarrobino. The only Middleton safeties

were singles by Nick Hanges in the second and Greg Damigella in the

Middleton, 9-4 after the loss, could have knocked Andover down a peg and tied Post 8 for second

place in the Zone with a win. The locals took a 2-0 lead in the second when Andy Salini, fed a steady diet of outside pitches, went the opposite way with a double to

left-center Brian Buckley reached on an error, moved up on Will Walter's infield out, and both runners scored

on Chris Vining's single to center.
In the third Paul Chiozzi singled to left, Matt Hennessy beat out a bunt and both runners advanced on

a wild pitch. Salini collected his 22nd and 23rd RBI with a single to center. He moved to third on Buckley's single up the middle, and Walter's infield grounder plated Salini to make it 5-

The final run came in the sixth on a one-out double to right by Walter, a wild pitch and Vining's RBI infield out.

Middleton, which handed Swampscott one of its two losses, went quietly 1-2-3 in the top of the

Salini led the seven-hit attack with two safeties, and second baseman Matt Iorio stabbed a line drive up the middle and turned it into a

Swampscott 10

The 103-degree heat and humid-

Salini went 0-for-1 (two walks) and had his nine-game hit streak broken.

Lynn 0 The umpires awarded the forfeit to Andover when Post 345 showed up at Aumais Field 45 minutes late and without the necessary nine play-

ity may have drained all the life out

of the Post 8 players - although it

didn't seem to bother Swampscott at

all in this lopsided game at Phillips

for this one game," said larrobino.

They got three unearned runs in the

first and it was downhill from

The Mariners added four runs in

Post 8 managed only five hits, all

The locals averted a shutout with

singles, as Brian Buckley laced two,

Chris Hanlon one, Pat Bateson one

an unearned run in the seventh.

Buckley reached on an infield error,

took second on Ryan Shepard's

infield out and scored when Bate-

son's drilled a single to left-center.

Jon Shaw, the first of three Andover pitchers (Jason White,

Chris Vining), suffered his first

defeat although for once the defen-

The loss snapped an eight-game

Andover win streak, while Andy

sive support was not there.

the third, two in the fourth and one

"The wheels fell off the wagon

Park in Swampscott.

in the fifth.

and Matt Iorio one.

Some of the Post 8 players had also left the field by the time Lynn finally showed.

Oppenheim wins Amateur Championship

added a huge victory to his local amateur golfing legacy when he won the 94th Massachusetts State Amateur Championship recently at Winchester Country Club.

Oppenheim, the NCAA Division 2 Player-of-the-Year after leading Rollins College to the national title last month, battled his way through the arduous five-day Mass. Am. to emerge victorious.

Oppenheim shot a two-under 70-70-140 during the opening 36-hole medal play portion of the tourney finishing as the fifth seed in a field

of 32 top qualifiers. He then won five consecutive elimination matches to capture the title for the first time

Oppenheim is also believed to be the first Mass. Am. winner from the

local area in four decades The Indian Ridge CC standout, whose family home is a chip shot from the eighth fairway on that course, won his first two matches where he defeated Ferdi Taygan of

He then routed Hans Sherman of The Country Club, 7-and-5, in their 18-hole semifinal match.

The soft-spoken, modest champ registered three birdies and a bogie versus Sherman, with the final two birds coming back-to-back on the 12th and 13th holes to close out the

Oppenheim, a former golf captain and standout baseball player at seven holes in the semifinal and made the turn in one-under 34 for a

then just concentrated on hitting fairways and greens," said two-time Merrimack Valley Conference Golfer-of-the-Year Oppenheim. who reached the US Amateur quarterfinals at Pebble Beach in California three summers ago

Against Taygan in the quarterfinals, Oppenheim shot 40 on the

front side and led 2-up. Taygan closed the gap to 1-down with consecutive birdies on the 14th

parred the 16th Taygan bogeyed the 17th and Oppenheim closed out the win with a par 4

In the 36-hole championship final against re-instated amateur (former pro) Brian Higgins of Franklin CC, 22-year-old Oppenheim nailed a downhill 40-foot putt on the final hole to bring the match to a dramatic conclusion.

This was Oppenheim's fourth Andover High, won four of the first Mass. Am. and the first time he has advanced beyond the quarterfinals.

He is also a two-time winner of commanding 5-up lead. the Rogers Memorial Tournament sponsored by the Eagle-Tribune. the Rogers Memorial Tournament, and two years ago he lost the 75th Lowell City Tournament to fellow collegian Marc Chandonnet (Grand Canyon College in Arizona) of Dracut on the second hole of a suddendeath playoff.

Last month Oppenheim, whose considerable talents are augmented by a Tiger-like mental toughness, drained an 18-foot putt on the final hole for a birdie that secured the national championship for Rollins

had 'em all again today."

by a double play and pickoff. They only had one inning

Pyrotechnics for Synchers

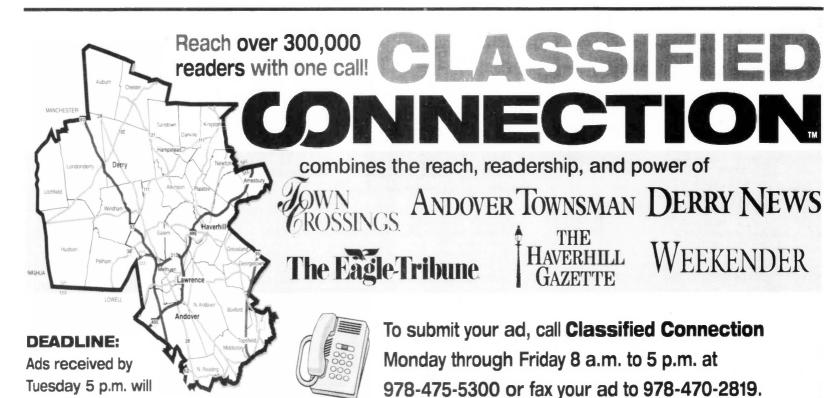
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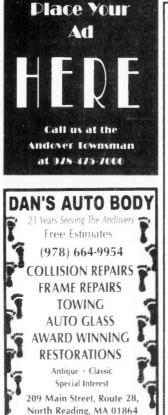


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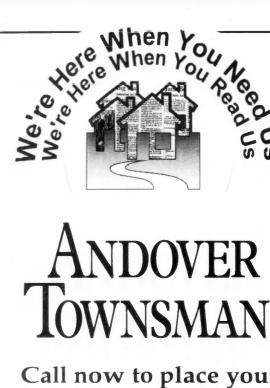
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate a petition has bee presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed. and that LINDA AL ICKMAN of AN-DOVER in the Counof ESSEX be ap pointed executrix. named in the will to

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PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons in-erested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that GEORGE F REDMAN of AN-DOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executor, named in the will to

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bate Rule 16. WITNESS HON JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, July 11, 2002.

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O'Brien Register of Probate Court July 18, 2002

OFFICE OF THE NOTICE OF HEARING

court, on motion with FLOOR in MEMORInotice to the petition- AL HALL LIBRARY SQUARE, THURSDAY, August

JOHN C. STEVENS, on the petition of III ESQUIRE, First & Sharon James Dolan, 66 Eustis Ave., Lowell, MA Pamela Casey 01850 for a special requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII § 3.1.3.A.4.a to allow the conversion of an existing rooming

> existing 3-bay garage with a shop into a 4bay garage with an Article VIII. § 7.6.2 to existing apartment above.

Premises affected

house with one apart

ment into a three-unit

North Main St. Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District and are shown on Assessor Map 34 as Lot 5. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF APPEALS

July 18 & 25, 2002 Massachusetts The Trial Court

And Family Court Department ESSEX Division Docket No. 02P1550EP1

In the ESTATE OF JAMES WHYTE AKA JAMES WHYTE, JR Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX

Date of Death April 22, 2002 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed. and that SHIRLEY A WHYTE of AN-DOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix. named in the will to serve without surety.

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cordance with Probate Rule 16 JOHN C. STEVENS III ESQUIRE, Firs Justice of said Court at SALEM this day July 1, 2002

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OFFICE OF THE NOTICE OF HEARING

be held at SECOND FLOOR in MEMORI-AL HALL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE ANDOVER

THURSDAY, August

1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M on the petition of Margaret & Efinger, 5 Iceland Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By Law. Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for spe cial permit allow the continued existence & use of a pre-existing non-conforming second

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lot that does not mee zoning requirements. Premises affected are located at 26 Pasho St., Andover MA in a Single Residence A Distric and are shown on Assessor Map 39 as

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OFFICE OF THE **BOARD OF APPEALS** NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will held at THE L. SECOND FLOOR in MEMORI AL HALL LIBRARY FLM SQUARE ANDOVER THURSDAY Augus

1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M on the petition of Merrimac Valley Lubavitch. Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By

Law, Article VIII & 4.1.2 to to construct a 2-story addition that will not meet dimer sional requirements. Premises affected are located at 14 Marwood Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District and are

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Map 53 as Lot 15.

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Description: The HALL hotel is an 133 unit FLOOR in MEMORI all suite hotel with a AL HALL LIBRARY total of three floors ELM with the main ANDOVER entrance in the front THURSDAY of the building which exits out to Technolo-

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gy Drive.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS Map 35 as Lot 10. NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will FLOOR in MEMORI HALL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE ANDOVER THURSDAY, August

2002 at 7:00 P.M on the netition of shown on Assessor Bancroft School, Bancroft

Rd. Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By Law, Article VIII, 5.2.7 to install a 72" x single-sided, non-illuminated sign that will not meet zoning regulations. Premises affected are located at 15 Bancroft Rd., Andover MA in a

District and are shown on Assessor's Map 59 as Lot 29A. DANIEL S. CASPER CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS July 18 & 25, 2002

Single Residence B

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SECOND SQUARE

THURSDAY, August 1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of John S. Donohue, 26

Andover, MA for a special permit from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § 7.6.2 & 3.1.3.A.4.a to convert a single-family dwelling to a twodance with the Gen-family dwelling that eral Laws relating will not meet zoning requirements Premises affected

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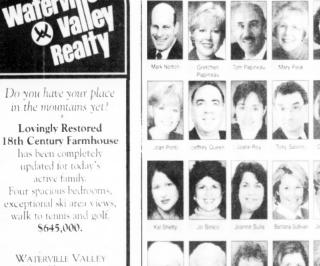


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