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Youth services gets new home Voters bought site for town yard

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover Youth Services has a new temporary home.

Selectmen unanimously voted on May 19 to relocate the town department from the third floor of Town Offices to 37-39 Pearson St., a duplex bought by the town last year after Town Meeting appropriated \$505,000 toward its purchase.

The relocation will be contingent upon an annual review and traffic study, selectmen decided before the vote.

The board's decision was followed by cheers from AYS supporters and anger from Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone, a longtime town watchdog who vowed never to attend another public meeting again if the board approved the move.

Calling AYS a department that

is "mushrooming out of control," Carbone told selectmen that Town Meeting approved the purchase of 37-39 Pearson St. for the expansion of the Lewis Street town yard, not for a temporary AYS office.

Pearson Street is between Memorial Hall Library and the Butler Bank building on North Main Street.

The rear of 37-39 Pearson Street abuts the town yard.

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AYS staff members Tony Lombardi, Sobhan Namvar, Bill Fahey, Glenn Wilson and Suzie Clark outside of 37-39 Pearson St.

BRIAN MESSENGER
Staff photo

Hollywood comes to Andover



Signs for the movie "This Side of the Truth" show the way to where filming is occurring off Alderbrook Road.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Crew members for the film "This Side of the Truth" move in and out of a house being used for filming on Regency Ridge in Andover.

Jennifer Garner and cast filming 'This Side of the Truth'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Two big yellow signs posted on South Main Street recently had the acronym TSOT, but little else to let folks know what was really going on: Hollywood was here!

American A-lister Jennifer Garner and British actor Ricky Gervais of "The Office" fame were in

the house — or more accurately in a mansion on Regency Ridge.

They were shooting scenes for their new movie, "This Side of the Truth" (hence, TSOT), at the end of Regency Ridge, which is off Alderbrook Road.

"It's been crazy with all the traffic, but it has been well-managed," said Diane Cahill, who lives

"Jennifer Garner is great. She just came over and talked to us and said 'Hi' to all the kids."

— Diane Cahill of Regency Ridge

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World War I cannon on leave

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover's green space known as The Park is missing one of its most recognizable features: the World War I-era cannon near the intersection of Chestnut and Bartlett streets.

And, no it hasn't been stolen or vandalized. The cannon, a French 75 — an actual piece of artillery captured from the Germans, not a replica — has been taken to be refurbished and given a new set of wheels.

"It would be pretty hard for someone to steal that and get away without being noticed," laughed Andover's Plant and Facilities Department Director Joe Piantedosi.

The footprint where the cannon, a focal point of the Park and a magnet for children to climb on, once stood has been filled in with wood chips. The cannon will be missing for Memorial Day — and for the Fourth of July, too.

Michael Burke, Andover's director of veteran's services, said the work to fix the cannon has been in the works for about a year. He estimated that it will take the entire summer to have the wooden wheels refurbished by a specialist.

The cannon itself will be sandblasted and repainted by a team of students from the Greater Lawrence Technical School. Once finished, the cannon should be back home in the Park this fall, "before the snow flies," Burke said.

Due to moisture and wear over the years, the can-



PAUL BILLODEAU/Staff photo

This May 13 photo clearly shows the deterioration of the wheels on the cannon in The Park.

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Red will mean 'caution' on Main Street

Against disability group recommendation

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

It came down to consistency for Justin Coppola Jr.: Yellow signals caution to those with limited eyesight.

So Coppola Jr. and the town's Commission on Disability recommended using the typical yellow "tactile pads" on Main Street — the studded inserts in sidewalks alerting the blind and disabled of oncoming intersections.

Instead, Selectmen voted May 19 to install red pads adjacent to all Main Street crosswalks affected by the redesign

project. Yellow pads, the color currently used in Andover, will be installed in all side-street crosswalks affected by the Main Street redesign project, selectmen also decided.

The decision to install red pads was recommended by the Main Street Committee, Design Review Board and Andover Business Center Association, who discussed both aesthetics and new safety studies.

But Coppola Jr., who attended the meeting in a wheelchair and told selectmen he had several disabilities and vision problems, believes the compromise could lead to confusion.

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NEW: Goal is to build a youth center in town

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"I don't think this is appropriate," Carbone told selectmen. "If you have the best interest of the kids in the community at heart, you won't do this."

After voting unanimously last month to request more information from Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, who first recommended the relocation to the board, selectmen approved the AYS move to Pearson Street by a 3-0 vote.

Selectmen Mary Lyman and Brian Major were not at the meeting, which was held across the hall from the current 600-square-foot AYS office, formerly used as the town employee smokers' lounge before AYS was formed in 1994.

"I know you hear us very frequently on Monday nights," AYS Director Bill Fahey told selectmen on May 19. "We just look forward to this opportunity and hope to make the best out of it."

Fahey told selectmen that after last month's meeting with the board, he spoke with Stapczynski and with Building In-

spector Kaija Gilmore, Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi and Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

Fahey said 37-39 Pearson St. will serve as an administrative office for the department's five employees, a meeting place for youth groups, a storage space for the department and an area for kids to use town computers.

"I think this particular location is not a youth center," said Selectman Ted Teichert. "It's an office."

Fahey said AYS hopes to move into the building by September or October.

The basement and third floor of the building will be used for storage only, Fahey said. Currently, the department's equipment is spread all over town and even stored in the basement Fahey's own home, he told the board.

Selectmen told Fahey they would like to see a meeting with neighbors scheduled next month.

Selectman Alex Vispoli hoped to learn more about traffic patterns on the street, as well as on the nearby railroad tracks.

Fahey told the board he would continue working with Pattullo and Andover Safety Officer Chuck Ederly about traffic concerns, and that AYS vehicles would be parked behind the building.

Carbone also expressed concern over traffic on the street, which runs between North Main and Railroad streets, near the Andover commuter rail stop.

"Pearson Street is a very congested street," said Carbone, noting its proximity to Memorial Hall Library, the Public Safety Center and downtown businesses. "There's too many variables."

After the May 19 meeting, Carbone said 37-39 Pearson St. should be used for the town's highway department, which operates out of a small office within the town yard, she said.

"I think Town Meeting was deceived about how they marketed this," said Carbone. "It wasn't too long after Town Meeting that this transpired."

Carbone moved to Andover in 1976 and began regularly attending public meetings three years later, she said.

When asked if she would no longer attend meetings she said, "It breaks my heart to do it, but probably yes."

Previously used for both commercial and residential purposes, 37-39 Pearson St. was expected to be used by the town to either expand the town yard or as part of a mixed-use development project if the town yard was moved.

Fahey said general talks about relocating his department began more than a year ago with both Stapczynski and Piantedosi, after it was determined other third-floor town departments were experiencing space issues.

Selectman Jerry Stabile, a member of the town yard task force, said it would take a minimum of two years before the town yard is moved, if at all. The town yard is where municipal sand and salt is stored and vehicles are maintained.

In response to Carbone's comments on May 19, Stabile was defensive.

"If this is a conspiracy, or we're here cutting deals, Mary, I haven't been a part of it," he said, prompting Carbone to leave.

When asked by selectmen how long AYS planned to remain on Pearson Street, Fahey said the department would continue working toward privately building a multi-million-dollar youth center behind Doherty Middle School.

"Our goal is to eventually build a youth center here in town," Fahey said. "Our goal is to get another place."

Fahey said if the town yard was moved, as is being considered by a task force, AYS could identify other temporary sites before a youth center is built in the future.

Andover High School student Nick Platt told selectmen that the AYS move to Pearson would allow for a more proactive approach raising money for a youth center.

"I've spent a lot of time working across the hall," said Platt. "It's simply too small of a space for everyone who wants to be involved to be involved."

"The Pearson Street expansion would accelerate the development of the youth center," he said. "It would be a temporary change, but it would be necessary to accelerate our fundraising."

CANNON: Restoration begins

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non's wooden wheels began to rot and the spokes were splintering. Burke wanted to get the cannon out of the Park and away from young climbers this spring, because the deteriorating wheels had become a danger, he said.

"After 15 years (outside) in New England, that's what happens," Burke said. "I made the call to pull it off the Park."

On Monday, the cannon's wheels began to collapse as soon as the weapon was moved, he noted.

The cannon's restoration will be paid for by the Andover veteran's office budget, he said. They have not found a vendor, so Burke has no estimate of what the repairs might cost yet, he said.

He is not looking for a private donation to cover the cannon's refurbishment, he said. The \$22,000 Korean War memorial, set to be unveiled this Memorial Day, was paid for by Margaret Doherty Chambers and Richard Cham-



ON THE WEB

Get more history of the Cannon and Memorial Day events at andovertownsmen.com

bers.

A crew from the town came and removed the cannon the morning of Monday, May 19, and drove it to the town yard. Workers have built the cannon a cradle to rest in for the summer, but for now, it's sitting on a trailer in the town yard vehicle maintenance shop.

Workers used heavy equipment to jack up the cannon, remove the wheels, and transfer it to a double-wheeled trailer, said Piantedosi.

The cannon was last refurbished in 1994, when it received new wheels and was repainted by GLTS students.

Members of the town's Patriotic Holiday Committee have been working with Burke to coordinate the cannon's refurbishment and are searching to find a specialist

DID YOU KNOW? HISTORY BEHIND THE CANNON IN THE PARK

The cannon in the Park, near the intersection of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, is more than just a favorite place for children to climb.

The cannon is a weapon used in World War I, and was placed in The Park by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the 1930s, said Clare Curran-Ball, reference librarian at Memorial Hall Library.

In making plans for the cannon's refurbishment in 1994, Andover resident Jim Deyermond found an inscription on the weapon's barrel that read "captured by the 37th Div., Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 1916."

to work on the cannon's wheels.

The cannon's spoke and spindle-style wheels are thick and heavy, different than wagon or other wooden wheels, and need a special artisan to repair them, he said.

Jim Bedford, a Patriotic Holiday



Courtesy photo

A World War I-era cannon, a familiar landmark in the Park in Andover, sits on a trailer at the vehicle maintenance shop at the town yard this week, waiting for a new set of wheels.

Committee member and Civil War re-enactor who has experience with cannons, has found a

couple of leads for specialists, said Burke. The cannon is a war trophy,

said Burke, but is not a memorial to any fallen soldiers.

Andover's actual World War I memorial is the auditorium at Doherty Middle School, he said, though there are many in town who do not know this. There is a bronze plaque inside Memorial Auditorium's front door listing soldiers who served in World War I from Andover, and the auditorium, which connects Doherty Middle to the Town Offices, was built in their memory.

Clarification

A May 8 story about Boston King Cafe opening in the Butler Bank building on North Main Street did not mention a fourth tenant of the building, John Drago, CPA.

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In Brief

Andover's Memorial Day services

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

This year's Memorial Day ceremonies in Andover will include the dedication of a nearly six-foot-tall Korean War veterans memorial.

The stone monument was expected to arrive in town yesterday, May 21, after Townsman deadline, according to Veteran's Services Director Michael Burke. It will be installed in southwest section of the Park, near Town Offices and Bartlet Street, and is engraved with the names of four Andover men killed in action during the war.

Roughly one in 10 Andover residents served in the Korean War.

"For many of them, they served four years in World War II only to come home to Andover, get settled with the family, maybe make college plans with the GI bill, or, say, a job at Tyer Rubber, and then they got called back to Korea," Burke said. "They bravely went back."

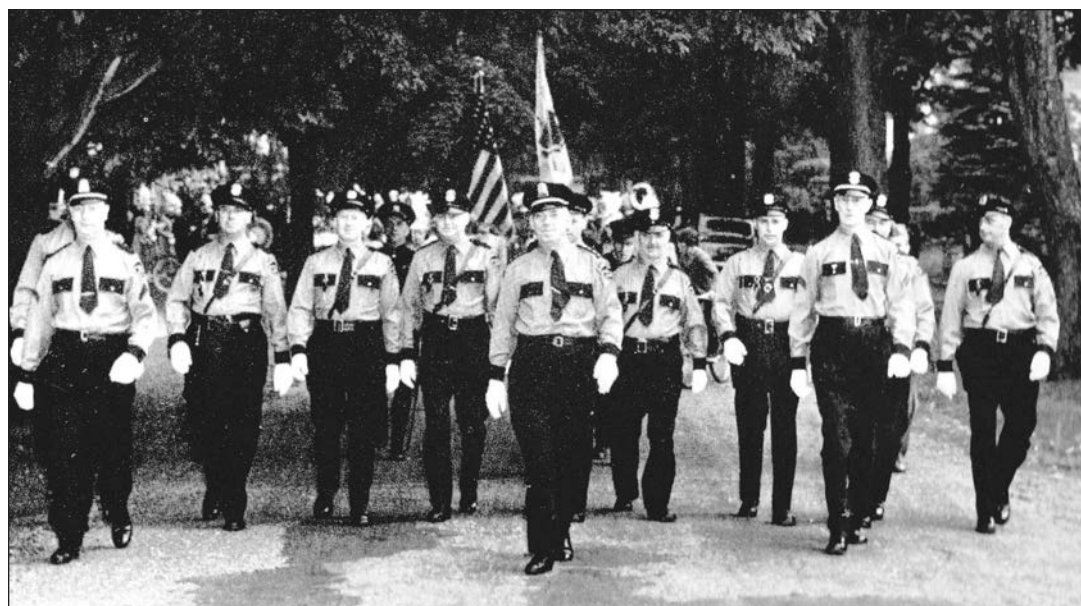
With two concrete supports for the monument and a nearby bench already installed, Burke said the Memorial Day commemoration ceremony will run according to plan.

"It is in the Merrimack Valley," said Burke of the monument that is in the possession of a Methuen company. "It shouldn't take too long. They'll come in with a truck and unload it and secure it and we'll be all set with the ceremony."

"Our Memorial Day ceremony is all wrapped around the dedication of that monument," Burke said. "It's going to be a somber ceremony. We're coming up on six decades since the Korean War."

The annual Memorial Day Parade also will be on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. There will be a collation at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for all parade participants.

The route leads from the intersection of Elm and Florence streets to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue, Bartlet Street and end at the Park. In the event of heavy rain, all observances will be held inside Memorial Auditorium.



Andover Police, led by Chief George Dane, march in a Memorial Day parade during the late 1940s. For more on Memorial Day through the years in Andover, see Bill Dalton's column, Page 9.

Courtesy photo

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

The new monument recognizes the four residents killed in action during the Korean War:

- John P. Andonian, 21, Army, May 1951
- Frederick H. Gravis Jr., 25, Army, October 1950
- Donald W. Lee Jr., 19, Marines, February 1953
- Samuel F. Turner, 21, Army, June 1951

The complete schedule for Andover's Memorial Day includes ceremonies at the Memorial Circle in West Parish Cemetery at 7 a.m., at the Memorial Flagpole at St. Augustine Cemetery off Lupine Road at 7:30 a.m., in the American Legion Lot at Spring Grove Cemetery off Abbot Street at 8 a.m., followed by the parade at 10 a.m., a dedication of the Andover Korean War Memorial at 10:45 a.m., and then lunch for participants at Doherty Middle School's cafeteria from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In case of heavy rain, all festivities will be held inside Memorial Auditorium, at Doherty Middle School.

The installation of the war memorial was approved by the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 13, after veterans lobbied to be recog-

nized with a structure other than the bronze plaque located on a rock within the Ballardvale Green.

The monument, designed in conjunction with town's Preservation Committee, Design Review Board, Patriotic Holiday Committee and Ballardvale Historic District Commission, was selected to abstractly mimic the shape of the Korean peninsula, while a line across the front and different textures represent the 38th Parallel separating North and South Korea.

Burke said the nearby bench was donated by members of the American Legion Post 8.

"We're going to have a great turn out," said Burke of the Memorial Day ceremony. "The weather looks great. This is going to be a great day for veterans, par-

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Andover's Memorial Day observance

When: Monday, May 26

Parade: 10 a.m.

Where: Route leads from Elm and Florence streets, to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue, to Bartlet Street, ending at The Park

Services:

- Memorial Circle, West Parish Cemetery, 7 a.m.
 - Memorial flagpole, St. Augustine Cemetery, 7:30 a.m.
 - American Legion lot, Spring Grove Cemetery, 8 a.m.
 - dedication of the new Andover Korean War Memorial, 10:45 a.m. (to be erected in the southwest corner of The Park)
 - lunch for participants, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Doherty Middle School cafeteria
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ticularly Korean War veterans, and the community as a whole."

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS REALLY DO WANT TO be away from their parents that much, that they'll come despite the rain.

— Linda Cummings, Andona Society member, about the number of middle-school students who stayed at Clown Town on Friday night, despite showers. Story in Arts, Page 15.

BEAUTY PAGEANTS HAVE A BAD REP, AND THAT'S WHY I PICKED this one. It's what's inside that matters most to me.

— Kendall Wipff, winner of the Miss Massachusetts Junior National Teenager pageant, which she says focuses more on academics, achievements and involvement with school and the community. Story in Townspeople, Page 9.

JUST BEING THERE AND WATCHING WHAT THEY DID GOT ME TIRED.

— Wood Hill eighth-grader Sean McCall, 14, on watching farm workers on Blanchard Street. Story, Page 6.



Drop off bottles, get a clean car

Bancroft School is holding its first Bottle Drive and Car Wash Fundraiser on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to noon at Bancroft School.

All proceeds will go to the Bancroft Family to Family Program to help pay for summer camps for students in need. The Family to Family program at Bancroft is a connection to school and the community. It is a group of parents, teachers and community members working together to help students and families access school and community opportunities through communication, transportation and funding. The program enables kids to participate in activities with their Andover peers.

Architectural trolley tour

Andover Days will include a chance for people to learn about Andover's architecture during a trolley tour of the town on Saturday, May 31. Hosted by the Andover Historical Society, the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the historic Amos Blanchard House at 97 Main St. The 90-minute trolley tour will depart at 9 a.m. sharp and return promptly at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the trolley tour is \$22 per person.

"The town of Andover is a treasure trove of architectural styles. Tucked around town are examples of many American architectural styles," according to the Historical Society. The Architecture Trolley Tour will be guided by local historic preservation specialists. Each participant will receive a printed booklet that will serve as a field guide to local residential architecture styles.

Register for T-Ball

Registration for T-ball, for kids ages 4 to 6, is Tuesday, May 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Games are on

Saturdays and practices will be during the week. For more information, call Amy Quinlan at 978-786-3541. Volunteer coaches also needed. The YMCA is at 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

They do, do windows

Saturday, June 7, the Andover Historical Society will host a hands-on wooden window repair workshop. The workshop will include demonstrations and practice of glazing, stripping, and basic sash and epoxy repairs. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. until noon in the Historical Society's historic 1820 barn woodworking shop. Registration is limited to 10 people. Registration fee of \$25 for Historical Society members and \$35 for nonmembers and includes all materials and activities. If participants have an old sash they are repairing or thinking about repairing, they are encouraged to bring it along.

After restoring the remaining original windows on his 1797 home, instructor Leo Greene figured out how NOT to restore windows. He now restores windows professionally, while pursuing a master's degree in Preservation Studies at Boston University.

Membership in the Historical Society starts at \$25 for an individual and includes benefits such as discounts on programs and workshops, free use of the library and archives, and special business programs including discounted Massachusetts auto insurance and membership in the Andover Federal Credit Union.

The Andover Historical Society and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum are at 97 Main St. in Andover.

NEWS CALENDAR

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.

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing and deliberation about Northfield Commons, 8 Alderbrook Road and 3 McDonald Circle; Town Offices; 36 Bartlet St.; third-floor conference 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.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Council on Aging subcommittee on virtual assisted living, School Administration building, third-floor conference room, 9 a.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Healthy Communities Tobacco Control Program, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 9 to 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

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

MONDAY, JUNE 9

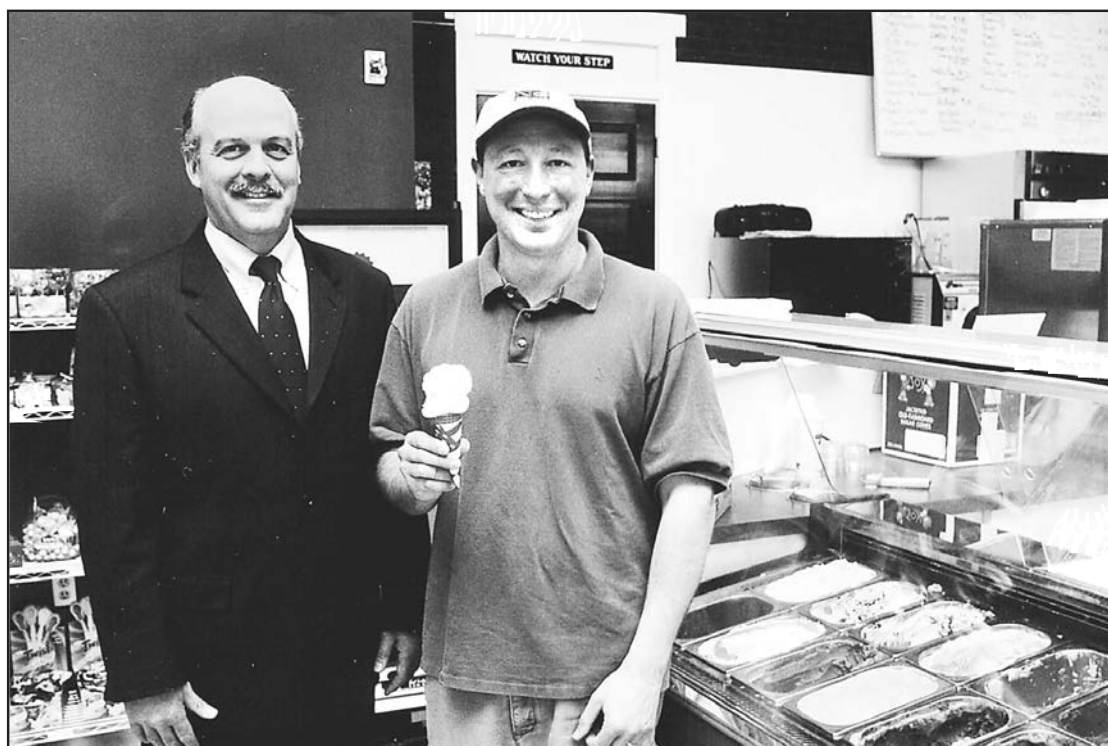
Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

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



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TRUTH: Regency Ridge used as movie set

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at 17 Regency Ridge, next door to all the filming. "This has been so exciting for our little cul-de-sac." The signs on South Main, also known as Route 28, hung at the left turn for the parking lot to the ice rink at Phillips Academy and also at Alderbrook Road. With numerous trucks, RVs and cars belonging to extras parked at the PA rink, drivers delivered movie-related staffers to 21 Regency Ridge for filming. More cars and trucks were parked along the neighborhood and a police officer was keeping the vehicles on one side of the street.

"Jennifer Garner is great. She just came over (during the afternoon on Friday, May 16) and talked to us and said 'Hi' to all the kids," said Cahill who invited friends over on Tuesday, May 20, and planned to set up lawn chairs so they could watch the shooting of the film's final scenes in Andover. "She said she loves filming in Massachusetts because no one bothers her. She said she is comfortable here."

Gervais, the star of the original "Office" television show that is a big hit in his native England, was less visible on the Andover set. Production crew members said he was in Andover on Friday, May 16, but was busy filming.

Gervais is involved with producing the U.S. version of "The Office," one of NBC's most popular situation comedies for the past several years, according to his Web site. His voice overs can be heard in episodes of "The Simpsons" and "Alias," which also starred Garner.

The Hollywood crew and all its

gear arrived at Regency Ridge on Thursday, May 15 and was scheduled to wrap up Tuesday, May 20.

"I think it's great and I'm happy to hear filming was in Andover," said resident Mike Pingree, an extra for several movies filmed in the area. "I would say that tax benefit (for movie productions filmed in Massachusetts) is working like a charm."

Pingree has a scene in "This Side of Truth" that was filmed in a Lowell bank last month. The movie, a romantic comedy about a town filled with people who do not lie, also had scenes shot in Haverhill. It is expected to hit the big screen in 2009.

Finding Regency Ridge

Alec Hammond of Los Angeles is the production manager for the movie and said he needed a mansion for some scenes. Using "Google Earth" and working with a site-location company in Lowell, he found mansions with big yards in Andover.

He said a swooping driveway, preferably with an iron gate, and an inground pool were must-haves. A location scout was sent to Andover. The mansion at 21 Regency Ridge, which town assessment records show was built five years ago on 2.27 acres and is now assessed at \$3.2 million, met the criteria.

"We didn't want a mansion that screamed New England," Hammond said. "This mansion is great because people all around the country will see it as just a mansion."

"It's got the driveway we needed and has the gate, so we didn't have to build one, so that was good," he said. "There's lots of

ANDOVER ATTRACTIONS

Jennifer Garner and Ricky Gervais aren't the first celebrities to hang their hats in Andover of late. The hometown of Jay Leno and Michael Chiklis made way for Fonzie (actor and author Henry Winkler) on Mother's Day, while esteemed cellist Yo-Yo Ma, actor Alan Alda and Patriots head coach Bill Belichick have all been in town recently.

space in the yard and inside."

Hammond does not know the homeowners, who moved out for the duration of the filming. He said they were paid a standard rental fee for their property, which he did not disclose.

Tiffany Kinder of Boston and formerly of Los Angeles, the film's location manager, is the one who came upon Regency Ridge.

"I knew what they wanted and was just driving around Andover looking for it and I found it," she said.

She took pictures of the mansion, met with movie representatives and everyone agreed on the Andover location for the shoot.

The scene in Andover is about the lead character living at the mansion while fans of his camp out on the lawn in tents. Their "I love you" messages, letters and numerous flower arrangements decorated the driveway gate for this particular scene.

Why so much lights, cameras, action?

Nick Paleologos, executive di-

rector of the Massachusetts Film Office, said the state's new tax credit law, enacted in 2006, is what's making the state so hot for films. Filmmakers and studios can get a 25 percent tax cut on their spending in the state. They also are eligible for sales-tax exemptions.

"Keeping up with the demand of hiring workers, like hairdressers, carpenters, make up people, for all these sets where filming is happening, has grown tremendously for us," Paleologos said.

He called the film-location-service growth "unprecedented" and noted that such tradesmen have "doubled their salaries" as filming in Massachusetts has boomed.

Paleologos' figures show that just one movie ("The Departed") had scenes filmed in the Boston area during 2005, generating about \$6 million in new revenue for the state. Now, three years later and with the new tax credit law on the books, eight movies, including "This Side of Truth," are being filmed in the state. Paleologos said filming all those movies will bring in about \$380 million for the state.

"That's everything — taxes paid, services received, all that," he said.

Paleologos is optimistic that next year will be even better.

As for Andover, the town is now on the state's "film-friendly community" list and just might get another slice of that very green pie.

"We're a celebrity culture, there's no getting around it. It's gloomy out there with gas and oil prices so high ... Making movies is fun and makes people feel good," Paleologos said. "Maybe another movie will land up there."

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"Besides that, it's not aesthetically pleasing," said Coppola Jr. "I don't understand why they're doing two colors."

At a cost of \$6,000 per intersection, in all 50 new tactile pads will be installed as part of the Main Street redesign, which spans from Stevens to Wheeler streets.

Justin Coppola Sr., chairman of Andover's Commission on Disability, told selectmen their decision should be a matter of safety over aesthetics.

"The pads are there to help the disabled," said Coppola Sr. "Yellow is the universal signal for caution. I'm not sure we should tell disabled people that in downtown Andover, it should be red."

Hoping to defer a vote until the board's June 2 meeting, Selectmen Chairman Ted Teichert was told by town officials that a decision was needed this week, since the state Highway Department was waiting to order the pads.

The two-color solution, was approved, 3-0. Selectmen Mary Lyman and Brian Major were not present.

Lyman, who due to a back problem said she was in an MRI machine at Lawrence General during the May 19 vote, said yellow is the color recommended by MassHighway, the Massachusetts Commission on Disability and the state's Commission for the Blind.

"I'm outraged over the outcome," said Lyman. "I think it's a very destructive decision, very divisive and totally unnecessary."

"For us to tell them that we know the right answer is just despicable," added Lyman.

While the Main Street Committee's proposal to use non-yellow pads was primarily a case of aesthetics, member Abigail O'Hara

said studies have shown that the pads' contrast to the sidewalk is the most important safety factor.

In a study comparing 13 colors of tactile pads, O'Hara said dark gray, black and red all performed better than yellow in visibility tests with disabled people. With 18 new pads to be installed in Elm Square alone, O'Hara said the Main Street Committee was recommending dark gray or red pads, or "a color that is harmonious with our downtown environment."

O'Hara also said the National Federation of the Blind opposes use of tactile pads entirely.

Coppola Sr. said he was familiar with the reports.

"The disabled population is used to yellow, because that's what they've seen their whole life," said Coppola Sr. "You're adding another process for them, which I don't think is fair."

All colors considered by selectmen met federal safety guidelines.

"The way I see it, there's not a bad choice because they both meet the specs," said Teichert. "I don't think there's really a right or wrong answer."

The Andover Business Center Association voted unanimously to find an alternative color to yellow, ABCA President Sharon Breighner told selectmen.

The same stance was taken by the town's Design Review Board, according to Chairwoman Ann Constantine.

Envisioning the presence of numerous state-mandated signs after the Main Street project is complete, Constantine told selectmen that "aesthetic clutter" will be significant on the roadway.

"I think we very much overuse this caution yellow and I think it's an eyesore," said Constantine. "If we have caution yellow all over the place, then we're taking something away."

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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, May 13 — At 6:43 p.m., Phillip Muford, 20, of 39 Evergreen Ave., Bedford, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, an uninsured motor vehicle/trailer, and an unregistered motor vehicle.

Wednesday, May 14 — At 11:05 a.m., Carlos Martinez, 31, of 366 Mount Vernon St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle after a license suspension, a marked lanes violation and operating a motor vehicle after a license suspension.

At 11:59 a.m., Anthony Torres, 23, of 455 Washington St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for disorderly conduct.

At 12:12 p.m., Ariel Tejada, 24, of 156 Easton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle after a license suspension.

Thursday, May 15 — At 11:46 a.m., Itieni Da Silva Lyra, 32, of 54 Arlington St., Everett, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and an uninspected motor vehicle.

At 2:24 p.m., Phillip Muford, 20, of 39 Evergreen Ave., Bedford, was arrested and charged on a warrant for breaking and entering during the daytime for a felony, malicious destruction of property over \$250, breaking and entering a building during the daytime for a felony, and larceny from a building.

At 3:24 p.m., Eddy Peralta, 18, of 7 Warren St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 5:55 p.m., Sherry Caudill, 35, of 700 Bullfinch Drive, was arrested and charged with no inspection/sticker, a revoked registration, an uninsured motor vehicle/trailer, and on a warrant for motor vehicle charges.

At 10:14 p.m., William Beck, 52, of 10 Lowell St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for forfeiture of bail.

Friday, May 16 — At 12:03 p.m., James Rodriguez, 18, of 120 Howard St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 4:10 p.m., Mark Picardo, 46, of 67 High St., Rockport, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 4:26 p.m., Robert Smedile, 37, of 19 Monument St., Haverhill,



KATIE McMAHON/Staff photo

The driver of this Nissan Pathfinder ran off Highland Road in Andover, knocking down a utility pole, which knocked out power to the central area of town Monday.

was arrested and charged with distribution of a Class D substance.

At 7:17 p.m., a 15-year-old female from Andover was taken into custody on a warrant as a child in need of services.

Saturday, May 17 — At 12:06 a.m., Carlos Pardini, 33, of 56 Howard St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

At 3:09 p.m., Steven Luongo, 46, of 597 Lafayette Road, Hampton, N.H., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

At 6:39 p.m., Alexander White, 18, of 2 Warwick Circle, was arrested and charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$250 and two counts of discharging a BB gun/air rifle on a public way.

At 6:57 p.m., Daniel Campinell, 18, of 15 Woodhaven Drive, was arrested and charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$250 and two counts of discharging a BB gun/air rifle on a public way.

Sunday, May 18 — At 1:25 a.m., Joseph Fitzpatrick, 20, of 127 Holt Road, was arrested and charged with possession of an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle and as a person under 21 transporting liquor.

At 9:57 a.m., Altair Soares, 44 of 47 South Whipple St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 10:58 a.m., Starlin Perez, 24, of 383 Hampshire St., Lawrence,

was arrested and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, speeding, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and possession of a Class D substance.

At 11:57 a.m., Mark Mollica, 54, of 600 Osgood St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 7:39 p.m., Gregory Gagne, 51, of 69 Gould Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

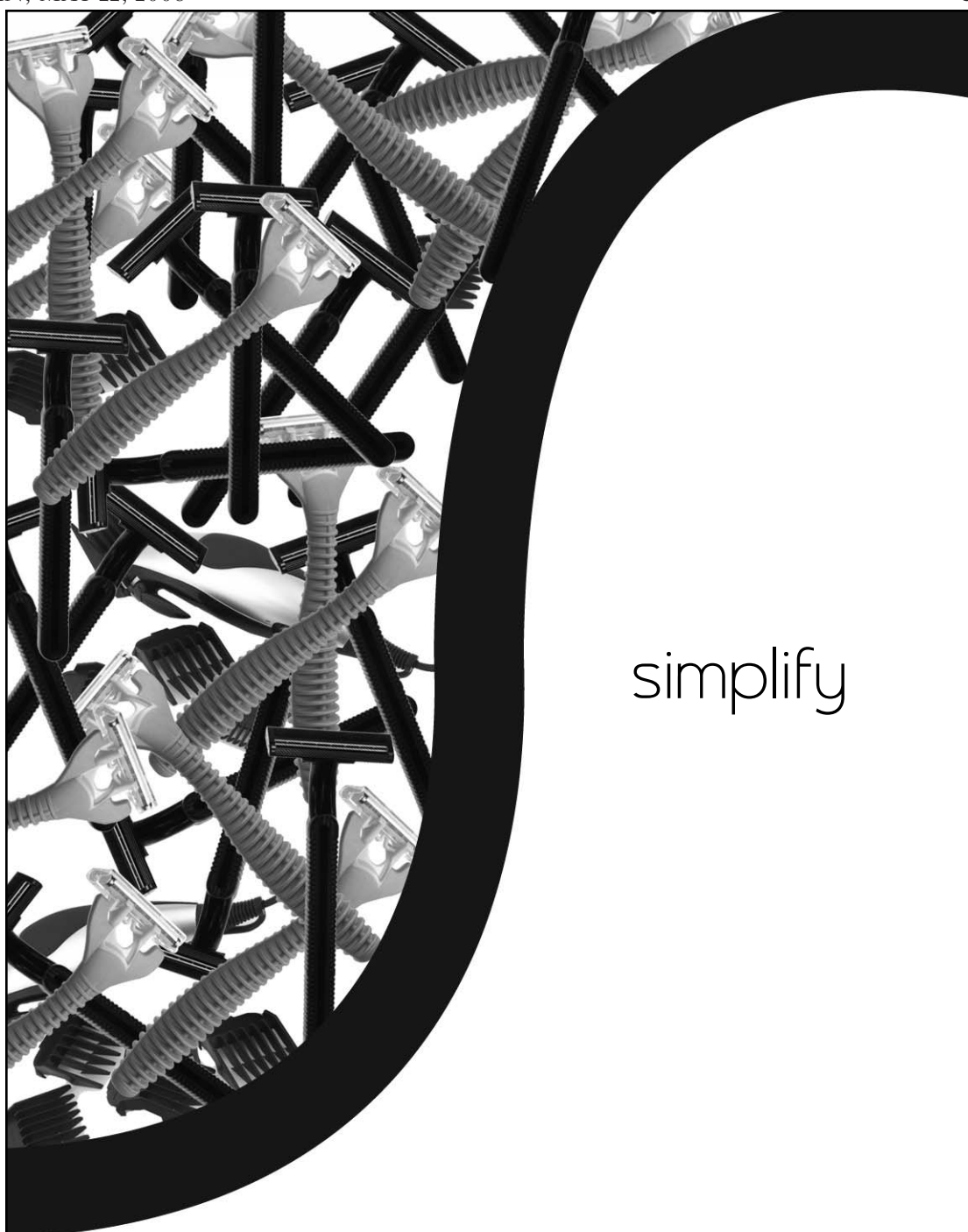
Monday, May 19 — At 4:30 a.m., Andrew Brickley, 22, of 15 Glen Meadow Road, was arrested and charged with a stop sign violation, a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor. Brickley allegedly hit a utility pole near the intersection of Chestnut Street and Highland Road, knocking out power to some of Andover, including the downtown for about 10 hours. Town Offices officially were closed as a result of the outage, though some departments stayed open.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Friday, May 16 — At 10:36 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported after the caller's back windshield was smashed while at the Andover High School field house.

At 10:50 p.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported by a resident who said her back windshield was smashed in earlier in the day.

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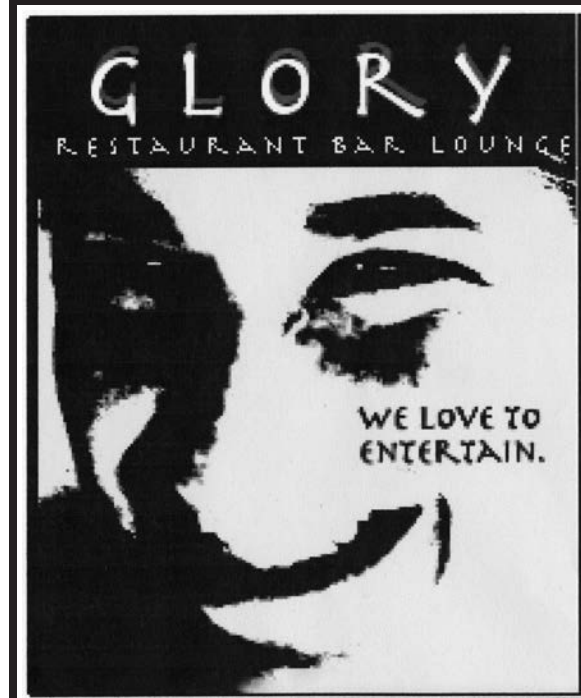
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Down on the farm: Students get lesson in agriculture

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

More than 40 classmates came home with Kendra Dargoonian on May 15 during a field trip. For many of the Wood Hill Middle School eighth-graders, it wasn't the first time they'd been to her family's Blanchard Street farm.

"It's funny, because if you say my name, they're like, 'Oh, I've been there before,'" said Dargoonian, 14. "They were really excited and they had a lot of fun because they got to see what farms are really like."

As part of their Expeditionary Learning curriculum, Dargoonian and her classmates learned more about farming and its relationship with weather and climate. Agricultural history and modern technology's effects of farming also were discussed.

"I think they had a good time and they learned quite a bit," said Dena Dargoonian, Kendra's mother. "Now when you ask them where a vegetable comes from, they don't say the supermarket."

Wood Hill eighth-grader Sean McCall, 14, said he was surprised to learn that many of the vegetables sold at local gro-

cery stores are actually grown at Dargoonian Farm.

"It added a lot," said Sean. "We're used to working with projects and field work. It's always good to have a second thought on what you're learning about."

He said he also now better understands the degree of hard work involved with farming.

"It was a good experience," said Sean. "Just being there and watching what they did got me tired."

Dargoonian Farm was founded in the 1920s by Kendra Dargoonian's grandfather, Ben, and his brother, Red. The two handed the farm down to her father, Tom. All three Dargoonians were present to discuss farming with the students.

"It was a lot of fun," said Kendra Dargoonian. "They learned so much. And even I did, because I didn't know half the stuff my dad was talking about."

Kendra Dargoonian said farming is hard work, but has its advantages as a family business.

"I get to stay with my family the whole day because right when I get home from school or on the weekends, I go down there and help out," said Dargoonian. "We bond. Not everybody has the opportunity to do that."

The Dargoonians live down the road from their farm, where vegetables are grown during the summer months and flowering plants are grown in the winter and fall. Ten thousand pots of poinsettias are grown for the Christmas season.

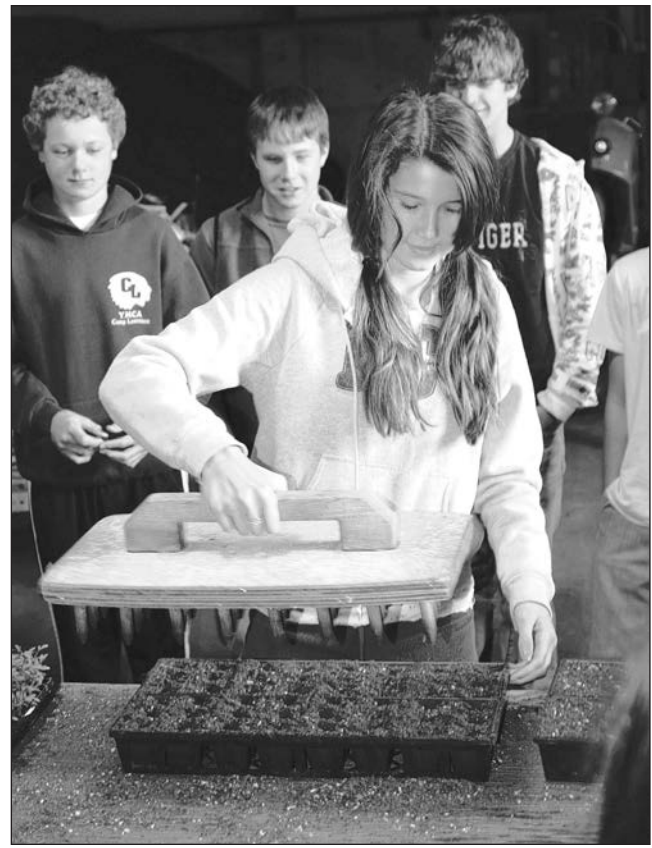
The farm is home to 14 greenhouses, which during the day are warmed by the sun and kept between 75 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. At night, the greenhouses are kept at 58 to 60 degrees through both oil and gas-powered heat.

Dena Dargoonian said the rising costs of petroleum-based products, including plastics and fertilizers, is a challenge for the family-run business.

"Everything basically boils down to petroleum-based products," said Dena Dargoonian. "It's not even just the oil for the heat. It's all the products we use."

Dena Dargoonian said that Sanborn Elementary School's kindergarten students have been coming to the farm for 15 years. One former Sanborn student actually made a return visit as a current Wood Hill eighth-grader on May 15, she said.

"For teenagers, they were really good listeners," said Dena Dargoonian. "It seemed like they were very interested. I think it was a success."



Wood Hill Middle School student Kendra Dargoonian demonstrates a dibbler, a tool used to make holes for seedlings.

Courtesy photo

CCHS Class of '58 hosts 50th reunion

Central Catholic High School Class of 1958 will celebrate its 50th Golden Anniversary on Saturday, May 24 at the Holiday Inn on the Tewksbury-Andover line on Route 133. The reunion is the culmination of a week of festivities: other events include

a breakfast with the Class of 2008 on Wednesday, May 21, a Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday, May 22, and a Golden Diploma ceremony before the school's graduation exercises on Friday, May 23. For more information about these events, contact

Phaedra D'Ambrosio at 978-682-0260 ext. 633, or pdambrosio@centralcatholic.net.

The reunion on May 24 begins at 6 p.m. and includes dinner and dancing. The cost is \$50 per person.

■ POLICE LOG

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Saturday, May 17 — At 8:51 a.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported by LaQuinta Hotel staff on River Road.

At 9:03 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in and attempted theft of a global positioning system was reported on Minuteman Road.

At 10:17 a.m., theft of a GPS from a motor vehicle was reported on Korinthian Way.

At 11:20 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Korinthian Way.

Saturday, May 17 — At 5:48 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Scotland Drive.

Monday, May 19 — At 7:19 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Minuteman Road.

At 7:22 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Campanelli Road.

At 7:58 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Riverside Drive.

THEFTS

Tuesday, May 13 — At 3:12 p.m., theft of a purse was reported on Essex Street.

At 6:11 p.m., theft of a ring through the mail was reported on Ellsworth Road.

Wednesday, May 14 — At 11:30 a.m., a theft was reported on Moreland Avenue.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, May 13 — At 12:00 a.m., a Pine Cone Lane resident reported a large box of fireworks had been set off in her driveway.

At 8:39 a.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Hidden Road.

At 10:43 a.m., vandalism was reported on Brookside Drive.

At 11:23 a.m., a missing cellular phone was reported on River Road.

At 10:35 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on Walnut Avenue.

Wednesday, May 14 — At 11:01 a.m., a fight was reported that had occurred the previous day in front of Memorial Hall Library.

At 12:17 p.m., a person reported seeing a hand on the side of Lowell Street and didn't know if it was real or fake. An officer reported it was a hand from a costume.

At 2:42 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported

At 5:34 p.m., mischievous activity was reported behind South Elementary School on Woburn Street.

Thursday, May 15 — At 12:06 p.m., a missing person was reported.

At 2:13 p.m., harassment was reported on North Main Street.

At 4:05 p.m., a mother reported her 12-year-old son had locked her and her daughter in the basement and would not let them out. This was not the first time such an incident had occurred, the woman reported, and upon arrival at the home, an officer gave the family advice.

At 5:48 p.m., vandalism was reported on Memorial Circle after a woman reported someone threw a rock through her window.

At 8:04 p.m., vandalism was reported on North Main Street after a juvenile carved his initials into new pavement.

Saturday, May 17 — At 12:07 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Shawsheen Road.

At 2:33 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Lowell Street.

Sunday, May 18 — At 12:13 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 12:58 p.m., a missing cell phone was reported at Clown Town on Bartlet Street.

At 6:15 p.m., domestic abuse was reported.

At 11:24 p.m., a missing pocket-book was reported on Railroad Street.

Monday, May 19 — At 8:06 a.m., a disturbed person was reported on Bartlet Street.

At 10:18 a.m., domestic abuse was reported.

At 10:47 a.m., a disorderly person was reported on North Main Street.

At 2:20 p.m., shoplifting was reported on Main Street.

At 7:17 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Bancroft Road.

At 7:53 p.m., vandalism to a lawn was reported on Woburn Street.

At 8:11 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Marilyn Road.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Monday, May 19 — At 4:19 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Osgood Street.

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Opinion

No sense letting home go to waste

Over the years, the town has tried to use money approved by Town Meeting for purposes a bit different than its voters might have intended. Andover officials tried to use approval of water and lighting for winter ice skating near Shawsheen Square to build large light towers for soccer fields — until residents threatened legal action. Some wanted to use money meant to improve the town yard to build a new building in the cemetery — again, until neighbors complained. Cash for sidewalk reconstruction led to Formula 1-style curves and brick-style crosswalks on Chestnut and Whittier streets. Each time, we've voiced opposition to these ideas.

Now, the town is looking to use a recently purchased Pearson Street home to house a town department, Andover Youth Services. The vote at Town Meeting to buy the land indicated the duplex was being purchased to expand the town yard. If the town yard is moved, the understanding is that the land would become part of a redevelopment plan to expand the downtown business district.

However, the Town Yard Task Force is still accessing what should happen to the town yard, where Andover repairs its vehicles, stores equipment, road sand and salt, and gases up its vehicles. The town could move the town yard to the River Road area. Until a decision is made, the home on Pearson Street will sit unused. Using the site as a temporary home for a town department, whether youth services or a department currently crammed into the town yard, makes some sense. As the town grows, some departments could use more space, and few departments have grown as successfully as youth services.

Assuming traffic studies show the area — near the library, police station and Butler Bank — is safe for youth, and town officials see youth services as the best fit for the area, then the move is worth supporting. Given the popularity of the youth services program, it's unlikely voters would oppose the move. But the site should indeed be a temporary home. When the town is prepared to move ahead on its town yard plan, it should do so. The original vote to attain Pearson Street was done to help the terrible conditions at the town yard, which helps keep all departments running smoothly. So any decision to make the Pearson Street building a permanent home for anything — including youth services — should come back to Town Meeting for approval.

WEB QUESTION

Crosswalk pads: Is red your color?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web question was, "What do you think of the new brick-patterned sidewalks recently installed along Chestnut and Whittier streets?"

The top choice was a two-way tie between "They are unnecessary considering the town is anticipated an operating deficit next year," and "They aren't what voters paid for when they appropriated money for sidewalk improvements several years ago," each getting 37.5 percent of votes.

Second place, with 12.5 percent of the vote, was a two-way tie between "Other" and "They are a nice and needed improvement to the neighborhood."

No one chose, "They are ugly."

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This week's Andover Townsman Web question: Selectmen have decided to use red pads rather than yellow on Main Street to signal upcoming inter-

sections to those with disabilities. In doing so they sided with the Main Street Committee, Design Review Board and Andover Business Center Association, over the Commission on Disability. What do you think of the decision?

- Good move. The red pads will be more aesthetically pleasing.
- Good move, for looks and safety.
- I'm neutral.
- Bad move, choosing aesthetics over safety.
- Bad move. This should be about what the disabled want and need.
- Who cares? Both meet standards.
- Other.

Visit www.andovertownsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page to cast your vote. Those interested in offering longer comments can send them to nfater@andovertownsman.com.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

At right, Franziska Huhn, harpist, and, Julie Scolnik, flutist and artistic director of the Andover Chamber Music Series, perform for the students at the Guilmette Elementary School. A grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council paid for the ACHS to perform in the Lawrence Public Schools.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A vote for expanded school day

Editor, Townsman:
I have been reading the *Townsman* letters page weekly and have only noticed a lot of negative views about Expanded Learning Time. Well, I think it is time to see a positive point of view. When I first heard about ELT, I was dead against it. I was just like a lot of people out there saying that I did not want my kids in school any longer. They are burned out by the end of the day. Because I was so adamant against ELT, I decided to get onto the ELT committee for High Plain Elementary School.

After reading many articles, and listening to children, teachers and parents who are involved in an expanded day, my views started to change. Why not be part of something that can be great? Change is not always bad! A longer day can slow the pace of the day so that my kids will not come off the bus totally burned out. My children will have more time to ask questions in class. The teachers will have more time to answer questions. My kids will have more time to understand their math, science and language arts. My children will have more time for computers and new technology that I don't know and can't teach them at home. I don't think anyone is looking to keep my children in school all day until dark. Most plans that are out there are talking about a day beginning at 7:45 and ending at 3:15. There will still be plenty of time for the extracurricular activities that we think are so important for our children and our families. I don't think that ELT is looking to take those things away.

We are a town with a 95-percent graduation rate, where about 80 percent of our 10th grade students pass the MCAS on the first try. We need ELT to ensure that our core academics remain strong and that we are truly able to address the needs of all learners in our schools. What ELT is looking to do is to differentiate learning instruction and include more opportunities for project-based learning to make our students more successful. We do need more time in the day for teachers to come up with more creative plans to reach all students in the classroom, so that our children can get the best education they can.

Denise Nash
17 Rutgers Road

Andover should be a leader, add to school day

Editor, Townsman:
When I attended a recent meeting about the Extended Learning Time grant feasibility study, people asked: "Why Andover? Why not let another district that really needs the money take the grant?" That seems like a very short-sighted statement. It appears ELT has been stigmatized as primarily used by "failing" school districts. However, communities such as Waltham, traditionally a solid school district, are applying for the grant.

Andover has dedicated teachers, many with years of experience,

and they tell us they are rushed to get through all of their material. This is in a high performing, community-supported education system. Andover should want to lead, not follow; ELT is an opportunity to be a leader.

Many parents ask what we would do with the time. The initial ELT study meetings were to try to generate ideas of how things could look if we added another six hours to the school week, or approximately 70 minutes a day. Perhaps we can add extracurricular activities that most of us find important enough to pay for personally, such as piano lessons. Perhaps we could teach our children new cultural awareness while implementing physical exercise; some ELT districts have added tae kwon do.

But the really exciting thing about the ELT study is that our public schools could have what many private schools do now. We could restructure the entire school day. We could adopt block scheduling, allowing more concentrated time for math, English, reading, writing, science and social studies. That time could be broken down into small group instruction or hands-on learning. I'd like to see daily physical activities other than recess, or the instruction of a foreign language and culture. It seems cultural understanding has become almost as important as speaking the language.

We have a community of highly educated and talented individuals who could help change the face of education in America. We should not pass up that opportunity because we can't grasp or face changes that have not yet been defined. We need to spend time defining the changes we'd like to see our schools make, to ensure our children receive the best education possible and our nation remains a world leader.

Our students will face challenges of dwindling and highly sought after natural resources and the rise of China to a world leader. Even if the United States does not remain the top global economy, the US needs to be a leader and define the rules. We do not want to become the nation that lags behind because we didn't have the foresight to change before the world changed. Andover has the opportunity to lead in the US as the ELT Initiative is becoming a model for education reform nationwide.

Let us work to embrace change. Changes will be made in education, and those who lead will see the results and learn faster than those who just follow. Let's lead, Andover.

Dorie Resnik
2 Tamys Lane

Expanding learning time key to children's future

Editor, Townsman:
As residents of Andover, we have been given a great opportunity: the possibility to redesign our school day and, in doing so, better meet the diverse needs of our children. Currently some schools are exploring the possibility of change by looking at how Expanded Learning Time (ELT) can benefit Andover's children, parents and

teachers. Contrary to what many think, expanding the school day does not mean simply adding extra hours to the day. Instead, ELT has the possibility of strengthening our schools by allowing the following. What if:

- Teachers could differentiate instruction across the curriculum to meet the needs of ALL students?
- Students could experience more project-based learning for a deeper understanding of the curriculum?
- Elementary schools could teach science more than twice a week?
- Middle school students could choose between Chinese, robotics, drama, and music lessons?
- Teachers had more time to help students start homework in class?
- Teachers could meet during the school day with colleagues or parents and not get pulled away from a class to do it?
- Special education students could stay in math class with their classmates AND get small group tutoring at another time?

Parents, teachers and most importantly students say the pace of the existing day is too fast. ELT can provide time to slow down the pace and allow for a deeper understanding of subjects. This time can also be used by faculty to pursue professional development opportunities such as learning different instructional methods. Lastly, it could give our students enrichment opportunities such as instrumental music, math league and communication/technology lab.

As a community, we must continue to explore the possibilities of ELT and remember that this is a process. Change does not come quickly or easily. If redesigning our school day allows us to better meet the needs of our children, their families and our teachers, we should not dismiss this opportunity without giving it careful research and thoughtful consideration.

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Horseman and Turf had special bond

Editor, Townsman:
It was nice to see the tribute to the Shaws' old horse last week ("Missing Turf," May 22). Very few horses have their obituaries published! However, readers could be forgiven if they wondered why Turf didn't weigh 3,000 pounds if his life consisted of walking his fenceline collecting treats.

The answer is that he had another life with his best friend Frank Rivera, an accomplished horseman from Stoneham who gave much time and devotion to Turf over the past 11 years.

Frank drove up to Andover several times a week to muck Turf's stall, dispense feed and affection, groom him till he sparkled and, in nice weather, saddle him up to go adventuring. Besides walking to Harold Parker, the pair trailered to

the Goldsmith Woodlands, Bradley Palmer State Park, Crane Beach, and once even Acadia Park in Maine for a three-day stay. Turf and Frank explored the trails and communed with nature, with Turf even breaking into a canter occasionally to let off steam. Their trail rides further strengthened an uncommon emotional bond so close it was clearly evident to anyone who saw them together.

Frank's contribution to Turf's happiness and health was huge, and greatly appreciated by the horse and his family.

Turf's other best friend was Tina Umanzio, the special treats-bearing neighbor described in the article, for some reason, as "elderly" (she was not). She was for many years Turf's faithful visitor, someone for whom he had a special fondness, and not just because of the treats. The two had a strong emotional connection.

Turf liked everyone, but for his special friends he had a whole different level of affection. They enriched his life, and he theirs.

Kristina Trott
22 Morton St.

Senate intern wants to stay on Hill

Editor, Townsman:
During my last semester at Merrimack College I had the opportunity to intern with state Sen. Sue Tucker. Instead of attending class Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I worked at the Statehouse.

It was a great learning experience that taught me more than I anticipated. The senator, along with her staff, guided me and taught me how a legislative office operates, which I believe will benefit my career in countless ways. The internship also showed me the hard work and dedication the Senator and her staff put in to help meet the needs of their constituents and make the communities they represent a better place.

Prior to my internship, I had no idea what I would want to do after graduation. I enjoyed my experience so much that I am currently seeking a job as a legislative aide. The guidance of the senator and her staff has set me in the right direction and given me the skills that will help me as I enter the world.

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Paint, not construction may create pick-up lane at Doherty Middle

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

A portion of the freshly-painted center line along Bartlet Street could be ground off the pavement and redrawn further from Doherty Middle School to relieve traffic congestion during the beginning and end of school days.

The change would allow for the creation of a drop-off and pick-up lane on Bartlet Street during school hours.

Currently, parking is only permitted on the residential side of the street which means students must cross the road to get in their parents' cars after school. Under the new proposal, the center line would be shifted from the intersection of Bartlet and Punchard streets to end of Doherty property, according to town Plant & Faci-

ities Director Joe Piantedosi.

The plan is being proposed by school and town officials and was discussed with area residents and Doherty Middle parents on May 15. Town departments will now assess the feasibility of the lane alteration before potentially implementing it this fall.

Many residents believe the area in front of Doherty is dangerous during early morning hours and after school.

Parents often use the parking lane on the opposite side of Bartlet Street and the paved loop in front of Town Hall to pick up their children before and after school. Residents on the street also have complained about their driveways being blocked.

"It doesn't work the way it is right now," said Cindy Cromer, a Doherty Middle School parent and former member of Do-

herly's School Improvement Council.

The new proposal would call for 15-minute restrictions on parking in the newly created lane from between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday during the school year, said Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

"In the summer, you can park there all day, or at night or on the weekends," said Pattullo.

According to Piantedosi, the new proposal would allow for between 10 and 12 cars to park on east side of Bartlet Street, in front of Doherty Middle. The alteration would eliminate parking spaces on the opposite side of the road.

"You're just shifting the center line to that side of the street so you can fit cars on the other side," said Piantedosi. "It's quite a distance that the line would be shifted."

In November, Doherty Principal Bruce Maki, Piantedosi, and Andover police Officer Charles Edgerly appeared before the School Committee to propose a 140-foot long cut-in to the Bartlet Street sidewalk.

The plan, which would have eliminated some of the school's front lawn to create a new lane for parents to pick up and drop off their children, was met with opposition from neighbors of the middle school.

The solution also would have cost a significant amount of money, according to Maki, who noted the plan was later scrapped to help balance the fiscal 2009 operating budget.

"This is called the paint-brush solution," said Public Works Director Jack Petkus of the new plan. "It's not structural."

"Overall, I think it should be beneficial,"

said Petkus. "It's a low-cost plan, but it's not a no-cost."

Maki said town departments must first figure out details of the plan before they once again go before the School Committee and selectmen.

"The safety issue comes before convenience," said Selectman Mary Lyman.

Fire Prevention Officer Todd Pomerleau told Maki and Lyman he did not foresee limitations to fire department accessing the school, but did suggest that the school and police educate people on the changes through a letter and initial enforcement.

Such education and enforcement would start on the first day of school in September, according to Edgerly.

"It would make sense to have this done before the start of school," he said.

Andover brings Greenscapes program to residents

Andover has again joined the Greenscapes program for 2008. This program provides residents with environmentally-friendly yard care and landscaping information and services, including discounts on drought-tolerant plants.

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The cornerstone of the program is the 2008 Greenscapes Guide, a 20-page, full color, tabloid-sized publication that will be mailed to all single-family households in Andover this month.

The Greenscapes Guide contains useful lawn care and gardening tips and money-saving offers on goods and services.

The Greenscapes program also

offers a series of free workshops presented by qualified professionals, discounts on items like sprinkler timers, free e-mail newsletters, and discounts on services such as irrigation system checks and private consultations with a professional landscaper.

For more information about Greenscapes, visit www.greenskapes.org, or contact Armstrong at 978.623.8350 Ext. 531 or armstrong@andoverma.gov

L'Italien touts more money for special ed, Melmark

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, has announced that the House has approved an \$2.4 million increase to the Division on Autism and a \$2 million appropriation to Special Education Out of District Transportation in its version of the state budget.

The Division of Autism money includes \$200,000 earmarked for the new Andover school Melmark New England, to provide training and support to families, educational collaboratives and public school districts on methods for coping with behavioral challenges associ-

ated with children who have autism

The Division on Autism funding, now totaling \$5,321,753, also includes:

- \$4 million for the Autism Medicaid Waiver in order to support children with autism at risk of institutionalization in their home and communities (\$2M of this will be reimbursed by Medicaid);

- \$921,753 in funding to enable the division to provide much-needed services to autistic children;

- \$100,000 for New England Center for Children, Inc. to provide training and support to public school districts and families for the establishment of in district partner classrooms to serve children with autism

- \$100,000 for Asperger's Association of New England to provide support services to individuals with high functioning autism or Asperger's Syndrome.

The \$2 million for Special Education Out of District Transportation is a first time spending initiative in the state budget.

"This additional funding for special education transportation and autism will be extremely helpful for both the communities and the autism community," said L'Italien. "Special education transportation is a very costly but needed service and I am glad we were able to assist in covering some of the costs. Autism is a growing epidemic affecting 1 in 122 births in Massachusetts and we need to continue to provide essential services for families in need."

The budget will now proceed to the Senate for further consideration.

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Heroes keep America safe

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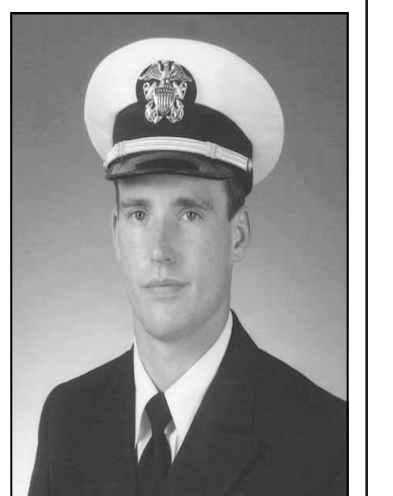
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PO2 Michael Monsoor

Michael Monsoor's family received the Medal of Honor on April 8, 2008 for his heroism in Iraq.

Monsoor was a Master-at-Arms with the Navy SEALs. He was an automatic weapons gunner for the naval special warfare group Arabian Peninsula, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On Sept. 29, 2006, a hand grenade from an insurgent bounced off his chest and landed right in front of him. He threw himself onto the grenade, absorbing the force of the explosion with his body.

He gave his life to save the lives of his two teammates.



US NAVY PHOTO
Lt. Michael Murphy

Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy's family accepted the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on Oct. 22, 2007.

Murphy was a Navy SEAL. On June 27 and 28, he led a mission to locate a militia leader in Asadabad, Konar Province, Afghanistan.

Murphy's team was discovered and a battle broke out. All four members of his team were wounded. Murphy fought his way into open terrain to get a better location to call for help for his men.

He kept fighting the enemy until he was mortally wounded, giving his life for his men.



US ARMY PHOTO
MSgt Woodrow Wilson Keeble

Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble was honored posthumously (after his death) on March 3, 2008.

He was on duty on Oct. 20, 1951 in Sagsan-ni, Korea. He saw that some members of his unit were pinned down on a hill. He dashed forward to join the platoon. Hugging the ground, he crawled forward alone and threw three grenades into the attacking enemy locations.

He survived the attack and returned to civilian life. He died Jan. 28, 1982.

For the Kid in You

Newspaper in Education Activity

1. Look at a news story on the front page of your newspaper. Make a list of the type of information included.
2. What information would you need if you were writing a story about a Medal of Honor winner? Write a list of questions you would ask.

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LOCAL TEEN CROWNED

Good grades, volunteering prove tiara-worthy

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The see-through case that carries her tiara is adorned with small glittery stars. Lip gloss, Tic-Tacs and sunscreen are also inside.

It looks like it could belong to any teenage beauty queen. But, that is not the story of Kendall Wipff, the owner of this particular case.

She won the Miss Massachusetts Junior National Teenager pageant held earlier this spring at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H.

"This (pageant) is not typical. It boosts self-confidence and pushes me to succeed," said Kendall, 15. "It definitely prepares you for real life."

There was no swimsuit event in her competition and Kendall's "platform" has nothing to do with the heel of her shoe. Her platform is "The Kindness Campaign: Promoting Youth Volunteerism."

Kendall Wipff, 15

She wowed the judges with her confident, to-the-point responses during a question-and-answer session about making the world a better place. Volunteering is important to her and she said she was not nervous about sharing her thoughts with the judges.

Sure, she's very pretty with straight long brown hair. But she said that in this pageant it is all about what's inside the contestant, not about how she looks. That's what attracted Kendall in the first

place.

"Beauty pageants have a bad rep, and that's why I picked this one," she said. "It's what's inside that matters most to me."

Instead of body measurements and bikinis, it's academics, achievements and involvement with school and the community that earn the big points. Kendall seems to have those areas covered.

The Andover High School freshman is an honor student in top level classes. A voice student for the past eight years, she has performed in many local productions, most recently "Titanic the Musical" at Andover High School and Merrimack Junior Theatre's "Cinderella." She hopes to attend Berklee College of Music.

When the personal expression category came around, she pulled out a pair of jeans and worked with her mom, local realtor Debbie Wipff Zappala, to express her personality. They decorated the jeans with musical notes as a tribute to Broadway where Kendall aspires to appear one day.

Judges were apparently impressed with her long list of community service, which includes mentoring at the Lawrence Boys & Girls Club, singing for seniors at Marland Place in Andover, organizing the Have a Heart canned food drive for local food pantries that collected about 160 pounds of canned goods, and performing at the Relay for Life benefit event for a Methuen hospital. She recently helped the Walk for Hunger as one of the baggers who put together 20,000 snack bags.

"It's more relateable to me if it helps someone," she said of her many volunteer commitments, "like my two 'little sisters' at the Lawrence Boys & Girls Club. It means just as much to me as to them and I really look forward to it every week."

Courtesy photo
The competition for Miss Junior Massachusetts was all about top grades and community service. And, the winner is ... Kendall Wipff of Andover.



Kendall likes to keep busy but manages to watch her favorite television program, American Idol, and flip through magazines when she can. She lives on High Street with her family, which includes her mother and stepfather, Charlie Zappala and two brothers, Zach, 13, and Bennett, 10. Her father, Doug Wipff, lives in Haverhill with her stepmother, Tria, and their kids, Keegan, 3, and Hannon, who is almost 1.

Come July, Kendall heads to the national competition for the Junior National Teenager event in Nashville, Tenn.

She won't change her winning strategy. Kendall will simply be herself.

"It's tough to explain," she said when asked about describing this pageant to others. "But I would definitely recommend this to other girls. Being involved boosts your confidence about yourself...and, it's fun."

Kendall Wipff needs to collect \$1,200 in sponsor fees before the national competition in July. If you want to donate, send an e-mail to missmassachusettsjunior-nationalteenager2008@yahoo.com.

Coconuts, the Spa and Memorial Day

Bill Dalton

Why is there a tradition in Andover that associates coconuts with Memorial Day?



It's a question asked by many Andover residents, including Cathy Woitkun, who graduated from Andover High in 1963.

She has childhood memories about Andover's coconuts and Memorial Day: "My family, consisting of 10 children, two parents, and one grandmother, always went to the stone walls of Phillips Academy to wait for the Memorial Day parade. It was easier for my parents to watch all of us if we were sitting on a wall. My mom and I still talk about the Clan McPherson bagpipes as being our favorite. We still get tears at the sound of bagpipes, and we are Polish and love polkas! After the salutes were fired near the tower at the PA campus, we'd get coconuts and wander around town a bit and see our friends. Everyone walked around town enjoying a coconut!"

Although the tradition fades, it survives. Its high point was in 1969 when Phid Dantos, who owned the Andover Spa, sold 1,600 coconuts. On the morning of Memorial Day, the line, several people wide, went from the Spa to the front of the Musgrove Building. The number of coconuts has since dropped off. In the past few years, the Spa has sold approximately 70 coconuts each year.

Bill Stevens, a very pleasant man and a native of North Andover, owns the Spa today. He knew nothing of the coconut tradition when he bought the store 12 years ago. He had no coconuts on his first Memorial Day at the Spa, which upset a few people. Bill says he never made that mistake again.

Many of us who grew up in Andover assumed that the Memorial Day coconut was a national tradition. Bessie Goldsmith (1882 - 1974) was a colorful and respected citizen of Andover who was a columnist for the Andover Townsman. Miss Goldsmith told the story of living outside of Andover for the first time in 1900. She was in a Boston school and complained to her classmates that her Memorial Day had passed without a coconut. Her comment was met with "puzzled stares." No one knew what Bessie was talking about.

Why does the Memorial Day coconut tradition exist only in Andover? It's an aberration. Miss Goldsmith believed the only connection of coconuts to the day "dedicated to our honored dead" was that it was the only season of the year when coconuts were available in stores.

I asked Phid Dantos if he had a theory as to the tradition's origin, and he agreed with Goldsmith. Although we can hope for more precise evidence of the origins, it appears to be simply a mutant historical gene that inhabits Andover's corporate body, albeit, a good mutation.

In her writings, Bessie tells the well-known story of South Church minister Frank Shipman, who celebrated Memorial Day with flowers, a flag, and a coconut at the pulpit. The flowers were for the graves of those who had died, the flag to honor the country, and the coconut to remind people that, for children, it was a festive day. His tenure was 1893 to 1913. This was after the tradition had been established, according to Bessie.

In any event, Mr. Shipman contributed to the existing tradition and justified the festive aspect of having coconuts on an otherwise solemn day. In effect, he was saying we should honor the dead and remember to celebrate life. His symbols fully captured the spirit

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Chamber to honor Ironstone Farm's O'Brien, Historical Society

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2008 Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony and Breakfast on Thursday, June 5, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

The morning's program will include high school student community service award winners, who will be presented college scholarships, and this year's winners of the Chamber of Commerce award for distinguished community service: Deedee O'Brien of Ironstone Farm and the Andover Historical Society.

Deedee O'Brien
According to the event organizers, "Deedee O'Brien, in her capacities of volunteer, staff person and spokesperson (among many others) for Ironstone Farm, and the Andover Historical Society, as a prominent contributor to town life, have contributed in many ways to the civic well-being of Andover. These are special people who help make our community special. They are most deserving of this award."

Deedee O'Brien was born in Lowell. She attended Lowell public schools, Regis College and the University of New Hampshire, which she graduated from in 1973. She became a teacher and was planning a permanent move to New Hampshire when family health concerns forced her to stay closer to home. She decided to board her horse at Ironstone Farm and work part-time there. What she thought would be a short-term stay evolved into a wonderful and meaningful career in which she has been able to exercise her twin passions of horses and teaching.

From a small horse show for children with disabilities, the Ironstone Farm riding program evolved into Challenge Unlimited, a non-profit riding program of considerable stature. O'Brien is quick to point out the huge contributions made to Challenge Unlimited over the years by Dick



Deedee O'Brien



Elaine Clement

Donovan, the owner of Ironstone Farm and his family.

A capital campaign began in 1999 and concluded in 2001 allowed Challenge Unlimited to buy Ironstone Farm. Since then Challenge Unlimited as a riding program for children with disabilities has grown rapidly. Another fundraising effort culminated in the building of a 200 by 80 foot, well-lit indoor arena, and in 2007, with the riding program now serving 450 people per week, Ironstone Farm bought the house and four acres next door to it. This space will be renovated and used to expand Ironstone Farms' offerings to include theater arts, art therapy, music therapy and sign language classes. Since the house has a kitchen, cooking classes will be offered.

The Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society was founded in 1911. Elaine Clement, director, describes the founding of the So-

cety as "a reaction to the changing face of America." The early membership of most local historical societies, including Andover Historical Society, was restricted to the "founding families," and their mission was to preserve local history.

Around the celebration of the nation's bicentennial in 1976, some changes came to the Andover Historical Society. A paid staff was hired, and collections were more extensively catalogued and stored. In the seven years that Elaine Clement has been the director, the organization's focus has moved outward towards the community. Programs such as a consistent educational outreach to the schools, a dynamic involvement in the founding and growth of the Andover Business Center Association, active participation in the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and running the popular and successful Farmer's Market are all examples of the Andover Historical Society's extensive community involvement, says the Andover Chamber.

Recent new programs include neighborhood by neighborhood membership campaigns and historical presentations, continuing to gather and preserve Andover's written and oral history, and changing in-house exhibits more regularly, to further educate the public and give people additional reasons to visit.

"The Andover Historical Society began as an organization dedicated to preserving the past. It still does that, while educating us well about the significance of that past, and assisting mightily in leading our community into the future," says a release from the Andover Chamber.

Tickets for the June 5 Andover Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Awards Breakfast are \$25 per person, and may be obtained by contacting the offices of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

Cookie sales for animals

Andover Girl Scout Brownie Troop 374 recently gave a \$100 donation to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Nevins Farms in Methuen.

First graders from Andover's South Elementary School and The Andover Montessori School raised more than \$600 selling Girl Scout cookies this past winter and voted to give part of their proceeds toward caring for the animals at Nevins Farm. In appreciation, Nevins Farms Staff gave the troop a comprehensive tour of the facility and helped the Brownies earn an "Animal Try-It," one of the Scouts' patches.



The Scouts are, top row from left: Samira Sayan, Laura Olson, Elise MacDonald, Lauren Worthington, Christabel Preller and Sarah Sullivan; and, bottom row, from left, Marilyn Cardin, Gabrielle Baldassari, Katharine Leland, Meghan McDonough, Caroline Huntress and Georgia Ezell. MSPCA staff members are Maya Wolf-Pollina (left) and Becky Hass.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lisa Daley and David Cordima



Stanton and Linda Daley of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to David Cordima, son of George and Ruth Cordima of Andover.

Both David and Lisa are graduates of Andover High School. Lisa attends the University of Massa-

chusetts Lowell and David is a 2003 graduate of Salve Regina University in Rhode Island. The couple reside in Lowell and both are employed at Wyeth BioTech of Andover.

An October 2008 wedding has been planned.

Suzanne Dalby and Michael Holland



Dr. Clive D. and Phyllis A. Dalby of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne L. Dalby, to Michael Holland, son of Dr. Louis and Mary Holland of Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Suzanne is a graduate of Andover High School class of 1998, and Boston College. She is employed as a registered nurse at

Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is presently employed as a civil engineer in Chicago.

Suzanne and Michael became engaged in Aruba this past November.

An October 2008 wedding to be planned.

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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.

Stress management class: Thursdays, May 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 modification specialist who has worked with groups at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Limited space; preregistration necessary.

Exercise Registration: Registration for the summer semester of exercise classes is taking place this week. The summer semester gets underway on June 2 and runs through August 22. A complete list of classes and cost is available at the center.

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. Come join us for this informative program.

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, June 7 serving between 8 and 11 a.m. Advance tickets only. Be sure and stop by and pick up tickets to join us for our upcoming pancake breakfast. Tickets are just \$5 and the menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, fresh fruit, juice and coffee.

Valuable Tips for a Vibrant Life: Monday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. Advance registration necessary, no charge. Presenter is Betsey Beaven works at Whole Foods Market. A professional chef, Betsey is the co-author of four cookbooks and is an expert in the field of eating organic, seasonally based foods.

Planting a Perennial Garden for Three Seasons of Bloom: Thursday, June 5 and 12 at 1:30 p.m. Preregistration necessary, no charge. Presenter is Carol Livingston has been gardening for over 25 years and will touch on topics like adding color to your garden, soil preparation, lowering maintenance, and attracting butterflies.

Self Defense for Senior Women: Monday, June 23 and 30 at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary, no charge. This two part workshop is suitable for all senior women. The class will consist of lecture, discussion, self defense demonstrations, questions and answers and important information. The class will be taught by Officers Robin Cataldo and Brian Blouin of the Andover Police Department.

Movie Matinee: Monday, June 2 at 1 p.m. Come join us for the recent release, "Dan in Real Life" no charge, just drop in.

Fix-It Shop: Monday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m. Our fix-it shop will be happy to take a look at any small household item or appliance in need of repair. Your cost is \$2 plus parts.

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DALTON

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of Memorial Day, which is why flags fly at half-staff until noon and then are fully raised.

Though the "why" and "when" of the tradition's origin may be difficult to figure out, we do have good information as to "where" the tradition began. Miss Goldsmith remembered buying her first coconut in the late 1880s at

Bacigalupo's. The store appears in what was probably Andover's first street directory in 1893-1894, but doesn't appear in ensuing directories, probably indicating its demise.

Phid Dantos says his father and uncle, who jointly started the Andover Spa in 1921, told him that they took over the tradition from Basso's Fruit Store. Antonio "Tony" Basso started a fruit store in 1899 and advertised it as "A. Basso, 27 Main Street."

Where does this leave us? Although there is a possibility that another store started the tradition before Bacigalupo's, absent new evidence, the coconut tradition went from Bacigalupo's to Basso's to the Andover Spa.

It's a nice tradition and brings back many memories. I'm aware of at least one man who still observes the tradition with solemnity and emotion. Each year, he buys a coconut at the Spa. He then takes the coconut to his fa-

ther's grave and places it by the headstone.

Bill Stevens, the owner of the Andover Spa, will have coconuts again this year starting a day or two before Memorial Day. Drop in, get a coconut, and continue the tradition.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Townsman and would like to hear from you. He can be reached at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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Kaleidoscope enrolls nearly 800 children each summer. A high percentage are returning students. Many students become aides and later teachers in the program.

The **KITE Program** (July 28-August 1) is geared for academically talented students in Grades K-8. **The 2008 theme is "Shake, Rattle and Roll."**

Students from all communities are welcome and encouraged to participate in **Kaleidoscope** and **KITE** courses. For more information, visit their website at www.kaleidoscopekids.com. The 2008 brochure will be on line before the holiday break.

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Outdoor Adventures for Women: Wednesday, May 28, Weir Hill, Lake Cochichewick, hike and lunch: Wednesday, May 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Moderate hike in North Andover which extends through 4 miles of forest paths followed by lunch together - your cost at Top of the Scales. Advance reservations are necessary. Monday, June 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary. We'll enjoy an easy walk through the Phillips Academy Bird Sanctuary which will be suitable for just about everyone.

Harold Parker Hike: Thursday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a moderate hike of approximately six miles with some up and down hill.

Computer Users' Group: Monday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. Lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. Open to all regular computer users who want to share questions, frustrations and solutions.

Book Club: Thursday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m. Come join us as we discuss "Industry of Souls" by Pete Hamil. Books are available for check-out at the center approximately two weeks prior to each discussion.

Jay Leno performance: We are currently accepting reservations for our trip to see Jay Leno at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Saturday June 21. Cost for the trip is \$75 which includes ticket and transportation. Bus leaves at 6:45 p.m. Jay's performance will include some local humor and reflections of growing up in Andover. Book early.

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.

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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.

Museum teachers needed: Andover Historical Society is seeking volunteer museum teachers who are responsible, friendly, flexible people with an interest or background in history, child care, education, and public speaking. As volunteer museum teachers, participants will teach various programs to local school children on topics ranging from cooking, printing, firefighting, and store keeping. Openings for volunteers begin in September. For information, call Sarah Sycz at 978-475-2236 or e-mail ssycz@yahoo.com.

Donations for troops welcome: Members of the Andover Knights of Columbus Council 1078 are collecting supplies and funds to send to soldiers in Iraq. Items include prepaid phone cards, protein bars, packets of powdered orange Gatorade, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, instant flavored coffee, sunflower seeds, nuts, sun block, dental floss, ChapStick and batteries. Baskets are located in the back of the church, St. Augustine School, 26 Central St., Andover, and the Knights of Columbus Hall, 10 Brook St.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Local Paddlers help Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race Celebrate its Best Year Ever

Despite grey skies and rain, Raye Powell, Ken Cooper, Shawn Burke and Tim Benton of Andover, were just a few of the 1,400+ competitors at the 26th Run of the Charles Canoe & Kayak Race, the signature event of the Charles River Watershed Association.

Powell competed in the Women's category of the 6 mile race, both Cooper and Burke both competed in the Masters category of the 19 mile race, while Benton competed in the Corporate category of the 24 mile relay race.

The Run of the Charles showcased the ongoing improvements to the Charles River. More than a hundred volunteers with thousands of spectators were gathered along the

race route on Sunday, April 27 for CRWA's annual celebration on the river, making the 26th Run of the Charles Canoe & Kayak Race one of the best events ever.

"I have never seen so many people in Herter Park," said CRWA Executive Director Bob Zimmerman. "You can't love what you don't know, so increasing awareness about the Charles River is the key to maintaining its existence. With involvement at an all-time high this year, I feel we did a wonderful job of showing people why it is so important to protect the river that means so much to all of us."

All of the races culminated at the Finish Line Festival, held at Herter Park on Soldiers Field Road in Brighton, where day-long activities were held for the public free of charge.

The Festival featured live music by, various food vendors and exhibits from groups.

The Run of the Charles builds support for the Charles River Watershed Association which seeks to protect and enhance the health, beauty and enjoyment of the Charles River and its tributaries. CRWA's prominent role in protecting and restoring the Charles River since 1965 accounts for a much healthier Charles River today.

For more information or full results from the Run of the Charles Canoe & Kayak Race, please visit www.charlesriver.org. To become a sponsor of next year's Run of the Charles Canoe & Kayak Race, please contact 508-698-6810 or rotc@crwa.org.

BOOMER VENTURES PROGRAMING

Coping with Caregiving: an interactive series for baby boomers who are caring for failing family members, is a new BoomerVenture program running each Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. throughout the month of June at the Andover Senior Center. The cost is \$20 for 4 weeks and includes. All are welcome.

Coping with Caregiving sessions:
June 3 - "Sandwich Services." Kristine Arakelian, LCSW, MPH, outreach coordinator for the Andover Senior Center and Louise Edelblute, RN, community geriatric nurse will explore key areas caregivers face and available community resources.

June 10 - "Sandwich Shop Talk." Four local baby boomers will share their stories and experiences about what it's like to be caring for two generations.

June 17 - "Sandwich Education." Several experts in the area of se-

nior caregiving will share over 60 years of combined experience and expertise in dealing with various potential senior living scenarios and how to pay for them.

June 24 - "Sandwich Strategies." The 21st century of health care will be previewed by Kelley MacDonald, RN, MSN, Community Liaison from Merrimack Valley's Home Health Foundation and Judy Trotola, speaking on the local Council on Aging's planned "virtual assisted living."

The Andover Senior Center's Baby Boomer series continues every week with a late spring session through June 26.

These sessions are designed to revitalize the mind, body and spirit with BoomerVenture's late spring events.

Nordic Walking: This outdoor aerobic walking workout using

special poles is the fastest-growing form of physical activity in Europe. Class goes on rain or shine. Poles are provided. Class meets Tuesdays 6 to 7 p.m. until June 24. Cost is \$45 for eight weeks. Class is limited to 10 people.

BoomerVenture Campus continues with a "Late Spring Semester" of exercise activities, featuring:

Energize with Exercise: Thursdays, through June 26 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$45 for 8 weeks. No prior exercise experience necessary. Work out hard without going to the gym.

Serenity yoga: Thursdays, May 8 - June 26 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 for 8 weeks. Suitable for all levels. Just bring a

yoga mat, towel and pillow. Gentle yoga emphasizing strength and flexibility.

"BoomerVenture Book Club" - Monthly book club continues with more titles and lively discussion. Free. Call for details.

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.boomer-venture.com.

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Mercury (and centipedes) rising



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High Plain Elementary third-graders Rohan Sinha and Kara Hayward recently took top honors at the Massachusetts Science Poetry competition. They are pictured here with their hand-written poems, as well as the ribbons and certificates they won. Sinha took first place for the humorous category and Hayward took second place for the long poem category.

Two from same High Plain class tops in state at science poetry

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Third-graders Rohan Sinha and Kara Hayward have poetry down to a science.

The two creative High Plain Elementary students penned poems that took top honors for their grade in the 2008 Massachusetts Science Poetry competition this spring. The contest, organized by Boston College, invites students in kindergarten through high school across the state to submit poems of any type about science principles, ideas or activities.

Rohan, 8, took first place for his grade in the humorous poem category for his poem "Boots," and Kara, 9, took second place in the long poem category for her piece titled "Mercury."

"I felt so surprised, so excited I felt like I was going to pass out," Kara said. "I really wanted to enter this contest, because I love poetry."

Kara said she writes poems on her own a lot, just for fun, because she loves the art.

"I just sit down, and start writing. I go with the flow," she said with a smile.

Janet Bowen, the children's classroom teacher at High Plain Elementary, asked her students to write a science poem as an optional, extra credit assignment. Bowen then submitted the top three poems she received (works by Rohan, Kara and classmate Delianna Marmalejos) to the Science Poetry Contest in March.

The winners will be compiled and published in a book of winners. High Plain will receive a copy of the book for the school library.

Rohan said he wrote several drafts of his poem, "Boots," about a centipede couple and their many pairs of footwear, before handing it in.

"I found it funny that they have so many legs. I learned about them in first grade," he said.

He decided to write a poem for the contest because it was "something new to try," and was surprised to hear that he had won, he said.

Kara's poem, "Mercury," tells the story of a trip through the solar system. She read some sci-

"MERCURY"

By Kara Hayward

I am taking a trip to Mercury in my mind
I had to leave 43 pounds behind

Swishing and weaving between the stars
Oh my, I am going the wrong way,
for I see Mars!

I turn around just in time to see
A meteor coming right at me!
I dodge it and see the Earth

I pass Earth and Venus, too
It is strange to see
Mercury's surface staring back at you!

In my mind I hear harps
As I land on Mercury's lobate scarps!

ence books and did a little research before she sat down to write.

"I picked Mercury because it seemed so interesting. It's closest to the sun, just a planet away. I thought, 'Hmm, I could write a lot about this,'" she said.

Throughout "Mercury," Kara weaves in bits of information she found in her research — including lobate scarps, the wrinkles and lines on the planet's surface — and that Mercury's gravity will make her feel 43 pounds lighter.

The Massachusetts Science Poetry Contest was started 18 years ago by Boston College Professor George Ladd. The contest receives more than 3,000 entries from students across the state each year. Ladd and BU undergraduates in the Lynch School of Education's elementary science methods class look over all the entries and judge

"BOOTS"

By Rohan Sinha

On a cold winter day
Mrs. and Mr. Centipede
decided to go out and play.

They put on their
hat and suit and boot,
boot and boot and boot,
boot and boot and boot,
boot and boot and boot ...

By the time they were
done it was already *spring*

the contest.

Poems entered by eighth-graders or younger students may contain illustrations. Winners are selected for each age category, for most original poem, most humorous poem, most expressive poem, best cooperative poem and best long poem.

Bowen said she heard about the contest in an e-mail from principal Brenda O'Brien, and this is the first year she's submitted poems from her class.

Writing poems about science is a good cross-curricular exercise, and a good way to bridge gaps between students who excel at writing and those that excel in science, she said.

"It was a nice way for motivated students to take their learning to the next level," she said of the optional poetry-writing assignment.

Rohan said his favorite subject in school is science, and Kara said hers is language arts.

Kara is the daughter of Karen and John Hayward. Besides writing poetry, she likes to read and play the piano.

Rohan is the son of Richa and Neeraj Sinha. He likes playing tennis, swimming, reading and building things out of Legos.

Doherty French students having memorable year

When it comes to learning French, Doherty Middle School student Rachel Abbott is the *creme de la creme*.

The eighth-grader scored better on a national test than 99.9 percent of French I students in America who took the test.

Each year in March, the American Association of Teachers of French sponsors a national exam. Twenty-six Doherty Middle School eighth-graders elected to take this proficiency test, which includes verbal and written sections.

Abbott will receive national recognition in the journal of the AATF because she did so well, according to Doherty Middle School teacher Elaine Lostimolo.

On the regional level, students Will Klein and Nikki Shen will be recognized for scores that set them apart and placed them on the *Tableau d'Honneur*. The following six Doherty students will receive *Certificats de Mérite* for their excellent scores: Gabi Cirelli, Chris Hoyt, Ben Krapels, Griffin Lyons, Charlotte Ozirsky and Derek Witt.

Quebec trip for 25

But test results aren't the only thing French students will remember from this school year. Earlier this school year, 25 Doherty Middle French students experienced three days of cultural immersion by visiting Quebec.

Despite sub zero temperatures at the time, they enjoyed an informative walking tour, visiting the Parliament building, schools and churches and seeing a four-story *trompe l'oeil* mural. Dog sledding and snow shoeing were among the outdoor highlights, along with a walk on the footbridge over Mont Morency Falls, which are higher than Niagara Falls.

Students learned about the lives of soldiers in the French and Indian War by being dressed and armed as period French and British soldiers, according to Lostimolo. She reported that no one left Canada hungry after an authentic Quebecois dinner at Cabane a Pierre, an operating maple-sugar shack where students learned how maple sap becomes maple syrup, and then sat down to an all-you-can-eat Canadian feast.

Pike honors Connie Weldon LeMaitre '49

The Pike School has honored Andover resident Connie Weldon LeMaitre for her strong connection to Pike for more than 65 years. In the presence of classmates, family members and more than 110 alumni spanning seven decades, LeMaitre was presented with Pike's Distinguished Alumni Award at a reception at Boston's Hampshire House recently.

LeMaitre's connection to The Pike School began when she attended the first grade, taught by Mrs. Pike, herself, the school's founder. Subsequently, LeMaitre's five children all attended Pike in the 1970s and '80s, and she became Pike's first director of development and admission. She has been an active member of Pike's Alumni Council and Annual Fund Team for more than 20 years.

In presenting the award, Pike Head of School John "Muddy" Waters said of LeMaitre, "Connie's influence at Pike has been felt by many. Whether it is sharing stories of Pike lore, offering ideas to a program, or giving of her time and resources to support the mission of the school, Connie is always there. She has attended countless meetings, reached out to countless alums, and shared her wisdom with everyone she meets. She is one of the only donors who has been giving philanthropically to Pike every year for nearly thirty years. She is dedicated to Pike's continued success and plays an integral part in propelling the Council efforts to new heights Pike would not be the same place without her involvement of over six decades."



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Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, May 26 to 30:

Elementary schools
Monday: No school — Memorial Day

Tuesday: Soft tacos topped with chicken or beef, cheese sauce and salsa, munchables: turkey, ham, cheese stick, crackers and fruit, jumbo pretzel and string cheese, yogurt, beans, salad with dressing, baked fries and juice.

Wednesday: Ravioli with marinara sauce, bread stick, bagel and yogurt, string cheese, vegetarian chili, corn bread, caesar salad, cucumber coins, orange wedges and juice.

Thursday: Chicken teriyaki rice bowl, stir fry veggies, Italian meatball sub, bagel and yogurt, string cheese, carrots, peaches, kiwi fruit and juice.

Friday: Uno's cheese or pepperoni pizza, belgian waffle sticks with syrup and sausage, pizza

pasta salad, sliced strawberry cup and juice.

Middle schools
Monday: No school — Memorial Day

Tuesday: Meatball sub, chicken nuggets and dips, side noodles with garlic butter, squash, green beans and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: French bread pizza, cheese or sausage, american sub, caesar salad, carrot coins, apple and juice.

Thursday: Italian sub, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, side garden salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, buffalo chicken, caesar wrap, veggie sticks and dip, chilled fruit and juice.

Andover High School
Monday: No school — Memorial Day

Tuesday: American sub, pasta bar, chicken parmesan, all beef twin hot dogs and juice.

Wednesday: Buffalo chicken wrap, barbecue chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, applesauce, dinner roll, sausage peppers and onions sub.

Thursday: Veggie wrap, shepherd pie, dinner roll, string beans, grilled ham and cheese, turkey and swiss cheese on sourdough bread and pudding.

Friday: Manager's choice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; lowfat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

SCHOLARS

Local students inducted into Honor Society

Fifty-one students at Austin Preparatory School were recently inducted into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. The sophomore, junior and senior inductees were chosen by a panel of Austin faculty and administration. They were chosen because of their scholarship, leadership, service and character, the pillars of the National Honor Society, according to a release. Specifically, students maintain a 3.3 minimum grade point average, demonstrate leadership and involvement in the school community, volunteer and provide dependable assistance to others, and exemplify fine character.

Austin alumnus attorney Mark MacDougall, Class of '72, of Arlington, Va., gave the keynote address at the ceremony. A three-year member of the National Honor Society, MacDougall reminded the students, "You can find honor in every place you look. Tonight you pledge yourselves to a code of honor, and you don't have to look very far to find it in life. In my life, my father was the most honorable man I've ever known." He also encouraged the inductees to continue dreaming.

Austin Preparatory School sophomore Brendan Burke of Andover was inducted into the National Honor Society. He is the son of Terence and Melissa Burke of Andover.

Sophomore William Green of Andover was also inducted into the National Honor Society. He is the son of William and Margaret Green of Andover.

Austin Prep academic honors

Austin Preparatory School Headmaster Paul Moran is proud to announce the following students from Andover made the honor roll for the third quarter of the 2007-08 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A minus and honors indicates no

grade lower than B minus.

Distinction: William Green, grade 10; Anne Green, grade seven; Shannon McCarthy, grade nine; Christopher Arrigg, grade eight; Nysa Casha, grade nine; Jillian Deliago, grade 12; Maura Green, grade eight; Michelle Menezes, grade nine; Aram Nalbandian, grade eight; Melissa Pettini, grade 12 and Katherine Weidlein, grade 12.

St. John's Prep academic honors

St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students from Andover who earned academic honors for the third quarter of the 2007-08 school year. Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A-minus or above in all courses; students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B-plus or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

Headmaster's list: Timothy Lynch, Class of '10; Varun Vadlapatla, Class of '11.

Principal's list: Jason Charewicz, '09.
Honor roll: Thomas Adie, Class of '11; James Bradley, Class of '09; Christopher Brock-Fisher, Class of '09; Peter Casey, Class of '08; Michael Chan, Class of '09; John Corbett, Class of '10; Michael Kasper, Class of '08; Daniel McKeon, Class of '09; James Miller, Class of '09; Christopher Newsome, Class of '09; Dante Smith, Class of '08; John Tassinari, Class of '09; Michael Yastrzemski, Class of '09.

Central Catholic's new Honor Society members

The following Central Catholic High School students from Andover were inducted into the National Honor Society at the school on Tuesday, May 6: Junior: Daniel Blackwell, Sophomores: Caitlin George, Christopher George.

Three Andover students recognized

Three Andover students were recognized at Lawrence Academy's Cum Laude awards assembly this spring. For academic excellence, senior Andrew Gilboard and junior Shannon Muscatello were inducted into the Groton school's chapter of the Cum Laude Society. Shannon also received The Dartmouth College Book Award for intellectual and social leadership and The Rensselaer Mathematics and Science Award. Andrew is the son of Bethany and Bruce Gilboard, and Shannon is the daughter of Eileen and Michael Muscatello.

Senior Peter Galvin, son of Ruth and Peter Galvin, was recognized with the Class of 1965 Prize for Dance.

Andover youth graduate from St. John's Prep

St. John's Preparatory School held its 98th commencement exercises on Sunday, May 18. Headmaster Albert J. Shannon awarded diplomas to 304 seniors at an outdoor ceremony held on the school's campus.

Peter Joseph Casey, a National Honor Society member, was given an academic award, a Gold Medal in Science.

Legacy Awards were presented to alumni whose sons and/or grandsons graduated in the Class of 2008. The honorees included Paul P. DiVincenzo '50 and his grandson Daniel V. Haugh of Andover.

Members of the Class of 2008 from Andover are: Matthew Paul Arguin; Peter Joseph Casey, National Honor Society member; Sean McGuinness Conger, John Michael Gorman, Daniel Vincent Haugh, Michael Stephen Kasper, Christopher Thomas McDonough, National Honor Society member; Kyle Guy Pettoruto, Michael Paul Sawyer, National Honor Society member; David Walter Selima, National Honor Society member; Dante Joseph Smith, National Honor Society member.

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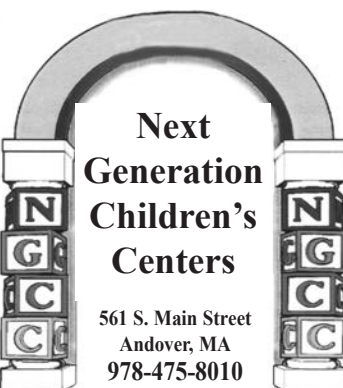
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The New England Regional Theatre presents "The Producers," Mel Brooks' 12-time Tony Award winning hit, to kick off the 2008 season. Tickets are priced from \$79 to \$42. Performance at 7:30 p.m. For tickets: www.nsmnt.org, 978-232-7200, or in person at 62 Dunham Road, Beverly.

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SATURDAY, MAY 24

AVIS picnic, Shawsheen 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.

Topsfield Antiques Market, Topsfield Fairgrounds in Topsfield, with 150 dealers, including a special section for book and ephemera dealers, will display their antiques indoors and under tents, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission is \$7 for adults, and free for children 12 and under; 781-862-4039, www.neantiqueshow.com.

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ets: www.nsmnt.org, 978-232-7200, or in person at 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. Spotlight on History, a free pre-show discussion focusing on historical issues related to the performance, will be held today.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Merrimack Valley People for Peace meeting, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 55 Peters St., North Andover (rear entrance), come for coffee/tea at 7:15 p.m., www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

How to Make Prints from Your Original Art, sponsored by the Tewksbury Community of Artists, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., free, Tewksbury Public Library, Tewksbury; www.tewksbury.info/tca/

Hypnobirthing, 6 - 8:30 p.m., focuses on the importance of practicing relaxation and trusting your body, this is a childbirth education class and partners attend this class as well; Maureen 978-738-8080 or www.maternalhealthandfitness.com.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29

Auditions, The Young Opera Company of New England and The Young Classical Singers, Andover High School's Collins Center, 5 to 8 p.m., auditions for the group's summer academy (Aug. 7-15 at the Steven's Estate, North Andover); sign up at 978-664-4705, YOCNE@aol.com

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

5K Road Race, part of Andover Day celebration, sponsored by Andover Business Center Association, 6:30 p.m., starts at Doherty Middle School, first 250 registrations get t-shirt; www.andoverdays5k.com.

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.

Dances with Ponies fundraiser, benefits Winrush Farm, a therapeutic horse farm that provides riding programs for

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BIG FEET, BIG SUCCESS

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Despite cool, rainy weather on Friday, the 54th annual Clown Town, held May 16 and 17, has been deemed a success by Andona Society organizers.

Andona Society members, manning ticket and food booths, were singing the Beatles hit "Here Comes the Sun" on Saturday as the clouds cleared by mid-morning, said Linda Cummings, Andona Society publicity chairwoman.

Hundreds of families turned out to take in rides, games and fair food, she said, and early estimates — totals are still being tallied as receipts come in from vendors — look like the society made around \$28,000 at Clown Town 2008.

"I was in charge of the pizza booth, and we were slammed, running crazy all day. We sold 140 pizzas on Saturday, once slice at a time," Cummings said. "It was as busy a Clown Town as any of us remember. A great turnout."

After Clown Town expenses are paid, money raised goes back into the community, via items such as literacy programs, uniforms for sports teams and scholarships for high school seniors, said Cummings.

Andona estimates that Clown Town profits are split three ways: 49 percent to the schools and youth programs, 32 percent to camps, and 19 percent for college scholarships.

This year's \$28,000 estimate comes as a relief after last year's Clown Town raised only \$8,000 due to pouring rain, she said. Clown Town has had "abysmal weather" the last three or four years, she said. Past Clown Town fund-raisers held during better weather have brought in more than \$30,000.

Friday night, May 16, the majority of Clown Town attendees were local teenagers who didn't mind the rain, she said.

"Middle schoolers really do want to be away from their parents that much, that they'll come despite the rain," Cummings said. "We were joking, 'Is it too much to ask for 24 hours of great weather?'"



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Sydney Ramos, 5, looks over ticket prices with her mother, Amanda Ramos, while Carla Melucci of the Andona Society waits in the ticket booth during a rainy opening night for Clown Town on Friday.



Melanie Long, 14, left, and Ariella Katz, 14, take a spin on the ride Alladin.



Alek Chongris, 12, dances in the bubbles from the bubble machine.



Evan Christopoulos, 9, is all smiles after winning in a game of darts at Clown Town on Friday night.

Summer on your mind? Rec Park has the kids covered

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With the unofficial start of summer happening this holiday weekend, moms all over town are now officially stressing out over that popular question: what are your kids doing this summer?

While the Department of Community Services booklet of town-run programs for kids will not be in mailboxes for another two weeks (June 6), Recreation Director Kim Stamas gave a sneak peek of what parents can expect — and not expect — for the summer of 2008.

With so many schools in various stages of construction this summer, Stamas said there will be no school-based playgrounds at any elementary schools. Instead, the playground program will be held at Recreation Park off Abbot Street. Last summer, about 125 kids were enrolled in a playground program.

Bancroft Elementary School has housed the summer playground in the past, but ongoing structural issues scrapped that. West Elementary will house a summer program for special needs kids this summer, so that school could not be used. South and Sanborn elementary schools have construction planned. Shawsheen School is too small and High Plain Elementary is the headquarters for the private Kaleidoscope summer program. As a result, the town will run the playground program from Rec Park.

Kids will join another 150 campers expected in the all-day Discovery program that is always based at Recreation Park.

"Rec Park is a great spot and

CAMP OUT!

- There will be no playground programs at any elementary schools this summer.
- Instead, a townwide playground program will be based at Recreation Park.
- Camp starts Monday, June 30
- Poms Pond opens Saturday, June 21
- Pond hours are noon to 7 p.m.
- Pond pass is \$100
- Buy a pass before June 20: Early bird special of \$75

every year it gets utilized a little bit more and that's great," Stamas said. "There's so much up there, the trails, plus the pond, and the kids love that."

The extra day-campers should not interfere with pond-goers and little ones taking swim lessons, she said. The playground campers, who must be elementary school-aged, will be out of the water by noon on weekdays when Poms opens to the public and swim lessons begin.

Stamas said a schedule has been worked out for all campers. The town's summer camp programs will begin Monday, June 30 and run for seven weeks.

Storing arts and crafts gear and other summer toys is not expected to be a problem as Town Meeting approved \$2.5 million in capital improvements last month. About \$40,000 of that will be used for a new storage facility at Recreation Park.

Local documentary, book to salute veterans

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Korean War veterans will be especially recognized on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 as the new Korean War veterans memorial is scheduled to be unveiled at 10:45 a.m. that day.

"This is 60 years in the making. We are thrilled that it will be here, in our park," Mike Burke, director of Veterans Services, said. "This latest memorial has been in the works for six years and now it's happening. We're proud that it is finally happening because these good men and women should be recognized."

But Andover also is in the midst of two other veteran-related projects that seek to properly record the lives of local servicemen and women of all wars. Those projects are being jointly produced with the Andover Senior Center.

VIDEO: Twelve local veterans will be featured in a film. Each

will share his or her war story. The pre-screening meeting, where the participant list will be finalized, is set for Friday, June 6 at the senior center. The meeting time was not available at Townsman presstime this week. Release is planned for August.

BOOK: The planning for a history book about local veterans is in its initial stages. Local veteran Marty Epstein is the senior center representative on the project. He said the book will highlight the veterans still living around town. A book meeting is set for Wednesday, June 4, at the senior center. Epstein said the book launch is planned for next year.

In addition, two local veterans who served in World War II Battle of the Bulge were filmed last month for an upcoming Battle of the Bulge documentary. Burke said the documentary is being made under the direction of the nationally known producer Larry Cappelto. To view the producer's work, see www.veteran-

shistory.org/veteran-shistory_2.htm.

The featured veterans from Andover are: **Louis N. Heliotis, PFC,** B Company, 87th Mortar Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, who was taken as a prisoner of war near Sadzot, Belgium, northwest of Bastogne. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and for being a Prisoner of War and Disabled Veteran; and saw action from D-Day, June 6, 1944 through the Battle of the Bulge.

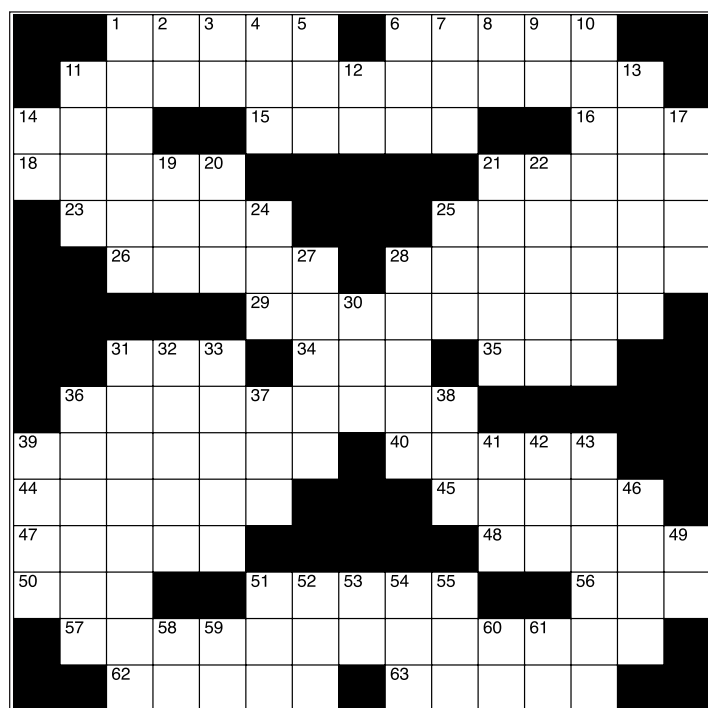
Domenic Mariano, who has been recognized with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and for being a disabled veteran.



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A prisoner of war in Belgium during World War II, veteran Louis Heliotis of Andover will be featured in a national documentary about the war's Battle of the Bulge.

Crossword puzzle

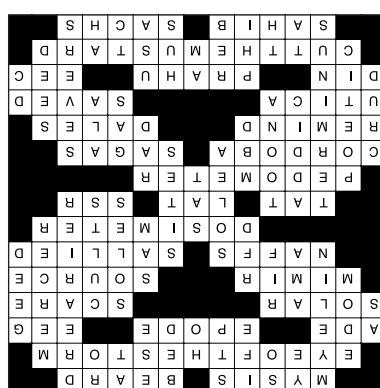


- CLUES ACROSS**
- Opossum shrimp genus
 - Whiskers
 - Hurricane center
 - Turns into noun
 - Ancient lyric poem
 - Records the brain's electric currents
 - About Sun
 - Cause fear in
 - Norse guard of The Well of Wisdom
 - Originator
 - Nat'l. Assoc. for Fruits, Flavors & Syrups
 - Set out
 - Device for measuring x-ray doses
 - Make lacework
 - Back muscle
 - Used to be U__
 - Device for recording steps
 - Nicaraguan monetary unit
 - Heroic tales
 - Prompt
 - Valleys
 - Annette Funicello's hometown
 - Rescued
 - Clatter
 - Malay for boat
 - Now the European Community
 - Make the grade
 - Indian term of respect
 - "Awakenings" author Oliver

- Commanded right
- Doctors' group
- Moroccan coastal region
- Bottoms
- Groups with zealous followers
- Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- Tea Party organizer Adams
- Sole genus
- Land locations
- Was in session
- The point at which something ends
- ___t one who is hooked
- Mahogany genus
- About poetry
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Radioactivity unit
- Any foul substance
- Petrol
- Pie ___ mode
- Cuts off
- A small hard fruit
- Location of White House
- The 21st Greek letter
- Confederate soldier
- Before noon
- ___the and bustle
- Republic of 50 states
- Tooltime star's initials
- Anthropologist Huxley's initials
- Atomic number 43
- Exclamation of surprise

- CLUES DOWN**
- Medullary sheath
 - Thou
 - Thus
 - S.W. Nigerian City
 - Engine additive
 - Road foundation
 - Point midway between E and SE
 - Indicates position
 - ___bot: automaton
 - More drab
 - Esau's descendants (Bible)
 - Atomic number 67
 - Deals in textiles
 - Equally

Solution



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adults and children with disabilities, fundraiser for children ages 10-17, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the First Church in Boxford \$20; www.windrushfarm.org, 978-682-7855.

Holy Family Hospital's National Cancer Survivors' Day. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., lawn outside the Chapel, BBQ luncheon, raffle/door prizes, health information and more; 1-800-488-5959, ext. 375 for reservations.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31

Andover Day, downtown Andover, hosted by the Andover Business Center Association, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Main Street will be closed from Elm Square to Punchard Avenue for this special downtown event, free trolley service from convenient downtown parking will be provided.

Bottle drive, car wash benefit, Bancroft School, 9 a.m.-noon, benefits Bancroft Family Program to help pay for summer camps for students in need.

Live chamber music, Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students in concert, free and open to the public, Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main Street, Andover, the program will include movements of chamber music by Brahms, Beethoven, Haydn, Ravel, Popper, and Mozart; (978)-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

Plant sale, The Village Garden Club of Andover, at the home of author, lecturer, and natural gardener, Betsy Williams, proceeds support the Village Garden Club's civic beautification projects at Elm Green, the Senior Center Garden, two Welcome to Andover signs, the veteran's memorial at Ballardvalegreen, garden therapy, and the

junior garden club at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; Nan James, 978-475-2895.

An Evening of Jule 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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ONGOING

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.

Antique Auto Raffle: The Andover Historical Society will raffle off a fire-engine red 1981 380 SL Mercedes Benz Coupe convertible with only 75,000 miles. It has an 8-cylinder, 3.8-liter engine, automatic transmission, power steering brakes and windows, and air conditioning. Included in the

package are two sets of rims and tires, a black soft top and a red hard top. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. All proceeds support the educational mission of the Andover Historical Society. Credit card orders may be placed by calling 978-475-2236 or by faxing the information to 978-470-2741. The winning ticket will be drawn on June 15, and the winner need not be present to win. Faxed ticket orders must be received by June 1. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

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.

Peabody Essex Museum exhibits: "Stage Idols" through Jan. 25, 2009, in the Japanese Kabuki Theater; "The Art of Maori Tattoo" through Feb. 1, 2009; "Wedded Bliss: The Marriage of Art and Ceremony," through Sept. 14; "Life Boat" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "To the Ends of the Earth: Painting the Polar Landscape" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "Origami Now" through June 8; "Gateway Bombay" through Dec. 7; "Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics" through May 19, 2009; "Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India," ongoing; "Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light," ongoing; "All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists," ongoing. Peabody Essex Museum is in East India Square, Salem. Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

"Teaching Matters!" exhibit through July 28 in the Halle Library Archive & Museum Gallery at Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Broudo 978-232-2257.

"Impernance," photography by Shelley Zatsky, will be on exhibit through

May 2 at the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Cathy at 978-685-2343 or e-mail cathyesssexartcenter@yahoo.com.

"Cat Club Challenge" will be ongoing on the second Saturday of every month at one80 Sports & Fitness, 226 Andover St., Wilmington. Participants will be tested in standard assessments including the vertical jump, 5/10/5 "Pro Agility," chin-ups, 10-, 20- and 40-yard dash and 5-hop bound. Food and beverages will be provided. Fitness testing is free. For more information, call 978-658-1999.

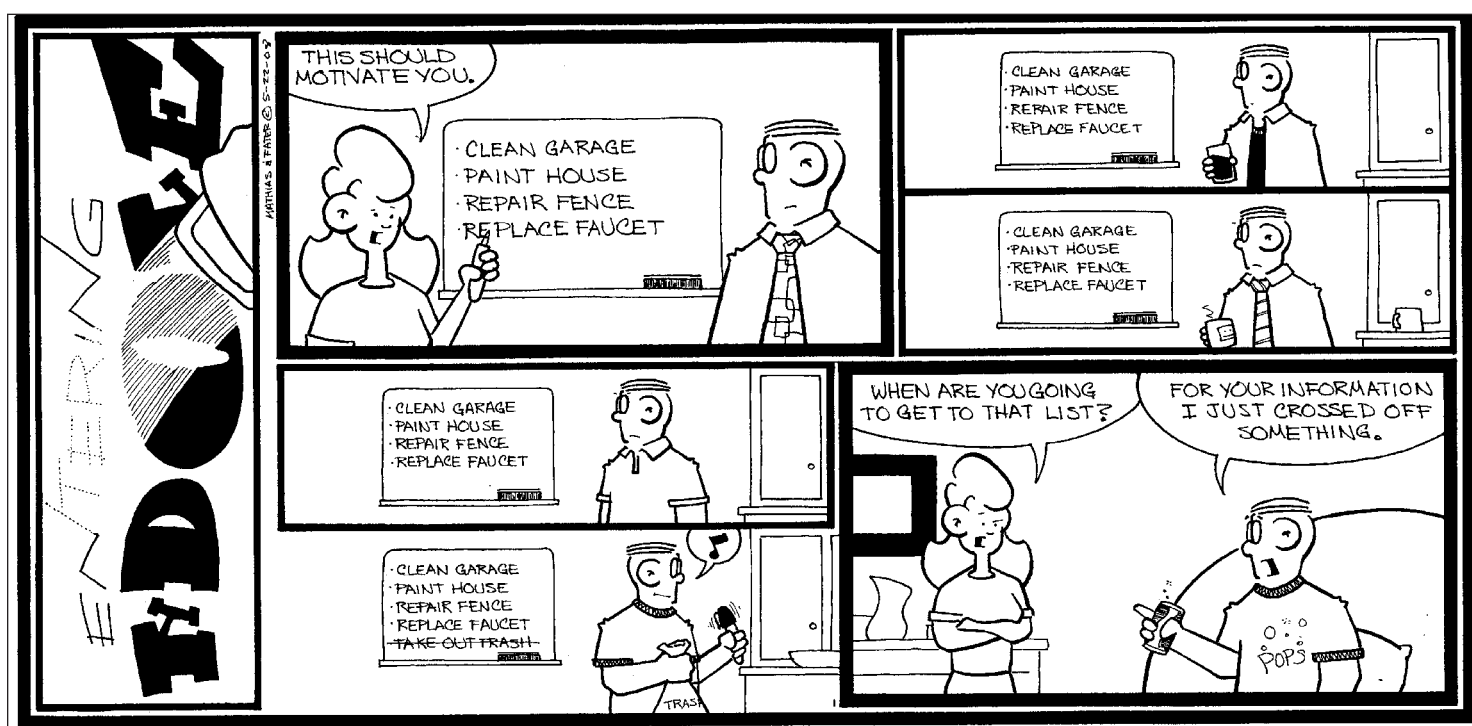
Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St. Newburyport. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 978-462-9891 or visit www.thechurchill-gallery.com.

"Elements of Art Education," an exhibit showcasing art education graduates of Montserrat College of Art. The exhibition can be viewed during the college's gallery hours, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, e-mail ristuben@gmail.com or dianeayott@comcast.net.

"Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts," will open May 18 and run through Feb. 8, 2009, at the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. The exhibit will feature more than 100 works by 70 Massachusetts artists who preserve and revitalize deeply rooted traditions. Funding for the exhibit is provided by Bank of America, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Heritage Museum, and the National Endowment for the Arts. A series of performing arts programs will be presented in conjunction with the exhibition. A schedule will be available at www.nationalheritagemuseum.org. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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TIME FOR CLOWN TOWN

STAFF PHOTOS
BY CARL RUSSO

Left: Sunny weather Saturday afternoon replaced the rain Friday night, making the Andona Society's annual Clown Town a success.

Right: Juliette Plume, 4, of North Andover takes her driving seriously as she goes for a ride.



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and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 781-861-6559.

Lawrence Heritage State Park indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence. 978-794-1655.

Printing Museum contains the world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines. Includes extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5. 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. 978-686-0450.

GROUPS

The Merrimack Valley People for Peace meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the First United Methodist Church in North Andover. More information and directions to the meeting can be located at www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

New England Classical Singers, a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music, holds tryouts and rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. 978-465-0181 or 978-857-3067 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers holds a coffee hour the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread, Route 114, North Andover. Gathering is geared toward new members, but established residents who are interested in joining or volunteering for the club are welcome. Kids are also welcome. For more information, call Vickie Gallant at 978-809-7404 or Heather Ryan at 978-794-7926.

Andover Choral Society is seeking additional voices for the upcoming concert season. Group rehearses every Monday at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street and performs at the Rogers Center for the Arts. For more information, call 978-682-0196 or visit www.AndoverChoral.org.

Andover Great Books Group meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to discuss book of the

week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

Downtown Women's Club, professional network of women, meets first Wednesday of each month at Glory, 19 Essex St., Andover. Free; open to the public. Visit www.downtownwomensclub.com or call Jennifer Tortorella at 978-270-8060.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover, and every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 58 Peters St., North Andover. Visit www.foodaddicts.org or call 781-321-9118.

Men's woodcarving group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of PFLAG - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, providing support, education and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and the Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAG-

inAndoverMA@aol.com.

Treble Chorus of New England auditions for the youth choir for children ages 6 to 18. Joining the youth choir provides children with an opportunity to learn about fine choral music of all periods. Rehearsals held Mondays in Andover. To schedule an audition time, call 978-837-5461 or e-mail to anovello@treblechorus.com.

Embroiderers Guild of America meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 781-893-0959 or e-mail mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com.

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Call 978-686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave., Route 62, Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

Merrimack Valley Townsman Barbershop Chorus rehearses Mondays at 7 p.m. at All Saints Church, Bellevue Avenue, Haverhill. No experience necessary. 978-688-5306.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

North Parish Quilters meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., September through June. New members welcome; guest fee \$5. Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading. Call Susan Reichter at 978-475-6973.

North Reading Community Chorale welcomes new members and rehearses Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United

Methodist Church, 235 Park St., North Reading. Free membership. Call 978-664-4800 or visit www.nrcc.us.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, rehearsals every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen. Singers and dancers ages 18 and older welcome. Call 978-681-0355 or visit www.nrtwinc.com.

Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club dances held every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shawshen Elementary School, Shawshen and Hopkins streets, Route 12, Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

Stompers Country Line Dance Production holds dances every Wednesday and Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47 off I-93, Methuen.

Toastmasters International meets second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 p.m. at Haverhill Public Library. Improve your public speaking skills. All welcome. www.friendlypersuasion.org.

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Obituaries

Angela Dukas, 90

ANDOVER — Angela (Karapatsas) Dukas, 90, of Andover, died Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Oxford Manor Nursing Home in Haverhill.

She was born March 8, 1918 in Ansonia, Conn.

She was a member of Sts. Constantine & Helen Church in Andover. She also was a waitress at the Lantern Brunch in Andover.

She was the widow of James Dukas and her survivors include two sons, Robert Dukas and his wife Nancy A. of Falmouth, George Dukas and his wife Priscilla of Haverhill; three grandchildren, Maria Gudinas and her husband Anthony of Atkinson, N.H., James Dukas and his wife Carla of Londonderry, N.H. and Monica Andrellos and her husband Jack of North Reading; six great-grandchildren, Alana Gudinas, Corina Gudinas, Sophia Gudinas, Sage Andrellos, Demetrius Andrellos and Christo-

pher Dukas; three brothers, Peter Karapatsas and his wife Efstratada of Mytelene, Greece, Christos Karapatsas and his wife Cleo of Arlington and George Carras and his wife Betsy of Hyannis; one sister, Terpsithea Basillell of Mytelene, Greece; and many nieces and nephews. She was the daughter of the late Stratis and Olga (Kledaras) Karapatsas.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral service on Thursday, May 22 at 11 a.m. at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover. Calling hours are Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Burial in West Parish Garden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Sts. Constantine & Helen Church Building Fund, 71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA 01810. For more information go to www.burkemagliozi.com.

Jeffrey P. Thomas, 59

ANDOVER — Mr. Jeffrey Pike Thomas, a longtime resident of Andover and beloved husband of Diane M. (Hartman) Thomas, died at the Lawrence General Hospital on Thursday, May 14, 2008. He was 59 years old.

Born in Newburyport, on March 18, 1949, he was the beloved son of Nancy Jane (Pike) and the late Roland Thomas.

On April 22, 1968 Jeff entered the Army and received his honorable discharge on Nov. 12, 1970. He earned the rank of SP5 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign and Service Medals and the Good Conduct Medal for his distinguished service.

Mr. Thomas was employed as a truck driver for DeMoulas for many years.

He was an avid skier and loved to play tennis with Diane. He also enjoyed working in his yard and rollerblading. In his younger years, he played semi-pro base-

ball and was an avid sports fan.

He will be very sorely missed by his beloved wife, Diane and one son; Jared P. Thomas of Andover, one step-son, William P., IV and his wife Julianna DeLuca, one step-daughter; Kristen R. DeLuca and his mother-in-law, Deborah S. Hartman; one sister-in-law, Elizabeth and her husband, James Bacon; one brother-in-law, Richard and his wife Anne Hartman, and several nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Lange. He was also the son-in-law of the late H. Donald Hartman.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be celebrated in the Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggett's Pond Road, Andover, Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours have been omitted. Donations in Jeff's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

DEATHS

Angela Dukas, 90
Jeannette R. Peters, 86
Robert W. Pratt, 90
Doris K. Spach
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Doris A. Tiney, 49

Doris A. Tiney, 49

ANDOVER — Doris A. (Nakhoul) Tiney, of Andover, died Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House.

Doris was born on March 29, 1959 in Lebanon.

She was an EEG Technologist. Doris was a member of St. Augustine Church and a graduate of Laboure College.

Doris is survived by her husband, Laurence "Larry" Tiney, of Andover; two daughters, Nicole M. Tiney and Kathleen E. Tiney, both of Andover; her mother, Wadad (Haji) Nakhoul, of Wakefield; three brothers, Zaki Nakhoul, of Reading, Bedda Nakhoul and Nabil Nakhoul, both of Wakefield; a sister, Claudia

Neisius, of Kissimmee, Fla., and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was the daughter of the late Anis Nakhoul.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral mass on Wednesday, May 21, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, MA. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Sawtelle Family Hospice House, 320 Haverhill St., Reading, MA 01867. For more information go to www.burkemagliozi.com. Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Doris K. Spach

HAVERRHILL — Doris K. Spach, formerly of Yarmouth, Maine, died peacefully, surrounded by family, at Wingate Haverhill, on Sunday, May 11, 2008.

Born on April 17, 1923, in Batavia, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Arthur S. and Emma (Dorries) Kilburn.

She was the wife of the late L. William Spach, with whom she spent many happy years.

Doris (Dody) attended New York and Maine schools, and was a graduate of The University of Maine. She was an avid gardener and lover of nature. She especially enjoyed summers at Moosehead Lake. She also loved sewing, knitting and crewel work, creating many beautiful keepsakes for her family.

A great lover of books, she was

a librarian in Topsfield, Oldwick, N.J., and Yarmouth, Maine.

Doris is survived by son, Peter Cronkhite of Andover; daughters, Susan Rollis and son-in-law Edward of Andover, Catherine Trimble and son-in-law Bryan of Venice, Fla.; sister, Emma Irish of Portland, Maine; nine grandchildren; sister-in-law, Joan Paley of Florida; step daughters, Lynn Morton and Marilou Morton of New Jersey, Joanne Drake of Pennsylvania, and step son William Spach Jr. of West Virginia. She was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Aplington.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to The Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Robert W. Pratt, 90

ANDOVER — Robert William Pratt, 90, died on Monday, May 5, 2008 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover. He had Alzheimer's Disease.

Mr. Pratt was born and raised in Stamford, Conn. As a child Mr. Pratt was inspired by the early pioneers of flight, and he wanted to play a part in advancing aeronautics.

He became a proud 1940 graduate of MIT in Mechanical Engineering, and joined Pratt and Whitney Aircraft that same year. He retired from the firm as an Assistant Chief Engineer in 1976.

During that period he lived in Manchester, Conn., and was active in the life of South Methodist Church. Mr. Pratt was a skilled woodworker and family photographer and loved sailing on Fishers Island Sound and along the coast of New England. He flew over a thousand hours in small planes before he retired to Falmouth in 1976.

He became very active with the First Congregational Church of Falmouth, and was a founding member of the MIT Club of Cape

Cod. He sailed a catboat from Green Pond and enjoyed bicycling the trails of the Cape and Martha's Vineyard.

Mr. Pratt was married to Parmys Goodale for 61 years. She predeceased him in 2002. He leaves a daughter, Andrea Pratt Wood, and her husband, Burton L. Carlson, of Alexandria, Va., and a son, Alan G. Pratt, and his wife, Cynthia A. Good, of Andover. Grandchildren include David D. Pratt and his wife Doreen of Napa, Calif., and Jonathan G. Pratt of the U.S. Embassy, Khartoum, Sudan and R. Alden Good and Natalie G. Good of Andover. Great-grandchildren include Joshua D. Pratt and Sean M. Pratt of Napa.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial services will be private. Memorial gifts may be offered to the Alzheimer's Association; 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17; Chicago, IL 60601. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. To leave online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Jeannette R. Peters, 86



NORTH ANDOVER — Jeannette R. (Belanger) Peters, 86, wife of the late Henry J. Peters, died Thursday morning, May 15, 2008 at Sutton Hill Nursing Home.

Jeannette was a Lawrence native. Mrs. Peters was the daughter of Lucien and Flavie (Ouellette) Belanger.

She was a lifelong communicant of Sacred Heart Parish in So. Lawrence prior to its closing, and active in the Third Order of Mary, and 55 Club as well as many parish activities through the years.

For many years she was employed with Osco Drug in Lawrence.

Survivors include, two daugh-

ters, Joan and her husband, Charles Wilson, Jr., of Methuen, and Mary A. Peters of Andover. She has three granddaughters, Tara and husband Donald Croteau III, Erica and husband Jay Zannini, and Trisha Wilson; four great grandchildren, Donald (Donnie) Croteau IV, Brenna Croteau, Andon Zannini, and Ciara Zannini, and several nieces and nephews.

Jeannette was predeceased by brothers Wilfred and Russell Belanger.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Mass of Christian burial was on Monday at 9 a.m. in Saint Monica's Church, Methuen, with burial to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery of Lawrence. Friends may pay their respects on Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc. 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Please forward online condolences to pollardfuneralhome.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Center for Grief & Healing offers program

The Center for Grief & Healing, a program of Hospice of the North Shore, will hold its seventh annual Camp Stepping Stones, a special camp opportunity for children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the scenic campus of the Glen Urquhart School in Beverly Farms. A weekend-long day camp, the program is supported by A.J. Wright Company.

Open to any families coping with the death of a loved one, Camp Stepping Stones is free of charge following a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 per family, which may be waived in cases of hardship. The registration deadline is Friday, June 27. Paid overnight hotel accommodations may be arranged for families traveling a distance of 25 miles or more. For more information and to obtain a registration packet, please contact the Center at 978-774-5100. More information is also available at www.hns.org/camp.

Grief and healing groups and workshops

Surviving a Loss is a one-time workshop offered the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Meal and More, a social dinner program for anyone who has lost a loved one, meets the second Monday of every month, from 6 to 8:30 p.m..

Loss of a Special Needs Child will meet Thursdays through May 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Women Who Have Lost Their

Mothers on Wednesdays through May 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Mondays through May 19 at the Union Hospital, Lynn.

Gay and Lesbian Loss, an eight-week support group for gay men and lesbians who have lost a loved one, on Tuesdays through June 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Loss of Spouse/Partner will meet Tuesdays through June 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

All groups are free and meet at the center's offices at 78 Liberty St., Danvers, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited and advance registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 978-774-5100, e-mail grief@hns.org or visit www.griefandhealing.org.

Blood pressure/stroke

Free clinic, first and third Friday each month, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the atrium at Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, Community Education 978-521-8550.

Stroke patient support group, first Wednesday of the month, 6-7 p.m., Paula Hartwell-Bell 603-887-5769, after 6 p.m.

Stroke support group for families and friends, third Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.; Rene Baxter 508-373-2901.

Cancer

LGH Cancer Support Groups provide support and education for those living with cancer and for their families. LGH also has support groups for children and teens that have a family member affected by cancer. For information, call 978-937-6142 (for adult groups) or 978-937-6129 (for children's groups).

Breast cancer support group, meets second Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room, Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-5094.

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760.

Cancer support group, WE CARE, meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Valley Hospital atrium in Haverhill; group offers support for patients with cancer, and their family and friends; Becky Sweeney, director, case management 978-521-3651.

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their

loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760.

Prostate cancer support group, meets third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 70 East St., Methuen; Ron L'Heureux 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

Caregivers

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 978-683-7747, Ext. 423.

Caregivers support group, offering comfort and support for those caring for aging or chronically ill loved one, meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, in the hospital atrium; Janice Hrenko 1-800-892-0890.

Chronic disease

Chronic disease self management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. For more information, call 978-937-6038.

Diabetes

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Down syndrome

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents of children of all ages are invited. (Children welcome.) For information, call

group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

Gay/lesbian

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Merrimack Valley Chapter, providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAGinAndoverMA@aol.com.

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; www.lymesite.com.

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Multiple sclerosis

There are three support groups for multiple sclerosis in the area: Drauc — TW'S Pub, 10 a.m., second Wednesday of month, call Lori 978-441-0515 or Carolyn 978-459-7531; Atkinson, N.H. — Atkinson Community Center, 10 a.m., third Wednesday of month, call Helen 603-382-1222; and Methuen — Nevins Nursing Facility, 10 a.m., fourth Monday of month, call Marcia 978-474-0075.

Pacemakers

Pacemaker-Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Support Group is a support group for Pacemaker and ICD recipients, their families and friends in the greater

Lowell area. Sponsored by the Lowell General Hospital with the support of device manufacturers, the group offers a forum for education and network for support. Meets the second Thursday evening every other month at Lowell General Hospital at no cost to participants. To register or for more information, call 978-937-6326

Parents

LGH New Mothers Support Group is a drop-in support group for new mothers. Provides a place to come with questions and concerns or to meet other new mothers. Meets in the Lowell Room every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Free and registration is not necessary. LGH Registered Nurses/lactation consultants lead this group. Call Doreen Gallant or Laurie Sanz at 978-937-6334.

ADD/ADHD support group, meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Lisa Figliola 978-948-7410.

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

More S.T.E.P., a follow-up peer support group for those who have completed the S.T.E.P. program, 9:15-10:45 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month, South Church, 41 Central St.; Gretchen Keohane 978-475-5711, or Janice Holden 978-475-8293.

Parents Anonymous, meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell and Lawrence, no fees or dues; 1-800-882-1250.

Merrimack Valley Mothers of Twins, meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Forest Street Church, Forest Street, Methuen; Lisa 978-475-4192 or visit the Web site www.merrimackvalleymmoa.org.

Mother of Multiples, Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, second Monday of each month, First Parish Church United, Westford; Mary Johnson 978-256-4111.

Psoriasis

Support group sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 978-475-2774.

RELIGION

West Parish Church has yard sale

The church yard sale will be June 7, 129 Reservation Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Organizers say it is one of the area's biggest and best yard sales.

Sale includes clothes, household items, small furniture, sporting goods, electronics, books and many other items. Shop early for the best bargains, \$3 bag sale starts at noon. Lunch is available.

Faith Lutheran Church observes anniversary

Pastor's anniversary: On Sunday, May 18, at noon in Fellowship Hall, Faith Lutheran celebrated the 25th anniversary of its pastor's ordination.

Pastor Jon Heydenreich was first ordained into the ministry 25 years ago and he has led Faith Lutheran Church for over a decade. Members have been asked to contribute special memories about Pastor Jon for compilation into a document that will be given to the pastor during the celebration.

Flute recital: The flute studio of Vanessa Mulvey will have its annual flute recital on Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m.

This is a free recital and open to the Faith community.

Confirmation services will be May 31. Due to the large class sizes, two services were held as special Saturday services to accommodate the extended family and friends of the youth. The other was May 17.

"An America Trilogy," an audiovisual presentation to honor our servicemen and servicewomen, will be presented by Faith's senior choir on Sunday, May 25, during the 9:45 a.m. worship service. Memorial Day is on May 26.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation invites public to meditation

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Pentucket Bank appoints new senior branch manager

Kerri-Anne Godin is the new senior branch manager for Pentucket Bank's main office at 1 Merrimack St., Haverhill.

Godin has held similar positions with other banks in the Merrimack Valley, including in Andover, and has 12 years of banking experience. She will be responsible for all aspects of the branch including operations, sales, lending and business development.

Godin has attended Northern Essex Community College and the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She is a member of the Exchange Club of Haverhill and is actively involved with the Haverhill Chamber of Commerce. She lives in Haverhill.

Flower sale at YMCA

Michael Holland of Holland's Flower Shoppe has donated pink, white, yellow, orange, red, and purple tulips for the YMCA to sell. This flower sale not only signals the beginning of spring, but also the "Reach Out For Youth" campaign kick-off. The YMCA typically sells \$1,000 worth of tulips. Holland's Flower Shoppe has donated flowers for the past six years.

The Merrimack Valley's annual "Reach Out For Youth Campaign" ensures that no one is denied the opportunity to share in the YMCA experience due to an inability to pay. The YMCA is the largest human care agency in the Merrimack Valley, serving some 33,000 people each year. The Y's focus on the family and youth is demonstrated by affordable programs and services that respond directly to the needs of the communities served, providing over \$1 million annually in YMCA financial assistance and youth scholarships to subsidize community youth and family programs.

Stoneham Savings Bank elects new officials

At the 153rd annual meeting of Stoneham Savings Bank, three new corporators were introduced: Steven L. Cicutelli of Wakefield, Cosmo Ciccarello Jr. of Wakefield, and Anthony Pimentel of Andover.

Stoneham Savings Bank is an independent community bank serving Belmont, Burlington, Malden, North Andover, Stoneham, Tewksbury and surrounding communities.

New Re/Max division focuses on luxury homes

Re/Max Partners has opened a Re/Max Collection division, specifically focused on marketing and purchasing luxury homes in Andover and North Andover.

Re/Max Partners is owned by Tom Carroll and Rick Coco who collectively have more than 40 years experience marketing in the Andovers.

"Opening a Re/Max Collection division in the Andovers provides us with the opportunity to truly specialize in luxury real estate, said Tom Carroll in a release. "We look forward to adding additional real estate associates who specialize in this market and who exemplify the superior knowledge and customer service required in marketing these properties."

Re/Max Partners believes the new division will offer additional products and services to help its real estate professionals succeed in the luxury home and estate niche. "Membership in this division will afford our professionals the opportunity to network with other Re/Max Collection Specialists throughout the world," according to a company release.

A recent study done by the National Association of Realtors determined that there is more foreign investment in the luxury markets in this country than ever before, said the company. Re/Max has offices in more than 65 countries.

Wright-Pierce announces new shareholders

Wright-Pierce President William Brown recently announced that Richard D. Protasowicki and Ray T. Sirois became new company shareholders.

Wright-Pierce is an award-winning New England engineering firm providing water, wastewater, building design and infrastructure services to public and private clients. "As an employee owned company, I am pleased to welcome new professionals to the ownership ranks," said Brown. "Rich and Ray exemplify the firm's commitment and dedication to our clients and the communities we serve by spearheading energy efficient and environmentally conscious engineering practices."

Protasowicki is a project manager with the Water Practice Group in Andover. He has more than 12 years of experience in master planning and facilities design for water treatment and distribution systems in municipalities throughout Massachusetts. He has recently served as project manager of the Hadley and Acton water departments' water treatment plant projects.

Sirois is the firm's information technology manager. He has been responsible for the management and planning of the firm's networking and information system. He has also been instrumental in the development of the company's GIS services, and been active throughout New England as a presenter for Al Gore's environmental awareness program, The Climate Project. Sirois is bringing together climatologists and environmental engineers at Wright-Pierce to develop new engineering methods for more sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure.

Donate a buck, get a pizza deal

D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches and Papa Gino's Pizzeria, including the Andover Papa Gino's in Shawsheen Plaza, have kicked off their annual coupon campaigns to support Easter Seals and The Genesis Fund. Through June 8, guests have the opportunity to donate \$1 to support these charities and in return receive coupons worth \$50 in savings on D'Angelo and Papa Gino's menu items.

Over the years, the restaurants have contributed more than \$3 million to these worthwhile organizations. The donations are used by The Genesis Fund for specialized care and treatment of children born with birth defects, genetic diseases and mental retardation. Easter Seals uses the money to help children and adults with disabilities expand their independence through physical, occupational and speech therapy, summer camps, assistive technology, job training and employment, advocacy and disability information. Money raised at each local Papa Gino's will go directly back to the local town's Easter Seals programs, according to the company.

Town hooks up teens with jobs

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

What began last year as a way to employ Andover teens with summer odd-jobs could ultimately evolve into a network for young people to market their skills and develop entrepreneurial ideas, according to Andover Youth Services staff.

During its first summer last year, the AYS "Green Team" employed roughly 50 students to do occasional maintenance and landscaping work. The Green Team is back this spring, but with a different business model and only nine participants.

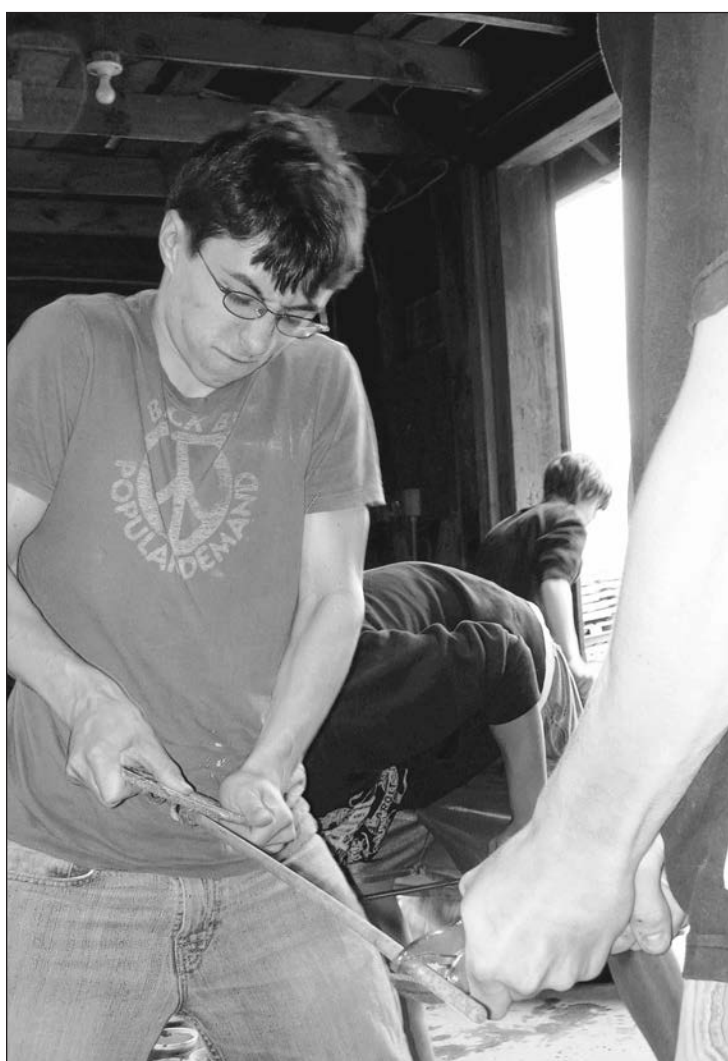
Two-month-long Green Team sessions beginning in the fall, winter and spring are also planned, where students in grades 9 through 11 will be eligible to work between six to 10 hours a week and make \$8.50 an hour.

The youth-employment program, funded by a state grant secured by Andover Rep. Barry Finegold, gives students the opportunity to earn money, understand the business world and gain on-the-job experience, according to AYS Director Bill Fahey.

"It's a pretty unique experience," Fahey said. "If you work at a local fast food place, they're not going to be asking you, 'What do you think of the business?' We're always looking to do that.

"We're really giving them a blank slate," Fahey said. "It's like their own business in a lot of ways ... They're involved in every single step. Ultimately we want it to be a student-run business."

To become a member of the Green Team, students must first give 20 hours of community service. A job application is also required, where students give their



Courtesy photo

Andover Youth Services Green Team member Michael Olivieri removes a veterans flag holder from a stake to be anchored in the cement. A new approach is meant to have teens running the Green Team as their own business. New youth can apply for the Green Team each season.

own references, list their skills and what they think they'll bring to the Green Team, and get a parent's signature and proof of commitment.

The new Green Team model was developed to improve attendance,

according to Fahey.

"Some of the kids didn't stick with it," Fahey said. "Sometimes it's as simple an issue as transportation."

Fahey also said Andover Youth

Services wanted a smaller, more organized group this year.

A multi-hour orientation was held several weeks ago, where the nine Green Team members developed what they wanted and didn't want out of the program, according to AYS Program Coordinator Glenn Wilson.

During the orientation, members said they plan to sell themselves to potential customers as respectful, hardworking, determined and positive workers. Wilson said Green Team members are creating a flier to advertise their services and will go door to door passing them out to residents and businesses.

"They're using their own network of friends and family to get the word out there," Wilson said.

So far, the Green Team has installed concrete anchors for veterans' grave markers at Spring Grove Cemetery, painted a building in Lawrence and served meals at the Lazarus House soup kitchen in Lawrence, Wilson said.

Fahey said students are required to create an invoice, job description and price for their work.

"They're also raising money for the Green Team," Fahey said.

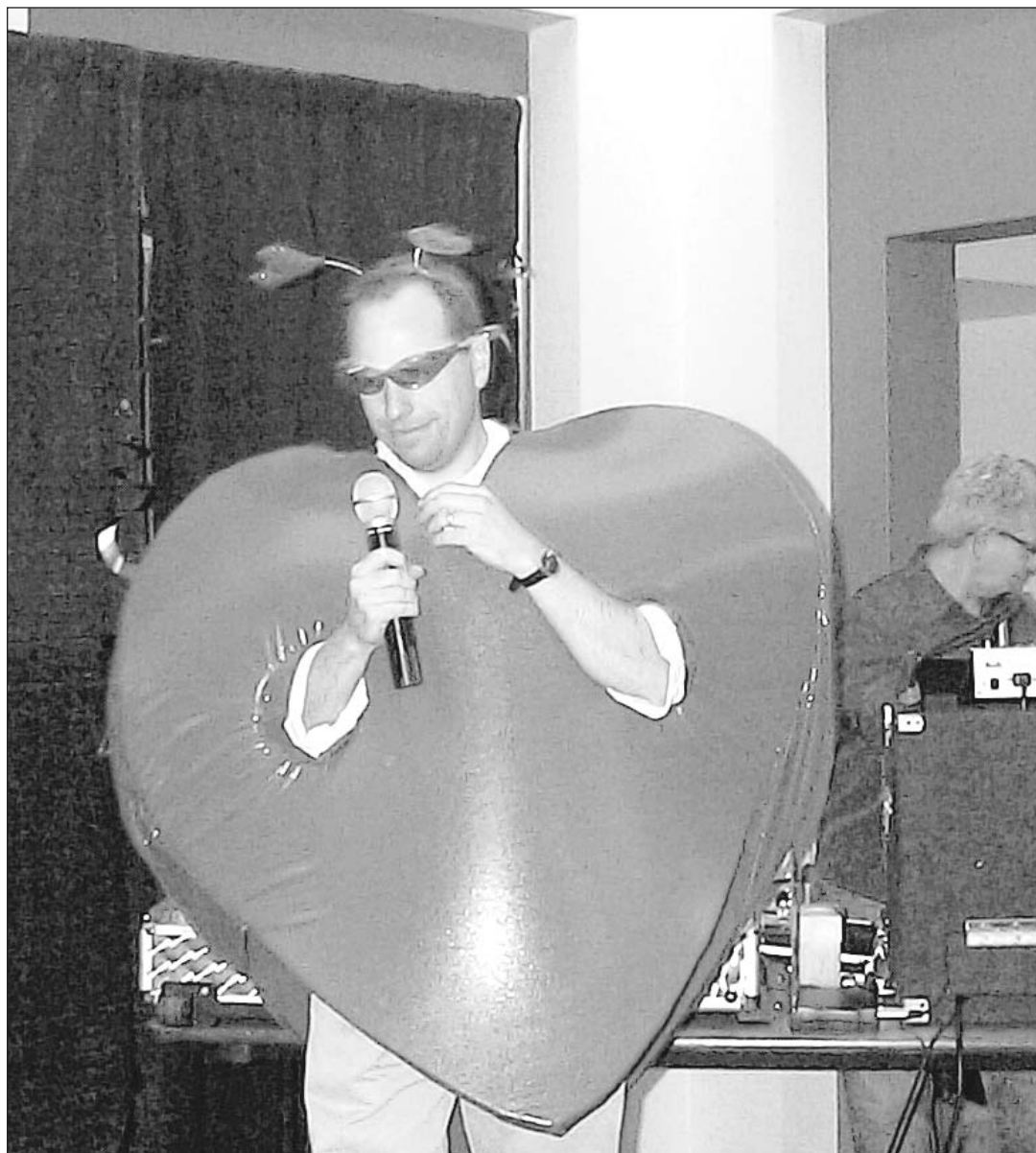
Fahey said AYS always has sought job opportunities for Andover kids, though employers have told AYS that some of the young people involved were unprepared for the work.

"We kind of identified it as a staff that maybe there's work to be done," Fahey said.

Fahey said trying to get your first job can be difficult and frustrating when you don't have any previous work experience.

"We see them as the founding members of developing the Green Team business," Fahey said. "By doing this, they become marketable themselves."

These attorneys have some big hearts



Courtesy photo

Winner of Devine Millimet's "Sing Your Heart Out" fundraiser, attorney Mike Kushnir of Andover sings the Bon Jovi hit song "Shot Through the Heart" to a crowd of employees and clients. The law firm raised more than \$29,000 for the American Heart Association.

Several attorneys at Devine Millimet took center stage in the law firm's atrium for its "Sing Your Heart Out" fundraising event for the American Heart Association.

Attorney Mike Kushnir, from the firm's Andover office was awarded "rock star" status, raising more than \$11,000 in donations.

Adorned in a heart costume and blinking sunglasses, Kushnir thanked the many supporters whose donations qualified him to sing Bon Jovi's "Shot through the Heart" karaoke style to the firm's employees and guests at the event on May 9.

The accounting firm of Baker Newman Noyes certified Devine Millimet had received more than \$23,700 in donations. Alex Walker, president of the firm, challenged employees to raise another \$1,300. The incentive for employees: Walker and shareholder Steve Cohen would sing a duet. Minutes later, Walker and Cohen, with microphone in-hand, sang Sonny and Cher's "I've Got You Babe" to the crowd. Devine Millimet topped their fundraising goals for the event with a total contribution to the Heart Association at a record for the firm of \$29,061.

This country's No. 1 and No. 3 killers are heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association's mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Rosie Cronin, corporate events director, accepted the donation for the American Heart Association.

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Sports

THE GOLDEN BAT

Doucette emerging as one of MVC's most feared hitters

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Hitting is more than an activity for Andover's Jeanette Doucette.

"The feeling when the ball hits the sweet spot of the bat and you just watch it soar is just amazing," she said. "I love it. I love the game. My dad says I have the 'Eye of the Tiger' because I always knew how to hit the ball when I was young."

Doucette has been finding the sweet spot of the bat plenty this season. In her first year as a full-time starter, the junior has become the breakout offensive star for the Golden Warriors, leading the team in batting average, runs and RBIs.

Through Monday, Doucette is hitting a stellar .475, ahead of No. 2 Tricia Martin (.302 average.)

THE JEANETTE DOUCETTE FILE

Sport: Softball
Grade: Junior

Age: 16

Position: Outfielder

On the field: Leads the Golden Warriors in batting average (.475), RBIs (21) and runs (21) in her first year as a full-time starter. She also runs track in the winter.

Family: Brother Tom Doucette played soccer and hockey at Andover High, graduating in 2007.

She has driven in 21 runs, five more than Martin, and her 21 runs scored are two better than leadoff hitter Nina Yu.

"We knew what she could do," Yu said. "But we never expected her to be this big a part of offense this season. She is just a great all-around player."

The success has been a thrill for Doucette, who spent last season as a part-time design-

ated hitter.

"I feel a lot more important to the team this season," she said. "Every game last season I sat on the bench with my glove on my hand and my bat by my side. I couldn't help but watch and think, 'I could have had that ball.'"

Doucette dedicated her offseason to preparing for the spring. She played AAU softball for the New England Firebirds along with Yu and pitcher Joanna Robie. During the fall and winter she spent four days a week hitting and the other three days working on her fielding.

That work has paid off in a big way. After starting the year as the No. 2 hitter, Doucette was moved into the No. 3 spot by coach Stephanie Ragucci.

"Coaches have always told me the No. 3 and 4 spots in the order are the most important in the lineup," she said. "I know the players ahead of me are going to get on base and I am confident that I can drive them in."

"Before I go to the plate I visualize what I am going to do. I try to think bat speed, accuracy and timing."

Her biggest game of the year was her 5-for-5, two RBI day in a win over Winthrop. She also had four hits and five RBIs against Notre Dame of Hingham. She has hit safely in 13 of Andover's last



Jeanette Doucette concentrates at the plate against Haverhill on Monday. In her first year as a full-time starter, the junior is leading the team with a .475 batting average.

KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

15 games and has multiple hits in eight games.

Doucette has also become known for doing the little things.

"She is a very good bunter," Yu said. "That is really important if you can use it to get on base or move players on the basepaths. She is also very quick."

Doucette credits her improved speed to running track this season after two years as a member of the Golden Warriors hockey team.

"It was a real challenge but I am glad I did it," she said. "I didn't know what to expect, but I feel

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▶ Track

Girls 4x200 team sets All-State record

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

The Andover 4x200 relay team knew the time was special, but they had no idea how special it was.

"When we finished we knew it was a school record and we were really excited," senior Kayley Pettoruto said. "We had no idea what we had done until coach (Peter) Comeau delivered the news."

The news Comeau delivered was big. The team of Pettoruto, Melissa Knapp, Vanessa Singleton and Christina Muccio set a new All-State record in the 4x200 with a blistering 1:43.58 at the Class A Relays on Saturday in Andover.

"We were extremely shocked," Pettoruto said. "I know our coaches had all the confidence in the world. But to set that record blew my mind. I was in shock."

The Golden Warriors broke the record of 1:43.60 set by Brockton in 2004. They also blew away the field. No. 2 Newton South finished in 1:48.66.

"We figured we would be around 1:45," Pettoruto said. "It was really amazing, particularly for me since the other girls already have a state record. I wasn't on the board yet."

Andover relays know something about records. Knapp, Singleton and Muccio teamed with Bizzy DiTroia to set the state record in the 4x100 last season.

"I am really proud of the girls," Comeau said. "This record is a really big deal, and we have been working very hard to get it."

Pettoruto noted the extra work Andover had to put in to prepare for the event, which is typically a winter race.

"We were working on our (baton) handoffs from 20 minutes to 1 1/2 hours a day," she said. "The handoffs are a lot faster. There is no room for error in the 4x200. Both (the 4x200 and 4x100) take a lot of practice."

Before they broke that record, the team of Pettoruto, Knapp, Singleton and Muccio also made their mark in the 4x100.

Thanks to a tremendous final leg run by Muccio,

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Christina Muccio takes a handoff from Kayley Pettoruto during their win in the 4x100 on Saturday.

ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

▶ This week's highlights

Andover clinches league title, fourth-straight undefeated MVC season

GIRLS LACROSSE

Katelyn Caro scored four goals to give Andover a 14-5 victory over MVC rival Billerica on Monday. The win clinched the Golden Warriors' fourth consecutive undefeated season in the MVC. Ilana Cohen scored two goals and assisted on three others, Catherine Gross also had two goals and Kelly Driscoll, Kelly Fox, Natalie Gibson, Jess Salley, Katie Shields and Emily Shields

each scored once for the winners.

Andover clinched the MVC title with a 12-10 defeat of Chelmsford on Friday. Heather Sullivan scored four goals, Kelly Driscoll, Catherine Gross and Ilana Cohen each scored twice and Katelyn Caro and Jess Forster each scored one goal for the Golden Warriors. Jules Konjoian (3 saves) and Abby Cook (4 saves) combined for the win in net.

Katelyn Caro's hat trick helped Andover to a 13-2 drubbing of Lowell last Tuesday. Heather Sullivan, Jess Forster and Catherine Gross each added two goals for the Golden Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Strock delivers walkoff win

Jeanette Doucette homered to tie

the game, and Alex Strock tripled home Tricia Martin with the winning run as Andover downed Haverhill 6-5 on Monday.

The win qualified the Golden Warriors for the state tournament for the 10th time in 11 years. They missed out last season. The victory also gave the Golden Warriors (10-8, 9-5 in MVC) a shot at the MVC small school title. Draeut is 9-4 in the league with a game remaining against Tewksbury.

"It was definitely a big win for us," said Andover coach Stephanie Ragucci, "especially coming on Senior Day, at home."

Doucette finished the game 3 for 4 with three runs and Strock was 2 for 3. Also for the Warriors, Kerry McCarthy (2 for 4) tripled and scored a run.

Alex Strock drove home Tricia Martin in the ninth inning to give Andover a walkoff 2-1 victory

over Lowell on Friday. Martin added an RBI and Meaghan McCarthy notched a hit for the Golden Warriors.

Jeanette Doucette was 2 for 4 with a three-run homer in the first to spark Andover's 9-6 victory over Notre Dame of Tyngsboro last Wednesday. Kate Kucharski added three hits and one

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DOUCETTE: Also a standout in outfield

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like working as a sprinter helped me improve my speed on the basepaths."

After rarely playing the field this season, she has also enjoyed the opportunity to play in the field every day as the starting left fielder. She has also seen spot duty at

catcher in relief of Yu.

"As an outfielder you have to have good footwork and be able to know where the ball is going," she said. "I also have a pretty good arm. I recently threw a runner out at third, and I got chills down my spine."

Despite still having a year left of high school, the 16-year-old is exploring college possibilities. She

has already had contact with Southern New Hampshire and Merrimack College. Wherever she ends up, she expects softball to be in her future.

"As soon as I started high school I told myself I was going to play softball in college," she said. "I just love the sport and I never want to stop playing."

RELAYS: Andover boys team places second

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the Golden Warriors won in 49.68, edging Newton South's 49.75.

"Christina ran awesome," said Pettoruto, who ran the third leg. "She ran like a senior that knew what she was doing. We are both seniors and I had never run a relay with her before this season. It has been really great to run with her. I have been lucky to run with all three of them."

Despite the relay exploits, the Golden Warriors finished sixth as a team.

Boys team makes a statement

Led by a win in the pole vault,

the Andover boys finished an impressive second as a team.

The team of Mark Vetere, Roger Tse and Michael Chen took Andover's lone first with a combined 30-5 1/2 in the vault.

But the Golden Warriors claimed seconds in the discus (Varun Bhandari, Steve Moore, Joe Chaitter) and 4x110 hurdles (Andrew Pallotta, Mark Gong, Chris Chu, Santi Costello). They also took thirds in the javelin (Steve Lattari, Bobby Barry, Phil Giguere) and 4x200 (Vetere, Crawford, Kerrick Stevens, Chris McConnell). DMR: 6 Andover (Scott Waller, Chris Goodwin, Mike Primes, Connor O'Neil)

Andover (41 1/2) finished behind Boston College High School and ahead of Newton North (36).

MSTCA Class A Boys Relays

Top 3 and local team scores: 1. Boston College High 47; 2. Andover 41.5; 3. Newton North 36, 16; Methuen 12.

Andover placers: Pole vault: 1. Andover (Mark Vetere, Roger Tse, Michael Chen) 30-5 1/2; Discus: 2. Andover (Varun Bhandari, Steve Moore, Joe Chaitter) 107.6 m; Javelin: 3. Andover (Steve Lattari, Bobby Barry, Phil Giguere) 130.31 m; Long jump: 5. Andover (Santi Costello, John Bigelow, Bhandari) 18.45 m; 4x110 hurdles: 2. Andover (Andrew Pallotta, Mark Gong, Chris Chu, Costello) 1:06.72; 4x100: 4. Andover (Costello, Brendan Crawford, Kerrick Stevens, Chris McConnell) 44.22; 4x200: 3. Andover (Vetere, Crawford, Stevens, McConnell); DMR: 6 Andover (Scott Waller, Chris Goodwin, Mike Primes, Connor O'Neil)

MSTCA Class A Girls Relays

Top 3 and local team scores: 1. Newton South 60, 2. Newton North 56, 3. Lincoln-Sudbury 44, 6. Andover 27.75, 11. Haverhill 18

Andover placers: Pole vault: 5. Andover (Abbey Pettoruto, Kelly Rousmarie, Emily Hsieh) 6.39; Triple jump: 4. Andover (Laura Cody, Alyssa Cummings, A. Pettoruto) 29.16; High jump: 4. Andover (Moiria Cronin, Carroll Damphousse, Sydney Eberth) 13-9; 4x100: 1. Andover (Melissa Knapp, Kayley Pettoruto, Vanessa Singleton, Christina Muccio) 49.68; 4x200: 1. Andover (Knapp, K. Pettoruto, Singleton, Muccio) 1:43.58

HIGHLIGHTS

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RBI, **Nina Yu** drove in one run and scored another and **Karissa Bucc** turned in a highlight-reel catch with two on in the seventh to preserve the win.

BOYS LACROSSE

Lamagna notches four in win

Joe Lamagna scored four goals and **Peter Hanson** and **Brendan Hughes** each notched a hat trick as Andover downed Waltham 14-10 on Monday. **Justin Malins**, **Gavin McIver** and star defenseman **Matt Rayner** each added a goal and **Nick Reeder** made 14 saves for the winners.

Brendan Hughes scored four goals and assisted on another as Andover squeaked past Billerica 9-8 last Thursday.

Joe Lamagna scored two goals, **Justin Malins** scored twice and **Peter Hanson** added four assists for the Golden Warriors. **Nick Reeder** made 10 saves in the win.

Peter Hanson's hat trick helped Andover to an 8-4 victory over Lowell.

Brendan Hughes (two assists) scored twice while **Joe Lamagna**, **Matt Eriksen** and **C.J. Shea** each scored once for the winners. **Justin Malins** added two assists for the Golden Warriors.



BOYS TENNIS

Merinder drives to semis

B.J. Merinder became the first Andover boys singles player to advance to the North semifinals in 15 years when he defeated Manchester's Ravy Young 6-4, 6-0 in the quarterfinals over the weekend. Merinder then fell to Anton Nicolav 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinal. The doubles team of **Nitin Mahesh** and **Shane Huggins** also competed, but were defeated by Newton South 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Phil Johnson swept third singles 6-0, 6-0 to help Andover beat Lowell 5-0 on Monday.

Adam Trota and **Josh Mack** won No. 1 doubles and **B.J. Merinder** moved up to No. 1 singles and won 6-3, 6-0.

Randy Sartor took his first career varsity win 6-0, 6-0 to help Andover down Methuen 5-0 last Wednesday.

Eric Heath took No. 1 singles, both 6-0, 6-0.

GIRLS TENNIS

Krupnik paces Warriors

Michelle Krupnik won No. 3 singles to help Andover best Methuen 5-0 last Wednesday. **Hannah Hoerner** took first singles while **Athena Lynch** and **Rachel Trota** teamed to take No. 1 doubles for the winners.

BOYS TRACK

McConnell's effort for naught

Chris McConnell won the 100 (10.8) and 200 (22.5), but Andover still fell to Central Catholic 88-57 in the meet that decided the MVC Large title

THROUGH THE YEARS

12 YEARS AGO

Missy Famiglietti (34-11), **Courtney Barron** (33-6) and **Allyson Ahern** (32-11 1/2) teamed to win the triple jump relay for Andover at the Class B Relays. Also taking first was the distance relay (mile relay) squad of **Abby Clarke** (5:43), **Kris Munson** (5:41), **Meghan Roth** (5:57) and **Susan Ashlock** (5:03.9). The Golden Warriors

last Wednesday. **Mark Vetere** won the pole vault (11-6) and **Nick Schumacher** won the 2-mile for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Muccio wins twice in loss

Despite **Christina Muccio's** wins in the 100 (12.4) and 200 (26.3) Andover lost to Central Catholic, 99-46 last Wednesday. **Casey Harrison** won the mile (5:40.5) and **Bizzy DiTroia** returned from her injury suffered in winter track to team with **Kayley Pettoruto**, **Chelsea Angelosanto** and **Kayla Baldwin** on the winning 4x100 relay team.

VOLLEYBALL

Hinds, Andover down Lowell

Andover swept Lowell 25-6, 20-25, 25-19, 25-18. **Gary Hinds** finished with 21 kills, **Josh Bruno** had eight kills and **Garrett Kent** seven kills.

Andover lost to Haverhill 24-26, 25-19, 25-17, 15-25, 15-9 on Monday.

For the Golden Warriors (11-9), **Matt Washburn** (16 kills), **Jerry Hinds** (8 kills) and **Mike Emmons** (35 assists) stood out.

Andover fell to Chelmsford 25-15, 25-13, 27-25 on Wednesday.

Gary Hinds notched seven kills while **Matt Washburn** tallied seven kills for the Golden Warriors.

BASEBALL

Warriors fall to Haverhill

Andover managed just two hits in falling to Haverhill 7-0 last Wednesday. **P.J. Farnham** and **Matt Morander** each had a hit for the Golden Warriors.

were in third before Ashlock took the baton for the anchor leg.

The pole vault trio of **Peter Ellis** (13-0), **Matt MacKenzie** (10-6) and **Vinnie Dolan** (9-6) placed first for the Andover boys at the Class B Relays. **Adam Westaway** (20-4 1/2), **Tim Smith** (20-4 1/2) and **Ryan Games** (20-2 1/2) added a second in the long jump relay for Andover.



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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on June 10, 2008, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Barlet Street, on an application submitted by Wiled Realty Trust for a Special Permit for Earth Movement associated with an 8-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Merrimack Estates" located at 459 River Road on property owned by Society of Friars Minor Order of St. Francis & Melmark New England, and being more specifically identified at Lot 5 on Assessor's Map 229. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Paul J. Salafia, Chairman
AT - 5/22, 5/29/08

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2ND FLOOR, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, June 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Metro PCS Massachusetts LLC, 285 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford, MA 01824 for a special permit under Article VIII, §6.1 to install six panel antennas on an existing ground-based equipment.

Premises affected are located at 173R Haggatts Pond Rd., Holmes Rd., Andover, MA in the SRC District and are shown on Assessor Map 209 as Lot 3.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
DATE OF ISSUE
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AT - 5/22, 5/29/08

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TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2ND FLOOR, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, June 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Andover Donuts, Inc., 853 Turnpike St., N. Andover, MA 01845 for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.1.3.C.12.b and/or for a Renewal of the Special Permit granted in Decision No. 3338, for and additional term, and/or for a Modification of Decision No. 3338, all for the purpose of allowing continued take-out and eat-in food service.

Premises affected are located at 93 Main St., Andover, MA in the GB District and are shown on Assessor Map 55 as Lot 125.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
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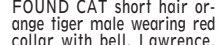
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application by Wiled Realty Trust for an 8-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Merrimack Estates" located at 459 River Road on property owned by Society of Friars Minor Order of St. Francis & Melmark New England, and being more specifically identified at Lot 5 on Assessor's Map 229. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX Division

Docket No. 08P1130EP1
In the Estate of VIRGINIA H. HOLM AKA VIRGINIA HASSINGER HOLM AKA VIRGINIA HOLM

ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX

Date of Death November 30, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicils of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM NORMAN HOLM of LONGMEADOW in the County of HAMDEN be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

JANET HOLM, other named co-executor, having declined to serve.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JUNE 16, 2008.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. MARY ANNE SAHAGIAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, May 7, 2008.

Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate AT - 5/22/08

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX Division

Docket No. 08P1162EP1
In the Estate of KAROLYN J. MCCARTHY AKA KAROLYN J. MCCARTHY

Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX

Date of Death March 22, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN J. WELCH of HAVERHILL, in the County of ESSEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JUNE 23, 2008.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. MARY ANNE SAHAGIAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, May 9, 2008.

Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate AT - 5/22/08

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 371454
To:
Luci Albert and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 2 Castle Heights Road given by Luci V. Albert to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated March 29, 2007, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10775, Page 158 has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the June 23, 2008 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, CHIEF JUSTICE of said Court on May 9, 2008.

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LOST: Prescription Sunglasses, with black case. Somewhere between Newburyport, MA and Plaistow, NH. (603) 382-5004, 978-270-6542.

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Brake for turtles



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As reported in the Townsman last week, the Shawsheen River Watershed Association is making these signs available to protect turtles on town roads. Some can be spotted on High Plain Road, on the way to Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary from the downtown.

Andover Day next Saturday, May 31

Andover Day will kick off another summer in the downtown. The "s" has been dropped — it's Andover Day, not Days — but so much has been added that organizers believe one day is plenty.

The Andover Cultural Council will offer a variety of entertainment representing the Andover community in front of Old Town Hall, from 10 a.m. until the end of Andover Day, Saturday, May 31. Downtown trolley tours (see below) are back and plenty of food will be available at one central location in Olde Andover Village, off Main Street. Next week's issue of the Townsman will include a complete story on Andover Day 2008.

The community fun kicks off the night before Andover Day with a 5-kilometer road race and walk to benefit the Andover Youth Center effort. The race is Friday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. starting at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. Numerous raffle prizes will be awarded, while T-shirts go to the first 250 people who register. To sign up, visit www.andoverdaysk.com (yes, the Web site has kept the "s" on days).

— Judy Wakefield

House speaker backs I-93 development here

House Speaker Sal DiMasi was in Andover on Tuesday to tour Wyeth Biotech in the Ballardvale section of town and offer his support for the proposed Interstate 93 interchange that will allow Wyeth to expand.

DiMasi supported adding \$12.6 million to the House's life sciences bill, which looks to improve access to the Andover firm. The development plan should also decrease commuter traffic through Andover neighborhoods, according to designers.

"I think it's needed," DiMasi told the Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co. editorial board, of which Townsman editor Neil Fater is a part. "It's ridiculous to have to drive through neighborhoods."

The speaker also believes the area should become a priority development site — which would allow for streamlined permitting — a move that was supported by Andover Town Meeting earlier this month.



Sal DiMasi

"The magical mystery tour is waiting to take you away ..."

Andover's Magical History Tour, planned by the Andover Historical Society, will be held May 31. Beatles wig and "I am the Walrus" sing-along is optional.

The self-guided tour will travel along Main Street, lead by a clue book to various locations where participants will "discover new, interesting, funny, odd, tragic, and random stories about Main Street history," organizers said. Start at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., to pick up a clue booklet and consolation prize. Return to the Historical Society when fished to receive yet another surprise.

The event will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 978-475-2236 or email education@andoverhistorical.org.

Cookout and open house

The Doherty Middle School spring open house will be held tonight, Thursday, May 22. The family event begins at 5 p.m.

■ 5 to 6 p.m. cookout (hot

dogs, chips, ice cream and drink for \$6)

■ 6 to 7:15 p.m., student exhibits and demonstrations in various classrooms

■ 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., music concert in the Doherty auditorium

Say good show, Gracie

The Massachusetts School of Law has earned a national Gracie Allen Award in the 2008 competition for the Outstanding Talk Show category for a program entitled "Women Making a Difference." The award is presented by American Women in Radio & Television. The law school also received a Gracie in 2001 for its program "Strong Women."

Professors Diane Sullivan and Constance L. Rudnick and the school's Director of New Media M. Kathryn Villare produced the program, which Sullivan and Rudnick hosted, and Villare directed.

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley, one of the women interviewed on the program, will accept the award for the law school at a May 29 luncheon ceremony at Tavern on the Green restaurant in New York City. Sullivan and Rudnick will also be recognized at the luncheon.

"Women Making a Difference" will air on CN8, the Comcast Network in New England on Sunday, May 25, at 9 a.m.

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