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New crosswalks for \$48,000

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The public works project that brought bump-outs to downtown is nearing its completion — but not before workers install new brick-patterned crosswalks on Chestnut and Whittier streets.

The crosswalks, which cost \$48,000 together and appear to be made of brick, are actually made of an asphalt-plastic mixture.

Money for the crosswalks was approved at the 2005 Town Meeting in an article named "sidewalk reconstruction" that also resulted in the creation of traffic-slowing bump-out curbing along Chestnut Street.

The appropriation also paid for

recently completed sidewalk replacement work along North Main Street.

"This kind of finishes it off," said Public Works Director Jack Petkus. "The frosting on the cake, I guess you'd call it, so that project is done."

Petkus said he expected the town-hired contractor would complete work on the new crosswalks this week.

Similar crosswalks have been installed already on School Street and Andover Street in Ballardvale, he said.

"It's actually not brick," said Petkus, noting the crosswalks should last 20 years. "It's a resin. It

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Brick-style crosswalks at the intersection of Whittier and Summer streets are actually made of an asphalt-plastic mixture and are part of the project that created bump-out curbing on Whittier and Chestnut streets.

Town Meeting voted: What happens now?

When landfill capped, town wants fields on Blanchard Street

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Voters approved spending \$7.4 million to recap the former town landfill at Ledge Road, part of which is now home to Deymond Field, the town's Little League complex.

Residents can expect to vote on a plan at Town Meeting next year to build new playing fields off Blanchard Street, where the town purchased a 13-acre farm in May 2007 and plans to move the fields when the landfill is recapped.

"Our commitment to the Little League is to not leave them with-

out facilities," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

The 21-acre landfill recapping project will be eligible for a low-interest state loan as a result of the April 30 vote. Under the loan program, the town will pay \$1 million less in interest, according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus. The deadline for the town to apply for the loan is June 28, Petkus said.

Petkus said the town used the same type of state loan to pay for recent upgrades at the water treatment plant.

"It's a good program," Petkus

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Quick trigger to vote surprises some: Anti-blight law fails again

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Kirkland Drive resident Alfred Sotera stood first in line to speak in favor of an anti-blight bylaw proposal. No one at Town Meeting ever got to hear from him — or from any other person in line at the "pro" microphone.

Someone moved the question, and within a few seconds Town Meeting had rejected the anti-blight bylaw proposal.

"I stood up at the microphone and I was never recognized," said Sotera. "What could I do? Am I supposed to go bananas? It was all over."

After a presentation from the

writers of Article 41 and brief comments from those opposed to the bylaw proposal, a motion was made and seconded from the audience to close discussion.

"And I hesitated," said Town Moderator Sheila Doherty. "I didn't feel the issue had been discussed enough to close debate."

After reading a show of hands, Doherty said she was surprised to see that the vast majority of residents were indeed ready to take a vote on Article 41, which was promptly defeated by a wide margin.

In total, nearly a dozen people waiting in line to speak on the is-

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You've been flocked

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Watch out! A flock of pink, spindly-legged flamingoes may be headed to your lawn.

West Middle School parents have introduced a flock of 144 of the plastic lawn ornaments to raise money for the school. Local residents can make a donation to have the birds "migrate" to a lawn of a friend or neighbor in town. When the surprised residents wake up to find they've been "flocked," and a group of about a dozen plastic pink flamingoes now reside on their front lawn, they'll be asked to make a donation to have the birds removed. Or they can pay

to send them to roost on another lawn in town.

Folks can also pay for "flocking insurance," making a donation to West Middle to ensure the pink birds will never show up on their lawn as part of the money-raising effort. A flier explaining the flocking process will be left with the flamingoes at each house.

"It's all in fun. I think people will be in good humor about it. You don't see a lot of pink flamingoes around here," said Tracy Callahan, Parent Advisory Council vice president, with a laugh. "We were looking to try something different that hadn't

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Jonathan Bakies, a sixth-grader at West Middle School, holds the sign as parents drop off kids in front of the school. They begin the flamingo "flocking" fundraiser this week.

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FLOCK: Fundraiser benefits West Middle School programs

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been done around here (for a fundraiser), and flocking is popular in other parts of the country. It just looked like a lot of fun. We're excited about it."

Between 10 and 12 flocks of flamingoes will circulate on Andover lawns until May 23, and the PAC hopes to "flock" at least 100 different yards in Andover, said Callahan.

West Middle parents and middle school volunteers, led by "flocking captains," will move the birds from yard to yard — in the secrecy of early morning — every 24 or 48 hours, said Callahan.

"We hope with families, it becomes a status symbol. (People will ask each other) 'Oh, have you been flocked yet?'" said Callahan.

A covert operation within the WMS PAC is searching out "prominent addresses" of notable

names and faces in town, said Callahan, to flock their yards.

The flock was first introduced to town on Tuesday, May 6, when West Middle School itself was flocked — with all 140 birds. From there, flocking requests started coming in, and the birds were separated into smaller flocks, headed to lawns around town.

If an unsuspecting resident is flocked and does not want to contribute to WMS, the flamingoes will move on within 48 hours regardless of whether any money is donated, said Callahan.

Money raised through the flocking fundraiser will be used for technology upgrades at West Middle, including document readers, Smartboards and equipment for podcasts; professional and staff development workshops; and the School Climate Program, which hosts student-leadership workshops.

The fundraiser also will help West Middle host a group of special education students who would normally be sent out of district. This EXCEL program will start at West Middle next fall, and the flocking cash will help cover extra expenses not handled by the school budget, said Callahan.

The flocking fundraiser has replaced West Middle's annual magazine drive, which became too hard to organize and wasn't making that much money, she said.

The PAC purchased its flamingoes — six cases in all — from a novelty supplier, and after the fundraiser, the flock will remain property of the school and kept in storage. If flocking catches on, the PAC wants to make it a recurring fundraiser and rent the flock to other nonprofits for flocking fundraisers.

For now, West Middle School students and parents are having

THINK PINK: WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL'S FLAMINGO FLOCKING

- For full details, to donate and have someone flocked, or keep tabs on where the flock has been, visit www.wmsflamingo.blogspot.com or e-mail wmsflocking@gmail.com
- Fundraiser for West Middle School PAC, runs through May 23
- Flamingoes will migrate only within the town of Andover

fun in what may be Andover's first-ever flocking, said Callahan. Organizers hope the birds will not be stolen or vandalized.

"Please, leave the birds alone," said Callahan to any would-be miscreants. "Remember it's a fundraiser."

HOW IT WORKS:

- Residents can make a donation to "flock" someone in town, sending a group of pink flamingoes to their lawn. Once flocked, residents can donate to have the birds removed, send them to another house or elect to keep them on their lawn, until they migrate on their own in 48 hours
- A flier explaining the flocking process will be left at each house with the flamingoes
- Residents can also donate for flocking insurance, which will keep the birds away from your lawn during this migrating season
- Flamingoes will be removed within 48 hours, whether a donation is made or not
- Suggested donations are \$35 to have someone flocked or to move the flock along, and \$15 for flocking insurance
- To request a flocking, e-mail wmsflocking@gmail.com. Payments should be dropped off at the WMS office or mailed to WMS PAC, 70 Shawshen Road, Andover, MA 01810. Make checks payable to "WMS PAC."

Denise Holmes, former principal of West Middle who retired in December, first suggested the idea for flocking at a fundraiser brainstorming session, said Callahan.

She now lives in Vermont, and several PAC members have joked about taking a road trip up to see her — with a car full of pink flamingoes.

NEW: Crosswalks should last 20 years

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will last quite a while."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the contrasting color of the crosswalks and the surrounding pavement will help alert drivers to pedestrians attempting to cross the street.

"It's the right way to design a crosswalk," said Stapczynski. "It's certainly more effective than brick or cobblestone, in my mind. ... We're using materials that will last years and years."

"We are giving the taxpayers exactly what was promised to them," he said. "We've got a huge capital investment in this town. We're not going to stop investing in neighborhoods."

Since the project contract was drawn up a few years ago, Stapczynski said the new crosswalks could not simply be taken out of the planned scope of work.

"We're fulfilling an obligation there," said Stapczynski. "The contractor and the town are obligated to do certain things. It's not

easy to start taking things out of a contract."

Any expected savings could quickly be eclipsed by legal fees, Stapczynski said.

"The savings aren't often there," he said. "There could be penalties involved."

Stapczynski said the town essentially has an obligatory agreement with town residents to maintain infrastructure.

"We wouldn't be doing it if there wasn't a need," Stapczynski said.

Andover Heritage Award for Gammon

Thursday, May 15, the Andover Historical Society will honor Norma Gammon at the society's third annual Andover Heritage Award dinner. Gammon will be recognized for her years of dedication to the Andover Historical Society and the town of Andover through her work with the Board of Selectmen, Memorial Hall Library, Andover Preservation Commission, Andover Kiwanis Club and Andover's 350th Celebration committee. Gammon's work to preserve and celebrate Andover's history and heritage embodies all that the Andover Heritage Award seeks to recognize, said organizers.

The Andover Heritage Award, inaugurated May 2006, honors "extraordinary people who have contributed outstanding service over an extended period to the Society and to the community, have promoted interest in the history and heritage of Andover and have encouraged others to do the same," according to the Historical Society.

The 2008 Andover Heritage Award reception will

The 2008 Andover Heritage Award reception will take place at The Lanam Club, Thursday, May 15.

take place at The Lanam Club on North Main Street next Thursday, May 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person.

For tickets and other information, call the Andover Historical Society at 978-475-2236. All proceeds from the Andover Heritage Award support the ongoing mission of the Andover Historical Society to encourage a greater appreciation for and understanding of local history, and community and historic preservation. Tickets and tributes honoring Gammon, to be printed in the event program, may be purchased through the Andover Historical Society, or through www.andoverhistorical.org.

Honoring the open space overseers

The work of Andover people who take care of the town's open space will be highlighted at Memorial Hall Library next week.

"One of the great things about living in Andover is the town's commitment to enhancing its citizens' quality of life through the protection of open space," says Commissioner Gail Ralston, overseer coordinator for the Andover Conservation Commission.

This open space currently includes nearly 2,000 acres of town-owned conservation land, managed by the commission. Critical to this land maintenance is the special group of Conservation Overseers, headed by Commissioner Al French, who are clearly the eyes and ears of the Commission, she said.

Ranging in size from 0.1 acres to

more than 70 acres, conservation land has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission for the protection of its natural and scenic values. This land provides a variety of benefits to Andover, including water resource protection, flood control, areas for passive recreation, scenic landscape protection and protection of wildlife habitats, according to Ralston.

The work that the overseers do will be a focus at the group's annual meeting to be held Monday, May 12, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library, said Ralston.

Members of the Conservation Commission will be present to discuss their work and to explain how overseers are critical to supporting the Commission's land management goals, established in 1985, and monitoring the rules

and regulations that apply to these parcels.

In addition, members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to find out more about volunteering. Information will be available on conservation parcels not currently assigned an overseer, as well as application packets describing duties and responsibilities.

Topics at the annual meeting will also include a discussion and advice on enforcement of the rules and regulations for each parcel. Finally, a special presentation on "Living With the Beaver in Massachusetts" will be shown.

For further information or an application, please contact Al French at frencha@fusemail.com or Gail Ralston, at gralston@andover.edu.

Downtown wires going underground

Town Planner Lisa Schwarz has announced the following

schedule for Main Street work during the weeks of May 5 and 12,

which includes work to put utility wires underground:

Along the east side of Main Street from Elm Square to the MBTA bridge, sidewalks will be constructed and curbing removed and reset. No-parking signs will be posted. This work will take 10 working days.

Newport Construction would like to excavate the sidewalks from Dunkin' Donuts (on the west side) and go north about 800 feet to install a conduit trench for Verizon and Comcast. This would allow the utility companies to remove the existing telephone poles and place their wires underground, she said. This work was expected to begin Wednesday, May 7, and will take approximately three days.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: In the early part of the 20th century, some of the shops along Main Street were Andover Lunch, Carl Elander's Tailor Shop and Lawrence Gas and Electric Company. It appears there was a pool hall above Andover Lunch.



NOW: The shops along Main Street today, from left, are Native Sun, Strawberry Tree and Kaps.

Health clinics for seniors offered Wednesdays

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, May 19, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 14, 21 and 28. No appointment is necessary.

Lifeguard training being offered

Greater Lawrence Technical School and the American Red Cross will co-sponsor a Water Safety Instructor's course at the 57 River Road, Andover campus starting today, Thursday, May 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday ending on June 12.

Successful candidates will be able to teach all levels of the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program along with Parent and Child Aquatics, Water Safety Today and Longfellow's Whaletales. Students must be at least 16. The course fee is \$175.

Contact Marilyn Fitzgerald at 978-686-0194, ext. 7033 for further information. Registration forms are available online at www.gtls.tec.ma.us.

NECC offers registration weeks for seniors

For the first time this year, the college will offer special registration weeks for high school seniors, May 12 to 16 and May 19 to 23. High school seniors are invited to register early and get the best choice of classes.

For more information, please contact enrollment services at 978-556-3700 or cwrobel@necc.mass.edu.

Rotary Club of Andover meets Fridays at Lanam

The Rotary Club of Andover will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover, on the following Fridays: May 9 and 16. There will be a guest speaker and you will have a chance to learn about the Rotary. The Rotary Club of Andover is a service club that meets weekly. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Rotary Club of Andover at rotaryandover.org.

YMCA partners with Breast Cancer Walk

The Merrimack Valley YMCA has partnered with the Avon 2-day Breast Cancer Walk to offer walkers 10 free visits to the YMCA. Walkers can bring their training indoors between now and mid-May to help in the preparation, relaxation, and training for the walk. Avon walkers can bring their

identification number or a copy of their Web page printout to any of the Merrimack Valley YMCA facility branches to get a guest pass good for 10 free visits.

Last year, the Boston walk raised \$6.3 million for breast cancer research and access to care for breast cancer patients. The

walk, held May 17 and 18, is over a 39.3-mile course.

This YMCA offer is available at the Andover/North Andover YMCA (165 Haverhill St., Andover) and Lawrence YMCA (40 Lawrence St., Lawrence) branches. For more information, call Elizabeth Covino at 978-725-6681.

Eldercare Fair on May 15

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Lawrence, a coalition of faith communities, social service agencies and health organizations working together to serve elders and caregivers, will sponsor its second annual Eldercare Fair at St. Michael Church Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover, on Thursday, May 15 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The event will be an opportunity for caregivers and older adults to learn about the array of resources and services available in

our communities. Representatives from assisted living facilities, adult day health programs, companion programs, transportation services, Medicaid planning services, caregiver assistance programs, senior centers and skilled nursing and personal care providers will be available to explain eligibility guidelines and answer questions.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jean Guyer at 978-686-4050.

Town leaf pickup

Curbside collection of residents' leaves has begun. Leaves are collected the same day as trash, but in a different truck.

Residents should not place leaves in any type of plastic bag. No plastic bags of any color will be accepted.

Leaves should be placed in open trash barrels or in brown paper leaf compost bags. No rocks, stones, branches or stumps should be included in leaf bags.

Bundled branches are allowed in the weekly trash pickup, subject to a limitation of three to four bundles per week. They must be bundled with tape or rope and may have 1 to 6 inches in diameter, be up to 4 feet in length, have 50 or fewer branches per bundle and contain no foliage, according to the town.

Compost dump open

The leaf compost dump on High Plain Road is also open, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents may drive in to drop off leaves and grass clippings only. Residents must remove their clippings from whatever container is used to transport them. All contaminated loads will be rejected. The area is available for walk-ins at all times. Residents are asked to walk their grass clippings past the gate. There are substantial fines for illegal dumping, said Sandy Gerughty, DPW spokeswoman.

Cholesterol screening

The Andover Board of Health is holding a cholesterol screening clinic on Wednesday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

The simple finger-stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment, call the health department at 978-623-8295.

This program is made possible through a grant from the Andover Home for Aged People.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



IF I BOUGHT A PIECE OF PIZZA, AND PAID WITH PAPER MONEY, I had no idea if the change they gave me back was right. That was through my 20s and 30s. Now, I read thrillers (novels) and I've taught myself to speed read. But reading out loud is still out of the question.

— Actor Henry Winkler, best known as The Fonz on "Happy Days," who has dyslexia and now writes children's books. He'll be in Andover for an event Sunday May 11. *Stories in Education*, pages 22 and 23.

THE REPAIRS WE'RE MAKING NOW ARE BASICALLY BEING DONE JUST TO KEEP THE SCHOOL OPEN. This is not a building we want to keep going.

— Joe Piantedosi, town plant and facilities director, on Bancroft Elementary School, which the town wants to replace after a vote at Town Meeting. For Town Meeting coverage, see pages 1,5,6 and 7.

WE HAD THE FLOODING FOUR YEARS AGO, THEN THE NEXT YEAR it was very high winds, causing tents to blow over, and then rain. So, this year, we have planned an indoor rain date.

— Organizer Kay Grace of Andover on Saturday's Crafts in the Park event. *Story in Arts*, page 14.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearings and deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Zoning Board of Appeals deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

South School Improvement Council, 55 Woburn St., office conference room, 3:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Design Review Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 19

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Fish Brook Watershed Advisory Committee, Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant conference room, Route 133, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Board of Assessors, Wyeth, 1 Burt Road, Andover, 10 a.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Andover Representatives of Interstate 93/Lowell Junction Area, Tri-town task force, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 8 a.m.

Main Street Committee, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, regular monthly hearings and deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

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State: Tougher fines have teens driving more safely

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Teens are driving more safely since the state increased fines and penalties for its youngest drivers, according to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Teen drivers are getting caught a third less often taking risks behind the wheel, a trend the Registry believes is due to the state's beefed up junior operator law.

The death toll for teen drivers dropped 33 percent in the 12 months since the new fines and

penalties were implemented. The new rules affect 16- and 17-year-old drivers.

The news is no surprise to Andover High School senior Arti Tewari, 16, who received her learner's permit in November and recently graduated from Andover Auto School.

"We spent a whole class on it," said Tewari of the junior operator law changes. "We spend a lot of time in class going over the fines. A lot of us were surprised at how steep the fines were on your JOL."

Beginning March 31 of last year, teen drivers faced losing their license for up to a year for first-time convictions for drag-racing, operating under the influence, speeding, driving with passengers and driving after curfew, according to the Registry.

Along with license suspensions, first-time offenders were forced to pay fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 for violating the junior operator law.

"Seeing the consequences makes a difference," said Tewari. "Having to potentially lose your license for a year or pay hundreds of dollars in fines definitely makes you a little more cautious."

Junior operator crash fatalities, including passengers, are also down — from 19 in 2006 to 13 in 2007.

"We're encouraged that the numbers are moving in the direction that we want them to move," said Ann Dufresne, Registry spokeswoman. "The goal is obviously to encourage teenage drivers to drive safer."

In Andover, any drop in such data has not been apparent under the new fine and penalty structure for junior operators, according to Lt.

James Hashem.

"The violations do occur," said Hashem. "I don't think you're going to see a big fluctuation on such a small scale. Statewide, I'm sure there was fluctuation on the violations."

But the new penalties and fines are working, according to Elizabeth Marascia, owner of Andover Auto School on Main Street.

"Now the penalty of getting caught is higher," said Marascia. "It has been working. Now they're serious. They're following through with all those fines and penalties."

"I'm not surprised at all," she said. "I knew they would have a positive effect."

Tewari said the passenger restrictions under the junior operator law help reduce driver distraction. Once Tewari gets her license, she will be able to drive only with an older relative or younger sibling during the first six months.

"You start having all your friends in there and the radio's going, and they're laughing and joking and having a good time," said Marascia. "That six-month period allows them to concentrate."

Dufresne said that for every additional passenger riding with an inexperienced driver, the chances of getting into an accident increase four times.

"Data has shown that having passengers in the car is a major distraction for teenage drivers more than anything else," said Dufresne.

The junior operator law also enforces a curfew on junior operators.

"I think it's important to have that curfew," said Marascia. "Some parents set their own. After the hour of one in the morning,



KATIE McMAHON/Staff photo

Arti Tewari, 16, a senior at Andover High School, has recently completed driver's education at Andover Auto School where she learned about the increased penalties and fines under the state's Junior Operator Law.

that's when a lot of the accidents do occur."

Hashem agreed that such restrictions were put in place for good reason.

"Those things should be restricted," said Hashem. "The time of day and who's in the car with you certainly plays into how distracted the young driver is."

According to the Registry, Massachusetts was the first state to require that parents of young drivers take a two-hour driver's education class to learn about the new junior operators law penalties.

"They're well aware of what the new laws are," said Marascia. "That's had some positive effects. I've done quite a lot of them and the parents were happy to be there."

Hashem said he could not recall any teen driving fatalities in An-

dover in many years.

Ten of the 13 junior operators killed in crashes in 2007 were not wearing seatbelts, according to RMV data, which is why Dufresne said the hope is to do a better job informing young drivers of the importance of wearing them.

"Seat belts save lives," said Dufresne. "That's the big push, particularly as we approach the prom and graduation season."

Before her junior prom, Tewari said police brought a car to Andover High that had been in a drunk-driving accident to illustrate the consequences of risk-taking behavior.

"Andover High is actually really good about awareness in that aspect," said Tewari. "There's definitely not a lack of information. I think there's definitely an awareness."

At 1:48 a.m., Jackson Korba, 19, of 55 Lucerne Drive, was arrested and charged as a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Sunday, May 4 — At 3:34 p.m., John Burge, 40, of 4 Medford St., Chelsea, was arrested and charged with no inspection/stickering and the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 7:14 p.m., Kissa Ballard, 36, of 180 Beech, Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for drug possession and shoplifting charges.

Monday, May 5 — At 12:04 p.m.,

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ARRESTS

Tuesday, April 29 — At 9:37 a.m., Michael Keating, 24, of 18 Carol St., Dracut, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Thursday, May 1 — At 11:47 p.m., Justin Martin, 17, of 22 Brechin Terrace, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Friday, May 2 — At 1:49 p.m., a 16-year-old female from Lawrence was arrested and charged with vi-

olation of a domestic protective order.

At 4:28 p.m., Rony Valdez, 20, of 91 Broadway St., Methuen, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failure to pay fines on a weapons possession charge.

At 9:45 p.m., Lee Berthel, 28, of 56 Brookdale Road, Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and possession of a Class D substance.

Saturday, May 3 — At 12:53 a.m., Peter Rundquist, 17, of 160

High St., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 1:09 a.m., Christopher McDonald, 18, of 6 Durham Road, was arrested and charged with transporting liquor as a person under 21.

At 1:28 a.m., Parke Sickler, 17, of 2406 Sterns Hill, Waltham, was arrested and charged as a person under 21 in possession of liquor, a minor in possession of a BB gun/air rifle, and possession of a Class D substance.

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TOWN MEETING 2008

FAILS: Anti-blight law defeated by a wide margin

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sue did not have a chance to do so.

Now Doherty said she regrets her decision to end debate when she did and proceed with a vote.

"I absolutely believe all sides were not heard and I feel very badly about that," said Doherty, who on May 2 went out of her way to speak with Kirkland Drive residents who wrote Article 41. "It bothered me all night and it bothered me all day.

"I wouldn't call it a mistake. I think the procedure was followed. I would call it very unfortunate and I think in hindsight that I wouldn't have gone right to the vote."

After the vote was taken to defeat Article 41, several residents stood up to criticize the lack of discussion allowed on the floor. Resident Tom Deso suggested that, in the future, residents attending Town Meeting should have at least as much time as officials to speak about the articles. After a more lengthy discussion occurred about whether the town should mail out its Finance Committee Report, Deso added, "We're having a good discussion on this article and it's probably because we haven't had a major presentation from the stage."

The defeat of Article 41, known as the anti-blight bylaw, signals the second year in a row Andover voters have refused to impose minimum maintenance standards on residential properties.

Approval of article would have called for the enforcement of minimum standards for the maintenance and appearance of residential properties. The bylaw was proposed by the same Kirkland Drive residents who brought the unsuccessful Property Maintenance Code to Town Meeting last year.

Article speaker John P. Kennedy showed a slide show of properties in town that might be deemed unsightly under the anti-blight bylaw. The photographs showed several Andover properties that had significant amounts of junk — mattresses, pots, trash bags — in their yards. The slide show drew a range of looks — from bemused to disgusted — from residents.

But Board of Health Chairwoman Candace Martin said the bylaw's language was subjective because it did not define what constitutes an "unsightly" property.

The anti-blight bylaw would have addressed residential properties that contain infestation, are not maintained, have fire hazards or unsanitary conditions, or

that "constitute a menace to the welfare and reasonable comforts" of Andover residents, according to the proposal.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis told voters the town's health, building and fire departments already have methods in place to address private properties in town deemed hazardous to the public well-being.

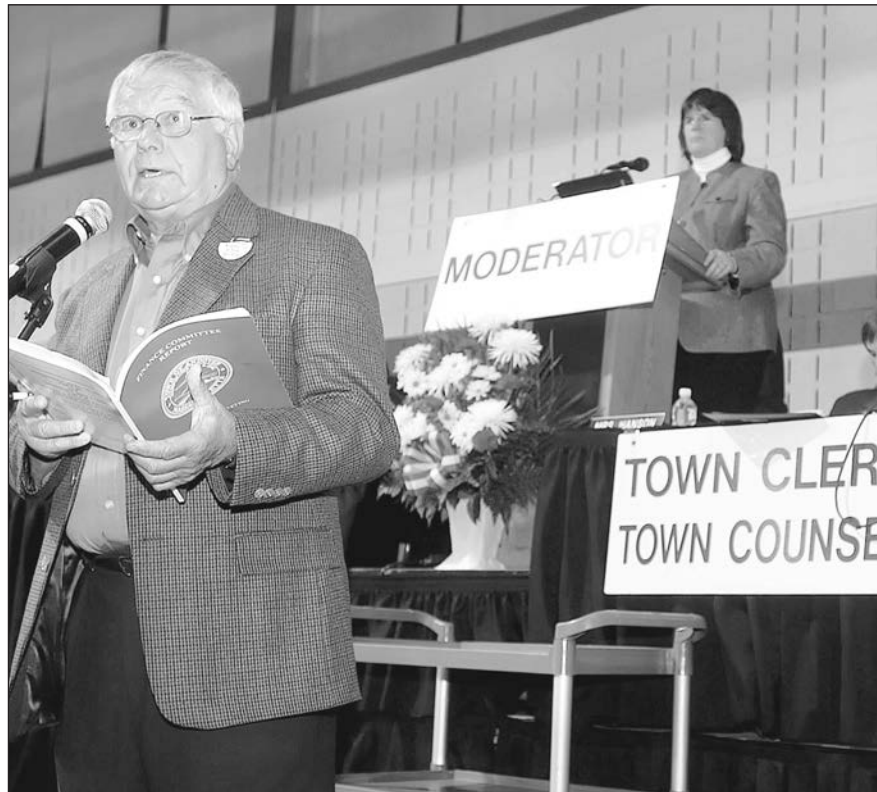
Kirkland Drive residents claimed there were eight properties in town that cause blight that might affect the property values of as many as 50 Andover homeowners.

"The big problem here is enforcement," said Kennedy. "It's not (that town officials) don't want to be helpful. They don't have the authority to go in there and tell people to move the junk out of the yard."

Under the proposal, a bylaw enforcement officer appointed by the town manager would have been given the authority to issue \$100-a-day fines to property owners deemed in violation of the bylaw for more than a 30-day period.

Martin said the health department was not staffed to enforce such a bylaw.

"It's status quo for us," said Health Director Tom Carbone after Town Meeting. "We'll continue to check our complaints as they come in and address the public health threats."



Andover voter John Kennedy addresses Article 41: Adopt an anti-blight bylaw during the second night of the Andover Town Meeting.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

FIELDS: Unanswered questions surround landfill capping's effect

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told Town Meeting. "It's a big savings."

Under state Department of Environmental Protection orders, the town will recap the entire former landfill at once. Previous plans had

the recapping project proceeding in stages, which added to the overall cost, Petkus said.

The actual capping of the landfill could begin next year, Petkus said.

"We're in design right now," said Petkus. "As soon as we get a design for the cap we'll present

that to DEP."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the overall cost of the landfill recapping project should come out to be roughly \$10 million, including the recent \$7.4 million appropriation and two prior approved amounts totalling nearly \$3 million.

The money appropriated at Town Meeting also will cover the continued monitoring of arsenic found in the ground adjacent to the landfill, east of Interstate 93 and just north of Route 495.

Given the presence of arsenic near the landfill, Samos Lane resident Bob Marshall questioned if the approved appropriation would be enough to complete the project, which both Stapczynski and Petkus have maintained is the expectation.

"I don't think \$7.4 million is a cap. I think it's only the beginning," said Marshall. "This could be another Big Dig."

"We're going to be doing more work. It's open-ended."

Petkus told Town Meeting voters Deyermond Field is safe and

that the ongoing arsenic investigation has revealed the majority of contaminated property is on the Pettingel Reservation, owned by the Andover Village Improvement Society. Contamination has also been detected on a nearby farm owned by Andover resident Robert Park Sr.

Stapczynski said that other than the Park farm and AVIS-owned conservation land, there are no other properties that he is aware of in the vicinity of the landfill contaminated with arsenic.

Stapczynski said a letter will be sent to landfill abutters this month disclosing the arsenic contamination and how the town and state expect to proceed in the future. More fencing will be installed at Deyermond Field to block access to the landfill and signage, and gates will be used to identify the contaminated area adjacent to the former town dump.

Petkus said what the town does in regard to the arsenic will ultimately be determined by Mass-DEP.

"There's a lot of things that can happen out there," said Petkus. "Exactly what they're going to require, we don't know."

Cap may not resolve arsenic issue

Petkus said possibilities include fencing off the contaminated area, excavating the contaminated sediment and depositing it under a new landfill cap, or installing an onsite collection basin for the arsenic.

Petkus also told Town Meeting that a new cap may not prevent arsenic from travelling in the ground and could even increase the rate of which it is travelling.

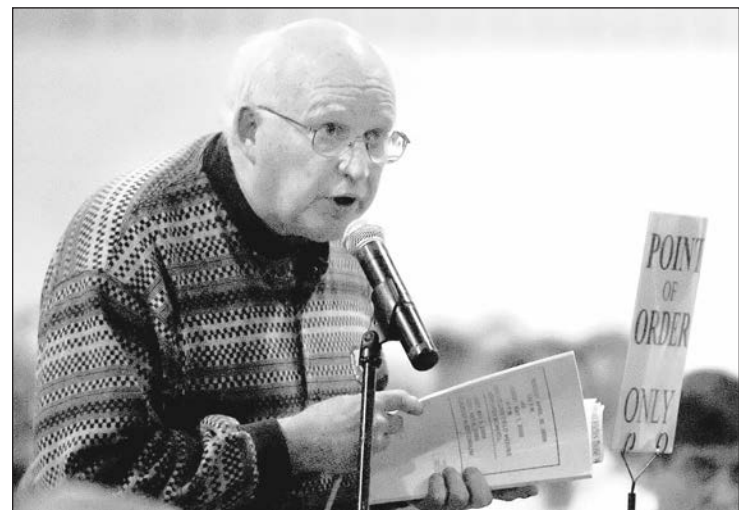
"What's good news is it's locked in the sediment," said Petkus of

the arsenic. "The fields right now are safe. It's only in the off-site areas that we are having this problem."

As for the future of playing fields on Blanchard Street, Selectman Brian Major said preliminary work by an architect indicates there will be enough room for several baseball and softball fields, and rectangular fields on the former farm.

"This would be a permanent solution," said Major, noting the town may still explore building on the property in the long-term. "At least for the foreseeable future, the fields will have a permanent home."

Petkus said Deyermond Field could be taken off-line in two years, but Stapczynski said that would be the earliest possible time frame for the removal of the Little League complex off Chandler Road.



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Andover voter Bob Marshall asks questions concerning article 31: Ledge Road landfill closure during the first night of Andover's Town Meeting.

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TOWN MEETING 2008

Officials say message sent: End sick-time buyback

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting voters nearly opposed a six-figure appropriation meant to pay retiring town employees for their unused sick time next year.

The annual appropriation, often approved without discussion in previous years, was instead met on May 1 with spirited comments from some residents who hoped to send town officials a message that such employee benefits are unacceptable.

"This practice in the real world, in the public, was aborted long ago," Samos Lane resident Bob Marshall said.

According to several officials, that message was heard loud and clear.

"We know it's an issue," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

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"People, they're angry at what looks to be a very generous benefit. We know it's a benefit, and we're addressing it. It's on our plate with collective bargaining."

Residents' 145-to-135 vote means that \$300,000 will be transferred into the town's accumulated employee benefit account. The accumulated employee benefit is also known as sick-leave buyback.

Though each town employee

union works under different labor agreements, Stapczynski told Town Meeting that town employees are given 15 sick days each year. Employees are allowed to carry unused sick days from year to year.

Available to members of all seven town employee unions, the benefit calls for retiring municipal employees to be compensated at the end of their careers for unused sick days. When employees retire, payment for unused sick days is received in full and at the higher rate employees are making the year they retire.

"That's where it really builds up, that it's at tomorrow's rate," Selectman Brian Major said. "Not the rate you earn it."

The sick-leave buy back is not available to School Department employees.

Cherrywood Circle resident Bob

Pokress called the sick-leave buyback provision a "ridiculous practice," telling Town Meeting voters that disapproval of Article 40 would send a message to selectmen that "gold-plated" employee contracts would not be acceptable any more.

If Article 40 were rejected, the town would still have had to pay its employees due compensation.

"It's a contractual obligation, so we're going to pay it," Stapczynski said.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said a change of just five votes would have resulted in a tie — or enough for disapproval.

"It sends a very strong message that the selectmen, in working with the unions, need to look at reducing that long-term liability to the community," Major said. "We need to work cooperatively to reduce/eliminate that long-term li-

bility. That's not a benefit you find in the private sector."

"I think that many people don't like the amount of benefits that the town is obligated to pay," Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said. "It's clear that people would like to see the town reduce the obligation."

Marden told Town Meeting that progress had been made with employee unions to reduce the town's liability for buying back unused sick leave, thought it will take years to see the actual effects.

"It's going to take some time before we see the impact of that," Marden said.

During the last round of contract negotiations with town unions, Major said selectmen were able to cap the number of hours employees could receive full reimbursement for unused sick days at 120 hours.

"It hit home for me," Major said of the message residents appeared to be sending. "We need to look at different options."

Stapczynski said that among those who voted against the appropriation were two school leaders seated on the floor of Town Meeting on May 1.

Stapczynski said he was under the impression that he had already addressed their concern over the accumulated employee benefit account during tri-board budget meetings involving the School Committee, selectmen and the Finance Committee.

"I thought we had addressed all their concerns about it, and we certainly will," Stapczynski said. "Maybe I'm wrong, but with two of them standing up (to vote for disapproval) makes me feel we need a really honest, and open and public, discussion about their benefits."

Road paved for joint I-93 development

Now that Town Meeting has agreed to designate an undeveloped 40-acre parcel in Lowell Junction as a priority development site, Andover planners will work together with Wilmington and Tewksbury on how to use the state's expedited permitting program. The program will help the communities attract businesses to the area.

The three towns have been working together in anticipation of a new highway interchange being built on Interstate 93. The 40-acre parcel would not be developed

without a future interchange, town Planning Director Paul Materazzo said.

"The goal would be for all three towns to apply jointly as a regional project," Materazzo said. "By working that way we feel we have more clout."

Materazzo said Wilmington has recently approved nearby land as a priority development site. Tewksbury is expected to do the same this month, he said.

Materazzo said the deadline to apply with the state as a potential Priority Development Site is Sept. 1.

The state program is designed to offer towns and developers a streamlined zoning and permitting process.

Each community is also eligible for up to \$150,000 in technical assistance grant money, which Materazzo said the town could see by the end of September.

Before the three towns file with the state, Materazzo said a tri-town task force will develop infrastructure, traffic and community impact plans. It will explore potential future legal agreements, line up consultants and gather cost es-

timates.

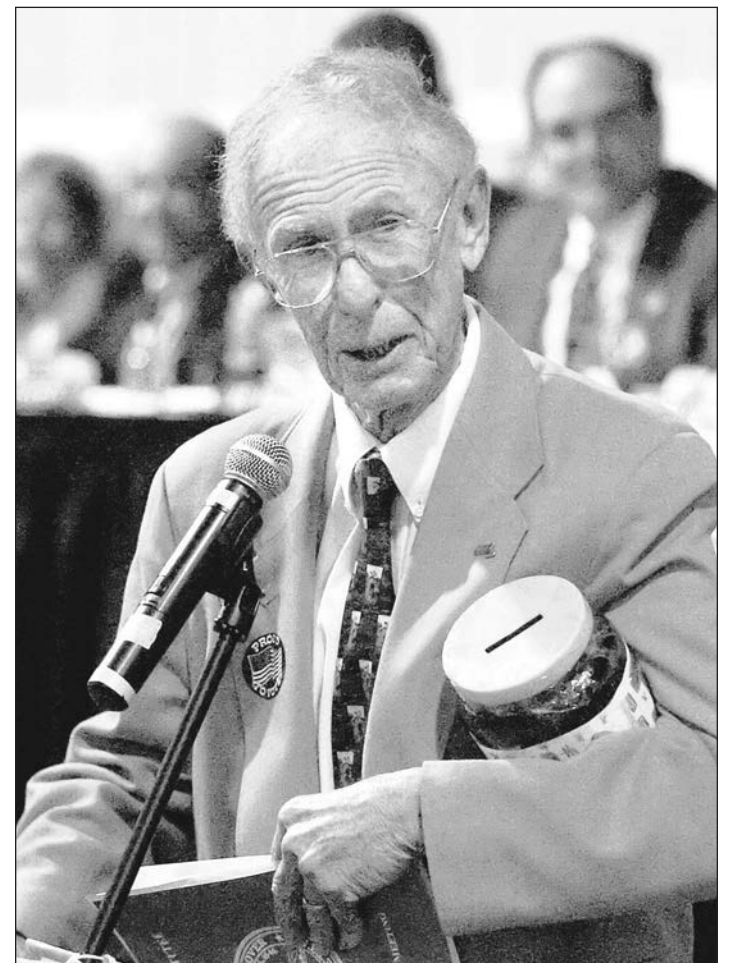
"What we're going to do is our homework beforehand," Materazzo said. "We're going to have detailed scopes."

Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia told Town Meeting on April 30 that he had received a letter from Andover's three state legislators supporting the priority development project.

"We have strong support from the state on this and we really want to get the funds," Salafia told Town Meeting.

— Brian Messenger

Fireworks money OK'd



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Former Andover Selectman Gerry Silverman talks about Article 22, which asked for \$8,000 for the Fourth of July fireworks program. The article was approved. He is holding his container used to collect donations for the program during the first night of Andover's Town Meeting.

Change to leash law clears way for dog park

While creating a public dog park in west Andover has only been talked about, residents' decision to alter the town leash law allows Andover to create one.

The town's current leash law lets dogs roam leash-free on their owner's property only. This new bylaw will let dogs roam leash-free in a town dog park.

"The town doesn't have the money (for a dog park), but if money is donated, we need to have this updated leash law," police Chief Brian Pattullo said.

The leaf compost site on High Plain Road has been suggested as the dog park location.

— Judy Wakefield

Voters: Keep sending town reports via postal service

A proposal to cease the mass mailing of the annual Finance Committee Report to residents was defeated by a wide margin during Town Meeting's second night, May 1, meaning the books will continue being sent to mailboxes.

"Apparently people want us to continue doing what we have been doing," Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said.

Article 42 was pitched as a "financially and environmentally responsible decision" by Finance Committee member Cynthia Milne at Town Meeting. The proposal would have changed language in the town bylaws, eliminating the requirement that the report be mailed to every An-

dover household.

If the bylaw had been accepted, residents would have been had to pick up the reports at town buildings or read it on the Internet.

During discussion of Article 42, High Street resident Tom Deso estimated 15,000 residents don't even look at the report.

"I support this article, sort of reluctantly," Deso said. "The people who don't care about Fin. Comm. reports aren't here tonight."

An amendment proposing that residents be given the option to opt out of the mass mailing was also defeated, after Marden told voters such a change would eliminate any possible savings to the town.

"What we're really asking is, 'Do you want to continue receiv-

ing the report?'" Marden told voters.

Bellevue Road resident Bob Freidenson voiced concern for those residents who lack mobility or Internet access.

"I think they would be at a significant disadvantage," said he said.

Former selectman John Hess agreed, urging disapproval and calling the article "a misdirected savings."

He said if the town is concerned about the environment, it should provide a recycling bin at the back of the hall used for Town Meeting. But it should continue to provide residents with the information included in the report, which outlines the town's financial condition and all articles to be voted at Town Meeting.

"What you need to be doing is providing more information to the town," said Bannister Road resident Richard Bowen, a former town manager. "This is a step backward."

— Brian Messenger

Banner days ahead for downtown

Amazed that many residents simply don't know about many town events, such as Andover Days, a committee researched the issue and found that banners displayed in the downtown work well.

Armed with a long list of communities that use banners to successfully promote town events, committee member Mark Spencer of Carriage House Photography talked about their effort.

"Banners help attendance and are the best way to promote events," he told Town Meeting. "It's a gross oversight that we can't have them downtown."

Now, thanks to residents'

votes, Andover can.

The Andover Business Center Association will make a presentation to the selectmen to determine where and when the first banner will be displayed.

The Town Meeting vote limits banners to 30 feet in length and 3 feet in height.

In other downtown news, Town Meeting gave the Board of Selectmen the power to approve news box locations on Main Street.

With the multi-million downtown makeover underway, the town wants to make sure news box dispensaries stay neat and orderly.

— Judy Wakefield

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TOWN MEETING 2008

Improving Lovely Field site

New lighting at Lovely Field should be installed before June 30, the town's deadline for the project, if it is to receive a \$75,000 state grant.

Town Meeting approved \$240,000 for the installation of new lights and a resurfaced running track on April 30.

"Getting the lights in is the most crucial," Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi said. "It's really a tight time frame. We're going to be right on the wire."

He said bids on the lighting project have been sent out and been returned by interested companies.

"We're looking to award them over the next week, and then we'll establish a schedule with the company," Piantedosi said.

Though he expected it to take close to eight weeks for the lights to arrive at Andover High School, Piantedosi said work will accommodate the school's spring athletics schedule.

Piantedosi said no bids have been put out for resurfacing the track, which the town says should be done every four or five years to maintain it.

There are four, 90-foot-high light poles at Lovely Field, which hold a total of 36 1,500-watt fixtures — enough to provide only minimum acceptable lighting levels.

Piantedosi said both the track and lighting improvements should be completed by the end of the summer.

"They should be all set for fall sports," he said.

— Brian Messenger

Old Town Hall not for rent

While \$150,000 could be raised from renting office space and the grand room on the second floor at Old Town Hall at 20 Main St., Town Meeting rejected the idea.

Residents worried that the current tenants, who include seniors at a drop-in center that has four computers, would have nowhere to go, because the Senior Center on Whittier Court is overcrowded.

In addition, the town restored the building several years ago for \$2.4 million. Residents did not like the idea of unappreciative strangers renting the historic building, which is on the National Register.

"It's just not the right article," said Karen Herman, who chairs the Preservation Committee. "It would have to be less open and more restrictive."

Resident Don Robb agreed, saying it would destroy the downtown fabric of our community.

— Judy Wakefield



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Joseph Piantedosi, director of plant and facilities, shows slides of the Bancroft School as he talks about paying for a feasibility study at Bancroft Elementary School during the first night of Andover's Town Meeting.

Plan to replace Bancroft could come next year

Facilities director: "This is not a building we want to keep going"

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting's recent approval of \$300,000 to study structural deficiencies at Bancroft Elementary School could lead to a new school building proposal as soon as next year, according to the town Plant & Facilities director.

"I think the goal in the process is to have a proposal for the next Town Meeting, but there's a lot of work to get there," Joe Piantedosi said.

Piantedosi said the Bancroft building, built in the 1960s, is too structurally deficient to be renovated. Officials expect to receive 40 percent reimbursement from the state for a multimillion school construction project.

But before the town can receive any state aid, it must work through a newly developed process with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Piantedosi said he has been in contact with an MSBA project liaison, who will inform town officials of the next specific steps toward completing the feasibility study on the future of Bancroft Elementary.

On April 30, Town Meeting voted to fund a \$300,000 feasibility study, which will examine structural deficiencies and potential solutions at the school.

Piantedosi said one of the immediate steps for the town will be

appointing a building committee.

"There's a whole formal process that has to be followed," Piantedosi said. "We're working under a whole new set of criteria."

Bancroft will be one of 76 schools in the state to undergo a feasibility study, according to Mark Johnson, who worked for 16 months on a school facilities task force in town that identified Bancroft as the school building most in need of repair or replacement.

Johnson told Town Meeting that Bancroft is possibly the only wood-framed school in the state and possibly the only school in the country that was planned as a castle with a moat.

Maintenance of Bancroft was considered "a disaster" almost immediately, Johnson said.

"The cost has been going up and up every year," he said at Town Meeting.

Piantedosi told Town Meeting that \$1.5 million has been appropriated for repair work on the school, the majority of which is a roof replacement scheduled for this summer.

Piantedosi said the roof work began during April school vacation and will pick up again during the summer.

More structural repairs will take place at Bancroft this summer, including the installation of more roof bracing in the cafeteria and repair work to the main entrance's outdoor columns, Pi-

antedosi said. In January a shoring tower was installed in the school's media center out of fear that the roof could collapse over time, he said.

Piantedosi told Town Meeting that his department could likely keep Bancroft safe for another five to seven years.

"The repairs we're making now are basically being done just to keep the school open," Piantedosi said. "This is not a building we want to keep going."

According to a Finance Committee presentation given to voters before approval of Article 24, the total price of a future school building project will be contingent on the total amount borrowed, payback period, projected interest rate, timing of the debt issue and the funding source.

Voters hungry for alfresco dining

Residents approved outdoor dining in the downtown but may have to wait until next year to enjoy it.

Article 35 was passed at Town Meeting April 30, giving selectmen the authority to grant outdoor dining licenses to downtown businesses so that they can use public sidewalks. Previously, only businesses with privately owned sidewalks could offer outdoor seating.

But before businesses can apply for a license, the town clerk must file a report with the state attorney general's office.

Town Clerk Randy Hanson said she expected to send the report by mid-May. The attorney general then has 90 days to review the bylaw changes.

If they are accepted, Andover must post the bylaw for 90 days before it goes into effect.

"It doesn't seem like we'll be doing too much this summer," Hanson said. "It takes a while. We definitely can't do anything until they accept it."

The bylaw accepted at Town Meeting would allow outdoor dining licenses to be used from between April and October.

Hanson said the town must also finalize bylaw rules, regulations and the application process.

"We'll be working on that during the time the report goes out to the attorney general," Hanson said.

Planning Director Paul Materazzo said his office has contacted downtown businesses about the bylaw.

"A lot of residents that I've talked to really welcome that type of dining experience," Materazzo said. "I hope it's well-received and a boost to the downtown."

Articles calling for a downtown banner to promote local events on Main Street and a proposal to reorganize and regulate Main Street news boxes were also approved at Town Meeting on May 1 (see related story, Page 6).

— Brian Messenger

\$100,000 for outdoor lights at Recreation Park

The Department of Community Services is receiving e-mails from softball players as word gets out that new outdoor lights are coming soon to the fields at Recreation Park. While the selectmen and Finance Committee members recommended against spending \$100,000 for Rec Park on Abbot Street, Town Meeting surprised Mary Donohue, DCS director, by approving the idea.

"I wasn't sure how it would go," Donohue said of the vote. "We really need these lights, so we are very happy about this."

Donohue said the current lights are about 20 years old and simply not appropriate for night ball games any more. DCS runs an adult softball league every spring at the Park in which there

are some 900 players. The league starts next week with three games scheduled most nights, Donohue said. Softball is so popular that a new fall league will bring in 300 players. They, too, will benefit from the new outdoor lights. Local companies, including Raytheon, sponsor the teams and use the field at the park.

Taxpayers will spend about \$2 each in taxes on the new lights starting with their 2011 tax bills.

Donohue is telling ball players to hang in there, because installation has to go out to bid and that \$100,000 is not available until after July 1, the start of the fiscal year. She hopes the fall softball league will be played under the new lights.

— Judy Wakefield

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Opinion

Crosswalks not a priority

Andover voters rejected setting aside money to buy open space, after hearing the Finance Committee suggest the town must refrain from spending on “nice to have” items. Meanwhile, workers are digging holes into perfectly good downtown ways to create brick-patterned crosswalks on Chestnut and Whittier streets.

The work comes as part of the same project that brought Andover the “bump out” curbing on these streets that bumps out into the roadway, forcing cars to swerve around it. The idea is to promote “traffic calming.”

Somehow both the bump-out curbing and the brick-style crosswalks were paid for with money approved at 2005 Town Meeting for “sidewalk reconstruction.” Residents throughout the town complain about the condition of their sidewalks, and the \$858,000 approved at 2005 Town Meeting was to make a small dent in a long list of cracked walkways. However, after several public meetings with Chestnut Street area neighbors about repairing the sidewalks in that part of town, Andover came up with a plan that included redesigning the road to include bump outs and resin crosswalks made to look like brick.

Andover does need to worry about its spending, given concerns about whether the town can continue supporting basic programs such as appropriate class sizes and high school athletics. The extra money spent on special curbing and crosswalks would have been better spent on what the town as a whole supported — repairing crumbling sidewalks. Brick-style crosswalks and serpentine roadways are the real “nice to haves” Andover can do without.

Discussion and democracy

Town Meeting is direct democracy, giving all voters in town not only the ability to decide what they want, but a brief opportunity to convince others to vote the same way. Usually.

But this year's Town Meeting offered less discussion than usual. Voters flew through the first 35 articles the first night, most with no real discussion. On the second night, even the controversial article about whether the town should have a bylaw concerning how properties should be maintained saw minimal discussion. Someone quickly yelled out that they wanted to move the question and a vote to do so was taken. The article was rejected without those in line to support the article having a chance to speak.

After that happened, several people spoke up at Town Meeting to suggest that people attending the event ought to have some right to discuss the articles before a vote is taken. The ideas make sense. That, after all, is the reason to have a Town Meeting, rather than an election. Town Meeting is a place for intelligent discussion.

If Town Meeting is to survive deep into the 21st century, it needs to honor people's time, but also honor people who have views to share. Each side of a controversial issue must be given some chance to speak before votes are cast.

WEB QUESTION

Do you like the new sidewalks?

A total of 102 responses were received for last week's Andover Townsman Web question, “What do you think of moving Andover Youth Services to the home the town bought on Pearson Street?”

Most of these people, 81.37 percent, said “I support it. AYS is long overdue for more space.”

Another 0.98 percent said, “I support it for another reason.”

5.88 percent said, “I object. The home was not bought for this.”

Another 1.96 percent said, “I object for another reason,” and another 1.96 percent were undecided.

A total of 7.84 percent of respondents said, “OK as temporary administrative quarters only.”

This week's question is, “What do you think of the new brick-patterned sidewalks recently installed along Chestnut and Whittier streets?”

■ They are a nice and needed improvement to the neighborhood.

■ They are ugly.

■ They are unnecessary considering the town is anticipated an operating deficit next year.

■ They aren't what voters paid for when they appropriated money for sidewalk improvements several years ago.

■ Other.

To vote, visit www.andover-townsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

ROOM FOR A FEW MORE



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Just over 300 of 20,385 active registered voters attended the second night of the Andover Town Meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plugs needed for solar tax credit

Editor, Townsman:

I have learned from the American Solar Energy Society that leaders in Congress are planning to drop the renewable energy tax credit provisions, including the solar investment tax credit extension, from the Iraq War Supplemental legislation. The speaker's office had previously indicated that the Iraq War Supplemental, which is must-pass legislation, would contain a long-term ITC extension.

This is a serious setback and requires an immediate response from the solar energy community. Spending \$110 billion for energy security in Iraq, but not supporting energy security in the United States, is upside-down energy policy. I ask people to let their members of Congress — both in the House and Senate — know that they want support for domestic, renewable energy sources to be a priority.

Studies show that if the investment tax credit is not extended immediately, 116,000 jobs and \$20 billion in capital investment could be lost in 2009 alone, according to Navigant Consulting. The solar industry has been poorly supported by this administration.

The extension of the ITC recently passed the Senate in the Cantwell-Ensign Amendment by a vote of 88-8. We have been asked by the Solar Energy Industry Association to tell House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid that the Iraq War Supplemental must include a long-term extension of the ITC for the future energy security of our country.

Here's how you can help: Please tell your U.S. representative and your senators that the Iraq War Supplemental legislation must include a long-term extension of the ITC to generate jobs and promote energy security for Americans.

To find your representative's e-mail and phone number go to: www.votesmart.org/.

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Congress needs to find a way to extend the renewable energy tax credit. It can support this through the mechanism of the Iraq War Supplemental legislation or by some other means. But Congress must find a way to move us toward energy security and local green-collar jobs.

Judith Holt
Wildwood Road

What is the plan, reason for expedited school day?

Editor, Townsman:

It's true parents will have no vote on Expanded Learning Time (“Parents have no vote on extended school day,” Townsman letters, May 1). After attending both ELT meetings at Bancroft Elementary, that fact — although not much else — was clear.

Bancroft (among others) has already received the planning grant, and the next step is applying for the funding. Bancroft's decision to move forward will be made by Principal Scott Morrison this June.

What's frightening is the lack of specifics regarding ELT's implementation. At the ELT sessions there was no concrete plan, proposed schedule, nor clear vision of what we're hoping to accomplish. What was certain is that we would add at least 1.5 hours to each school day divided among: academics, enrichment and teacher development.

I tried to ascertain specifics: What will this new schedule be? What will the enrichment be? Who will supervise students while teachers are professionally developed?

No answers were offered by Mr. Morrison, who admitted I would leave with more questions than answers. He suggested visiting MA2020.org. There I found that ELT has been implemented in under-performing schools with success. That is if you consider going from severely under-performing to under-performing a success.

Concerns were redirected to the ELT committee. While members weren't able to give specifics regarding Bancroft (no high-performing district has ELT) they offered how low performing schools implemented ELT. Some initiated breakfast programs, others MCAS remediation. These are not Bancroft's needs.

Can I decide if ELT would benefit my child if I don't know what ELT would be for my child? Is the plan to grab the grant money and then decide how to fill the 300 additional hours required of our children?

What the ELT sessions lacked in information, was supplemented by analogies: The MA2020 representative analogized “we would be like pioneers in covered wagons” to which someone retorted “pioneers or guinea pigs?” Mr. Morrison's analogy, “we'd be building this plane as we fly it,” conjured up images of crashing and burning.

My analogy: If I had a terminal

illness I might try experimental drugs. We are fortunate in Andover to have a healthy school system supported by dedicated families and quality teachers.

I'm unwilling to put my child on this plane as currently described. I might be more willing if there was a clear illustration of need, detailed description of this longer day, and means to measure the assumed benefits ELT might provide.

Dawn Malinowski
Avon Street

Let's look before we leap into longer school day

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover School System is deciding whether to apply for ELT (expanded learning time) funding this year. If ELT is ultimately accepted, it will affect every aspect of our children's lives with unknown changes and outcomes. We are concerned the school system has not yet identified specific needs, benefits and risks for changing our school curriculum. Instead, ELT is intended to be an experiment on our children, who currently exceed state educational expectations and have a well-rounded opportunity for learning today. While the desire to improve our educational system is commendable, the reality of quickly charging forward to implement an unproven program with no specific goals is unwise.

We expect educators to target areas necessary for improvement first, and then determine how best to make those improvements. Selecting a method (i.e. ELT) and then determining how to fit the method into our education system is a backwards approach.

To put Andover's consideration of ELT into perspective: If your house is too cold, you need to identify what is making your house too cold before attempting to repair it. Perhaps the windows are losing heat or perhaps the furnace is broken. You would make a poor investment to replace the windows simply because there is a sale on windows only to find it was really the furnace that was not working properly.

Until we have substantial evidence outlining a need or benefit of implementing ELT, we cannot afford to give up critical, productive, one-on-one time outside of school that is central to our children's growth and development. Supporting ELT at this juncture without enough information unnecessarily gambles with our children's future.

Anyone with a child in the Andover School System should be concerned with ELT and educate himself or herself on it. Whether you are in favor of ELT or not, it is imperative to understand the facts.

Instead of only making positive assumptions about ELT, the Andover School System should spend more time studying both the positive and negative effects of imple-

menting ELT in a high-performing school district. We are not in the midst of a crisis. We have time to make a strong, well-informed decision.

Todd and Caroline Ren Jackson
Stinson Road

Little dialogue allowed at Town Meeting

Editor, Townsman:

Andover Town Meeting 2008 was too much neither “Town” nor “Meeting.” It more resembled kindergarten show-and-tell. The boards showed us what they planned to do; the designated spokesmen told us how it was going to be done. The “town” is the rest of us and we were effectively silenced for the most part. “Meeting” implies dialogue, of which there was opportunity for barely any.

Town Meeting 2008 did not proceed as described in pages 113-116 of the 2008 Finance Committee Report:

1) The Bylaws (page 115) contain no mention of discussion and debate. The moderator on numerous occasions said she was required to immediately recognize a motion to “call the question.” There is no “required” anywhere in the Bylaws or the Procedure, Custom and Tradition.

2) Town Meeting procedure is summed up in “Custom and Tradition” (page 116) and has always been so — it is not codified. “Certain Rules ...” at the top of Page 116 says: “A motion from the floor to move the question CAN (emphasis mine) also close the debate. An affirmative vote on this motion closes debate. ... If the moderator feels that the discussion has been cut too short, a decision may be made to continue the discussion.”

3) “Town Meeting Procedures” (page 113) “Previous Question, Reconsideration and Display” (please note this is called “procedures,” neither rule nor law): “Previous Question is a formal motion which, if passed, cuts off debate. The motion is not debatable. It is AL-Lowed (emphasis mine) by the moderator when in his judgement the matter has been ADEQUATELY (emphasis mine) discussed.”

The moderator at the 2008 Andover Town Meeting observed neither procedure nor tradition. It might also be noted that on several occasions the question was “called” before any discussion from the floor and by people who in recent years have been frequent violators of time and relevance considerations. The moderator should ultimately be the one who decides if it is time to take the vote to call the question.

As the literature makes very clear, it is the moderator who has full authority to ensure that our Town Meeting meets the goals of custom and tradition as they have been handed from one generation to the next.

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■ ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

The following account of a 1941 fire in Andover appeared in the Feb. 27, 1941, *Townsmen*:

At 6:30 the radio news flash poured forth its cryptic story: "Serious fire in Andover, 22 mill buildings endangered, rapidly going out of control." Then the rush started. From everywhere they seemed to come, in cars, on foot. Traffic was all tied up. State police were called in; Lawrence sent over some extras. All available Andover officers, reserves, provisionals, were pressed into service. As far down as Stevens Street, as far up as the Hill officers diverted traffic from the fire area already crowded with parked cars. Special officer John Campbell was at the railroad station which was mobbed with onlookers, and his picture of the visiting firemen's arrival is graphic: "Good night, I saw one coming at me down Railroad Avenue, and then one come down Pearson Street, another comes down Essex Street, and pretty soon still another comes down School Street." Alderman Thomas Galvin; public safety head of Lawrence, arrived with the first piece and immediately sent back for four more, including the new aerial ladder truck. All set for a quiet evening at the radio, the fire chief of Wellesley heard the broadcast; 35 minutes later he was here.

Newspapermen from surrounding towns rushed to Andover. Camera flashes went off so frequently that they got on fireman Bill Collins' nerves. Even from the Haverhill Gazette there came a cameraman. Photographing a fire is a difficult job, for several reasons, and three of the city papers, on developing their negatives to find blanks, descended on Townsman photographer Surette, first on the scene, for prints of his shots.

The fire itself was a bad one. Estimates of the damage varied, some of the more wild-eyed newspapermen, hazarded \$100,000 as a guess; others toned it down to \$50,000; generally accepted was a compromise of \$75,000. What was more important than the amount of damage done was the amount that could have been done had not Chief Buchan summoned aid immediately when he saw the blaze's potentialities. The wind was blowing the embers directly toward the other buildings in the Smith and Dove yard, some of them with valuable machinery, wool, etc. Were the wind to shift, a whole group of frame dwelling houses in the Indian Ridge section would have been endangered.

Most of the crowd stayed at the station or jammed into the mouth of Red Spring Road. Only officials were allowed in the mill yard, so only they were able to realize just what an excellent piece of work was being done. Lights were continually playing around those other building, with men ready to pounce on any errant blaze. Thrice they were called into service, once for a blaze on the roof of the M.T. Stevens Dundee warehouse, again for one in the basement of the Stephenson machinery plant, and later for a blaze in a tree at the B & M tool-house across the tracks. Grass near the cricket field ignited in several places. But every one of these was put out immediately with but little damage, thanks to the watchfulness of the firemen. It was like a checker game in which your opponent has you covered; no matter in which way the flames jumped, they were licked.

There was also some private fire prevention work. Residents even as far away as Central Street sprayed water on their homes because of the sparks

which the wind was carrying across fields, streets and houses.

This account appeared in *The Evening Tribune* the Monday of that week:

Threatening several million dollars worth of industrial and residential property within a small area, a general alarm fire early last evening destroyed a major portion of the old Smith and Dove company bleacherly on the banks of the Shawsheen river in Andover, occupied since December by the Plastex Corporation branch of the North American Chemical company. Damage to the building and contents will be in the vicinity of \$50,000, it was unofficially estimated.

Heavy showers of sparks rising from the burning building were fanned by a westerly wind and some of the embers were reported to have fallen two or three miles away. Sparks set fire to the roof of the M.T. Stevens company warehouse about 300 yards away, and threatened \$1,000,000 worth of wool stored there, also \$100,000 of finished rayon cloth.

Sparks also caused a fire which burned over a large area of the old Smith and Dove Cricket field. Sparks which apparently got in through a lower window caused a slight fire in the basement of the Harry J. Stephenson warehouse and repair shop for second hand machinery. Steady streams of people kept coming and going from the scene late into the night. Photographers also had a holiday, with many amateurs noted at various spots with their cameras in action.

It was reported to fire authorities that a sprinkler system had been installed in the building but was not in service. It was supposed to have been connected today. Officials were also informed that the building had no insurance protection.

In 1941, a trial under fire

Bart Stefani



As a returnee from the wilds of New York City, I had lived through black-outs, transportation meltdowns and terrorist attacks. Being a city dweller, I became indifferent to these events; especially the many fires during the '60s and '70s. Once retired, I returned to Andover where my formative years were spent and wondered about a huge Andover fire witnessed as a child. I had a close up view of this dramatic conflagration as it occurred about 20 yards from our family property at 41 Red Spring Road.

The fire broke out early Sunday evening Feb. 23, 1941 and in today's money terms would have been at least a \$10 million loss. The enormity of that fire marshalled many nearby fire, police and public safety departments and tied up the Boston and Maine Railroad into the wee hours of Monday morning. It was a major radio story and units responded from greater Boston. The traffic and the people logistics became a nightmare as thousands flocked to see this mini disaster. Fire apparatus roared in from all directions leading to what is now known as Dundee Park. It was a "baptism of fire" for newly appointed Andover fire chief Edward Buchan.

Our property at 41 Red Spring Road was yards from the abandoned Smith and Dove Mills, soon became a staging area for eyewitnesses. These were the days before crowd control and all the un-

welcome visitors could not be evicted from our land. In the twilight of that Sunday, my family had been doing yard work before it got dark. My younger brother Marco became transfixed by a door opening and closing inside the mill showing a flaming interior. Soon a fire broke out, Marco yelled for me to run to the house and tell my mother to call the Fire Department. She must have seen the huge flames as I ran towards her breathlessly because she dashed back into the house and made the call. Our home overlooked the raging inferno which gave great heat that wintry night. My father set out chairs for neighbors since our house on the hill commanded a magnificent ring-side view overlooking the towering inferno and the Shawsheen River with its many spectators standing on the ice. It amazed me no one ended up wet. The next day a smoldering fire with periodic burst of flames was all that was left from the previous exciting evening. Firemen were still on the job. Our property showed the effects of thousands of feet and destruction to newly planted trees.

Chief Buchan's quick assessment of the magnitude of the fire and the wind condition was a reason a major disaster was averted on that Sunday. The many fire services scrambled to intercept the flying embers that flew for miles. Secondary blazes sprung up in many locations. Hundreds of feet from the fire, residents of Central Street were forced to hosed down their homes. A wind shift could have taken our house along with neighbors' along the Indian Ridge neighborhood. The whole industrial district was threatened with M.T. Stevens standing to lose over a million dollars in tex-

tile goods. The Cricket field near Saint Augustine Cemetery off Lupine Road lost much of its grass from the errant sparks. The Vermont Tea and Butter and more than 20 other major employers were threatened that day. The dexterity and agility of firemen from the many communities spoke legions for their professionalism.

As mentioned previously, the Boston and Maine Railroad was completely shut down. Skiers returning from New Hampshire along with many others were stranded because of the fire. Water hoses snaked all over the tracks making passage nonexistent. All roads leading to the fire area was prioritized for emergency vehicles so a Sunday stroll was impractical.

The greatest loser that day was at the Plastex Corp., the location of the fire outbreak. This North American Chemical Co.'s newest branch had no insurance and an unhooked sprinkler system. Plastex was about to manufacture plastic products, a fairly new innovation. One of the dangers fireman faced was the possibility of a major explosion because 4,000 gallons of naphtha had been stored under a cement floor of the burning building. Tons of water was sprayed upon the heated floor averting what could have been catastrophic.

The local Andover Red Cross newly formed disaster unit provided much needed food and hot beverages for those fighting a major event in Andover history. Their expertise became needed after Dec. 7 of that year because it was a trial under fire for them, too.

■■■
Bart Stefani is a resident of Andover.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

League concerned about cutting debate short

Editor, Townsman:

At the recent Town Meeting, the League of Women Voters discerned a lack of the usual healthy debate that has characterized Andover's Town Meeting in the past. We are especially concerned about the frequent use of "moving the question" to cut off debate on Thursday evening.

We don't think it is too far-fetched to suggest that, unless checked, moving the question could become a tool too easily abused by any presenter. Once a presenter has put forward his or her best case, an ally could move the question in an attempt to stifle the voice of the opposition.

Town Meeting, however, does not have to endorse this tactic. The FinCom report states that moving

the question requires approval by two-thirds of Town Meeting voters, and therefore Town Meeting attendees can override the call to end discussion.

We suggest that Town Meeting voters oppose motions to move the question until at least two, and preferably four or five, speakers on each side of the issue have had an opportunity to express their ideas. Important and sometimes overlooked perspectives are often given by individuals waiting patiently in line at the microphone. Many of us have changed our votes on a particular article based on a compelling argument from the floor.

We are not objecting to any use of moving the question; we understand that motions to move the question often reflect a desire to keep Town Meeting moving. In fact, the League's motion for time limits on Town Meeting speakers

is intended to keep Town Meeting moving while still allowing the audience to hear many viewpoints. Time limits help voters hear from more speakers in a compressed amount of time.

If Town Meeting has to choose between making thoughtful decisions and avoiding another night of Town Meeting, we believe the choice should be to make thoughtful decisions.

Stefani Traina Goldsheim
6 Roulston Circle
President
League of Women Voters of
Andover/North Andover

Getting into the home-waste fast lane

Editor, Townsman:

This weekend Andover is holding its spring Household Hazardous Waste collection event at West Elementary School. Recent collections have suffered from long, slow lines, so here are a few suggestions to keep things moving.

- Sort your paint at home and do not bring latex paint. Latex paint is not hazardous; its only flaw is that it may still be liquid. To speed up drying out any excess,

add a cup or more of kitty litter or buy waste latex paint hardener from a paint retailer. Once solidified, paint can be put into the regular trash. Leave the cans clearly separate from the trash with the lids off, showing that there is no liquid paint left.

- If you have only a few items, combine efforts with neighbors to bring up to 25 gallons of liquids.
- Utilize retail return opportunities by taking items such as:
 - dead compact fluorescent lights to Rocky's Ace Hardware in North Andover;
 - used motor oil to auto supply

- stores in Massachusetts;
 - old rechargeable batteries (all types) to Radio Shack in Shawshen Plaza; and
 - unopened cans of paint back to the paint store (Home Depot will take "mistints" and other retailers will usually take back unopened cans of standard colors).

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Eight days till Clown Town

Whether rain or snow or heat, clowns deliver carnival

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Four years ago this weekend, the Merrimack River overflowed its banks and Andover suffered its worst flooding in years.

To add insult to property damage, Clown Town, arguably the most popular event in town, was questionable.

Always held in mid-May, Clown Town is such an attraction that town officials didn't know what they would do if the event was canceled, one organizer remembered.

"I remember people from the town saying they would not be able to go home if it had to be canceled. Their families would be that upset," said Linda Cummings of Andover, a member of the Andona Society, which runs the event.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

CLOWN TOWN
Friday, May 16, 6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets
Free admission

ANDONA SOCIETY NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

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■ Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Memorial Hall Library
■ Thursday, May 29, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dylan's Restaurant, Park Street

For more than 50 consecutive years, Andona has held the event downtown. Flooding did not stop the downtown carnival of games and amusement park rides from setting up in 2004. Booths were moved off the very wet grass and onto The Park's paved area, Cummings said.

"Clown Town is a huge event in town. Everyone loves it," she said. "I remember we donated a little bit of money to pay for grass seed that year, but the event was held. We have to ... people in town love Clown Town."

It actually snowed in 2002, and scorching temperatures another year made clown costumes unusually hot and heavy to wear. But the crowds came and The Park became the crazy community known as Clown Town. It's held rain or shine or snow or heat, and Cummings said volunteers just try to work with Mother Nature.

"You have to just go with it," she said of the unpredictable weather. "People of all ages really look forward to it."

The event is Andona's biggest fundraiser with profits allocated to a variety of youth and education programs in town, including \$10,000 in scholarships for Andover teens.



Daniel Alepa, 3, clings tightly to his Bob the Builder umbrella and his dad's hand at Clown Town last year. Despite the inclement weather, many enjoyed rides, games, food and family fun. However, the event raised less than one-third of the money it usually does. Organizers hope for better weather this year.

DEBORAH HAMMOND/Staff photo

Andona also gave \$5,000 to Doherty Middle School last year, teaming with the Andover Coalition for Education and Doherty parents to make it possible for the school to build its own engineering lab, like the one piloted at West Middle School.

Other Andona-funded programs in-

clude museum passes and puppets for the children's room at Memorial Hall Library. Money from Andona has paid for a sensory garden for special needs children at Shawsheen School and a literacy program at South Elementary School.

Rain dampened last year's Clown

Town, and just \$8,000 was raised. That's a far cry from the \$25,000 to \$30,000 that Clown Town usually rakes in when the weather cooperates.

Cummings is obviously hoping for good weather this year. After all, nobody likes tears on a clown.

■ POLICE LOG

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Derick Kerrissey, 22, of 14 Village St., Millis, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of possession of a Class A substance and on a warrant for shoplifting, two counts of larceny over \$250, conspiracy and drug possession charges.

At 12:35 p.m., Sean Mansfield,

28, of 58 Fisher St., North Attleboro, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class A substance and on a warrant for larceny by check over \$250.

At 12:57 p.m., Melvin Ferreira, 32, 2305 University Ave., Bronx, N.Y., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, April 23 — At 4:03 p.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported on Longwood Drive.

Sunday, May 4 — At 9:05 a.m., larceny of four wheels from a motor vehicle was reported on River Street.

THEFTS

Tuesday, April 29 — At 12:32 p.m., the theft of copper downspouts was reported on School Street.

At 8:35 p.m., the theft of a laptop, iPod and cell phone was reported from the Phillips Academy library.

Thursday, May 1 — At 11:53 a.m., the theft of a computer was

reported from the Phillips Academy library.

At 5:31 p.m., a theft from an employee's purse was reported at Papa Gino's on North Main Street.

Friday, May 2 — At 6:03 p.m., the theft of a cell phone was reported at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Saturday, May 3 — At 11:43 a.m., a theft was reported on Rock O'Dundee Road.

Monday, May 5 — At 3:58 a.m., mail theft was reported on Salem Street.

At 11:06 a.m., a theft from the Lanam Club was reported.

At 1:17 p.m., an April theft from a purse was reported on Lowell Street.

At 7:48 p.m., the theft of jewelry was reported on Walnut Avenue.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, April 29 — At 7:30 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Washington Park Drive.

Wednesday, April 30 — At 6:42 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Central Street after a landscaper was operating a wood chipper.

At 12:55 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on Haverhill Street.

Thursday, May 1 — At 2:47 p.m., a disorderly person was reported

on Minuteman Road.

At 5:41 p.m., harassment was reported on North Main Street.

At 8:08 p.m., harassment was reported on Clark Road.

At 11:57 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on North Main Street.

Friday, May 2 — At 1:54 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on North Main Street.

At 2:54 p.m., a trespassing was reported on Balmoral Street.

Saturday, May 3 — At 3:05 p.m., a disorderly person was reported at Laquinta Hotel on River Road.

At 4:08 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Algonquin Avenue.

At 11:07 a.m., a disturbed person was reported on Railroad Street.

At 8:41 p.m., fraud was reported on Park Street.

Monday, May 5 — At 7:31 a.m., vandalism to a Dumpster was reported on New England Business Park Drive.

At 10:45 a.m., missing property was reported on Shattuck Road.

At 3:43 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on North Main Street.

At 3:59 p.m., threats were reported on Maple Avenue.

At 7:33 p.m., an officer was injured on North Main Street.

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Are you ready for swimsuit season?

Swimsuit season will be here again before you know it. Are you ready? If you're like most Americans and have spent the winter months indoors and inactive, probably not. You've likely put on a few extra pounds in all the wrong places.

Wondering how to get them off before you have to make that first appearance at the pool? Most doctors would offer this advice: combine a reduced-calorie diet with increased physical activity.

You can start by eliminating all those comfort foods you've been enjoying during the long, winter months. Such foods as fried chicken, casseroles, mashed potatoes with gravy and pumpkin pie are laden with fat and calories, and aren't doing your body much good.

Instead, choose healthier dishes like broiled fish, grilled chicken, salads and fruit for dessert.

Improving your diet is only half the equation. You also need to get up off the couch. Most adults should get at least 30 minutes of moderate activity per day, but according to "The Surgeon General's Call To Action To Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity" fewer than one in three U.S. adults gets the recommended amount of physical activity.

"Nothing else you can do for yourself has more benefit than getting up and getting moving," says certified trainer Chad Baldwin of Snap Fitness, a fast-growing franchisor of compact, state-of-the-art 24/7 fitness centers in Canada and the United States. "Not only does exercise make you feel better, it has a lot of health benefits."

In addition to helping to control weight, physical activity decreases your risk of dying of coronary heart disease and also reduces your risk of developing diabetes, hypertension, and colon cancer.

Baldwin points out exercise does not have to be strenuous to be beneficial. "Some studies show that short sessions of exercise several times a day are just as effective at burning calories and improving health as one long session," he says.



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Get your fitness back on track after the winter months. Fitness clubs such as Snap Fitness have personal trainers to help you get started on a workout plan fast.

Here are some ideas on how to get more active:

- Take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator whenever possible. You'll burn a lot more calories. You can even try using restrooms, copy machines, getting supplies, etc. on a different floor just to get more exercise.
- Be less efficient! If you have stairs in

your home, take as many trips up and down them as you can every day instead of saving things to go up or down. At the office, take a walk to see your co-workers instead of always using e-mail.

■ If your company has a gym, use it during your lunch break. If not, join one that is close to work and home so you're more likely to use it. Many reputable chains will

have locations sprinkled throughout the community, and most have expanded their hours in response to members' demands. Snap Fitness, for example, has more than 600 clubs, with hundreds more on the way over the next few months. And because they are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you can get your workout in whenever it is most convenient for you.

"On the days when you can't make it to the gym, walk around the office complex where you work a couple of times during the day, or ride bikes with your family in the evening."

Chad Baldwin of Snap Fitness

Once you join, be sure to take advantage of your gym's extras. Exercising on state-of-the-art equipment is a start.

But nowadays, health clubs offer many value-added services to help you achieve the long-lasting results you want. These include personal training and nutrition counseling, for example. Ask what comes standard with your membership.

Many clubs are striving to give you more for your money. Snap Fitness, for example, allows you to create a Personal Web Page with access to a suite of free services. These include the ability to create a Personal Wellness Plan with specific action steps based on a confidential health risk assessment, plus the ability to develop and track your own workout program online or choose from pre-defined workouts designed by personal trainers. You can even download your daily plan to your PDA and bring it with you to the gym!

Maybe you want to lose 10 pounds by September, or fit into a smaller dress size in time for a friend's summer wedding. No matter what type of plan you have created for yourself, the only way you're going to see results is if you stay consistent, says Baldwin. "Make an effort to visit the gym every day to get some weight lifting and cardio in. On the days when you can't make it to the gym, walk around the office complex where you work a couple of times during the day, or ride bikes with your family in the evening."

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Find meaning in your life by making needed changes to simplify your schedule.

Over scheduling: An American epidemic

Over scheduling is a nationwide epidemic. From preschoolers to CEOs, we are constantly running from one activity to the next. This busy and sometimes frantic lifestyle affects all aspects of life and many people feel the strain caused by overloaded to-do lists.

According to the authors of "Yes, You Can... Find More Meaning in Your Life," Jack Jonathan and Sheelagh Manheim, PhD, over scheduling can create a narrow focus that prevents you from experiencing meaning in your life. These two regular contributors to www.YesYouCanOnline.info offer ways to step off the treadmill of busyness and reaffirm what is good in your life.

Jonathan and Manheim suggest finding a balance in five fundamental areas of life: positive attitude, good physical health, personal relationships, financial well-being and a passion for knowledge.

"Anyone looking to streamline their schedule can use these essentials as guidelines to help balance the way they spend their time," said Jonathan. "Paying attention to each basic area of life may help a person to feel more at peace."

Jonathan and Manheim offer the following six ideas to help bring a feeling of meaning into a busy life.

■ **Foster a positive attitude.** Begin your day with a sense of wonder. Ask yourself, "What is in store for me today?" Then set achievable goals for the day. Remain open

to other possibilities so challenges that come up will not feel overwhelming. Do at least one thing each day that creates in you a sense of happiness, delight, accomplishment or wonder.

■ **Nurture your body.** Sometimes basic physical needs are set aside because of busy schedules. It is ideal to schedule time for exercise and recreation. "But, you can also nurture your body by simply paying attention," Jonathan advises. "Why not pause a minute between activities, look out of the window, take a deep breath and exhale slowly." Manheim advises looking forward to your lunch break, choosing foods that really appeal to you, and then savoring your meal in the presence of friends.

■ **Honor your personal relationships.** Friendships often suffer from neglect when life gets too busy. Even if you can't fit in a weekend getaway or a night out, you can still find time to foster meaningful relationships. Connect over lunch, make regular phone calls, keep in touch frequently with meaningful e-mails or better yet, send a note or a card. Whenever you are able to contact your friend be sure to truly relax and give your friend your whole attention. Let time stand still for those precious moments you do have together.

■ **Pay regular attention to your finances.** The only person you can count on for your

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Warm up to summer fashions

Over the ages, people have been trying to find innovative ways to keep cool. Babe Ruth kept cabbage under his cap to keep cool during baseball games. Just being barefoot can keep kids cool all summer long. With the hottest months just around the bend, it is time to pull the summer clothes out from the back of the closet, go swim suit shopping or start thinking about a cabbage soup diet (under the hat just isn't going to cut it). Before you stock up on vegetables, consider the following sizzling summer heat tips.

Fabrics that help disperse perspiration are great to beat the heat. You don't want clothing that will stay wet. Breathable fabrics that pull moisture from your body and evaporate quickly are best. Cotton is a fiber that naturally helps absorb sweat to keep you cool. Advances in textiles allow for synthetic lightweight, wickable fabrics which move moisture from the skin to the outside of clothing and encourage evaporation.

It isn't a coincidence that summer fashions are usually lighter colors. Dark colors absorb heat, making you warmer than you need to be. Light colors reflect the sun and help to keep you cooler. While color choices will regulate your temperature, it isn't always as helpful in protecting you from the sun's UV radiation. The more translucent or see-through the fabric is, the less sun protection the fabric provides.

The apparel industry now offers a wide range of sun protective clothing. These lines list an Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) value that tells you how much protection the garment gives you, much like sunscreen. Find a balance between coverage with clothing and sunscreen. Loose, lightweight garments and hats during peak sun hours and shorts, skirts, and dresses once the overhead sun has gone down are good choices.

Hot weather style is for everyone these days. Shorts come in all styles from cut-offs to Bermudas. Choose a style that works with your shape and not only will you stay cool, you will look fabulous. The same can be said of swimsuits. Flattering styles, such as the tankini, are made for every body type. Padding for smaller busts or shelf bras for the ample put curves in all the right places. With styles like boy shorts, ruffled bottoms, high cut and string bikinis, the list is "bottomless."

According to Aleta Campbell, Fashion Design and Fashion Marketing and Management academic director for California Design College, "If the climate is hot and dry, consider the activity one will be participating in. If sporting activities are on the agenda, think synthetic fibers such as polyester, nylon and polypropylene. Today these fibers when designed for active



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The apparel industry offers a wide range of sun protective clothing.

wear dry faster and can be lighter in weight (due to wicking characteristics)."

More serious engagements like a job interview or business presentation require a cool, calm exterior persona despite the temperature. Fabrics that resist wrinkles and moisture and put forth a more polished appearance help to make a great first impression. Robert Lindquist, professor of business at Argosy University, Orange County campus says it is better to over dress than under dress. A light wool suit with a starched cotton short sleeved shirt can be dressed up or down as the occasion and climate dictates. "When in

doubt, dress to the nines. You can always take off a layer as needed, but you can not fix being under dressed," Lindquist says.

Add an extra element of style by choosing natural fibers such as cotton and flax (linen) as they are often used in upscale spectator sports wear and can be very comfortable. Natural fibers absorb moisture and cool the body as the fabric dries.

Before resigning yourself to an air conditioned summer surrounded by walls, consider your options. Make some realistic, practical fashion purchases and enjoy your summer under the sun in the great outdoors. — Courtesy of ARAcontent

SCHEDULE: Simplify your life

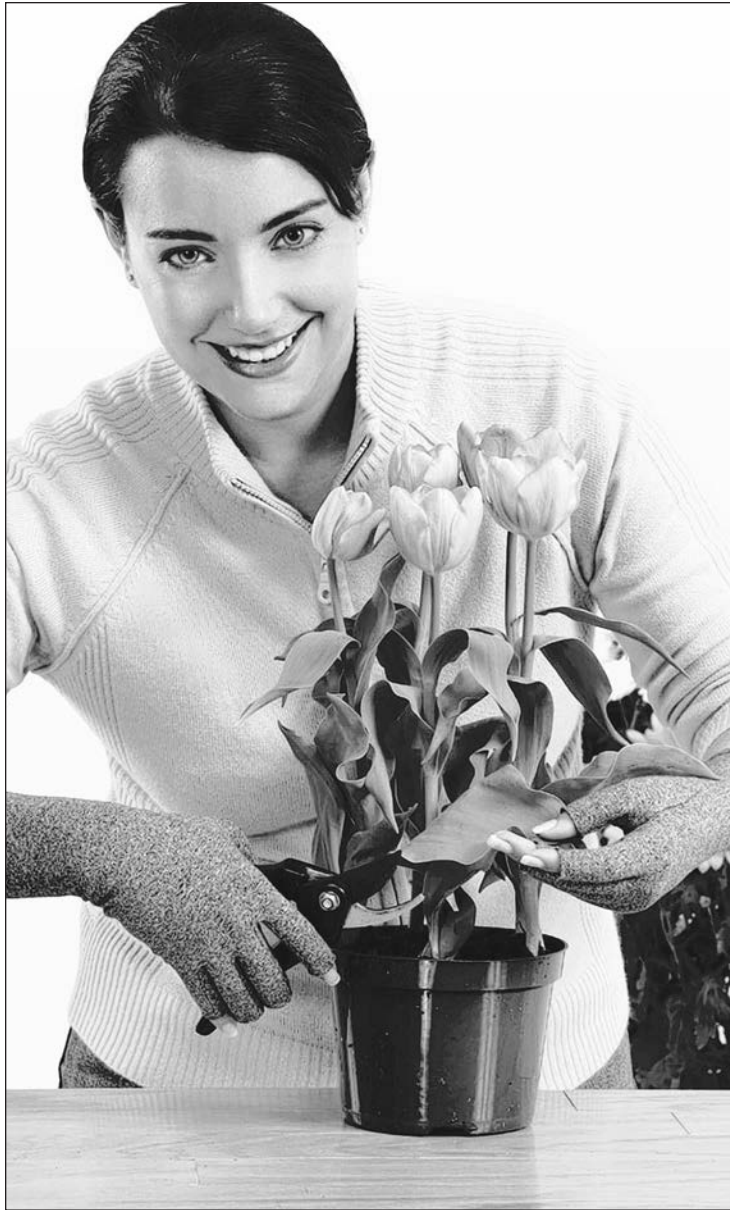
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financial well-being is you. Set aside a regular time each month to pay bills and review your financial situation. Jim Stowers, founder of American Century Investments, recommends that when you review your spending, you ask yourself, "Am I getting my money's worth?" Do you spend your money in a way that brings meaning to your life? You will find that careful financial planning will set you free to enjoy your life more.

■ **Cultivate your curiosity.** Having a passion for knowledge is one of our greatest innate gifts. It does not require a great deal of time—only the curiosity to ask what? or why? and then spend a few minutes to search for an answer. Learning something new goes beyond book learning. It can involve simply paying attention to what is going on in your own neighborhood. The more we know about the little piece of turf we inhabit, the more meaningful our life becomes because we step outside ourselves.

When you set aside small amounts of time to be truly present to your attitude, physical well being, friendships, finances and curiosity, you can increase your joy in life.

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Motions needed to perform simple, everyday tasks can be painful to someone who suffers from arthritis.

Alternative therapies help arthritis sufferers

Opening a pill bottle brings the promise of relief from pain for many people. But for 41 percent of the 46 million Americans diagnosed with arthritis, everyday activities — like opening their arthritis medication — can be very difficult. Is it any wonder, then, that millions seek alternative ways to enhance their doctor-prescribed drug treatment?

Nearly a quarter of all adult Americans have doctor-diagnosed arthritis, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. The Centers for Disease Control report that up to 25 percent of osteoarthritis patients can't perform major daily activities.

Fingers and hands are particularly susceptible to pain and inflammation that can cause difficulty in gripping, pinching and grasping — motions needed to perform simple, everyday tasks. Non-medical treatments — from supplements to specially designed gloves — can help improve pain relief and quality of life for many arthritis sufferers.

"Evaluate all alternative treatments with a critical eye and follow the advice of your doctor," cautions Aurelia Koby, president of IMAK, producers of aids for treating joint and muscle pain. "Not all alternative treatments are as effective as others." Consumers can make intelli-

gent choices about alternative arthritis treatments with a few facts at their fingertips:

Use it or lose it

"Mild to moderate exercise is an important part of most arthritis treatment plans," Koby says. "Exercise can help improve flexibility and reduce pain in the long term. For arthritis sufferers, it truly is a case of 'use it or lose it.'"

Exercise can help keep joints moving, strengthen muscles connected to joints, preserve bone health, control weight that greatly impacts arthritis pain, and improve your overall health and fitness, according to www.Arthritis.org, the Web site of the not-for-profit Arthritis Foundation.

Be sure your doctor or physical therapist reviews and advises you on any exercise plan before you start one.

Eastern exercise traditions such as yoga and tai chi, which emphasize flexibility and offer low-impact workouts, can help arthritis sufferers, many experts believe.

Real alternative treatments

Massage is an age-old treatment that has proven therapeutic for a wide range of ailments, in-

cluding arthritis. Both self- and professional massage can work well. If you choose to have a professional massage, make sure the therapist is experienced in working with arthritis patients.

Acupuncture and acupressure have become widely accepted pain-relief therapies.

The World Health Organization views acupuncture as a valid, useful treatment for a number of ailments, including chronic pain. As always, consult your physician when considering acupuncture as a treatment.

Be sure the therapist you choose has experience working with arthritis patients.

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Could your back pain be caused by a slipped disc?

Back pain is a common complaint of Americans. Sixty to eighty percent of the U.S. population reports they suffer from some kind of back pain and five percent suffer from chronic back pain. It is the most frequent cause of activity limitation for people under the age of 45. A common cause of back pain is often a slipped disc (also called a herniated disc).

That's what recently afflicted Leandro Carvalho, a fitness trainer to the stars in Manhattan. He had long suffered from leg and lower back pain, but figured it was an occupational hazard. Until one day, while teaching a group class, he felt a sharp pain and fell to the ground, temporarily paralyzed from the waist down.

The first surgeon he visited warned him the operation he needed may leave him permanently paralyzed and that he would never return to his full physical performance. Carvalho's devoted clientele suggested he get a second opinion from Sean McCance, M.D., co-director of Orthopedic Spine Surgery at Mount Sinai Medical

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BACK: More serious pain?

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Center in New York City. It was a second opinion that changed Carvalho's life.

Dr. McCance performed spine surgery to repair severe disc degeneration, a herniated disc and a collapse of the disc space. Today, Carvalho is back in the game - dancing and reshaping the bodies and minds of hundreds of clients. In fact, he says, he is stronger than ever thanks to Dr. McCance.

Dr. McCance explains that a slipped disc happens when the cushiony disc between the vertebrae ruptures or bulges into the spinal canal putting pressure on the nerves, which can cause a great deal of pain. Back and spinal pain doesn't just afflict those with high impact jobs. In fact, any occupation that requires long periods of time in stationary positions, like sitting or standing, have a very high incidence of people with chronic back pain.

How do you know if you're experiencing this problem and not just everyday aches and pains? Symptoms of a slipped disc include:

- Sudden pain in the back or neck
- Pain down the back of one leg, sometimes into the foot
- Weakness and a feeling of "pins and needles"
- In severe cases, foot drop or bowel and bladder problems may develop.

Physicians recommend you seek medical attention for any back problem.

For minor back pain, rest, heat and an over-the-counter pain reliever are often prescribed. For more serious back conditions, prescription pain medications and muscle relaxants, injections and even surgery may be in order.

Before a sore back requires surgery, however, Dr. McCance recommends the following ways to help prevent serious back problems, like a slipped disc:

- Exercise regularly and use proper body mechanics. A healthy back and neck exercise regimen includes cardiovascular — treadmill, water aerobics and recumbent bike are all gentle on the back — and light weights. Physical therapy is often prescribed
- Work to maintain a healthy weight. Excess weight strongly contributes to lower back pain and nearly every spinal condition.
- Rest after any injury. Waiting for the pain to completely subside can actually make it worse, but walking a mile or two each day while recovering is a low-impact way to keep the spine strong.
- If you smoke, quit. If you don't smoke, don't start. Spine patients who smoke have been identified to have a higher risk of back pain. Also, smokers often have a more unpredictable surgery outcome and a longer recovery time after surgery.

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A raspberry green tea protein smoothie can be a breakfast to help you lose weight.

To lose weight, take a breakfast break

It is often difficult to prepare a nutritious breakfast when your mornings are already short on time. But you may want to think twice before skipping the meal altogether. There's ample evidence to show that eating a nutritious, balanced breakfast is a must if you're trying to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Starting your day with a healthy meal not only improves your stamina and memory during those busy first hours, it also jumpstarts your metabolism for the day, says Bob Greene, an exercise physiologist, personal trainer to Oprah Winfrey and author of "The Best Life Diet." In fact, several studies have found that breakfast eaters consume fewer calories throughout the course of the day than breakfast skippers.

"People often pass on breakfast thinking that it will help cut calories," Greene says. "Instead, they make up for those calories later on, often in the evening, as they raid the cupboards for chips, cookies and other high-calorie foods. And, if people skip both breakfast and lunch, their metabolism may

start slowing down. That's the last thing you need if you're trying to shed pounds. If you're short on time, try a protein smoothie. It provides a refreshing, on-the-go pick-me-up to keep you energized until lunch."

Smoothies are one of the easiest things to whip up at home with a blender and a little creativity. When you begin with a lean protein base like egg whites (about 1/4 to 1/3 cup per smoothie), you'll have a beverage that will help keep you full and satisfied.

Egg whites are an all-natural protein source that is fat-free, cholesterol-free and low in calories, making them ideal for a power breakfast.

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With your protein base in place, you can get creative with your favorite fruit and juices. The follow-

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup white grapefruit juice
- 1/3 cup ready-to-drink green tea
- 1/2 cup raspberries (frozen or fresh)
- 3/4 cup (6 ounces) fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 1/3 cup AllWhites 100 percent liquid whites

Directions: Combine all ingredients in blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

Serving: 1 (16 ounces)

ing recipe has just 282 calories, and is packed with 7 grams of fiber and antioxidants from green tea, raspberries and grapefruit juice to support healthy cells. Pair it with a whole grain cracker spread with a little peanut butter, or a couple of tablespoons of nuts, and you'll have a complete breakfast to enjoy either at home or on the way to work.

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Wake up to the power of sleep

A majority of Americans agree that nothing beats a good night's sleep for good health — not even regular exercise and proper diet. The quality and amount of sleep you get every night are crucial factors in determining whether your body and mind are functioning at their best.

According to Tempur-Pedic's 2007 National Wellness Survey, an independently researched study for mattress manufacturer Tempur-Pedic International Inc., three out of four Americans (76 percent) say a good night's sleep makes them feel younger, helping to refresh their bodies and minds. The study also shows that Americans believe their sleeping surface affects their quality of sleep, with 9 out of 10 considering their investment in a mattress also as investment in their well-being.

So how can you tell if you are getting the quality, restorative sleep your body needs? Ask yourself these three simple questions:

- Does tossing and turning keep you awake at night? If so, you may want to look for a sleeping surface that comfortably supports and cradles your body, preventing movement throughout the night.
- Do you wake with aches and

pains? A comfortable bed is one that cushions and comforts the body, providing much needed mental and physical rest and stress relief. Look for a mattress that provides proper support, but that does not establish pressure points that can aggravate existing pains and create new ones.

■ Are you tired and irritable during the day? Uncomfortable twisting and turning at night results in fragmented sleep, preventing you from functioning at your peak during the day. A comfortable, supportive sleep surface will not only improve your sleep experience, but also your productivity and mood during the day.

The secret to well-being, physical and emotional rejuvenation and an improved daily outlook just might start in bed. With such great health benefits, isn't it time that all of us got a great night's sleep?

For information on the benefits of getting a good night's sleep visit www.Tempur-pedic.com.

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Reduce dust in your home

Considering that up to 72 trillion allergens find their way into your home every day, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, it's no wonder so many Americans are suffering from asthma and allergies.

As the season changes, now is a good time to move dusting to the top of your seasonal cleaning checklist.

Here are some tips for reducing dust mites and pet dander — and the allergy symptoms that come from it — in your home:

- Cover mattresses and pillows with zippered, dust-proof covers.
- Choose cleaning products, like Pledge Furniture Polish, which removes up to 84 percent of allergens from dust mites and pet dander found in dust.
- Wash bed sheets and blankets weekly in water at least 130 degrees.
- Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter, and professionally clean carpets regularly.
- Upholstery can harbor dust and dust mites, so choose furniture made of wood, vinyl, plastic or leather, which is easier to clean.



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As the season changes, dusting becomes more important to help allergy sufferers.

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Arts & Entertainment



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Crafter Sarah Rose of Andover will be selling hair accessories and book clips at Crafts in the Park. Here, she puts one of her hair clips, decorated with art depicting ice cream, on her daughter, Hannah Rose, 6.

Washouts are history

Crafts in the Park to head indoors if it rains

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

CRAFTS IN THE PARK

Outdoor spring events in Andover mean one thing — organizers should have a Plan B.

This year — after plenty of experience with Mother Nature's bad side — Crafts in the Park has just that. If the weather does not cooperate this Saturday, the popular downtown event will move indoors to the field house at Andover High School the next day, Sunday, May 11.

It's been a rain or shine event for years, but the severe rainy weather of the last four springs has forced organizers to rethink that strategy.

"We had the flooding four years ago, then the next year it was very high winds causing tents to blow over, and then rain," said organizer Kay Grace of Andover. "So, this year we have planned an indoor rain date."

Vendors were glad to hear of the plan, since they are stocked with crafts and ready to sell. About 100 vendors have signed up for the 33rd annual Crafts in the Park, at the downtown Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

Crafter Sara Rose of Andover is one of them.

Rose, a native who grew up attending the event, makes hair accessories for girls and book clips for boys. A stay-at-home mom

whose daughter, Hannah Rose, attends kindergarten at Shawshen School, this former teacher is happy to be involved.

"It's a perfect venue for me," said Rose, who lives on High Street. "My hair accessories are very girly and making them has been a lot of fun."

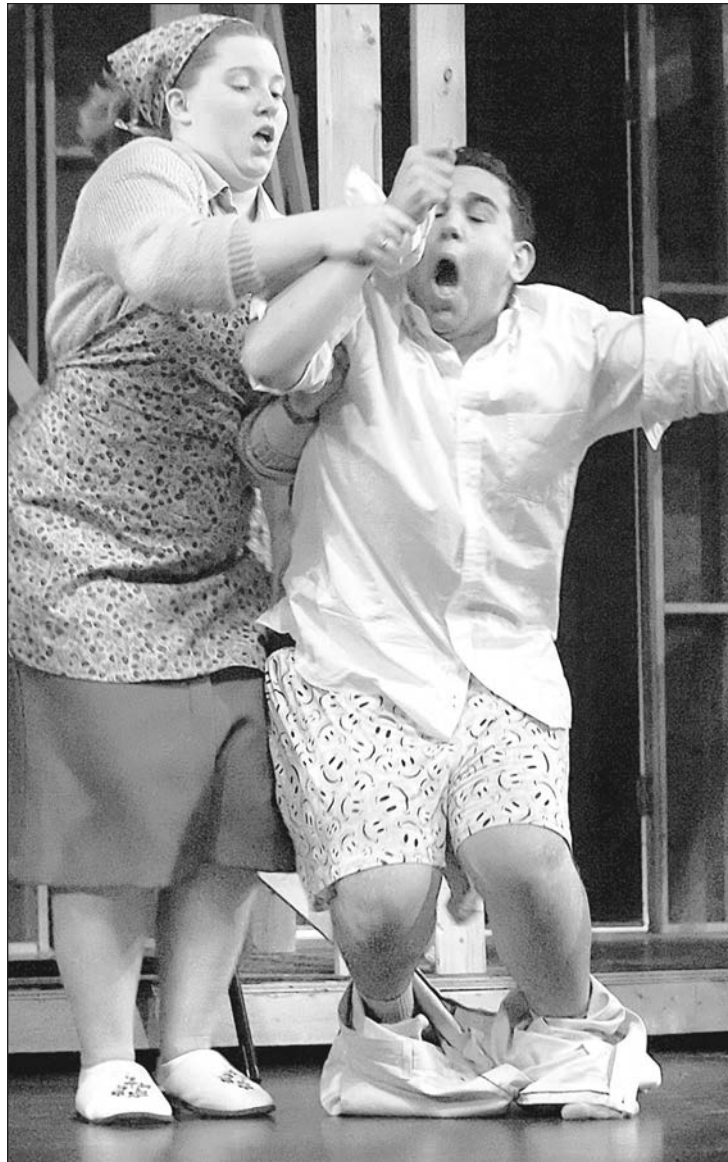
Her girly hair clips, which cost \$2 to \$3, have sold well at Andover Bookstore since she decided to take a stab at selling them. Due to that success, she's trying Crafts in the Park.

Rose also has learned to stray from strictly girly themes. Apparently, putting a baseball on a hair clip with red and white ribbon seems to be a popular way for many local girls to salute the

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"We've never done a real farce before. I want to be able to expose them to as many different types of theater here in their four years at Andover High School."

Susan Choquette, the show's director and AHS drama director



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Left photo: Andover High School students rehearse their play, "Noises Off" a play in the style of a British farce involving a lot of slapstick and humor. AHS senior, Nancy McNanee as "Dotty the housekeeper" helps "Frederick Fellows" played by senior Zach Zatet. Above right: Chelsea Frei, AHS freshman playing "Brook Ashton" (center), is not happy with the actions of "Selsdon, the burglar," played by sophomore Joe Downes-Berry — and she tells him so. Junior Rudhdi Karnik, as "Belinda," is running away from her own problems, oblivious to Brook Ashton's anger.

Staging a farce

Andover High makes off with a laughter

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The Collins Center will be filled with slips of the tongue, double entendre and slapstick comedy as Andover High School performs "Noises Off," a 1982 farce by British playwright Michael Frayn, opening this weekend.

"Noises Off" is a play within a play, and the plotline involves the cast of a fictitious work called "Nothing On." The audience gets glimpses of the play's 10-week run, as performances get worse and worse and drama unfolds between cast members off stage.

"Noises Off" will run at Andover High, on Shawshen Road, during May 8, 9 and 10, with a cast of nine actors.

AHS students in shop classes have constructed a massive set that rotates on a pivot point, so "Nothing On" can be watched from

front and back stage. The cast is constantly popping on and off stage — going up and down stairs, through doorways and around furniture, said Susan Choquette, the show's director and AHS drama director.

"It's like a marathon. They're going in and out, up and down ... the blocking (planning the spots on stage where the actors are to deliver each line) is entwined with the dialogue," she said. "It's a great show, very fun. People are going to giggle."

J.T. Turner, a local professional actor and fight choreographer, helped Choquette block and plan some scenes for "Noises Off," including one where actors fall down a flight of stairs and flip over the back of a couch.

"The real play is about the actors putting on this play ... we only ever see Act One of 'Nothing On,' but we see it three times, at a dress rehearsal, a performance mid-run and at the end

BRING THE NOISES:

- Andover High School Drama Guild presents "Noises Off"
- Comedy in the style of British farce
- May 8, 9, and 10 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
- Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School
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- Box office: 978-623-8666 or andoverdrama@yahoo.com
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of the run. You know they're messing up by the end," Choquette said.

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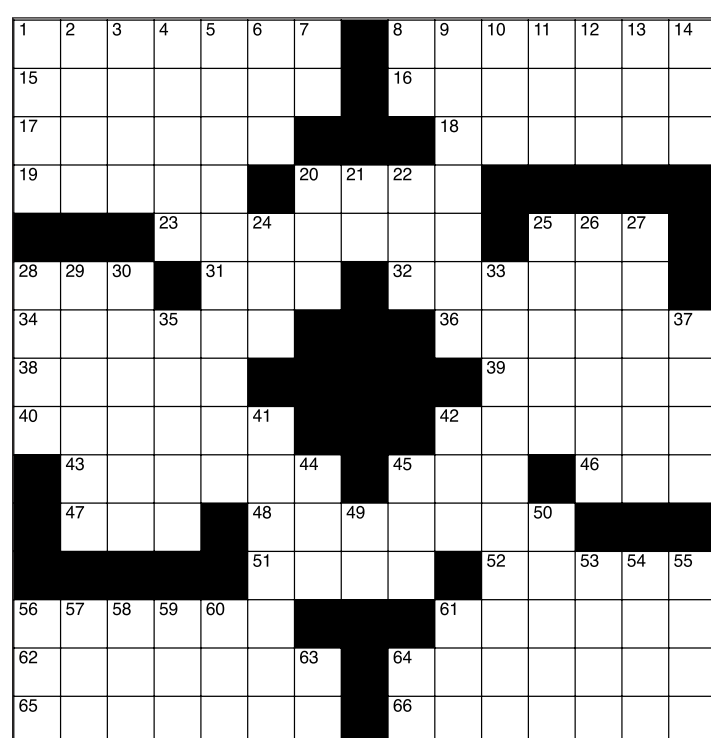
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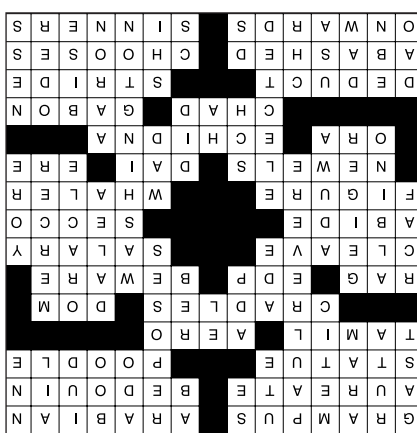


CLUES ACROSS

1. Griseus dolphin genus
8. Breed of riding horse
15. Tinged with gold
16. A nomadic Arabian tribe
17. A sculpture of a human
18. French dog
19. South Dravidian
20. About aviation
23. Babies' bed that rocks
25. Actor comedian DeLuise
28. A fragment of cloth
31. Electronic data processing
32. Be on one's guard
34. A way to split apart
36. Wage
38. Put up with something
39. Musical notation
40. A type of skating
42. The Pequod
43. Spiral staircase centers
45. People of southern Yunnan, China
46. Before
47. Several os
48. New Guinea monotreme
51. N. Central African country
52. Libreville is it's capital
56. Subtract
61. The distance covered by a step
62. Feeling uneasily self-conscious
64. Decides upon
65. Ahead
66. Evildoers

12. Inst. for Urban Development
13. Be unwell
14. Point between N and NE
20. Large payroll company
21. Overhead railway
22. Confederate soldier
24. Turns into noun
25. Indigo bush
26. Any person who divines the future
27. Deals in fabrics
28. Canadian flyers
29. A person with albinism
30. ___ counter, measures radiation
33. Father to the USA
35. No. Ethiopian town
37. Past
41. Chosen by popular election
42. Small mass of soft material
44. ___enectady - 12300
45. Have already done
49. Expresses surprise
50. Moses' elder brother
53. A dry cold north wind in SE France
54. River into the Baltic Sea
55. Famous Scottish Loch
56. Data access object
57. One point north of due east
58. Corvus monedula
59. 50 state republic
60. Chronicles, abbr. (Biblical)
61. ___h-tzu: fluffy dog
63. Set of data
64. Symbol for cesium

Solution



CLUES DOWN

1. American Progress painter John
2. ___baga: root vegetable
3. ___co: Saudi energy co.
4. Noncitizen in ancient Greece
5. Midnight rider
6. Shoshonean language
7. Between S and E
8. Blood group
9. Reclines
10. Rapid bustling movement
11. Ghostly exclamation

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 8

"Noises Off," Andover High School Drama Guild, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, \$10 adults, \$6 students; 978-623-8666, andoverdrama@yahoo.com. Note: This show contains adult humor and is not recommended for people under age 14.

"She Got My Kid to Eat Cauliflower!" with Norma Chang at Memorial Hall Library at 7 p.m. Chef Norma shares her tips for making healthy kids' meals. For more information, contact Beth Kerrigan at 978-623-8401, ext. 39, or visit www.mhl.org/kids/. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library and through a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Genealogy Discussion Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Boxford Village Library, 10 Elm St., Boxford.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Kentucky Derby Party and auction, benefits Family Service Inc., 6:30 p.m., Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover; 978-327-6600.

"My Fair Lady," 7 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium, 70 Shawsheen Road, Andover. Tickets available at Learning Express, the West Middle School office and from cast/crew members; \$6 advance, \$8 at the door; call 978-623-8700.

Opening reception for two exhibits, "10 Years of New Paint: A Retrospective of Plein Air Painting" and "Symbols of Search" (color photographs of New Orleans homes 18 months after Hurricane Katrina), photographs by Goodloe Suttler of North Andover, 5 to 7 p.m., free and open to the public, 56 Island St., Lawrence; www.essexartcenter.com or 978-685-2343.

Performing artist Michael Israel, who creates paintings of America's service people, 8 p.m., \$25, Rogers Center of Mer-

rimack College, benefits Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley; 800-892-0890.

Phillips Academy music department will present the 2007-08 Chapin Guest Artists: The Mario Pavone Quartet with Mario Pavone, bass, Michael Mussilami, guitar, George Schuller, drums, and Pete Robbins (Class of '97), saxophone. Also performing is the Academy Jazz Band and ensembles. This concert, free and open to the public, will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Cochran Chapel is wheelchair accessible.

Andover Rotary Club breakfast meeting, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover; rotaryandover.org.

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"True West," a play about brothers bonding, at the Quannapowitt Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading, 8 p.m. \$18 regular admission, \$16 senior/students. Reservations strongly recommended. Call the box office at 781-942-2212 or purchase online by credit card at www.qptheater.com. Credit cards cannot be accepted at the door.

Evening for the Arts: Art students at Central Catholic High School will be showcasing their creative talents, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the third-floor art studios. Light refreshments will be served. The night continues with the spring concert, featuring the Central Catholic Chorus and Band at 7 p.m. Students will also perform dramatic monologue. Cost is \$4.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Crafts in the Park at The Park, on the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring 100 craft and food vendors presenting their wares. Rain date

is Sunday, May 11 indoors at Andover High School Field House.

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Plant sale at the Stevens-Coolidge Place, 139 Andover St., North Andover, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., free admission. Highlights include peonies, Japanese and bearded iris and old-fashioned roses. Preview the plants at 9 a.m.; guided garden tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; self-guided tours of the historic house (first floor) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 978-682-3580 for more information.

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Ice show, "America the Beautiful," Skating Club of Andover, 6-8 p.m. at the Haverhill Valley Forum ice rink (7 Parkridge Road), includes group and solo skate performances by over 50 skaters.

Baby Talk! at Memorial Hall Library, 10 a.m. Parents who are expecting (or have just had) a baby are invited to join with their children at a special story hour aimed at informing and reassuring older siblings. The joys and trials of becoming a big sister or brother will be presented in a few short stories and songs. The children will have a chance to make something special for the new baby and learn a lullaby. Book lists and information for parents will be available. For more information, call 978-623-8401, ext. 39, or visit www.mhl.org/kids.

Live music: Don White, singer, writer, comedian, part-time alarm installer, and perennial favorite of the Somerville Funny Folksingers Festival will perform Crossroads Coffeehouse, second floor of Old

Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover, \$15. Advance ticket purchases are available through PayPal at www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org. Tickets are also available at the door on the evening of the concert. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m. For further information, call 978-687-3960, 978-687-7948 the evening of the concert, or visit www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

An appraisal fair with appraisers from Skinner Auction House of Boston and Bolton will be held at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 158 Main St., North Andover in Jaffarian Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge. A verbal appraisal fee is \$15 per item or three items for \$30. Maximum of six items per person. Cash or checks only, no credit cards. No coins, stamps or jewelry for appraisal. For more information, call Rose Soghigian at 978-256-0594.

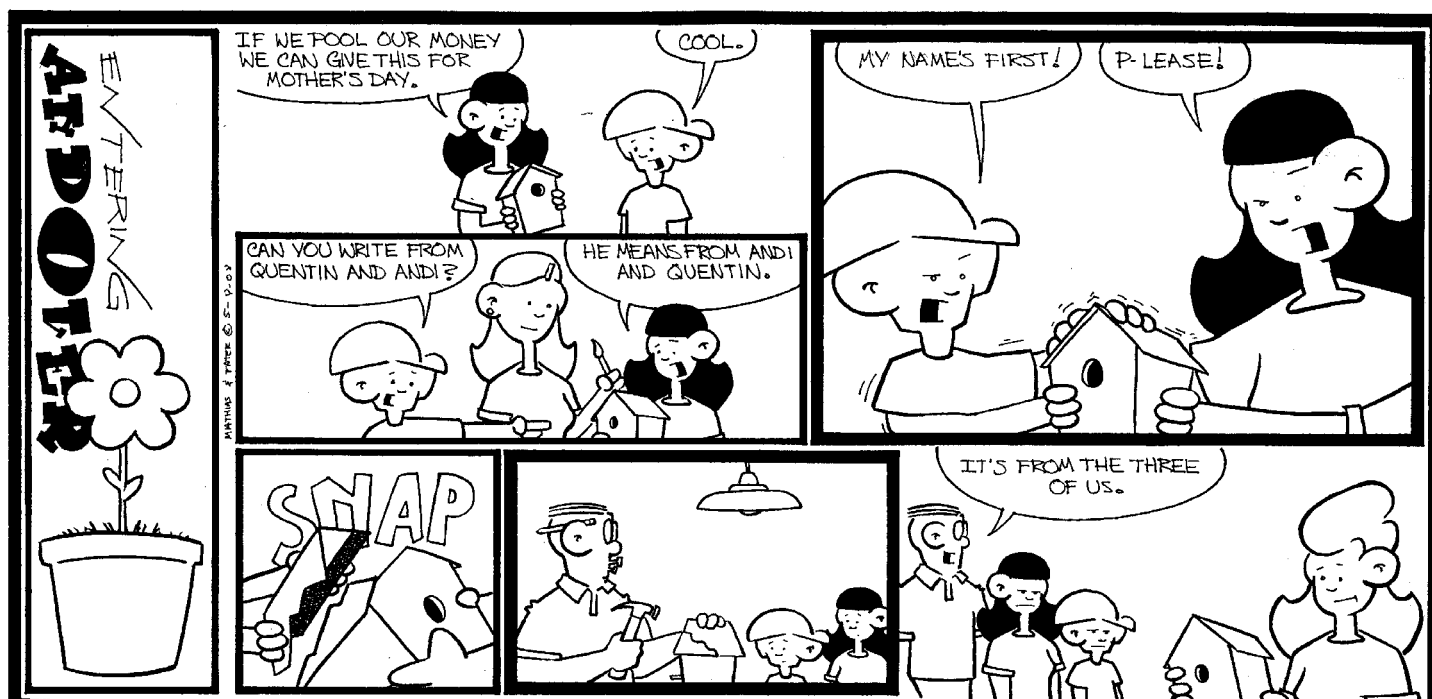
Annual spring gala, "Bliss," Peabody Essex Museum, dining and dancing, 7 p.m. to midnight. The black-tie event begins with cocktails in the museum's East India Marine Hall, followed by an elegant seated dinner in the stunning Atrium. Auction follows, and then dance the night away to the music of Blue Heaven. Individual ticket prices start at \$350; table sponsorships are also available; call 978-745-9500, ext. 3216. All proceeds from ticket sales and the auction help fund PEM's education initiatives, school outreach programs and new exhibitions.

"Noises Off," Andover High School Drama Guild, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, \$10 adults, \$6 students; 978-623-8666, andoverdrama@yahoo.com. Note: This show contains adult humor and is not recommended for people under age 14.

"True West," a play about brothers bonding, at the Quannapowitt Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading, 8 p.m. \$18 regular admission, \$16 senior/students. Reser-

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Ax murderers and more coming to Memorial Hall Library

By Emily Clason
Memorial Hall Library

The Delvena Theatre Company will present "Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks" at Memorial Hall Library on May 13 at 7 p.m.

Written by Fran Baron and directed by Joseph Zamparelli Jr., the show features Lynne Moulton and Zamparelli in multiple roles depicting the story of the infamous Fall River native Lizzie Borden, who was acquitted of the ax murders of her parents in August 1892. The audience will have the opportunity to participate in the production by way of a mock trial with the ability to question Lizzie, decide her innocence or guilt, and agree on a sentence if necessary. Will history repeat itself or will the audience feel differently in 2008?

This event is free to the public and is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the state Cultural Council and the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. It is recommended for ages 12 and older.

Moulton has performed several roles for Delvena Theatre, including her IRNE-nominated Martha in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and Sissy in "Piece of My Heart". She has performed for numerous theater companies in the New England area. She received acting training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art under the direction of Sir Robert Palmer and at Trinity Rep Conservatory.

Zamparelli Jr. is a professional actor, director and producer. A graduate of Boston College in psychology and theater arts, he went on to the professional training program at Circle in the Square Theater School in New York. In addition to commercial film and television, he is producing/artistic director of BostonAlive.

Other upcoming library events include the following. All programs will be held at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover. These free events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, or visit www.mhl.org:

Toddler Development and Behavior workshop, June 2 at 7 p.m. Join preschool teacher and mother of four children under the age of 4, Karen Walsh, for a discussion of toddlers. Strategies for dealing with tantrums and other behavior will be included. For more information contact Beth Kerrigan at 978-623-8401 ext. 39 or visit www.mhl.org/kids/.

"Organizing Tips to Simplify Your Life" workshop on June 4 at 7 p.m. Nancy Black, founder of Organization Plus, will



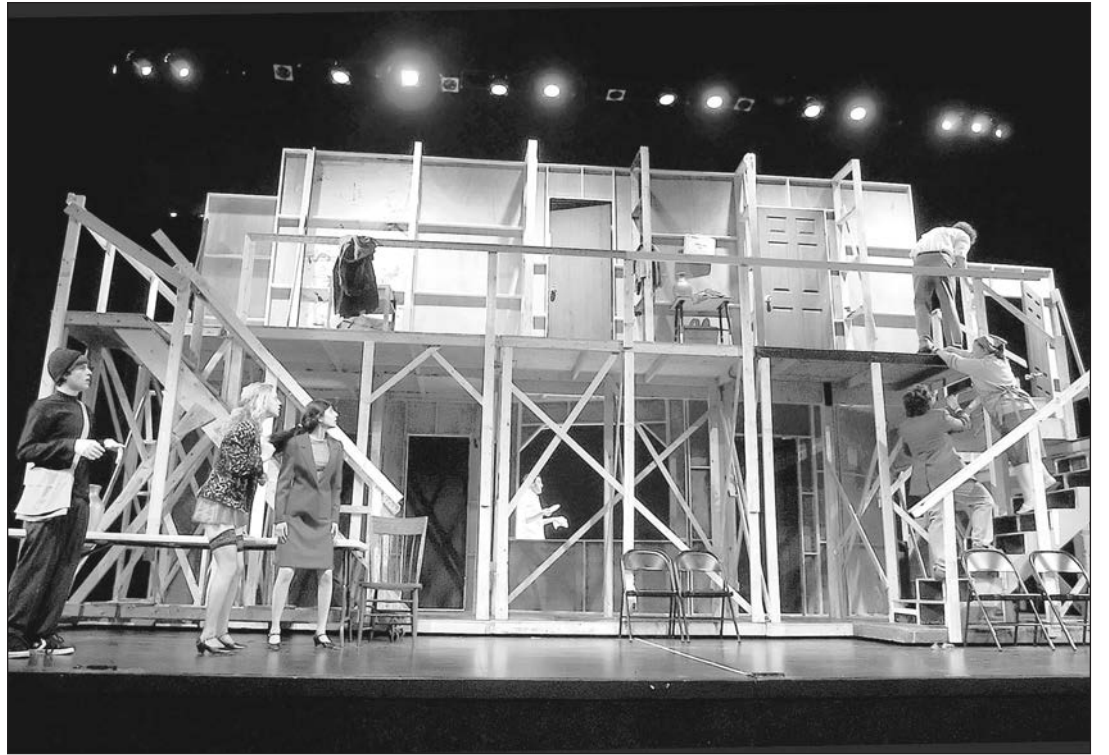
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Lynne Moulton, playing Lizzie Borden, pleads her case during a reenactment of the famous Lizzie Borden trial at the Stevens Memorial Library in North Andover recently. Joseph Zamparelli Jr., rear, played the parts of the judge, prosecutor, and defendant's attorney. The pair will be coming to Andover's Memorial Hall Library next week.

recommend successful strategies for home organization and reducing clutter. The presentation will be followed by an "Ask the Organizer" session. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

Quick and Easy Decorating workshop on June 11 at 7 p.m.

Jackie Davis, professional interior consultant and guest on HGTV's Decorating Cents, will share her top 10 decorating secrets for creating more attractive and comfortable rooms in less time for less money.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Andover High School students rehearse their play, "Noises Off," a production in the style of a British farce involving a lot of slapstick and humor.

NOISES OFF: Physical and comic

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The AHS production of "Noises Off" is rated PG-13. Choquette said, because "Nothing On" is a bedroom farce, with characters "running in and out of bedrooms." The show contains a small bit of adult language, but the production will be "modestly done," she said.

Because it's a British play, the cast has mastered English accents for the show — from cockney to posh, depending on their character.

After doing the musical "Titanic" this fall, Choquette said she chose "Noises Off" as a change of pace, something lighter and full of humor.

"We've never done a real farce before. I want to be able to expose them to as many different types of theater here in their four years at Andover High School. This show



Andover High School students Chelsea Frei, AHS freshman as "Brook Ashton" has a lovers' quarrel with "Lloyd Dallas" played by senior Matt Regan, who appears to have a peace offering.

has the physical aspect, but also the comic element," she said. "It's always good to mix it up, and look at it from an educational standpoint, to allow them to grow as actors and people."

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CRAFTS: Park will host annual event

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Boston Red Sox, she said. Her baseball clips have been a commercial hit.

As for all the boys who often ask Rose what she has for them, she's made book clips. She said her book clips are good for chapter books and brothers won't feel

left out at her booth. Other crafts include note cards, watercolor paintings and jewelry. Grace said crafters from New England are taking part, as usual.

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tions strongly recommended. Call the box office at 781-942-2212 or purchase online by credit card at www.qptheater.com. Credit cards cannot be accepted at the door.

Youth group spaghetti supper, 5 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover. Cost of admission: free for children 3 and under; \$5 for ages 4-12; \$7 for ages 13 and up; family total is \$25. Menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert and drinks. Proceeds benefit the youth group mission trip to Maine to help people in need. For more information, call Claire Francis at 978-479-8850.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Mother's Day concert of Broadway favorites: Soloists from the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, will perform solos, duets and trios; free admission with goodwill donation to the People's Pantry. 2:30 p.m., reception afterward; call Janet at 978-688-9870.

The Reading Civic Concert Band presents a Mother's Day concert at 3 p.m. Director/conductor Lucinda Ellert has assembled a light-hearted program, titled "We've No Business in Show Business." Admission at the door will be \$8 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults, at the Wood End School Auditorium, on Sunset Rock Lane in Reading.

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TUESDAY, MAY 13

Conversation Circles at the Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, 4 p.m. Open to anyone wishing to improve their English language skills, the idea is to give people the opportunity to engage in natural conversation in order to increase their comfort level. Held every Tuesday through May 27, also held at the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence, on Thursdays, and running through May 29. For information, call 978-682-1727, ext.117, or 978-794-5789.

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"Container Gardening" from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, presented by the North Andover Garden Club. Master gardener and container designer extraordinaire Jodi Yocher will share some of her design tricks in planting stunning containers for all parts of your yard, patio and deck. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Sorena at 978-794-1811 or Martha at 978-685-1568 or e-mail northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Outdoor photography workshop on the AVIS Shawshen River Reservation, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring a camera. Principles of lighting and composition that apply to landscapes (as well as portraits) will be covered. Park on Abbott Bridge Drive. Led by professional photographer Mark Spencer. Call 978-749-9593. Rain date is Thursday, May 15.

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FRIDAY, MAY 16

Clown Town, 6 to 10 p.m., The Park, corner of Chestnut & Bartlet streets, held rain or shine, proceeds benefit various youth and education programs in town, run by the Andona Society; www.AndonaSociety.org.

Andover Rotary Club breakfast meeting, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover; rotaryandover.org.

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Spring historic walk through the West Parish Garden Cemetery at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Learn about some of Andover's history while experiencing a beautiful setting. No charge for the walk; donations accepted. Questions call, 978-475-3902 or visit www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

"Carmina Burana," by Carl Orff, performed by Harvard Pro Musica, Nashoba Valley Choral, and the Schola group of Treble Chorus New England, 8 p.m., Durgin Concert Hall, Umass Lowell, South Campus. \$15/\$12 at the door, or purchase in advance at www.nashobachorale.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

North Andover Garden Club Annual Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover. Features stunning annuals and proven perennials from Garden Club members' own gardens, as well as great gardening advice from the Garden Club members working the sale. For more information, e-mail northandovergardencub@yahoo.com.

TeamWalk for CancerCare fundraiser at the Tsongas Arena, Lowell. Every dollar raised through TeamWalk stays in the community, directly improving the quality of life for area cancer patients. The event is at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. Sign up online at www.lowellgeneral.org or call 978-937-6434 for more information.

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THURSDAY, MAY 22

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SATURDAY, MAY 24

AVIS picnic, Shawshen River Reservation, noon. Bring lunch, picnic blanket, family and friends. Outdoor games. Hike or canoe over, or park on Abbot Bridge Drive or Lupine Road; call Peggy Kruse at 978-474-0176. Rain date is Sunday, May 25.

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formance, will be held today.

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

Andover Rotary Club breakfast meeting, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover; rotaryandover.org.

Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care will host "Seniors Art in Bloom" opening and reception from 3 to 5 p.m., featuring the artwork of three seniors; a current resident of Marland Place, a former resident of Marland Place and a local photographer, at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31

An Evening of Julie Styne with the Doug Hammer Orchestra and Special Guests, 8 p.m., Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, Newburyport, \$20. Information, call 978-462-7336 or visit www.firehouse.org.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1

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Woodworking classes: "Hand Planes & Wireless Routers" will be offered Oct. 25 through Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Andover Historical Society. The six-week course is designed to meet the needs of woodworkers, from the novice looking for an introduction to traditional woodworking skills to the advanced woodworker. Novices will learn from the instructors and the more advanced students. Novice students can make a basic, introductory project, such as a footstool or candlebox, from premilled stock. The cost for the course is \$60 for members, \$75 nonmembers. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

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Peabody Essex Museum offers drop-in yoga classes on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., Art Studios. Cost is included with museum admission. For more information, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3043.

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association's Estate Planning Committee, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a Director of the Friends of Merrimack College, Trustee of the James W. O'Brien Foundation, Inc., and is also licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts.

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Business

New cafe opens on North Main Restaurant completes occupancy at Butler Bank building

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

If you miss the casual atmosphere and relatively inexpensive menu of the former Friendly's Ice Cream in town, a just-opened replacement restaurant could be good news for you.

Boston King Cafe, now open at the North Main Street site, is all about eating healthy food or sipping gourmet coffee or tea while relaxing to the soft music playing in the restaurant speakers, according to the owner. Coffee-drinking laptop users cannot take up a table for seemingly endless periods of time because this restaurant does not offer wireless connections.

"These days, customers want fast, casual food, but they want it healthy," owner Sun Son said of his diverse menu. "So, that's what we have here."

The restaurant offers frozen yogurt (fewer than 80 calories per serving), a large gourmet coffee for less than \$3, breakfast served until its 9 p.m. closing (costing about \$7 a meal) and gourmet Japanese tea.

Son is a 20-year Andover resident who seems thrilled to be finally running a restaurant in his hometown. His only child, Peter Son, is managing it and his wife, Rose Son, also helps out.

Sun Son said architectural changes and various permit requirements slowed down renovations a bit. It's been an 11-month process to get the restaurant up and running. The Boston King Cafe officially opened April 26.

The opening was quiet and Son said he wanted it that way. It takes time for employees to learn the menu and the new kitchen



Jennifer Kattar, 16, of Andover pours espresso at Boston King Cafe, which recently opened on North Main Street.

equipment, he said.

"I will do a big banner for a big opening, but not yet. Everyone has to get used to things," he said.

He knows how soft openings benefit new staffers as this is his second restaurant. Son also owns Boston King Coffee in Woburn. The menus are similar, but not identical.

The Italian coffee served, Danesi, is the same. Son is a big promoter of Danesi and sells it by the bag at both locations. He is a long-time coffee dealer in addition to a restaurant owner and sells commercial coffee and espresso machines to businesses in Korea and Japan, he said.

"These countries want to know all about Americans and their coffee," he said, adding that he has upscale coffee makers and espresso machines on display in the Andover restaurant which can be bought online. "Now, many people in Korea and Japan like espresso."

Those particular overseas sipperers also enjoy tea, and Son offers

plenty of that as well.

"Tea is very fine and so they use these," he said while pointing to the bamboo brushes he sells, along with several flavors of gourmet tea. The brushes are used to submerge the tea into water.

A morning Danesi coffee drinker and a late-afternoon tea sipper, he brings a fondness for all things Italian. The affection started years ago when Son learned about Italian cuisine from a good friend in Medford who imports Italian foods, including cheese.

"My cheese is the best," he said of the mozzarella used in sandwiches.

"It's all about the bread at Panera and that's Sicilian style," he responded when asked to compare his sandwich menu to a North Andover shop with a similar look. "Here, it's the healthy ingredients."

You won't find any soda at Boston King Cafe — just bottled waters, coffee and tea. If parents feel like eating a fish or steak dinner but have a child who is a picky

eater, Son said, "please come." "That's why we have breakfast all day. Kids like breakfast anytime," he said.

He joins four other nearby downtown coffee-focused shops — Perfecto's, Ultimate Perk, Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks — but is optimistic about making a go of it in his hometown.

"I like my healthy menu and I believe there's room in Andover for another," he said. "And we have parking. ...By 5, this building is empty and we have even more spaces."

His landlord, Butler Bank, also is optimistic about the restaurant's success. When Friendly's closed, the Lowell-based bank bought the building. Boston King Cafe is the bank's third and last tenant, joining a lawyer's office and orthodontic practice that are housed on the second floor of the building.

"He's the cherry on top ... the final piece and we couldn't be happier," said Rosemary Radulski, business development director at Butler Bank, which opened a year ago this month. "We love his coffee."

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Andover resident named 2008 Community Clinician of the Year

Andover resident Lawrence Hessman, M.D., F.A.C.P., has been named 2008 Community Clinician of the Year by the Middlesex North District Medical Society. The Community Clinician of the Year Award was established in 1998 by the Massachusetts Medical Society to recognize a physician from each of the Society's 20 district medical societies who has made significant contributions to his or her patients and the community.

A senior physician at Lowell General Hospital, Hessman is a board-certified internal medicine specialist with a sub-specialty in gastroenterology. From 1968-2007, he was in the private practice of gastroenterology in Chelmsford. In his affiliation with Lowell General, Hessman has been the hospital's chief of medicine, director of medical education, and a member of the executive board. He remains a corporator of the hospital.

Currently, Hessman is a clinical instructor in medicine at the Tufts University School of Medicine, where he is a facilitator of the Problem-Based Learning Program as well as the Medical Ethics Program. He also serves on the medical school's Admissions Committee.

A graduate of the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, his specialty training in gastroenterology was taken at Case Western University. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, which awarded him the Air Force Commendation Medal. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society since 1968, and is also a member of the American Gastroenterological Association, the New England Endoscopy Society, and a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Avila completes course



Marianne Avila

Marianne Avila has completed the Loss Mitigation Certification Course of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors this past month. She is now prepared to counsel sellers, buyers and investors involved in short sales, foreclosures, bank owned and auctioned properties that are in need of help with the process to ensure a smooth transaction or a fresh start.

Local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage receives Golden Hammer award

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England was honored recently with the Coldwell Banker Golden Hammer Centennial Society award for its charitable donations to Habitat for Humanity, announced Cathy McCarthy, manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover.

The award was presented at the Coldwell Banker International Business Conference held in Orlando, Fla.

The honor was bestowed upon 12 Coldwell Banker affiliated companies who are helping to raise more than \$5 million to support more than 100 Habitat for Humanity homes to be built across the nation by the end of 2010.

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Townspeople

A bird in the hand



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Derek Burdon of Andover, an award-winning wood carver, works on his latest carving project.

Wondrous works in wood make him a world champ

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

It happened across an ocean and roughly seven decades ago. But a childhood memory was strong enough to prove inspirational for Derek Burdon, an Andover resident who grew up in Yorkshire County, England.

Burdon, 81, guesses he was about 11 years old. Exploring the vast fields of Harworth, a farming village not far from Sherwood Forest in England's midlands, he came across a wren sitting atop a teapot.

Below the wren and inside the teapot was a nest the bird had built, and several of its eggs.

The scene has remained with Burdon to this day and provided the creative spark behind an award-winning wood carving, which he began about a year ago. The carving has won him honors at six New England competitions.

Burdon's miniature rendering of the bird — with an overturned plant pot in place of a teapot — stands roughly two inches long

and an inch and a half high, or about half the size of an actual wren, Burdon estimates.

"I got the idea from when I was a boy in England and used to collect birds' eggs," said Burdon, a Martingale Lane resident. "Don't we all draw on our experiences somewhere down the road of life?"

In late April, Burdon entered his wren wood carving into the Ward World Championship competition in Maryland and won first place in the novice division for miniature carvings. In all, several thousand participated in the competition.

Having started his wood carving hobby about three years ago at the Andover Senior Center, Burdon has since learned how to paint the birds he carves under the tutelage of master carver Chester Jablonsky of Newcastle, N.H.

With Jablonsky, Burdon and two New Hampshire residents went down to Maryland and entered into the Ward World Championship. Seven awards were taken



Derek Burdon holds his award-winning wood carvings, which have captured all the ribbons hanging on the walls behind him.

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Deals that shaped downtown

Bill Dalton

Part three of a series



John Davidson and Phid Dantos are straight talkers who both smile and laugh with ease. Dantos is quick and folksy; Davidson is deliberate and tends

toward details. Both like to tell stories as well as listen to them. Together, working as Danton Realty Trust, they did several real estate projects in the 1960s that changed the look of Andover's downtown.

As described in the previous two columns (see www.andovertownsmen.com), Davidson and Dantos acquired the property on the corner of High and Elm streets and developed plans to construct the 27,000-square-foot building that fills the corner today. Originally, the building was called the Standard International Building. It is called One Elm Square now and I will refer to it that way for reasons of clarity. Danton Realty Trust purchased 90 Main St. from Standard International Corp. in exchange for Standard committing to lease half of One Elm Square once it was built. Danton fully renovated 90 Main St. and the entire building was rented by the Andover Institute of Business. (Among many tenants, Bertucci's occupies the building today.)

Although One Elm Square was projected to be an improvement for the town, receiving praise in a January 1965 Townsman editorial, Davidson and Dantos were concerned with receiving a commitment to lease the remaining 50 percent of the building. They looked for tenants of any size, but Andover in the 1960s wasn't a particularly attractive location for outsiders looking for office space. By June 1965, Davidson and Dantos were becoming anxious about their potentially half-empty building. But they had an idea. On June 21, just hours before a Town Meeting, they put 77 Main St. under a purchase and sale agreement. That property was owned by Karl and Geneva Killorin, and it was between the post office (now a bank) and the municipal parking lot (next to Olde Andover Village). In 1965, the town was considering building a town office building on the municipal parking lot site, and the June 21 Town Meeting contained a warrant article to make the site larger by acquiring the adjacent Killorin property. However, the selectmen withdrew the Town Meeting warrant article to consider a last-minute proposal from Danton Realty Trust.

The proposal was to exchange Danton's land on which One Elm Square was to be built for a long-term lease on the town's municipal parking lot. For the town, the proposal had the advantage of acquiring a site many people thought was a better location for a new town office building. For Danton, the proposal would allow it to move its building plans to the Killorin property, which would have enough adjacent parking to be more attractive to potential tenants than the future building at Elm Square. However, the plan quickly encountered reality. In a complicated situation that a Townsman editorial called a "labyrinth," interest in the Danton exchange proposal waned. The plan died when Standard International said it would alter its plan to move to the building Danton had committed to build at Elm Square.

Although disappointed, Davidson and Dantos moved on. With their friend Nick Azucena, the two men created Felucca Realty Trust and purchased the Killorin property. The house, which still exists, was moved from Main Street to the back of the property and was turned to face the parking lot. The building that exists today on Main

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LITTLE LEAGUE'S BIG DAY

Matthew Travaglini, 7, left, Colin Kirkpatrick, 7, and Turner Welch, 7, of the Andover Rockies wait for the ceremonies to begin for the Andover Little League Opening Day behind Doherty Middle School on the morning of Saturday, May 3.

ROGER DARRIGRAND
Staff photos



All the teams in the Andover Little League participated in a parade to mark the season's opening day on Saturday, May 3. In the photo at left, teams in the American League follow their banner. In the photo at right, Luke McQuaide, 8, left, and Matthew Nicholis of the Andover Athletics, followed by coach Bret Miller, take part in the parade.



ENGAGEMENTS

Carrie Buchholz Rainen and Kyle M. Rys

Edward and Shelly Rainen of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Buchholz Rainen, to Kyle M. Rys, son of Harvey and Sharon Rys of Paramus, N.J.

Carrie is a graduate of Andover High School, and received her Bachelor of Arts from American University and her Juris Doctor from the New England School of Law. She is an attorney at Rainen Law Office P.C. in North Reading.

Kyle is a graduate of Paramus High School, and received his Bachelor of Arts from American University. He is a paralegal at Rainen Law Office P.C. in North Reading.

A summer 2009 wedding is planned.



Courtesy photo

Carrie Rainen and Kyle Rys

Brenda Marie Sullivan and Christopher Dwight Kiberd

Harold and Kathleen Sullivan of Portsmouth, N.H., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Marie Sullivan, to Christopher Dwight Kiberd, son of Richard and Susan Kiberd of Andover.

Miss Sullivan is currently a nursing student at NHCTC in Stratham, N.H., and is an administrative assistant with Paul E. Harvey, DMD.

Mr. Kiberd graduated from Salem State College and is currently employed as a police officer with the city of Portsmouth, N.H.

A June 21, 2008, wedding is planned.



Courtesy photo

Brenda Sullivan and Chris Kiberd are engaged.

BOOMER VENTURES

BoomerVenture Campus is presenting its late spring session. The Baby Boomer series continues every Thursday evening at the Andover Senior Center, running May 8 to June 26.

Nordic walking was added recently to spring class offerings. BoomerVenture will offer a Nordic walking class on Tuesdays through June 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. for \$45 a session.

Nordic walking use specially designed poles to activate both the upper and lower body, increasing the effectiveness of walking. This results in as much as 46 percent increase in oxygen consumption and caloric expenditure, according to BoomerVenture. Other benefits include an aerobic workout with low impact on joints, an increase in upper body strength and release of shoulder and neck tension. The offering will take place rain or shine; appropriate footwear and attire recommended.

Contact Karen Payne-Taylor at 978-623-8321 to discuss this or other classes. Nordic walking is limited to 10 people.

Other classes include:

Energize with Exercise: Great workout without going to the gym, focused on building strength and flexibility. No prior experience required. From 6 to 7:15 p.m., at 30 Whittier Court, \$45 for eight weeks, May 8 to June 26.

Serenity yoga: Relaxing, reinvigorating yoga practice with a series of gentle postures to build strength, balance and flexibility of mind and body. All levels welcome. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at 30 Whittier Court, \$45 for eight weeks, May 8 to June 26.

BoomerVenture Book Club: Interested in a little intellectual stimulation? Two book groups are meeting monthly. Call for details. Free.

Boomer bridge: A beginning basic bridge course covering modern bridge theory and play of the hand through May 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each lesson will combine lecture, discussion and plenty of time for putting new information into real practice. Manual available at additional cost. Cost is \$150 for all eight weeks.

NOW - New Opportunities for Women: An ongoing dialogue about women reinventing themselves in the boomer years on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 for the series.

Programs take place at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, and registration is required. For more information, call 978-623-8321 or visit www.boomerventure.com.

Gifts of Love

At hair salons all over town, local girls are having their hair cut and donating the lengths to Locks of Love, a charity that uses human hair to create wigs for children who have lost their hair as a result of sickness or treatment for diseases such as cancer.



Courtesy photo

From left, Rebecca Marrow, Katarina Hodge and Sydney Nagahiro visited Marissa Michaels Hair Salon and donated hair to Locks of Love.



Courtesy photo

Taylor Hardcock donated 10 inches of hair for Locks of Love. Taylor is a third-grader at Sarnborn Elementary School. She is the daughter of Jenn and Mike Hardcock.



Courtesy photo

Meghan Stickney, 9, a fourth-grade student at South School, recently cut her hair for Locks of Love.



Courtesy photo

Michelle Durling, 9, of Andover has her hair cut by Rita Muraco at Andover's Uptown Salon. Michelle grew her hair extra long so she could donate it to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hairpieces to children suffering from long-term loss due to a variety of illnesses.

SENIOR NOTES

Boston Pops trip: There are a few spots left for the May 20 trip to the Boston Pops. Cost is \$75, which includes tickets and transportation.

The seats are first center balcony for this special evening with conductor John Williams.

Williams brings a night of some of the most memorable movie music of all time. This trip is always a sell-out, so make reservations now.

Birding group: Preregistration appreciated. Spring bird walks with

the Retelles will take place on Friday mornings in May. Meet at the center at 8 a.m. and head out to enjoy the wildlife, nature and history of various local conservation areas.

Women's luncheon: Monday, May 12, at noon, Old Town Hall, advance tickets only, \$5. "Bloom Where You're Planted: Making the Most of Every Day." Luncheon speaker is Suzanne O'Connor, president of Health Care Satisfaction and a national consultant. O'Connor is an expert on self-empowerment and helping people find more humor and fulfillment in everyday life.

"The Basics of Buying and Selling on the Internet": Tuesday, May 13, 1:30 p.m. Learn the basics of getting started buying and selling on Internet sites like eBay and Craig's List. Find how what to sell, how to list and price items and how to get paid. Limited seating; advance reservations.

Stress management class: Thursdays, May 8, 15 and 22, at 1:30 p.m., \$10. Learn techniques that can be incorporated into daily life that will help reduce stress and increase health benefits. Instructor Gerry Rainville is a behavior modifica-

tion specialist who has worked with groups at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Limited space; preregistration necessary.

Meet and greet on Friday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. Vern Loschi, who is putting together ideas for possible computer classes for the senior center, is interested in hearing input about the types of applications seniors would like to learn.

Sumbala complimentary demo: Thursday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. The newest exercise option is a dance aerobics class with a Latin twist. This will be a high-energy cardio class that will give a full-body workout. Our program will be modified and senior friendly. If you love to dance, exercise, and have fun all at the same time, then this class is for you.

Elder law presentation: Friday, May 23, 9:30 a.m., no charge, advance reservations appreciated. "Taking Control of Your Future" will be the topic of this presentation by attorney Beth Padellaro.

Outdoor Adventures for Women: Preregistration necessary, Thursday, May 8. Bike excursion on the Bedford Minuteman Bike-

way. This is a moderate flat trail ride, approximately 10 miles long. Depart from the senior center at 9 a.m. Participants must be able to transport their own bike. Bring a lunch, snack, water and helmet.

Men's breakfast: Friday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. preregistration, \$3. "Picking Up Steam: Narrow Gauge Railroads in New England." Presenter Steve Kohut. Come hear about how a boyhood fascination with trains led this Andover resident and IBM project manager back to school to become certified to drive both steam and diesel trains.

Book Club discussion: Thursday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. Club will discuss "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Books are available for checkout at the center approximately two weeks prior to each discussion.

Jay Leno performance: Reservations currently being accepted for a trip to see Jay Leno at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Saturday evening, June 21. Cost for the trip is \$75, which includes ticket and transportation.

Exercise classes: The spring se-

mester gets underway this week and will run through May 23. Classes will include low-impact aerobics, modified yoga, tai chi, strength training for women, water workout, cardio flex, spinning, fit walk, men in motion, water yoga, tap dancing and senior spinning.

Shingles vaccine: The Andover health department has announced that it is the recipient of a generous grant from the Andover Home For Aged People. This money will allow the continued offering of the shingles vaccine Zostavax. The vaccine, at a cost of \$10, is available for Andover residents age 60 and older who have had chicken pox but never had shingles. For further information, contact the health department at 978-623-8295.

Knit-Wits, a new drop-in group for those who enjoy knitting, will be on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Instruction will also be provided for those who would like to learn or improve their techniques. You can bring your own project, or if you'd like to knit for the senior center, we'll supply the yarn if you lend your expertise. Group leader is Sue Finn.

A licensed massage therapist will be on site every Monday morning for seated upper body chair massage. Therapeutic massage provides many health benefits including relaxation, improved circulation and joint mobility and improvement in muscular tension and body aches. Advance appointments are necessary and the reduced cost is \$12 for a 20-minute treatment.

"My Life, My Health": A six-week course beginning mid-April on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Is living with a persistent health condition preventing you from really living? Based on material and research from Stanford University Medical School, this class teaches strategies that have been developed and tested to improve the quality of your life. These strategies can be applied to any chronic condition including high blood pressure and diabetes.

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DALTON: A look at decisions that shaped course of downtown

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Street was constructed and leased out quickly. Aznoian established the House of Clean, a dry-cleaning business that became one of three retail tenants.

An event then occurred that reduced Davidson and Dantos' worries. An Andover Spa customer asked Dantos about One Elm Square. The man had a condescending tone and used an expletive to describe the building. Dantos ignored the tone and expletive, sensing that the man's comment was more than a mere insult. Dantos' judgment was keen. The man worked for Northeast Airlines and explained that he was charged with finding space for Northeast's computer operations. Dantos brought the man to the back room of the spa where they spoke privately. With great persuasion, Dantos explained how much gratitude he'd owe the man if Danton Realty Trust and Northeast could do business. Northeast soon committed to lease the remaining 50 percent of One Elm Square.

By early 1966, the building took shape. During early phases of construction, buildings are necessarily messy and unattractive, and One Elm Square with its cube-like appearance was judged to be particularly keloidal by townspeople who preferred traditional architecture. Davidson and Dantos received unfavorable comments from friends, acquaintances and people they didn't know. When I asked Phid if the comments made him feel bad, the answer I received was direct: yes, he felt bad. But the second part of his answer is typical of this interesting and amusing man: "I used to tell my customers that it was all John Davidson's idea, and John probably told his friends it was all mine."

As One Elm Square neared completion, Davidson said to Dantos that they should purchase some greenery. Dantos describes the result, "A commuter one morning would have driven by and seen a mess

around the building from the construction. The next morning he would have driven by and seen that everything was picked up and replaced with beautiful grass, shrubs, and trees."

Some smaller projects closed out Danton Realty Trust's development in Andover's downtown. The trust purchased the Andover Playhouse on Essex Street and two apartment buildings across the street. While Danton was converting the old playhouse to office space, it bought two houses behind the playhouse on Pearson Street. They were razed to create parking for the new offices as well as additional parking for One Elm Square. Another project started with a grand plan. The trust bought the small wood frame buildings on Main Street between the Andover Savings Bank property (now Banknorth) and the Merrimack Valley National Bank (now Bank of America). It then purchased the Sweeney house on Central Street, which abutted the rear of the Main Street properties. The two men planned to build a mixed-use complex on the site, calling it Roger's place since Roger's Brook flowed beneath the land. While the plans for the project moved forward, the trust renovated the properties on Main Street and new businesses, including Colpitt's Travel, became tenants. Before Roger's Place came to fruition, Dantos and Davidson sold Danton Realty Trust and the new owners replaced the wood frame buildings on Main Street with what is there today.

Prior to selling the trust, Davidson and Dantos did an industrial subdivision in Methuen as well as their biggest deal of all: the Raytheon project in Andover, which will be the subject of a column in the near future.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Townsman and would like to hear from you, especially if you have some interesting stories and facts about Andover. He can be reached at billdalton@andovertownie.com.



Bob Dizon, left, Tom Edmonds and Kris Richardson of Bikes Not Bombs fix donated bikes that were dropped off during Zero Waste Day.

Waste not, want not Andover parts with household items

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Despite gray skies and cool, rainy weather, Andover residents turned out in droves on Saturday, May 3, to donate used clothes, appliances, toys and other household items at the Zero Waste Day collection, organized by the Andover Recycling Committee.

Volunteers counted 430 cars between 9 a.m. and noon, each packed with items to donate to 10 different charities at the Brickstone Square office complex.

Each nonprofit — from Lazarus House and Bikes Not Bombs to the Lowell Wish Project and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — brought a truck, and drove away from the event with it packed full to the brim with donations from Andover households.

"The rain held off until the very end, and the line (of cars with items to donate) never waned, from start to finish. It was good, all the trucks filled up," said Marya Lundgren, an organizer from the recycling committee. "Everyone was so pleased at how cooperative everyone was. People were helping unload cars, sorting items. Everyone was great all around, and all of those donated items didn't end up in the trash."

Most of the organizations had brought 24-foot trucks, but the Lowell Wish Project brought an 18-wheeler, which left packed full with mattresses, furniture and televisions, she said. Big Brother Big Sister reported it collected 4,375 pounds of donated goods in three hours.

"This way, people help out many charities in one fell swoop, and people are realizing that items have more life

in them than the one-time purchase."

This was Andover's fourth annual Zero Waste Day, said Lundgren. The recycling committee is going to meet soon to discuss how to plan the event for next year, possible splitting it into two collections, due to the huge turnout on Saturday — more than double the amount of donations they received last year, she said.

The committee also organizes collections for household hazardous waste on May 10 and used electronics for later in the year.

"It needs to be done," said Lundgren of Zero Waste Day. "This is Andover's stuff going to the charities. It's a definite, obvious need and I'd rather it go to the charities than go to the curb. Part of this is education as well, to educate the public about these charities, that they're out there and they're open year-round."

CARVING: He's best in the world

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home by the group, Burdon said.

"We all did pretty well," said Burdon. "I never, never, never dreamed that I would be that fortunate."

Burdon still carves every Monday at the Andover Senior Center, an activity he said offers "a lot of fun and companionship, camaraderie."

"It's a good group and we all help each other to improve," said Burdon. "We always like to get people in. I find it's a good, relaxing hobby. That's the beauty of wood carving and bird carving — you sit down and enjoy yourself."

Wood carving requires both mechanical

and artistic skill, Burdon said. Instruments include a sharp knife, Dremel tool or grinder, wood-burning pen, paints and brushes.

Burdon said he typically will carve his projects from bass wood or tupelo.

Another project of Burdon's — a hummingbird and vine — also took home an award from the Maryland competition.

"That's done fairly well," said Burdon of the carving. "Not as good as the wren, but I did get an honorable mention for that at the world's championship."

Burdon said his next project will be a carving of two miniature western grebes, which are in the loon family.

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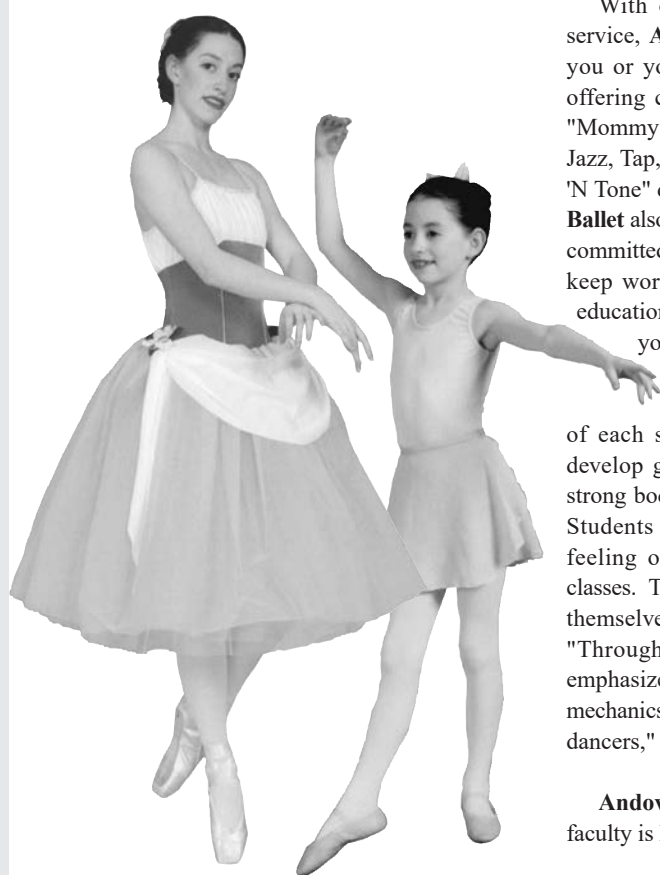
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Education

Dyslexia & the children's book

Winkler's hero finds unique solutions to school problems

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Hear the name Henry Winkler and the first thing you think of is his portrayal of the ever-cool Arthur "Fonzie" Fonzarelli on the television show "Happy Days." But what many people may not know is that Winkler felt anything but cool in school as a child, living with undiagnosed dyslexia until he was 31.

Winkler will be in Andover on Mother's Day, May 11, for a sold-out author's event organized by the Andover Bookstore. He'll be talking about the latest release in his Hank Zipzer series of children's books. Hank, the main character, has a learning disability and learns to adapt and persevere through painfully tough school assignments, just as Winkler did.

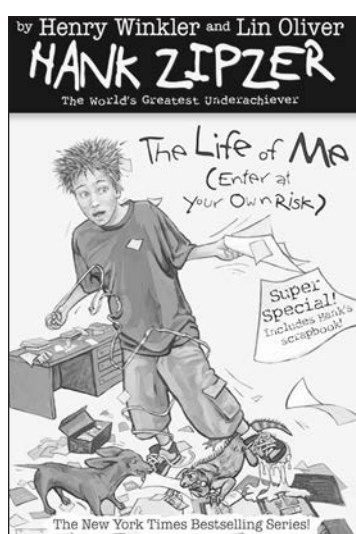
As a child growing up in New York City, no one knew what dyslexia was, said Winkler. He struggled in "every subject but lunch," and family and teachers just thought he was not living up to his potential.

The 14th book in Winkler's series, which he co-authors with Lin Oliver, is titled "The Life of Me," and hit store shelves on May 1.

The stories' hero is a fourth-grader pegged as "the world's greatest underachiever." His adventures are inspired by Winkler's childhood. Zipzer lives in the same building Winkler grew up in, on the West Side of New York City. The neighborhood, schools and even one of Zipzer's teachers are taken from Winkler's childhood.

Zipzer sometimes struggles with school assignments, especially writing, as did Winkler. In "The Life of Me," Hank creates a scrapbook for a school assignment instead of a writing assignment, "because writing essays is really difficult," said Winkler.

In "Niagara Falls, or Does It?" the first book in the series, Hank is assigned a five-paragraph essay describing what he did over summer vacation.



Henry Winkler has co-authored a series of children's books. The book's main character, Hank Zipzer, has dyslexia, as does Winkler.

Q: WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

A: Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge. Studies show that individuals with dyslexia process information in a different area of the brain than do non-dyslexics. Many people who are dyslexic are of average to above average intelligence. — Source: the International Dyslexia Association, www.interdys.org.

Writing five paragraphs, for Hank, is "like climbing Mount Everest with no clothes on," said Winkler. So Hank builds a model of Niagara Falls as a "living essay," explaining and showing what he did on his summer vacation, instead of writing.

Hilarity ensues as Hank's model of Niagara Falls floods the classroom.

"The emotion, the frustration, the trying to figure out how to solve the problem is very real. We have all lived it. But the humor is exaggerated," Winkler said of the book series.



West Middle School students perform a scene from "My Fair Lady" for seniors at Marland Place on Stevens Street.

Students, elders find play more than 'Fair'

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

If you thought you saw maids and finely dressed society women in big hats strolling down Stevens Street last week, you weren't seeing things.

The West Middle School cast of "My Fair Lady," the school's spring musical, walked to Atria Marland Place assisted living facility on May 2 after school to perform selections from their show, which opens this weekend.

Marland Place residents were treated to "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Get me to the Church on Time," "The Rain in Spain," and other favorites from the classic show as the cast of 75 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders sang in full costume.

Eighth-grader Anna Jurek, wearing a floor-length pink dress and matching hat as Eliza Doolittle, was truly lovely as she sang "Wouldn't it be Lovely?" making eye contact and smiling at seniors sitting in the front row. After the performance, the cast mingled and chatted briefly with the Marland seniors before walking back to West Middle for an afternoon rehearsal.

It's an annual tradition for the cast of the school's spring musical to walk to Marland Place and sing for residents, said Gerri Fegan, school librarian and assistant director of "My Fair Lady."



West Middle School eighth-grader Conrad Krendel-Clark plays Alfred P. Doolittle in "My Fair Lady."



West Middle School eighth-grader Anna Jurek plays Eliza Doolittle.

The cast has been rehearsing for four months, and the May 2 performance was its first performance for an audience.

"Ask anyone in the cast, and they'll tell you the best part (of the show) is coming here to perform. They so look forward to this," said Fegan, who accompanied the cast on the piano.

As they sang, the students — from those dressed as maids in black and white uniforms to those dressed as gentlemen in tuxedos — did a few dance steps and choreography with the songs. Fegan and Carol Prasad, the show's music director, accompanied the ensemble on pianos, seventh-grader Clara Kim played the flute and Chris Noce,

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band director, played the clarinet.

"My Fair Lady" weaves the story of Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics, and Eliza Doolittle, a poor girl with a strong cockney accent whom Higgins encounters selling flowers in Covent Garden. He makes a bet with a colleague

that he can train Eliza to speak properly and pass her off as a duchess.

"It's a good plot. They (Eliza and Higgins) hate each other in the beginning, and in the end, Henry Higgins is really sad when

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ON CAMPUS

Moriah Gabrielle Heller, a senior majoring in biochemistry at the University of Rochester, has been named to the dean's list for academic achievement in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering for the fall 2007 semester. Heller, a resident of Andover, is the daughter of Martin and Claudia Heller, and is a graduate of Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield.

Gayle Altschuler, a sophomore majoring in studio arts at the University of Rochester, has been named to the dean's list for academic achievement in the College of Arts, Science, and Engineering for the fall 2007 semester. Altschuler, a resident of Andover, is the daughter of Susan and Barry Altschuler, and is a graduate of Andover High School.

Joe Ruskowski is a recipient of the dean's award for academic

excellence during the fall 2007 semester at Colgate University, where he is a member of the Class of 2009. To be eligible for the dean's award, a student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying four courses per semester. Ruskowski is a 2005 graduate of Andover High School and is concentrating in mathematical economics at Colgate.

Donald J. Weinbach has been named a trustee of Merrimack college.

Weinbach was appointed vice president for development and alumni affairs for Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., in 1996, after six years as executive director of development and alumni affairs at Merrimack. He currently oversees all fundraising for Quinnipiac as well as local, state and federal government relations. Weinbach has directed two successful capital campaigns while at

Quinnipiac, the most recent for the construction of the \$60 million TD Banknorth Sports Center, which houses Quinnipiac's Division 1 ice hockey and basketball programs. While at Merrimack, Weinbach directed the Merrimack 2000 campaign that resulted in the construction of the Mendel Science, Engineering and Technology Center.

Weinbach, Class of 1980, holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Merrimack College, where he captained the baseball team. In 1980, he was named to the All-New England Baseball Team, and in 1992, he was inducted into the Merrimack College Athletic Hall of Fame. He currently resides in Hamden.

John Bertorelli and **Don Skinner** have earned dean's list recognition for the fall 2007 semester at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

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PLAY: To be performed this weekend at school

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she leaves," said seventh-grader Elena Bird, who plays a maid. "We have a lot of good characters with good voices ... some of the (lead characters) are goofy, so that adds comedy to it."

Elena said she's learned that "it takes a lot of work, a lot of commitment" to put together the show. She auditioned because "My Fair Lady" was her favorite musical growing up.

"I like being able to work with kids who are all really nice, and funny. I like it when the show comes together in the end," she said.

"My Fair Lady" will be performed at West Middle School Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, at 7 p.m. Besides the cast of 75, the show's tech and lighting crews are entirely comprised of middle school students, lead by Bob Willard. West Middle science teacher Kay Levesque is the show's director.

"Next to 'West Side Story,' this is my favorite show. It's really, really funny," said eighth-grader Conrad Krendel-Clark, who plays Alfred P. Doolittle, Eliza's father. "He's the kind of character that can really steal the show, and it's fun to have a cockney accent."

As Conrad concluded the song "I'm Gettin' Married in the Morning" at last week's performance, other boys in the ensemble lifted him up on their shoulders.

Costumes for the show — from formal gowns for the horse race scene to outfits for peddlers from Covent Garden — have been made by West Middle School parents, said Fegan. Despite the show's age (the show's Broadway debut was in 1956), most of the cast had seen the 1964 movie of "My Fair Lady" and were excited to audition.

"It's a wonderful show. It's timeless," said Prasad. Besides the singing, one of the most challenging things about the show has been getting the cast to master the cockney accent, she said.

"It's a challenge, and we like a challenge," agreed Fegan with a smile.

Aaaaaay! Q&A with author Winkler, once 'the Fonz'

The Townsman talked with Winkler last week over the phone from his Los Angeles home, for a Q&A about Hank Zipzer, coming to Andover and living with dyslexia.

What's new and different about Hank in "The Life of Me," your 14th book?

It's longer, double-sized and it's yellow and black — we've never used yellow and black before (laughs).

Hank has his first crush. (Writing about that) is different because you don't want it to be mushy, but you want it to be realistic. She is such a cool girl and her name is Zoe, my daughter's name. Zoe is 27 and a preschool teacher.

What of your own personality do you see in Hank?

Hank is based on me, on my inability to learn, my difficulty. The pressure that I felt, wanting so badly to do well, and not understanding why my brain wasn't working like everyone else's. That reality connects with over 2 million readers, from moms, teachers, librarians to kids that know someone with that challenge (of a learning disability).

My imagination has personality, and my brain is a little reluctant. It's amazing to me — the letters we get, and people write, "I didn't find one chapter, one paragraph boring," or, "I laughed so hard that my funny bone fell out of my body."

If Lin (Oliver, his co-author) and I don't laugh (when we're writing together), it doesn't go in the book. Hank doesn't say, "Woe

is me, I've got a challenge." It's, "Hey, what do I do know?"

Hank has perseverance. I believe perseverance is a cornerstone for living.

Whenever I speak, my theme is a quote from Theodor Herzl — I think he said this in 1946 — "If you will it, it is not a dream." I repeat that over and over again.

How does Hank's character connect with readers who have dyslexia or learning disabilities themselves?

It somehow connects with Asperger's syndrome, also high-functioning autistic kids. They've stopped me on the street (to talk about the books). They can clearly see in their mind's eye how Hank feels. That is one of the magnets of the book.

The emotion, the frustration, the trying to figure out how to solve the problems is very real. We have all lived it. The humor is exaggerated.

How did you discover you had dyslexia at age 31?

We took my stepson, Jed, to see the Hopi nation in Arizona because he was studying it for school.

He is unbelievably verbal, but could only write two sentences about our trip. I started in with all the things my parents used to say to me — "Go to your room," and all that.

We had him tested for dyslexia, and everything they said about him was true about me. I had never heard of dyslexia before that. If I bought a piece of pizza, and paid with paper money, I had no idea if the change they gave me back was right. That was



Courtesy photo

Actor and author Henry Winkler, who is most recognizable for his role as Arthur Fonzarelli on the television show "Happy Days," will be coming to Andover for an author's talk and book signing on May 11, Mother's Day.

through my 20s and 30s.

Now, I read thrillers (novels) and I've taught myself to speed read. But reading out loud is still out of the question. I invented the concept of stumbling!

What comes through with Hank is that tenacity. That there is more than one way to solve a problem, and you can come out the other side by using your gifts.

What is your favorite thing about being an author?

My favorite thing is when I get in my car to go to Lin's office, and I have no ideas.

I leave Lin's office and have seven or eight pages in my hands that have made us laugh, or just

HENRY WINKLER

- Diagnosed at age 31 as dyslexic
- Undergraduate degree from Emerson College in Boston, Master of Fine Arts from Yale School of Drama
- Lives in Los Angeles with his wife
- Has three grown children
- Besides his turn as the motorcycle-riding, shark-jumping Fonzarelli, Winkler's more famous acting roles include turns as a college football coach in the Adam Sandler movie "The Waterboy," and as the Bluth family's lawyer on the TV series "Arrested Development."

WINKLER'S VISIT SOLD OUT

Winkler's talk and book signing, hosted by the Andover Bookstore, will be held at Old Town Hal, 20 Main St., on May 11.

Tickets for Winkler's Andover appearance went on sale Monday, April 7, and the bookstore sold out in 10 days. Only 200 tickets were sold for the event due to space constraints at Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, said John Hugo, manager at Andover Bookstore.

On Mother's Day, Winkler will speak for approximately 15 minutes about his book series, and will be available for autographs and photos afterward, Hugo said. Tickets were \$8, which included a copy of "The Life of Me," the 14th book in Winkler's children's book series, released May 1.

touches me in some way.

My second favorite thing is meeting the parents and kids who love Hank. They are passionate about him. They know every detail, every mistake.

Talk about your writing process. You don't type?

No, I don't type. Lin sits at her computer, and I walk around on the rug, or sit on the couch or chair in her office. The floor in her office is parquet squares, and I try to fit my shoes in the squares and walk without touching lines.

You'll be in Andover on Mother's Day. Do you have any Moth-

er's Day plans with your family?

I've already ordered the flowers, and they're bigger than usual.

If the character Hank Zipzer and the character of the Fonz from "Happy Days" were to meet, would they be friends?

Oh, the Fonz reads Hank. He writes me a note after each book.

They would be friends. The Fonz would take care of Hank the way that (Hank's friends) Ashley and Frankie do. The Fonz would take good care of him.

Readers love that his friends don't judge him, and watch out for him the way he does for them.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools the week of May 12 to 16:

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Monday: Nachos supreme topped with chicken or beef, cheese sauce and salsa, steamed hotdog on a roll, bagel and string cheese, kernel corn, marinated black bean salad, chilled fruit cup and juice.

Tuesday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, butternut squash and cranberry sauce, grilled cheese on wheat bread, pretzels, bagel and yogurt, grapes, strawberries and cream and juice.

Wednesday: Macaroni with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, super cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato and bacon, french fries, sunbutter and jelly on wheat bread, veggies and dip, seasoned veggies, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with dips, dinner roll, roast beef mini sub with peppers, fish sticks, tartar sauce, dinner roll, bagel and yogurt, potato wedges, hot veggies, chilled fruit and juice.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, garden salad topped with chicken served with bread stick, bagel and yogurt,

steamed broccoli, fresh melon, cinnamon applesauce and juice.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Monday: Munchable - turkey, ham, cheese stick, fruit and crackers, cheeseburger on a roll, baked ziti with bread stick, kernel corn, black bean salad, chilled fruit cup and juice.

Tuesday: Turkey salad sub, lean steak and cheese sub, cheese french bread - hamburger topper available, garden salad, pretzels, icy juicy and juice.

Wednesday: Lasagna with meat sauce, bread stick, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, seasoned green beans, carrots, fruit cup and juice.

Thursday: Turkey cordon bleu on bulky roll, chicken scampi with Italian bread, pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni, seasoned veggie, broccoli and dips, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Fish sticks with tartar sauce, chicken nuggets with dippers, twin veggie taco bar, black bean salad, kernel corn, baked fries, cole slaw and fruit.

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ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Footlong chili hotdog on roll, chicken parmesan with side of pasta, green beans, garlic bread, jumbo seasoned burger with special sauce, lettuce and tomato and bread pudding.

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie over biscuit, mashed potatoes, french dip thin sliced roast beef on sub roll, curly fries and fresh melon.

Wednesday: Buffalo chicken wrap, twin taco bar with soft shells, kernel corn, refried beans, cheese, black bean salad, chicken breast with melted cheese, avocado on a bulky roll and juice.

Thursday: Deli combo triple decker on grain bread, western on sub and juice.

Friday: Oven roasted chicken, rice pilaf, seasoned veggie, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

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Sophomores: Caitlin George, Christopher George, Christina Iannaflo, Stephen Lannan, Ann-Marie O'Brien

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John Chartier, Melissa Martin, Katherine Nichols and David Sheldon have qualified for the fall 2007 semester dean's list at Babson College.

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at South-

ern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H.: **Jeffrey Bouchard**, general studies in education; **Stephen Crompton**, business administration; **Jayme Day**, business administration; **Thomas Doucette**, sport management; and **Kelsey Labov**, convention and event management. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.0-3.49.

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Roland W. Bernier, 88



SALEM, N.H. — Roland W. Bernier, 88, of Salem, N.H., died Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Salemhaven Nursing Home, Salem, N.H.

He was born and educated in Lawrence and attended Sacred Heart School. He was a resident of Salem for the past 18 years, formerly of Andover.

Mr. Bernier was a retired Glazier for Lawrence Plate Glass Company. He was in the Local Union 1044 Glaziers in Boston.

He was a member of Mary Queen of Peace Church in Salem. He was also a member of the Salem Senior Center, where he ran the 45s tournaments. He was a former member of the Andover Elks Lodge, and he served his country

in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife Celina (Delescluse) Bernier and his son James Bernier.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean and her husband Frank Rees, Jr., of Salem, N.H.; a son, Roland W. and his wife Cecilia Bernier of Ocoee, Fla.; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Salem, N.H. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Salem, N.H. Calling hours were held Monday, May 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main Street, Salem, N.H. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salemhaven Nursing Home Activities Fund, 23 Geremonty Drive, Salem, N.H. 03079 To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

Erma Carter, 92



ANDOVER — Erma (Erickson) Carter, 92, of Andover, formerly of Rye, N.H., died Sunday at her residence.

Erma was born in New Britain, Conn. on April 18, 1916 to John and Anna (Hernstrom) Erickson.

She graduated from New Britain High School in 1934 and the New England Conservatory of Music in 1940.

She was a resident of Rye, N.H. from 1952 until 2004, when she and Douglas moved to Andover.

Erma had a lifelong love of music, especially opera and symphony. Gifted with a lyric soprano voice, she performed as a soloist in the Hartford/New Britain and New York City areas early in her career. After her move to Rye in 1947, she continued to perform as a soloist throughout the Portsmouth Seacoast area for many years. Once her children were grown, Erma turned her creative interests to a variety of crafts. She developed a wide range of skills, including making porcelain dolls, doing decoupage on all types of surfaces,

and rug hooking.

The widow of Douglas M. Carter, Erma is survived by her sons, Stephen Carter and his wife Adela of Andover, John Carter and his wife Sonya of Canaan, N.H.; and William Carter and his wife Sabrina Hassumani of Houston. Also among her survivors are her seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Seth, Stephen, Joi, Sebastian, Emily and Nicole; and her six great grandchildren, Sienna, Levi, Kyle, Jada, Aidan and Shaylee. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Erma was predeceased by her three older sisters, Mildred Elmgren, Lillian Cavins and Helen Varsell.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service in the Portsmouth area is planned for August. A private family burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery in Salem, N.Y. If you wish to contribute in Erma's memory, please make a donation to either of the following, Merrimack Valley Hospice 360 Merrimack St., Bldg 9 Lawrence, MA. 01843, or New England Conservatory Development Office, 290 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA. 02115. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St. Andover, MA.

George L. Doherty Jr., 81

ANDOVER — George L. Doherty Jr., 81, of Somerville, April 25, 2008. Son of the late Mary J. (Turnbull) and George L. Doherty Sr.

He was a Licensed Funeral Director of The George L. Doherty Funeral Service, Inc. in Somerville since 1948. He was raised in the funeral home that his parents owned.

Beloved husband of Mary R. "Marita" (Clark) whom he married in 1954. They then moved to Arlington where they resided for 40 years before returning to Somerville. Mr. Doherty and his wife also resided summers in Ogunquit, Maine.

Loving father of Nancy Doherty Neri and her husband Steven of Andover, George L. III and his wife Colleen of Stoneham, J. David of Somerville, Patrick M. of Woburn and Resa M. Doherty of Wilmington. Brother of Joseph T. Doherty of Medford, a retired funeral director, and the late Elizabeth M. Breen. Cherished "Papa" of Caitlin, Mairen, Brent Neri of Andover Michael, Hannah and Ernie Kelly of Wilmington, Ashley, George IV, Kelsey of Stoneham,

Kevin, Kelly Doherty and their mother Carol of Woburn. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends and colleagues.

Mr. Doherty was a member of "The Greatest Generation" who proudly served his country in World War II, volunteering into the U.S. Navy at age 17. Once in the Navy, he volunteered to serve in the USMC 4th Division as a corpsman during the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa where he assisted under enemy attack in the medical treatment and evacuation of wounded soldiers. He was a disabled veteran suffering injuries when his ship was hit in the Pacific by a kamikaze pilot. He received three bronze stars for bravery. He never spoke much about the war other than telling his children how fortunate they were. He was a humble patriot who always wore a U.S. flag pin on his lapel.

He loved being a funeral director — It was his passion. He was a kind, caring, extremely ethical and generous man. The funeral service profession has lost one of its finest. He was a member of Massachusetts and National Funeral Directors Associations, Somerville Chamber of Commerce, 100 Club of MA, K of C, VFW James A. Logan Post 6800, VFW George F. Dilboy Post 529 and American Legion Post 19.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, April 29, in St Clement Church, Somerville. Calling hours at the Doherty Funeral Home, Somerville, were on Monday, April 28. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. Memorial donations may be made to The George L. Doherty Jr. St. Clement Scholarship Fund, c/o Central Bank, 399 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02144; or Salvation Army, P.O. Box 269, Alexandria, VA 22313. For more information, visit dohertyfuneralservice.com.

Charles A. Doyle, 74



ANDOVER — Charles A. Doyle, 74, of Beverly, formerly of Andover, died Saturday morning, May 3, 2008 in Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen, following a short illness. He and the "love of his life," Virginia "Ginger" Smith, have shared over 25 years together and were married three years ago.

He was born in Lawrence, the son of the late John and Alice (O'Neil) Doyle, who had immigrated from Ireland and settled in Andover. He attended St. Augustine Grammar School in Andover, and was graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. Mr. Doyle attended Merrimack College until enlisting in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was stationed overseas at bases including Iwo Jima and Japan.

He was honorably discharged and became employed for Western Union as a Telegraph Operator for 20 years until the location was closed. He then worked briefly in the Aerospace industry for Tectron Corp in Wilmington and for Modicon in Andover. He retired as the Police and Fire Dispatcher for the town of Andover with over 10 years of service to the community.

Charlie especially enjoyed the holidays and family events when he was surrounded by his family and friends. He also enjoyed golf, the local sports scene, in particular the Boston Red Sox and the

Boston Celtics, travel and fine dining. In the summer he enjoyed being on the porch of the Boston Yacht Club.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a sister, Josephine Matthews of Lowell; a sister-in-law, Bonne Smith of Westbrook, Maine; eight nieces and nephews, who knew him affectionately as "Unkie": Maureen Milne, Rosalie (Milne) Crowley, Retired Andover Police Officer Jack Milne, Andover Fire Dept. LT George Milne, Lawrence Firefighter John Grant, Charles Matthews, Mary Lou Matthews Beausoleil, and Victoria Smith. He was predeceased by two sisters and three brothers-in-law: Margaret and her husband Gerald Grant, formerly of Andover, Rose and her husband Walter Milne, formerly of Andover, and Ray Matthews, formerly of Lowell, and an infant brother, John Doyle who died at birth.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral will be held on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. from the Murphy Funeral Home, 85 Federal St. (corner of North Street, Route 114), Salem, to be followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 81 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment will be private. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, 122 East 42nd St., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10168; or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. For online guest book or additional information, please visit MurphyFuneralHome.com, or call 978-744-0497.

Rita K. Dowd, 89



METHUEN — Rita K. Dowd, of Methuen, formerly of Andover, died at Caritas Holy Family Hospital on Friday, May 2, 2008. She was 89 years-old.

Born in Andover, she was the beloved daughter of the late Michael and Jenny (Callahan) Dowd.

Rita was a graduate of Pynchard High School, Class of 1937, and was employed at Graybar Electric in Boston for more than 40 years.

She was a longtime member of St. Augustine Church in Andover, and also a member of the Ladies Guild at Merrimack Col-

lege for many years. In her spare time she enjoyed traveling and sailed on the Queen Mary.

She will be sorely missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Rita was predeceased by her loving siblings, Thomas Dowd, Mary McDougall and Louise Dowd, and one nephew, Michael McDougall.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Wednesday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Visitation were Wednesday, prior to the Mass, at the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, from 9 to 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozzi.com.

Sandra Laurette, 49



ORMOND BEACH, Fla. — Sandra (Dilendik) Laurette, 49, of Ormond Beach, Fla., and formerly of North Andover, died Sunday April 20, 2008, at Ormond Medical Center, Ormond Beach, Fla., from complications following an automobile accident.

Ms. Laurette had relocated to Florida ten years ago, having spent her formative years on Inglewood Street, North Andover.

She was a graduate of North Andover High School, Class of 1976.

Sandra worked briefly at Lucent Technologies in North Andover, then as a retail clerk at a local landscaping company.

She leaves a husband, James Bass, of Ormond Beach, Fla.; a son, Kenneth Laurette, Jr. of Holly Hill, Fla., and his wife Crisa,

and their two daughters, Myki and Maeve, in which granddaughters were a great joy in Sandra's life; a daughter, Kelly Laurette, of Ormond Beach, Fla.; a brother, Dr. John R. Dilendik, Jr. of Bethlehem, Penn.; a sister, Charlene (Dilendik) Shea, of Melbourne, Fla. a sister, Marlene (Dilendik) Bernardin, of Andover; a brother, Peter J. Dilendik of Worcester, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, John R. Dilendik and Lillian (Adams) Dilendik of North Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, 2008, in Ormond Beach, Fla. A memorial celebration of Sandra's life will be conducted by the family at Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover, followed by interment of Ms. Laurette's ashes at the family plot at Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover. A time and date will be announced later.

Bert H. Mills Jr., 87

ANDOVER — Bert H. Mills Jr., 87, of Andover and Burlington, died Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the Life Care Center in Acton.

Bert was raised and educated in Beverly, and then served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After getting out of the service, Mr. Mills was married to Eleanor M. (Smith) and together they lived and raised their family in Burlington.

In Burlington he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and worked as a printer at Acme Printing until he retired in 1982. In 1985 Bert moved to Andover where he had lived since and was a member of St. Augustine's Church, a volunteer at the Andover Senior Center and a very active volunteer at St. Claire's Monastery in West Andover.

He also was a very handy and was proud to be a "Mr. Fix It" type of person. He loved working on cars and built an addition on his home.

Bert was the husband of the late Eleanor M. (Smith) Mills and is survived by his children, Donna Swensen and husband William of Westford; Barbara Stober and husband Ronald of Ashburn, Va.; Joseph Mills and wife Jeanne of Windsor, Maine; and Patricia Mills of Derry, N.H.; as well as six grandchildren and three step-grandchildren, and a dear friend Beatrice Cloutier of Andover. He was predeceased by a brother, Harry Mills, and a sister, Priscilla Luca.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. Cremation will follow. Family and friends may call on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. Memorial contributions may be made in Bert's name to St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810. For directions or to leave online condolences, please visit www.confetuneralhomes.com.

Ralph M. Flynn Sr., 93

ANDOVER — Ralph M. "Mel" Flynn Sr. died surrounded by his family on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Kaiser Hospital, Santa Clara, Calif., at age 93 after a very brief 3-day struggle with congenital heart failure.

Mel lived in Andover with his wife Mary for over 63 years and they were active members of St. Augustine's Parish. Mel proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the Seabees, and continued his vocation as a carpenter after returning from the war.

After Mary's death in 1992, his only surviving son, Ralph M. Flynn Jr. moved him to Los Gatos, Calif. to live with him and his family (wife Carolyn and two sons, Sean (14) and Denis (15). His other grandson, Marc, now resides in Boston. Mel spent the last 15 years in wonderful health and developed a memorable and meaningful relationship with his three grandchildren.

Moreover, he had the opportunity to be with his son and daughter-in-law as a true and integral member of their family. For Mel, that was a situation that he appreciated constantly. He remained actively involved in all of the family activities and spent endless hours with every member of the family. In addition, he was caretaker of three devoted dogs and an African grey parrot (Java Joe) that made up an enjoyable part of his daily activities.

Mel continued to write poetry, took up watercolor painting, created various pieces of art, spent time helping with house remodeling, maintained a vegetable garden, took care of numerous family chores, and was an avid reader. At 80-plus years-old, neighbors would marvel as they saw Mel climbing 20-foot ladders and installing shingles with teenage alacrity. Just two weeks ago, Mel's good friend, Hank Brezil, took him to their regularly scheduled Friday lunch for Mel's favorite meal of Clam Chowder and Meatloaf.

All those that knew Mel will remember his humor and wit, his unselfish generosity and his desire to never become a burden or a bother to anyone. He will be missed by all those who have ever had an opportunity to know him and his memory, within his family, will never be diminished or diluted by the passing of time.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours. Burial with military honors will be on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 9 a.m. in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. A memorial Mass will be on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Andover. A service will also take place on May 18 at his son's residence in Los Gatos, Calif. To send an online condolence and for directions, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com. Arrangements are by The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Gwen B. Hedrick, 77



ANDOVER — Gwen B. (Bennett) Hedrick, 77, of Andover, died peacefully on Saturday, May 3, 2008, under the loving care

of her children with the help of the caring, professional staff at the Wingate in Andover.

Born in Worcester, Dec. 26, 1930. Daughter of the late Charles A. Bennett and Margaret Copeland (Taylor). She attended Lasalle Jr. College in Auburn-dale. After raising her four children, she returned to Framingham State College to acquire her B.A. in Early Childhood Education. She taught kindergarten in Tewksbury for 14 years. Fulfilling one of her dreams, in 1988, she co-founded and directed, Cuddle Care Day Care, in Andover. She was known as "Grammy Gwen" throughout her years at the Center. She retired in 2000.

She was a member of Andona, Shawsheen Woman's Club, and Free Church. She was the President, on the Board of Directors of the West Parish Garden Cemetery and was instrumental in the restoration of the Chapel.

She enjoyed music and theater. She loved to travel, particularly with her grandchildren. She loved having a purpose, whether it was her family, the day care, or the West Parish Gardens, she organized and executed tasks effortlessly. Selflessly putting the

wants and needs of others before her own, gracefully giving of herself and her time.

Members of her family include, brother Edmund T. Bennett and his wife Betty, of Holden; sons, Scott A. Hedrick and wife Treacy, of Boca Del Toro, Panama; Kent G. Hedrick and wife Marya of Marco Island, Fla.; daughters, Nancy A. and husband David Simili of Andover; Sally E. and husband Charles Bailey-Gates of Londonderry, N.H.; along with nine grandchildren, Becky and Kent, Caitlin and Rachel, Tommy and Michael, Sarah, Jim and Matt; her "other son" Mark Atwood of Pelham; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by her family; but we will embrace the things she taught us, forever reminding ourselves ... what would "Grammy" do?

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Memorial service will be held at the Chapel in the West Parish Garden Cemetery, on Friday, May 9, at 11 a.m., followed by interment in the West Parish Garden Cemetery. Celebration of her life luncheon, immediately follows at the Andover Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the West Parish Garden Cemetery-Garden Fund, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA. 01810. Online condolences may be made to www.confetuneralhomes.com.

Jody Withycombe, 50

ARLINGTON, Va. — Jody Withycombe, 50, formerly of Andover, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at her family's home in Arlington after a seven-year battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Born Joanne Marie Hochschwender in 1958 in Larchmont, N.Y. to Claire L. (Hamel) Hochschwender of Rye Beach, N.H. and the late Jerome P. Hochschwender. She grew up primarily Andover.

Jody graduated from Georgetown University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, and she earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1984. She completed one year of the L.L.M. graduate program in tax at New York University School of Law.

Admitted to the Bar in New York and the District of Columbia, she practiced corporate transaction law for more than six years.

She married Kent Withycombe in 1991 and was primarily responsible for raising three extraordinary children. A resident of Arlington since 1992, she served as PTA secretary and as an influential member of the Nottingham Elementary School of Art & Design Committee throughout the

course of the school's recent renovation.

Jody was a remarkably fast reader, and she shared a love of books and art with her family and her wide circle of friends. She also was very accomplished in knitting, needle working, sewing and quilting, all while answering questions faster than most of the contestants on Jeopardy. Her unique senses of humor, color and design will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

In addition to her mother, family members include her husband of more than 16 years, Kent Withycombe, their three children, Katherine Claire (15), Luke Thomas (13) and Mary Hamel (7) and her siblings and their spouses, Amy and Jeff Peters, Tony and Shelly Hochschwender, Tim and Cindy Hochschwender, and Dave and Chris Hochschwender.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2008 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, N.H. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, May 9, 2008 in St. Theresa Church, 820 Central Road, Rye Beach, N.H. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye, N.H. www.RemickGendron.com.

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George E. Wall, 90



ANDOVER — George E. Wall, 90, died Friday, May 2, 2008 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Franklin, Vt., he was the son of the late William T. and Ida P. (Sunderland) Wall, and stepson of Edward J. Condon. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the Tinian Naval Air Station and was a Chief Aviation Machinist Mate and received an honorable discharge.

For more than 20 years he was a Massachusetts State Trooper and

was a member of the Retired Massachusetts State Troopers Association. He was also director of security at Lawrence General Hospital before retiring.

He was also a member of the VFW Post 1549 in Lawrence and the Lawrence Elks, BPOE 65.

The widower of Genevieve P. (O'Loughlin) Wall, he leaves his son and daughters, Robert E. and his wife Arleen (Evans) Wall of Andover, Kathleen P. Pelletier and her husband Richard R. of Lady Lake, Fla., and Joyce R. Alix and her husband Ernest J. of Derry, N.H., one brother, Kenneth E. Wall and his wife Helen of Lawrence, eight grandchildren, Kate Neel, Karen Griffin, Matthew Alix,

Daniel Griffin, Michael Wall, Justin Alix, Lauren Wall and Jonathan Alix, three great-grandchildren, Gavin Neel, Shaye Griffin and Gracye Neel.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorials can be made to Massachusetts State Police Museum or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688. Family and friends visited on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Lawrence. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. For condolences or directions, visit pollardfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Wells

ANDOVER — Elizabeth "Betsey" (Granlund) Wells, of Andover, died Thursday morning, May 1, 2008.

A devoted and loving wife, mother, and friend, Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Rev. Donald A. Wells, their children, Jeremy and Pamela, and many friends and relatives.

Elizabeth, 68, died after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Her love, wisdom, talent, and graciousness will be forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Elizabeth was born June 27,

1939 and was raised in Quincy and Milton. Throughout her life, she was a teacher to many, young and old. A graduate of Milton High School and Westminster College, Elizabeth taught elementary school for many years. Her husband and she co-managed the International Fellowship House in Boston, a home for students from around the world.

She taught ESL at the Women's Resource Center in Lawrence, was active in a variety of church outreach committees, and worked with the Merrimack Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to visiting hours on Saturday, May 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bell-O'Dea Funeral Home, 376 Washington St., Brookline. A Graveside Committal Service was held on Monday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Ave., Forest Hills. A memorial service was held at Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Boston, on Monday, May 5, 2008, beginning at noon, reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the YWCA: Women's Resource Center, 107 Winter St., Haverhill, MA 01830.

Stella Sullivan, 100



ANDOVER — Stella (Jarosz) Sullivan, 100, a resident of Andover, and a former longtime resident of the Lawrence area, died on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at The Wingate in Andover.

She was born and educated in Lawrence, on Feb. 21, 1908 to Stanley and Mary (Rzeszuto) Jarosz.

She worked as a winder at the Pacific Mills in Lawrence. She was a longtime parishioner at Holy Trinity Church in Lawrence.

According to her family, she loved and adored her mother, loved to cook and gardening as well.

She is the wife of the late Joseph Sullivan. She leaves one brother, Walter and his wife Joanne Jarosz of Methuen, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Chester (Stephanie) Jarosz of Lawrence, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church in Lawrence. A burial followed in the St. James Cemetery in Haverhill. Friends could have attended a funeral

procession and could have visited at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For more information or to send an online condolence, go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. The family of Stella Sullivan would like to thank the staff and the Hospice Care Unit at The Wingate at Andover for their kindness and loving support toward her during her time there at the nursing home. Memorial donations can be made in her name to: Poor Claire Monastery, 490 River Road, Andover, MA 01810; or Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, 5286 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY, 14075.

Shirley Duffy Potts, 84

WINCHESTER — Shirley Duffy Potts, 84, died Sunday evening, May 4, 2008 at her home in Winchester surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Charles E. Potts, Jr.

She is remembered fondly by many friends and colleagues, and is survived by her children, Charles F. of Winchester, Jennifer L. of Manhattan, and Christopher A. and his wife Kathleen of Andover, and their three sons, Frank, Michael and Matthew. She is also survived by her brother, Robert E. Duffy, and his wife Janet of Jupiter, Fla. and Winchester.

Shirley was a friend of the community and participated in many civic organizations in Winchester. She loved her volunteer work with The En Ka Society, The Florence Crittenden League, and the Republican Club, and served in those organizations, both as member and as president. She also became the first female president of the Winchester Rotary Club, and attended Rotary, both in Winchester and in some of the more than 115 countries she visited in retirement with her hus-

band, Charles.

For many years, she was both the Secretary to the Winchester School Committee, and worked as the Financial Administrator for the Winchester Public Schools. Her reputation was legendary among the School Principals and Town Manager because she provided budget information at a moment's notice to the Principals so that school funds could be managed most effectively.

Shirley graduated with distinction from Katharine Gibbs College and went to work immediately for the War Production Board. She then was accepted into the diplomatic corps of the United States Foreign Service, and served in Frankfurt, Berlin and Paris as World War II came to an end. At the Potsdam Conference in July, 1945, she and other Foreign Service colleagues provided conference support to President Harry S. Truman, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Communist Party General Secretary Joseph Stalin as they negotiated the post-war structure and policies of a united Germany.

She then was posted to Mexico,

followed by India, as Vice Consul, Economics Division, where she met Charles. They were married in New Delhi and honeymooned on the ship's journey home, greeting friends and family in Medford with another wedding reception.

Shirley was an avid classical music fan, spending wonderful time with friends going to the Boston Symphony, the Boston Pops, the Metropolitan Opera and other numerous musical and stage performances here and around the world. She especially enjoyed Luciano Pavarotti and other tenors, and traveled to concerts of the "Three Tenors" as often as possible.

An inspiration to us all, we hold loving memories of Shirley Potts, and mourn her passing.

ARRANGEMENTS: The funeral service is to be held Thursday, May 8, at 9 a.m. in the Parish of the Epiphany and will be followed by a reception. Arrangements have been made by the Costello Funeral Home of Winchester, www.costellofuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parish of the Epiphany, 70 Church St., Winchester, MA 01890.

BRIEFS

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Andover native named college's 7th president

Chris Kimball has been named the seventh president of California Lutheran University.

Kimball, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., joined the CLU administrative team as provost and vice president for academic affairs in 2006, after serving as provost and dean of the faculty at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He had served on the faculty and held a variety of administrative positions at that Lutheran university since 1991. Prior to Augsburg, he taught history at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

A widely published author and speaker on academic affairs, Kimball's scholarly work is in the field of American history, specializing

in social history and the history of sport. During his tenure at CLU, he has also been a member of the History Department faculty, working with both undergraduate and graduate students.

Raised in Andover, Kimball earned his bachelor's degree from McGill University in Montreal and a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

"Chris is a man of integrity and a man of action," said Bill Kane, chairman of the Board of Regents. "With his distinguished career as a leader and scholar and his passion for Lutheran higher education, he embodies the academic excellence of CLU and is uniquely qualified for the tasks ahead."

Kimball will begin his official duties on April 1. He will replace the Rev. Dr. Howard Wennes, who has served as interim president since July.

CLU is a liberal arts and sci-

ences university located in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

New decorating trend comes to the Andovers

Independent demonstrator and Andover resident Tracy Egan has become Merrimack Valley's representative for decorative wall expressions, new from Uppercase Living.

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NO STOPPING MORANDER



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Mike Morander slaps a tag on Methuen's Jhiomar Veras. Type 1 diabetes has not prevented Morander from winning the job as the Golden Warriors' starting catcher. He is also hitting .333 this season.

Senior overcomes diabetes to excel in baseball, football

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

No matter how focused Mike Morander is on the field, there are times that he simply needs to take a break.

"Sometimes my whole team will be practicing and I'll be on the sidelines eating fruit snacks or drinking Gatorade," he said. "It doesn't make me angry, but it gives me passion."

It has nothing to do with a lack of mental or physical toughness. In fact, the senior has plenty of both. It is, instead, a reality he has dealt with for nearly his entire life.

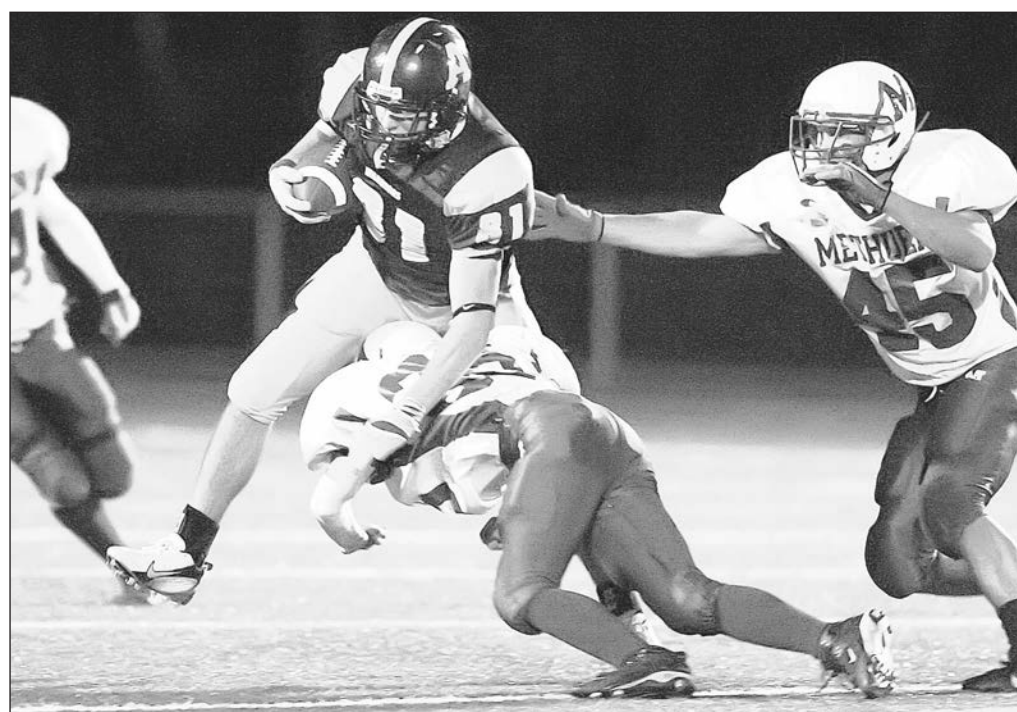
A standout in both football and baseball, many have no idea Morander has lived with Type 1 diabetes for the last 14 years.

It was Morander's father, Ron, who first noticed something was wrong.

"I was 4," Mike Morander remembered. "My mother was at work, so I was hanging out with my dad. I was going to the bathroom a lot, about 20 times in an hour, and my father asked me if there was something wrong. I said I didn't know, but that I was always really thirsty."

His father brought him to the hospital, where doctors delivered the news.

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File photo

Mike Morander delivered a breakout football season, catching 23 passes for 470 yards and four touchdowns as a slot receiver/tight end. He will play at RPI next season.

THE MIKE MORANDER FILE

Sport: Football/Baseball

Grade: Senior

Age: 18

Height/weight: 6-0, 180 pounds

Position: Wide receiver/catcher

Baseball: Has started every game as catcher this season.

Is hitting .333 with four RBIs, and threw out two base-

stealers against Methuen.

Football: Broke out in Andover's wide-open offense.

Caught 23 passes for 470 yards and four touchdowns last season. Played tight end as a junior.

Family: Father Ron played a season of baseball at Arizona State. Mother Sandy played field hockey at Keene State. Brother Kyle played baseball at Andover High.



File photo

Nick D'Innocenzo competes in his event of choice, the 200 individual medley. The Andover High junior recently qualified for the Olympic trials in the 200 IM with a time of 2:06.52.

D'Innocenzo qualifies for Olympic trials

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Even though it was more than a week ago, it just keeps getting better for Andover's Nick D'Innocenzo.

"It hit me the other night that I will be entered in the same event at the same meet as (six-time Olympic gold medalist) Michael Phelps," he said. "That is so weird to think about."

SELECT COMPANY

Here are the Andover swimmers who have qualified for the Olympic trials, according to Marilyn Fitzgerald, the dean of Merrimack Valley swim coaches.

- Nick D'Innocenzo
- Connie Brown
- Sally Brown
- Candice Peak
- Laurene Lazzaretti

On April 24, D'Innocenzo qualified for the Olympic trials in the 200 individual medley by swimming a 2:06.52 at the YR Swim Meet of Champions in Mission Viejo, Calif. That easily topped the Olympic trial cut of 2:07.39.

"By the time I finished I didn't know if I made it," said the Magnus Aquatic team member. "I looked up and saw I did and just said,

"Thank God.' I just looked over at my coach (Mike Springs) with a look of disbelief, and he was laughing and hollering."

That time also set a new New England record in the 200 IM for the 16-to-18 age group. The previous mark was 2:06.95 set in 2002, according to neswimming.org.

"I called my mom after the race, and she asked me if I had any news," he said. "I said yes and I think she broke the ear piece on the phone."

The Olympic trials will take place from June 29 to July 6 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb.

"I don't believe the (Merrimack) Valley has ever had a high school male make the trials," said Spring, who is in his 15th year coaching in the area. "Going through our records, I think he may be the first."

But after coming up just 0.13 seconds short of the cut at the NCSA Junior Nationals in March, D'Innocenzo was beginning to wonder if it would ever happen.

"It was brutal," he said. "Falling 0.13 short was cruel. I was definitely frustrated, and I felt like that was just the story of my life. So we were back in the pool the next week and I used that frustration to work harder."

And, with only three meets remaining before the cutoff, D'Innocenzo reached the mark in California.

"The feeling was just indescribable," he said. "That long-awaited feeling of getting that monkey off your back is so amazing. It is the largest individual accomplishment of my swimming career."

According to the list of qualifiers on usaswimming.org, the 17-year-old was one of only 19 qualifiers under the age of 18 out of the 108 listed.

"A year ago this wasn't even in our sights," said Spring. "But over the course of a year it is amazing to see how far he has come. He works hard and is the most focused athlete I have ever coached. High-profile schools like Stanford and Texas are already flooding my e-mail inbox."

But, D'Innocenzo is far from satisfied by his accomplishment.

"This is a stepping stone," he said. "It is incredible. But now there is that dream to someday actually make the Olympics."

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Longtime coach Wartman notches 400th win

BOYS TENNIS

Andover coach Mike Wartman said he had no idea. But others were ready to celebrate.

The Golden Warriors' 5-0 sweep of Haverhill on Monday, May 5, marked the 400th career victory for the head coach of 23 years.

"It was very flattering," said Wartman, also the boys soccer coach. "We

had a nice celebration. Some players from past teams, parents, my wife and school employees were all there and we had a cake."

Among those in attendance were co-athletic director and former tennis coach Brian McNally and former captain and Andover girls coach David Hughes.

"It was nice to reflect on the people that have been on the team and the quality people I have worked with," he

said.

In the match, Eric Heath, B.J. Merinder and Phil Johnson swept the singles matches for the Warriors (8-0).

Adam Trotta and Josh Mack took first doubles and Shane Huggins and Nitin Mahesh won second doubles as Andover bested Central Catholic last Thursday, May 1, 4-1. Eric Heath won first singles and B.J. Merinder took second

singles for the Warriors.

B.J. Merinder won first singles and Phil Johnson swept third singles to lead Andover to a 4-1 victory over Lowell on Wednesday, April 30. Adam Trotta and Josh Mack added a win at No. 1 doubles for the Golden Warriors.

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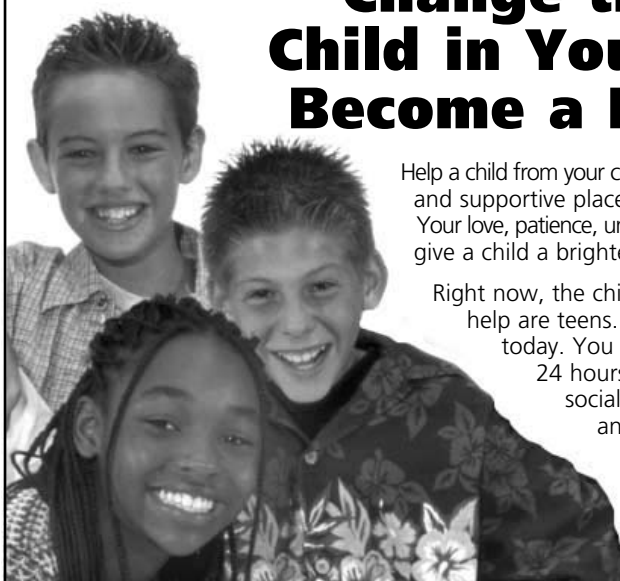
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GIRLS LACROSSE

It's a baby, and a win

Not that they needed it, but the Andover squad had a little extra motivation on Saturday, May 3.

"We really wanted to win it for coach and the baby," said senior Kelly Driscoll. "And we responded really well from (the night before). We felt we had to win this game."

With coach John McVeigh absent because his wife, Candice, was in labor in anticipation of their second child, the Golden Warriors responded by downing rival North Andover 12-4. This was the Scarlet Knights' first loss of the season.

"(McVeigh) was texting us on the way to the game, telling us what to look for, how he wanted us to play," said Driscoll. "He had us ready."

Ahead 6-4 at halftime, Andover (9-3) dominated the second half, holding possession more than 80 percent of the time. In fact, North Andover's defense did well to hold the Warriors to six second-half goals.

Jess Forster led with four goals, Ilana Cohen and Catherine Gross added two each and Driscoll, Heather Sullivan, Katelyn Caro and Emily Blech each added one. Goalie Jules Konjoian made several nifty saves, including two in the final minute of play.

"I thought we passed the ball really well and the goals were spread out, which was really nice," said assistant coach Meghan Matson, who was the acting head coach. "Plus we did a good job on ground balls and draws which was really important."

Despite 16 tremendous saves from Jules Konjoian, Andover fell to Winchester 9-8 on Friday, May 2. Catherine Gross led the way with a hat trick and an assist, Heather Sullivan and Katelyn Caro each had two goals and one assist and Ilana Cohen had a goal and an assist for the winners.

Kelly Fox burst onto the scene with a pair of goals as Andover drubbed Dracut 14-3 last Wednesday, April 30. Emily Shields had two goals while Erica Leber, Jackie Pelletier, Emily Blech, Marisa Cataldo, Natalie Gibson, Rosie Forster, Katie Shields, Maddie Dillman, Kylie Nagy and Emily Selwyn each had one.

GIRLS TENNIS

Hoerner, Andover dominate
In a battle of the undefeateds,

Hannah Hoerner showed why she is a No. 1 player.

The senior used attacking play to win her match 6-1, 6-0 and help Andover deal Merrimack Valley Conference rival Lowell its first defeat of the season, 4-1 last Wednesday, April 30.

Satin Zarkar added a win (7-5, 6-1) at No. 2 singles while Rachel Trotta and Athena Lynch won No. 1 doubles and Maggie Carter and Reid Campbell won No. 2 doubles for the Golden Warriors.

Andover swept Haverhill 5-0 on Monday, May 5. Hannah Hoerner, Satin Zarkar and Michelle Krupnik combined to sweep singles for the Golden Warriors.

Satin Zarkar took No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-1 to help Andover down archrival Central Catholic 4-1 last Thursday, May 1. Hannah Hoerner continued to dominate No. 1 singles and Rachel Trotta and Athena Lynch and Maggie Carter and Reid Campbell took wins at doubles.

BASEBALL

Morander manages career day

Mike Morander delivered a career-high three hits and drove in two runs to help Andover crush Chelmsford 12-2 on Monday, May 5. P.J. Farnham remained hot at the plate with two hits, two runs and three RBIs, while Sam Clark added two hits and drove in three runs and Steve LaFortune, Zach Burdeau, Mike Taylor and John Hennessy each had one RBI for the Golden Warriors.

Zach Burdeau recorded season-highs in hits with three and RBIs with three as Andover pounded neighboring rival Lawrence 8-2 last Wednesday, April 30. Mike Taylor and Eric Chu each had a hit, an RBI and a run scored, Sam Clark had a hit and two runs and P.J. Farnham, John Hennessy and Dan Gusovsky each scored once for the winners.

On Friday, May 2, Andover played Methuen to a 5-5 tie through seven innings before the game was suspended. It has not been announced when it will be completed. Before the game was postponed, John Hennessy had three hits and Mike Taylor, Sam Clark, Zach Burdeau, Eric Chu and Mike Morander each drove in a run for the Golden Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Strock leads Andover past Lawrence

Alex Strock had two hits and drove in two runs as Andover bested Lawrence 10-5 on Monday, May 5. Jeanette Doucette

added two hits and three RBIs and Katie Kucharski had the final RBI for the Golden Warriors.

Jeanette Doucette was 2 for 4 with two RBIs and two runs scored as Andover drubbed Dracut 9-1 last Thursday, May 1. Tricia Martin added two hits and two RBIs, Meaghan McCarthy had an RBI and Alex Strock notched an RBI double and showed off her skills in the field with a great catch in center field for the Warriors.

Tricia Martin recorded all three of Andover's hits and drove in the lone run in the Golden Warriors' 3-1 loss to Billerica on Friday, May 2. Nina Yu scored on Martin's hit.

Nina Yu had a hit, a run and two RBIs, but Andover fell to Haverhill 7-5 last Wednesday, April 30. Jeanette Doucette and Tricia Martin each had a hit and an RBI, Kerry McCarthy and Rachel Licciardi each had a hit and a run scored and Alex Strock scored a run for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS TRACK

Bhandari's toss propels Warriors

Varun Bhandari won the discus with a heave of 126-8 to lead Andover to a 77-68 victory over Lowell last Wednesday, April 30. Steve Lattari won the javelin (150-11), John Bigelow took the high jump (5-9) and Santi Costello took the 300 hurdles (41.3) and long jump (10-11/2).

GIRLS TRACK

Cody takes two wins

Laura Cody took firsts in the triple jump (32-6) and 800 (2:35.2) as Andover blasted Lowell 79 1/2-61 1/2 last Wednesday, April 30. Also taking wins were Vanessa Singleton (long jump), Carolyn Dampousse (high jump), Christina Muccio (mile) and Melissa Knapp (200). The 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams each also won.

VOLLEYBALL

Emmons, Andover cruise

Andover clinched a berth in the state tournament with six games to play after getting past Methuen 25-14, 25-20, 25-17. John Henry Heckendorn had 11 kills, Gary Hinds had 13 and Andrew Osborne had eight for the Warriors (10-4). Setter Mike Emmons excelled distributing the ball, garnering 42 assists.

Andover drubbed Billerica 25-9,

25-15, 25-2 on Friday, May 2. Andover, which improved to 9-4, was led by setters Andrew Osborne and Mike Emmons. Tommy Busta shined on defense and Garrett Kent contributed seven kills.

BOYS LACROSSE

Malins notches hat trick

Justin Malins got a hat trick and added two assists as Andover beat Masconomet 10-6 on Monday, May 5. Joe Lamagna also scored three goals while Sam Cook had two tallies and Brendan Hughes and Josh Torres each scored once for the winners.

Despite two goals from Sam Cook, Andover fell to Xaverian 12-7 last Tuesday, April 29. Peter Hanson added two goals and one assist, Brendan Hughes had a goal and two assists and Matt Eriksen and Tom McQuillan each scored once for the Golden Warriors.

Baseball

Andover 12, Chelmsford 2

Andover (12): Farnham cf 4-2-2, Hennessy ss 3-2-2, Taylor 2b 4-1-2, Clark 1b 4-1-2, Burdeau 3b 2-0-0, Gelfen dh 2-1-1, LaFortune dh 1-1-1, Chu rf 3-1-0, Hitchcock 1b 1-1-0, Morander c 4-2-3, McDermott lf 3-0-0, Patti ph 1-0-0, Lowe p 0-0-0, Walsh p 0-0-0. Totals 32-12-13.
Chelmsford (2): Aroniam cf 4-1-2, Campbell 2b 4-0-1, DeCoste 1b 3-0-0, Ryan ss 3-0-1, Busby lf 3-0-1, Torrossian rf 2-0-0, Varley-Barret dh/p 3-0-0, Crafts c 1-1-0, Balboni 3b 1-0-0, Harrington ph 1-0-0, Johnson p 0-0-0, Carpenter p 0-0-0. Totals 23-2-5.
Andover (7-3, 6-2 MVC): 500012 4-12
Chelmsford: 002 000 0-2
RBI: A — Farnham 3, Clark 3, Morander 2, LaFortune, Burdeau, Taylor, Hennessy
WP: Walsh; LP: Carpenter

Andover 5, Methuen 5 (suspended)

Methuen (5): Miller lf 3-1-0, Higgins cf 3-1-0, Cote p 2-1-1, Veras 2b 4-0-2, Polanco 3b 3-0-0, Eldred dh 3-1-1, Bator pr 0-0-0, Fabrizio 1b 2-0-0, Sabers ph 0-0-0, Prescott ss 2-0-0, Richardson ph 1-1-0, Sheperd c 0-0-0. Totals 26-5-4.
Andover (5): Farnham cf 4-0-0, Hennessy 4-1-3, Taylor 2b 4-0-1, Clark 1b 3-1-1, Burdeau 3b 3-1-2, Leary dh 3-0-0, Chu rf 3-0-0, Morander c 1-1-1, McDermott lf 3-1-1, Farnell p 0-0-0, Carlson p 0-0-0. Totals 28-5-9.
Methuen (8-2): 4-2-4-12
Andover (5-3): 020 030 0-5
RBI: A — Taylor, Clark, Burdeau, Chu, Morander

Andover 8, Lawrence 2

Andover (8): Farnham cf 3-1-0, Hennessy ss 4-1-1, Taylor 2b 3-1-1, Clark 1b 3-2-1, Burdeau 3b 4-1-3, Gusovsky dh 3-1-0, Chu rf 4-1-1, Morander c 3-0-1, McDermott lf 2-0-0, Lowe p 0-0-0, Carlson p 0-0-0. Totals 29-8-8.
Lawrence (2): Montanez cf 4-0-2, Sosa 2b 3-1-2, Blanco ss 2-0-0, Calzetta 1b/p 3-0-0, Sandoval 3b/p 3-0-0, Cruz lf 3-0-0, Paulino dh/p 3-0-0, Fernandez rf 3-1-1, Lubars c 0-0-0, Espinal p 0-0-0. Totals 24-2-5.
Andover (5-3): 100 105 1-8
Lawrence (4-3): 100 010 0-2
RBI: A — Burdeau 3, Taylor, Chu; L — Sosa, Montanez
WP: Carlson; LP: Espinal

Softball

Andover 10, Lawrence 5

Andover (10): Yu c 4-2-1, K. McCarthy 1b 2-1-0, Doucette rf 3-2-2, Martin 2b 4-1-0, M. McCarthy 3b 4-2-2, Strock lf 4-1-2, Licciardi ss 3-0-0, Pettoruto cf 4-0-1, Kucharski dp 4-1-3, Cheney p 0-0-0. Totals 33-10-11.
Lawrence (5): J. Santiago c 4-0-1, Sicaud cf 3-1-2, Francisco ss 4-0-1, Moore dp 3-0-1, Brenz 3b 2-0-0, Lozowski p 2-1-0, Valerio lf 2-1-0, Veras 1b 3-2-2, Vega rf 2-0-0, Ozuna ph 1-0-1, Costello ph 1-0-0. Totals 29-5-8.
Andover (5-7): 020 062 0-10
Lawrence (5-6): 001 040 0-5
RBI: A — Doucette 3, Strock 2, Kucharski; L — Francisco 2, Veras 2
WP: Cheney; LP: Lozowski

Billerica 3, Andover 1

Andover (1): Yu c 1-1-0, K. McCarthy 1b 0-0-0, Doucette rf 3-0-0, Martin 2b 3-0-3, M. McCarthy 3b 2-0-0, Strock cf 3-0-0, Licciardi ss 2-0-0, Pettoruto ph 1-0-0, Paonessa dh 2-0-0, Gasian ph 1-0-0, Kucharski lf 3-0-0, Cheney p 0-0-0. Totals 21-1-3.
Billerica (3): Mahoney ss 2-0-1, Giasas 3b 3-0-0, Quatieri p 2-1-1, Jacobs 1b 2-1-0, Perkins c 3-0-0, McWilliams 2b 3-0-0, Ahem lf 2-1-0, McKenna rf 3-0-0, Miller dh 2-0-0. Totals 22-3-2.
Andover (4-7): 100 000 0-1
Billerica: 000 012 x-3
RBI: A — Martin
WP: Quatieri; LP: Cheney

Andover 9, Dracut 1

Andover (9): Yu c 4-2-1, K. McCarthy 1b 3-1-1, Doucette rf 4-0-2, Martin 2b 4-0-1, M. McCarthy 3b 3-1-1, Strock cf 4-0-1, Gasian dh 4-1-0, Licciardi ss 3-0-1, Kucharski lf 3-0-0. Totals 32-9-9.
Dracut (1): Botti 2b 4-0-0, Fissette rf 3-0-0, Roy ss 3-0-0, Everman 1b 3-0-2, Berger cf 3-0-1, L'Heureux dh 2-0-0. Totals 28-1-4.
Andover (4-6): 320 020 2-9
Dracut: 010 000 0-1
RBI: A — Doucette 2, Martin 2, M. McCarthy, Strock
WP: Cheney; LP: Gelineau

Haverhill 7, Andover 5

Andover (5): Yu c 4-1-1, Kucharski dh 4-0-1, Doucette rf 4-0-2, Martin 2b 4-0-1, M. McCarthy 3b 3-0-1, Strock lf 2-1-0, K. McCarthy 1b 3-1-1, Licciardi ss 2-1-1, Pettoruto cf 2-1-1, Cheney p 0-0-0. Totals 28-5-8.
Haverhill (7): Demers cf 3-1-1, J. Johnson 3b 3-1-2, Whalen c 2-0-0, Betances ss 3-0-1, Briggs p 3-1-2, Montibello 2b 2-1-0, Sullivan rf 2-1-0, P. Johnson 1b 3-1-2, Strong lf 3-1-1. Totals 24-7-9.
Andover (3-6): 003 100 1-5
Haverhill (7-2, 4-2 MVC): 1105000 x-7
RBI: H — J. Johnson 2, Betances, P. Johnson, Strong 3; A — Yu 2, Doucette, Martin
WP: Briggs; LP: Cheney

Boys Lacrosse

Andover 10, Masconomet 6

Goals: A — Justin Malins 3, Joe Lamagna 3, Sam Cook 2, Brendan Hughes, Josh Torres
Assists: A — Malins 2, Matt Erikson, Peter Hanson 4
Saves: A — Nick Reeder 13; M — 12
Andover (9-4): 1-3-3-3 — 10
Masconomet: 0-2-1-3 — 6

Xaverian 12, Andover 7

Goals: A — Sam Cook 2, Peter Hanson 2, Brendan Hughes, Matt Eriksen, Tom McQuillan
Assists: A — Hughes 2, Hanson 3
Saves: A — Nick Reeder 13; X — 9
Xaverian (8-2): 4-2-4-12
Andover (7-4): 1-2-2-2 — 7

Girls Lacrosse

Andover 12, North Andover 4

Goals: NA — Jenn Pino 2, Emily Vento, Morgan Healey; A — Ilana Cohen 2, Jess Forster 4, Cat Gross, Heather Sullivan, Kelly Driscoll, Katelyn Caro, Emily Blech
Assists: A — Cohen, Gross, Caro 2, Driscoll
Saves: NA — Stephanie Taylor 9; A — Jules Konjoian 8
Halftime: Andover, 6-4
Records: North Andover 11-1-1; Andover 9-3

Winchester 9, Andover 8

Goals: A — Cat Gross 3, Heather Sullivan 2, Katelyn Caro 2, Ilana Cohen 2
Assists: A — Cohen, Caro, Gross, Sullivan
Saves: A — Jules Konjoian 16; W — 15
Halftime: Andover 6-4
Records: Andover 8-3, Winchester 10-0-1

Andover 14, Dracut 3

Goals: A — Kelly Fox 2, Emily Shields 2, Erica Leber, Jackie Pelletier, Emily Blech, Marisa Cataldo, Natalie Gibson, Rosie Forster, Katie Shields, Maddie Dillman, Kylie Nagy, Emily Selwyn
Assists: A — Katelyn Caro, Kelly Driscoll, Blech, Meghan Morris, Forster, Shields, Nagy
Saves: A — Jules Konjoian 1, Brianna Deyermond 1
Halftime: Andover 9-1
Records: Andover 8-2

Boys Tennis

Andover 5, Haverhill 0

Andover winners:
Singles: 1. Eric Heath 6-0, 6-1; 2. B.J. Merinder 6-0, 6-0; 3. Phil Johnson 6-0, 6-3
Doubles: 1. Adam Trotta-Josh Mack 6-0, 6-1; 2. Shane Huggins-Nitin Mahesh 6-2, 6-0
Records: Andover 8-0, Haverhill 4-5

Andover 4, Central Catholic 1

Local winners:
Singles: 1. Eric Heath (A) 6-4, 6-2; 2. B.J. Merinder (A) 6-3, 6-3; 3. Tom Flannery (CC) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2
Doubles: 1. Adam Trotta-Josh Mack (A) 6-1, 6-4; 2. Shane Huggins-Nitin Mahesh (A) 6-1, 6-2
Records: Andover 6-0, Central Catholic 4-2

Andover 4, Lowell 1

Andover winners:
Singles: 2. B.J. Merinder 6-2, 6-0; 3. Phil Johnson 6-0, 6-0
Doubles: 1. Adam Trotta-Josh Mack 6-2, 7-5; 2. Shane Huggins-Nitin Mahesh 6-2, 6-0
Records: Andover 9-0; Lowell 2-3

Girls Tennis

Andover 5, Haverhill 0

Andover winners:
Singles: 1. Hannah Hoerner, 6-2, 6-4; 2. Satin Zarkar 6-1, 6-1; 3. Michelle Krupnik 6-1, 6-1
Doubles: 1. Rachel Trotta-Athena Lynch 6-2, 6-1; 2. Maggie Carter-Reid Campbell 6-1, 6-2
Records: Andover 7-0; Haverhill 4-5

Andover 4, Central Catholic 1

Local winners:
Singles: 1. Hannah Hoerner (A) 6-0, 6-0; 2. Satin Zarkar (A) 6-1, 6-1
Doubles: 1. Rachel Trotta-Athena Lynch (A) 6-0, 6-0; 2. Reed Campbell-Michelle Krupnik (A) 6-4, 6-2
Records: Andover 5-0

Andover 4, Lowell 1

Andover winners:
Singles: 1. Hannah Hoerner 6-1, 6-0; 2. Satin Zarkar 7-5, 6-1
Doubles: 1. Rachel Trotta-Athena Lynch 6-1, 6-1; 2. Maggie Carter-Reid Campbell 6-1, 6-2
Records: Andover 4-0; Lowell 3-1

Boys Track

Andover 77, Lowell 68

Andover winners:
Pole vault: Mark Vetere; Discus: Varun Bhandari 126-8; Javelin: Steve Lattari 150-11; Long jump: Santi Costello 10-11/2; High jump: John Bigelow 5-9; 100 meters: Chris McConnell 11.2; 4x100 relay: Andover 45.2; 300 hurdles: Costello 41.3; 800: Vetere 2:05.3

Girls Track

Andover 79 1/2, Lowell 61 1/2

Andover winners:
Long jump: Vanessa Singleton 14-3; Triple jump: Laura Cody 32-6; High jump: Carolyn Dampousse 4-7; 100 hurdles: Christina Muccio 12.4; Mile: Casey Harrison 5:23.2; 4x100 relay: Andover 51.1; 800: Cody 2:35.2; 200: Melissa Knapp 26.8; 4x400 relay: Andover 4:25.3

Mothers are super heroes

Mother's Day is set aside to honor mothers or those who are like our mothers.

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- Knowing how to solve impossible homework problems.
- Cooking a meal and feeding all the extra kids you bring home without telling her ahead of time.
- Knowing what to do when you don't feel good and don't know why.
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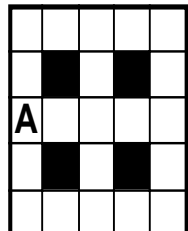
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PeeWee hockey champs



Courtesy photo

The Andover Hockey Associations PeeWee 3 youth hockey team recently took home the state championship in its age group. They are, front row from left, Cam Keenan and Conor Silk; second row from left, Danny Reilly, Zach Barry, Alex Gray, Jack Harrington, Brian Burns and Jack Reilly; third row from left, Michael Acheson, Riley Eckles, Cam Burton, Billy Stahley, Tim Awiszus and Doug Benson; fourth row from left, coaches John Keenan, John Reilly and Jim Gray.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Baseball		Girls Lacrosse		Boys Track	
May 9	Lowell 3:30 p.m.	May 8	at Needham 4 p.m.	May 10	Andover Boosters 9:30 a.m.
May 14	Haverhill 3:45 p.m.	May 12	Haverhill 7:30 p.m.	May 14	Central Catholic 3:30 p.m.
Softball		Boys Tennis		Girls Track	
May 8	at Winthrop 4 p.m.	May 9	at Chelmsford 3:30 p.m.	May 10	Andover Boosters 9:30 a.m.
May 12	Methuen 3:30 p.m.	May 12	Lawrence 4 p.m.	May 14	Central Catholic 3:30 p.m.
May 14	at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m.	May 14	at Methuen 3:30 p.m.	Volleyball	
Boys Lacrosse		May 10	at St. John's Prep 7 p.m.	May 12	Lawrence 6 p.m.
May 13	at Lowell 4 p.m.	May 9	Chelmsford 3:30 p.m.	May 14	at Chelmsford 7 p.m.
May 15	at Billerica 4 p.m.	May 12	at Lawrence 3:30 p.m.		
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MORANDER: Preparing to play football at RPI

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"They came in and told me I had diabetes," he remembered. "I was really too young to understand. All I really remember is that I was afraid of the shot I needed."

More specifically, Morander was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Often referred to as juvenile diabetes, those with the disease are dependent on insulin because the pancreas does not produce enough to regulate blood sugar. Type 1 accounts for about 10 percent of diabetes cases, but is actually the more common form in children.

"It was very jarring," said mother Sandy. "As a family, we knew that life would really change. But we had to understand that you can live a full and complete life if you handle it right."

The Moranders had no family history of diabetes, which is common according to Dr. Lori Laffel, a pediatric endocrinologist and the chief of the Pediatric and Adolescent section of the Joslin Clinic in Boston.

"I think the age he was diagnosed with a blessing in disguise," said Sandy Morander. "He was young enough that he doesn't remember life without it. Michael has had it for 14 years now."

Now 18, Morander has plenty of experience dealing with diabetes. He checks his blood sugar level seven times a day, usually before meals, practice, and any time he isn't feeling well. He does so by pricking his finger and putting the blood on a test strip.

Once forced to inject himself with insulin, Morander now wears an insulin pump. The pump, which is attached to his belt, holds a reservoir of insulin that is injected automatically through a tube that runs to a spot on his stomach. He only removes the pump to take a shower or play football.

"Technology has changed a lot," said Sandy Morander. "Before the pump, he had to be sitting down for dinner at exactly 5:30 p.m. every day. In a crazy world, if you were stuck at the grocery store at 5:25, you had to worry. And something as simple as food labeling has helped a lot. Before it was mandatory, we had to measure everything he ate."

As soon as he entered high school, Morander was anxious to participate in sports. But that offered a new challenge to his coaches.

"We had some concerns because we didn't know how to deal with it," said Ken Maglio,

THE FACTS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES:

- Occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin to regulate blood sugar.
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- Accounts for only about 10 percent of diabetes cases in the U.S., but is more common than Type 2 in children.
- Those with the disease often do not have a family history, and it is unclear what causes the pancreas to stop producing insulin.
- Was known as juvenile diabetes, but the name was dropped because people of all ages can develop the condition.
- Mismanagement or complications can lead to blindness, kidney failure, amputation of limbs and death.
- Proper management can allow for a virtually normal life.

- Source: Lori Laffel, pediatric endocrinologist from Joslin Clinic in Boston.

the head coach of the varsity baseball and football team. "We had kids with diabetes, but never a kid that has to be regulated so much. It can be high, and you know when he's low."

Morander began to emerge as a tight end for the football team his junior season. Known more for his blocking, the 6-foot, 180-pounder caught 11 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown.

"That year we used him to get the corner (on runs)," said Maglio. "He was the best blocking tight end we had. (In the offseason) he worked very hard and has just great hands."

When Andover switched to the wide-open shotgun attack this season, Morander spent much of his time as a slot receiver. He responded by catching 23 passes for 470 yards and four touchdowns, the latter two good for second on the team to two-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star Matt Rayner.

His biggest game came against Boston College High School, when he showed his explosiveness with four grabs for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

He was recently one of nine athletes to receive awards for courage and excellence from the Massachusetts Football Association.

"We had a real blast," he said. "I love catching the ball. It was great to have the chance to make the big play and not always be watching the ball handed off."

"I am very passionate about football. I get very emotional, and different kinds of adrenaline and emotions affect me differently. Sometimes my body will react and I will get really high. Or I will get excited, then my blood sugar will decrease and I will have to eat before, during

and after." He credited teammate and best friend Kevin Hitchko with preventing him from neglecting his health.

"He does a great job," said Hitchko, who also plays baseball with him. "But sometimes he needs someone to remind him. He needs someone to make sure he does when he needs to do and doesn't get carried away with football."

The football success has carried onto the baseball field. After serving as the JV catcher last season, Morander won the starting job and has caught all 10 varsity games.

"It's been great," he said. "I know I have a lot to work on, but being able to get that varsity experience has been a lot of fun. It's been fun to work with the pitchers and learn to communicate with them."

Known for his defense and strong arm, Morander caught two runners stealing against Methuen on Friday, May 2. He is also heating up with the bat. He is hitting .333 (8 for 24) with four RBIs. He had his best day of the season on Monday, May 5, when he went 3 for 4 with a two-run double against Chelmsford.

Morander's athletic career won't end when he graduates from high school. He will be playing football at the elite Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., in the fall. He is also interested in trying out for the baseball team if he has the chance.

And he doesn't expect his diabetes to affect him there, either.

"There was a time when I really didn't want to have diabetes," he said. "But now it is a fact of life. Whenever I miss out on something because of diabetes, when I finally do get it, it make it so much sweeter."

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Andover artist paints live on 'The Tonight Show'

Andover artist Rob Surrette was on Jay Leno's "Tonight Show" on May 2, but if you left the room for a snack, you probably missed him. Surrette, known as the "fastest portrait artist in the world," painted a 6-foot portrait of Albert Einstein in 60 seconds, live for the show. Leno, an Andover native, was "very warm, very friendly," Surrette said. "He's very, very nice. A kind person."



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Artist Rob Surrette performs at Sanborn Elementary School last year. He appeared with Jay Leno on the "Tonight Show" last week.

Surrette chatted with Leno at length during rehearsal and breaks, swapping stories about Andover. He stayed an extra three and a half hours after the show because Leno's staff invited him to paint a portrait of Leno on the wall of his office as a surprise.

Surrette brings his live painting presentation, dubbed "Hero Art" to schools — including Leno's old elementary school, South — creating within minutes 6-foot-tall portraits Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King Jr., Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln and others.

Mercedes may be cheaper than its gas

Someone in town could walk away this June with a fire engine

red Mercedes for \$100.

The Andover Historical Society is holding its 2008 Antique Auto Raffle, and on Sunday, June 15, will pull the winning ticket. This year's raffle car is a 1981 Mercedes Benz convertible. The car features automatic transmission, factory air conditioning, power steering, power brakes, and only 75,000 miles. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.

Tickets can be purchased at the Historical Society, 97 Main St.; at Elm Street Auto, 9 Lupine Ave.;

and through Historical Society Board members and friends. Ticket order forms can be downloaded from the Historical Society Web site at www.andoverhistorical.org.

Look for the raffle car at this year's Andover Day celebration, Saturday, May 31, at the Historical Society's booth. The car will also be parked on the grounds of the Historical Society on sunny Saturdays in May and June.

Town Meeting speed record?

Town Meeting got off to a brisk pace on April 30, as voters made it half way through the 57-article warrant just one hour and 15 minutes after Town Moderator Sheila Doherty called the first night's proceedings to order. Though nine out of the first 23 articles were withdrawn, the majority of articles considered on the first night were approved with little or no discussion.

That changed a bit to start May 1, as Town Meeting's second and final night had a few more lengthy discussions, including those about a sewer-maintenance vehicle, buying open space and appropriating money to the town's accumulated employee benefit account, which pays retiring employees for unused sick time.

— *Brian Messenger*

Radio appearance for businesswoman

Michelle Corey from Carina & Co in Andover has been invited to be a guest on talk radio 980AM WCAP. She will be discussing the "power of image," which will include color analysis, interviewing, and first impressions, on May 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Is Don Robb really the rain man?

In addition to receiving loads of praise, active town volunteer Don Robb also received a bit of tongue-in-cheek criticism when he was awarded the Virginia Cole Award for his many contributions at Town Meeting on May 1.

"Don is not chairing the Andover Days event," Selectman Brian Major told the crowd. "So, it should be a bright, sunshiney day."

Held in June, the event has been plagued by rainy weather during Robb's run as chairman of the event. This year's Andover Days is set for June 14 and 15. Time will soon tell if all that rain was Mother Nature's fault — or Don Robb's.

— *Judy Wakefield*

Samuels does an Arnold

Also at Town Meeting, former School Committee member David Samuels made it clear he plans to run for office again someday. After

taking out papers for both School Committee and town moderator, Samuels decided not to run for either position this year.

"I'll be back. I love this town," Samuels announced after collecting a plaque for his service on the School Committee.

Preserving our buildings

In honor of Historic Preservation Month in Massachusetts, the Andover Preservation Commission in collaboration with the Andover Historical Society and the Ballard Vale Historic District Commission will recognize 11 outstanding examples of preservation effort within Andover. The efforts will be recognized at the 18th annual Preservation Award Ceremony on May 20, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

"We invite the community to discover and celebrate our neighbor's efforts in preserving Andover's rich architectural heritage. An exhibit highlighting the award winners will be on display at the library through June," said organizers in a release.

Golf tourney

The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Charity Golf Tournament marks its 16th year, Monday, May 19, at the Georgetown Club on Andover Street.

Tournament organizers John and Shelly Champion of Andover

and Brian and Teddi O'Keefe of Salem are parents of daughters with CdLS, a little-known genetic disorder that occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births. An estimated 20,000 people in the U.S. have CdLS but remain undiagnosed or without support services.

Although children with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, most have similar physical characteristics: small hands and head, thin eyebrows that meet, long eyelashes, upturned nose, and thin, downturned lips. Children develop both physically and mentally much slower than their peers. Some have limb differences, missing limbs or partial joining of the toes. Common medical problems include reflux, bowel abnormalities, heart defects, seizures, and cleft palate.

The tournament has raised more than a quarter million dollars for the CdLS Foundation, a national family support organization which is based near Hartford, Conn., according to organizers.

The tournament kicks off with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and a silent auction begins at 7 p.m. \$175 per player includes greens fee, cart, box lunch, dinner, and prizes.

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