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Bancroft Elementary leader moving on



Scott Morrison

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Scott Morrison, Bancroft Elementary principal, will join the ranks of principals leaving or retiring from Andover this school year, making him the sixth principal to leave one of Andover's 10 schools during the past 14

6 of 10 principals have left since 2007

months. It was announced this week that Morrison will take a position in the Manchester Essex school district. Francine Goldstein, a finalist in the South Elementary School principal search, will become interim Bancroft Elementary principal for next year.

Morrison, who has worked at Bancroft since 2000, broke the news to students personally, sitting down with classrooms and groups of youngsters throughout the day on June 2. Later that day he sent an e-mail home to Bancroft parents as well, he said.

As Morrison explained the change to students, he likened it to when students change classrooms and teachers each year, or switch jobs from line leader to eraser clapper, he said.

"When new opportunities present themselves, you

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Under the microscope

Selectmen evaluate 'strong' town manager

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski more than met the Board of Selectmen's expectations last year, according to a recently completed performance evaluation.

Next the board will decide if Stapczynski, who is making \$133,995 this year, deserves a raise.

Selectmen were critical of the town manager's handling of the youth center effort, with one saying he added \$1 million to the amount a private group must raise to build the center. As in previous years, he was also told he needs improvement with negotiating contracts in a timely manner.

Overall, though, Stapczynski received a positive review, with selectmen saying he met or exceeded their expectations in more than 10 other categories.

"He's a strong town manager," said Selectman Brian Major. "Being in the position for quite a while, I think this is his 18th year now, he's extremely knowledgeable about not only the town's politics and governmental body, but the state's as well."

Stapczynski earned his highest marks from selectmen for his recruitment, selection and supervision of town employees. He was also recognized for his budgeting skills and good relations with both the board and Andover's legislative delegation.

"I think the board did a good job in their review," said Stapczynski. "It was certainly thorough. I appreciate their feedback. It was about what I expected."

In judging Stapczynski, each of Andover's five selectmen initially drafted an individual evaluation, which included numerical ratings of specific performance categories.

Averages of those ratings were then combined into a single document they have made public.

Stapczynski received an overall performance evaluation of 3.2, with 4 representing "exceeds expectations"; 3 "meets expectations"; 2 "needs improvement"; and 1 "unsatisfactory progress."

"Overall I think he's done a very good job running a town the size of Andover and with a budget the size of Andover's," said Selectman Jerry Stabile, who was elected to the board near the end of fiscal 2007.

"Operationally, he has a tremendous handle on what it takes to run the town."

Selectman Mary Lyman said Stapczynski kept his emotions in check and stayed level-headed during a difficult budget year.

"He's managed to stay calm under difficult circumstances," Lyman said.

Selectmen discussed Stapczynski's evaluation during the Wednesday, May 28, meeting, after last week's Townsman deadline. They praised him for his hiring of fire Chief Michael Mansfield and Planning Director Paul Materazzo. The board finalized Stapczynski's evaluation the next day.

"He's always found good people to work for the town," said Selectman Chairman Ted Teichert.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said Stapczynski gives his department heads the freedom needed to run their departments.

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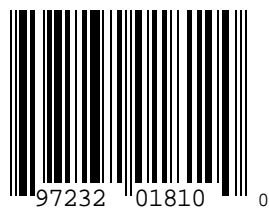


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Graduate Vinnie Patsios and classmates wait outside before entering the Tsongas Arena for Andover High School's graduation ceremony. For a special Graduation Section, see pages 9-14.

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Late manager remembered for saving Old Town Hall

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Creative ideas, strong leadership were Mahony's hallmarks

He moved town-government headquarters, saved Old Town Hall, oversaw the largest expansion of Memorial Hall Library, and did it all with a strong personality that didn't always win people over.

That's how numerous town employees and former public officials are remembering Kenneth R. Mahony this week.

Mahony, 71, who was Andover's town manager from 1982 to 1990, died Thursday, May 22, in Dayton, Ohio, where he moved in 2004 to be with his daughter.

According to former selectmen and current town administrators, Mahony's legacy in Andover in-



Ken Mahony

A major library addition was also completed in 1988 under his watch, adding to the Essex Street side and rear of the library.

"Those are the three big things that Ken achieved when he was here," said former Andover se-

lectman Norma Gammon, a member of the board that hired Mahony in the early 1980s. "There were times when he could get testy with people, but that was Ken's personality. He always had to have a challenge, and those three buildings certainly were a challenge."

If it wasn't for Mahony, Gammon said both Old Town Hall and Town Offices would likely be parking lots today.

"There was a lot of discussion about tearing these buildings down," said Tony Torrisi, who became Andover's finance director in 1979 and also credited Mahony's leadership with assisting

in saving the structures.

In the early 1980s town government was still headquartered at 20 Main St. in what is now called Old Town Hall. School administration offices were at Shaw-shen School and several other town departments were scattered about town, Torrisi said.

It was Mahony, according to Torrisi, who spearheaded the conversion of the then-unoccupied Punchard High building into the modern Town Offices complex used today.

To get the job done, the town sold Punchard High to a private developer, who renovated it and then sold it back to the town. Tor-

risi said the financing and contracting methods used for the project were successful enough to earn state governmental awards for capital innovations.

Federal tax credits were also used on the project, and later, historical preservation funding helped renovate and maintain Old Town Hall, according to Torrisi.

"That was a pretty big deal," said Torrisi. "There were some unique ways in getting these projects done that hadn't been done in Massachusetts. It probably saved Andover \$2 million."

Torrisi said Mahony was also responsible for creating joint

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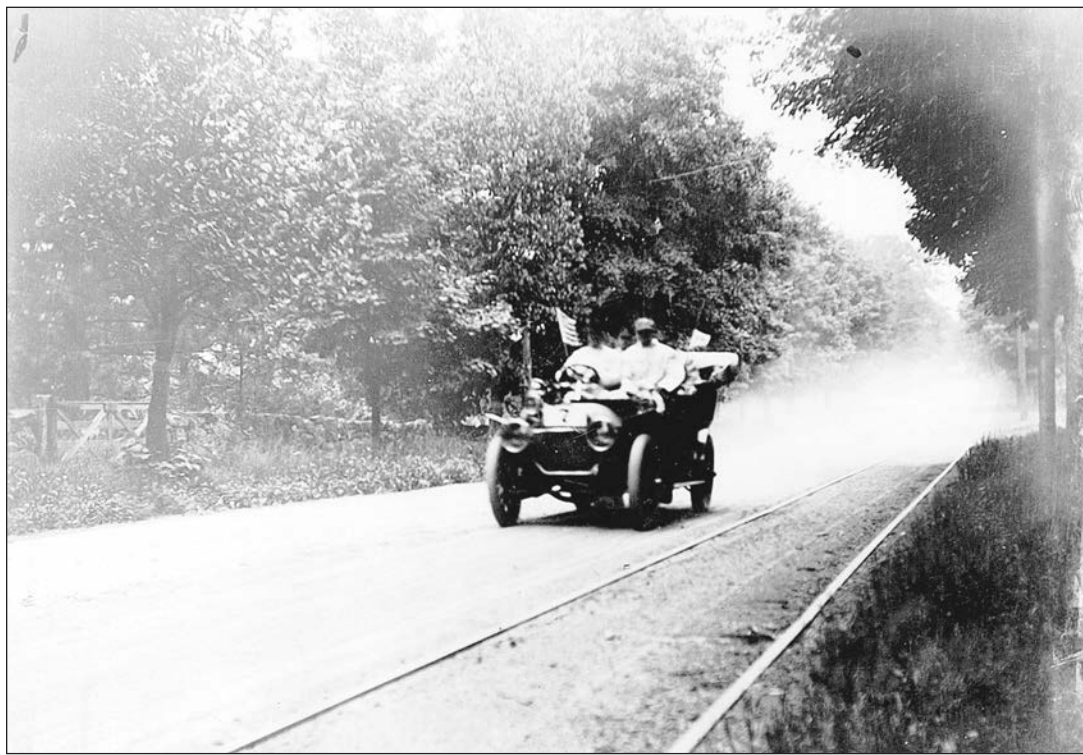
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: Auto road races starting in Lowell were held around 1910, and Elm Street was part of the course.



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NOW: Road racing would no longer fly on Elm Street, as a speed limit of 35 mph has been imposed.

CRT collection

The cathode ray tube collection will take place on Saturday, June 7, at the West Middle School on Shawsheen Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Please note that if a TV works and gets its programming from a cable, satellite or telephone company, it will not be affected by the changes in February; therefore, there is no need to throw it away. Only people who use an antenna to receive their television programming are affected and will need a converter box. For more information, visit www.dtv.gov or call 1-888-225-5322. For coupons, visit www.dtv2009.gov.

Mass. School of Law commencement

The Massachusetts School of Law 19th commencement will held at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts in Andover on Friday, June 6, at 5 p.m.

Dan Rea, Emmy Award-winning journalist and host of WBZ-AM's "NightSide with Dan Rea" will be the commencement speaker and will receive an honorary degree. A television reporter for 31 years, Rea won Emmy awards in 1982 and 1986, the second Emmy for his coverage of Cardinal Bernard Law's visit to Auschwitz. He has been nominated for Emmys on seven other occasions. Rea has covered every presidential campaign from 1976 to 2008.

Service disruption on Haverhill line

Due to scheduled repairs, there will be replacement bus service between Andover and Haverhill on early morning and late evening commuter rail trips throughout the weekend of June 7 and 8. Trip times may be extended between 20 and 30 minutes during this time.

Additionally, night and weekend work to improve the signaling systems between Andover and Haverhill may cause delays up to 10 minutes over the next four weeks.

For more information, please visit www.MBCR.net or www.MBTA.com.

June health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, June 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, June 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior Center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, June 4, 11, 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I'M MORE OR LESS A DINOSAUR, because I'm a sworn police officer and a fingerprint (specialist).

— *Andover police Officer Kevin Burke, who has been given an award by the FBI for his work collecting crime scene evidence. Story, Page 8.*

COME THIS SUMMER, MORE FOLKS will be staying home due to gas prices. This introduces them to things people can do close to home.

— *Lisa Swarbrick, event chairwoman for Trails Day events this Saturday at the Ward Reservation. Story, in Arts & Entertainment, Page 15.*

I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE IDEA that this language (Latin), not spoken in 2,000 years, has permeated Western culture. It's written on the dollar bill. It's everywhere.

— *Conor Hickey, who graduated from Andover High School on Monday and plans to study the classics when he goes to college. Story in Graduation section, Page 10.*



NEWS CALENDAR

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

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

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee Room, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Town Yard Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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

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

Zoning Board of Appeals hearing and deliberation about Northfield Commons North and Webster, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 6 p.m.

Andover Cable Advisory Committee, Andover High School TV studio, 6:30 p.m.

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Window repair workshop offered

The Andover Historical Society will host a hands-on wooden window repair workshop on Saturday, June 7. 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. The registration fee of \$25 for Historical Society members and \$35 for nonmembers 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.

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Andover girl to run 5K blindfolded

Andover residents Marj and Rachel Andresen will run one of the most unusual — and organizers say most exhilarating — races of their life on Saturday, June 7 when they take on the Blindfold Challenge at the 2008 Vision 5K.

In the Blindfold Challenge, Rachel Andresen and other sighted runners will show their solidarity with blind athletes by tackling the course blindfolded. Accompanied by sighted guides with a two-foot tether, they will be running the same course at the same time and under the same circumstances as elite blind runners

Unique race raises money for blind

from all over the world.

Rachel will be guided by her mother, Marj, and decided to take the blindfold challenge as a charitable endeavor to honor her Bat Mitzvah in June. She chose the Vision 5K because of her love for her blind cousin, Sawyer. She'll raise money for National Braille Press, a braille publishing house in Boston that advocates for braille literacy for blind children and produces materials in braille so that blind people can live and work independently.

The Vision 5K is a run and walk to raise money to give blind or visually impaired adults and children the power to live more independent lives. Sighted and blind athletes, world-class runners and weekend walkers will participate. This year, Boston Marathon running legend Bill Rodgers joins the field running through the Fenway.

"Some charitable activities raise money to fix what's not working. The Vision 5K embraces possibilities," says Dave

McGillivray, the Vision 5K race director who also directs the Boston Marathon and Andover's Feaster Five Road Race, in a release. "Runners like Rachel and Marj are helping us showcase what blind and sighted athletes can accomplish, together."

The Vision 5K begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, at Roberto Clemente Field, located on Park Drive between the Museum of Fine Arts and Fenway Park. Along with the run and walk, the event includes activities for children such as a Kids Fun Run at 11:15 a.m., music and food pavilions from local restaurants.



Ben Perkins and Andy Anketell work on restructuring the first floor of 37-39 Pearson St. on June 2, the future temporary home of Andover Youth Services. According to AYS Director Bill Fahey, work on the home will continue this summer in coordination with one of the department's community service programs. Carpentry will give way to sanding, painting and wallpapering in preparation of an Oct. 1 move-in date, he said. "We're excited about the potential it gives us," said Fahey of the former two-family home. Fahey said AYS staff members have received an outpouring of support from the community since selectmen voted May 19 to relocate the department to Pearson Street. Town Meeting authorized the purchase of the home in 2007 to expand the town yard.

BRIAN MESSENGER/Staff photo

Housing authority given \$50,000 for changes

The Andover Housing Authority says it will be given the equivalent of \$50,000 to improve homes for the elderly and handicapped.

It has been awarded \$25,000 in technical assistance and emergency capital improvement bond funding by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. The money will be used to design plans to replace the entranceway window and door assemblies of all the residential buildings at the Frye Circle development, said James Cu-

ticchia, AHA chairman. The property opened in 1975 for elderly and disabled people and consists of 11 residential buildings with 96 one-bedroom units.

The Andover Housing Authority also has been awarded \$25,000 in technical assistance and emergency capital improvement bond funding by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to make a unit in Memorial Circle handicapped accessible. Cuticchia said. This property opened in 1950 to 56 families and is comprised

of 12 buildings containing 34 two-bedroom units, 20 three-bedroom units and two four-bedroom units. The funds will convert a present two-bedroom, one-bath unit into a three-bedroom, two-bath unit. The additional bedroom, bathroom and laundry room will be added to the first floor of an existing unit to accommodate the needs of a family with a handicapped member. Currently all laundry rooms are in the basements and all bathrooms are on the second floor of every unit.



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As Olympics approach, local doctor teaching Chinese sports medicine

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

He's helped sports legends Magic Johnson and Wayne Gretzky through the bruises that come with being a professional athlete. Now, as part of the international good will associated with this summer's Olympic Games in Beijing, Andover resident Scott Sigman will help surgeons across China advance their arthroscopic techniques.

Sigman, a nationally recognized orthopedic surgeon and a sports medicine specialist, flew to Beijing this week and will participate in a three-day training session involving three other Americans doctors and 30 Chinese surgeons.

Through lectures and hands-on demonstrations using cadavers, the four American doctors will share advanced arthroscopic techniques for minimally invasive shoulder and knee surgeries.

"We're creating world peace and harmony one knee and shoulder at a time," Sigman joked before leaving for Beijing. "I'm thrilled and honored to be selected to be a part of it."

The overall goal of the training, which is part of Olympic sponsor Johnson & Johnson's "Active Aid" campaign, is to assist in modernizing Chinese health care, said Christine Scaplen, spokeswoman for Lowell General Hospital.

Sigman has practiced out of Lowell General Hospital and Saints Medical Center, also in Lowell, for the past 12 years and is the team physician for the University of Massachusetts Lowell ath-

letic program.

Sigman previously worked as team physician for the Lowell Lock Monsters, formerly of the American Hockey League, and the Boston Cannons, a professional lacrosse team.

Sigman said he was selected for the Beijing trip in part because of his connections with the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic in Los Angeles, where he performed a fellowship between 1995 and 1996, working with high-profile professional athletes as Johnson, Gretzky and other members of the Los Angeles Lakers, Kings and Dodgers and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Accompanying Sigman to Beijing will be New Hampshire physician Andrew Chen, team doctor for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team; Tim Kremphek, team physician for the Cincinnati Reds; and Andrew Weinstein, a physician based out of the U.S. Olympic training facility in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sigman said few arthroscopic shoulder surgeries are performed in China currently. While arthroscopic knee surgeries are performed there, techniques are not as advanced as in the West.

"The advances that have happened with arthroscopic surgeries are really dramatic," said Sigman. "It's just so much less intrusive, less painful. There's less recovery (time)."

In America today, Sigman estimated 60 percent of all shoulder surgeries are done using arthroscopic techniques. Such "Band-Aid" surgeries are performed on



Dr. Scott Sigman and his wife, Marla, with sons Zachary, 5, left, Jayten, 3, and Caleb, 5.

an outpatient basis and only require a 1-centimeter incision.

The less advanced "open" shoulder surgeries still performed in China require 10- to 12-centimeter incisions, in-patient hospitalization and longer recovery times, Sigman said.

Training is scheduled to take place at a state-of-the-art hospital associated with Beijing University. While two of the Chinese surgeons work for the national Olympic soccer team, Sigman said he expected that other participants will be from large cities and small, community-based hospitals in provinces across the country.

"China is obviously just a huge

populace of people," said Sigman.

Sigman said he hopes to develop relationships with Chinese doctors who might consider coming to America for more hands-on arthroscopic training. Sigman also said he would consider going back to China to perform live surgery demonstrations.

Growing up in Baltimore, Sigman attended Tufts University, where he received a bachelor's degree in biology and later performed his residency at Tufts Medical Center. He attended the University of Maryland for medical school.

Sigman said he has never been to Asia, but has trained arthroscopic

surgeons across the United States. He plans to teach a group of Australian orthopedic surgeons in Bangkok, Thailand, this December.

"This is my first international travel," said Sigman.

Having already left for Beijing on June 3, Sigman will return to the U.S. on June 10.

Upon their arrival in the country, Sigman said the American physicians were scheduled to take a quick tour of Great Wall of China. The training will run June 6 to 8, with the return flight planned for June 9.

"I don't think I'm going to be seeing a lot of China," said Sigman.

Offer to help with earthquake relief is denied

After the May 12 earthquake in southwest China, which had taken close to 70,000 lives as of early this week, Sigman said he had hoped to enter the country early to assist with the medical relief effort. His request was denied by the Chinese government, Sigman said.

"It's 800 miles away from Beijing," said Sigman. "The doctors over there were very appreciative I had offered, but it just logistically wasn't going to work out."

According to Sigman's Asian medical colleagues, China is hoping to prove to the world it can handle the recent natural disaster on its own while being under the international spotlight brought by the Summer Olympics, he said.

Sigman guessed the number of injuries caused by the earthquake may already have tripled the current death toll.

"When you have an earthquake like this, you have terrible injuries," said Sigman. "It's something that they're still dealing with."



Courtesy photo

Dr. Scott Sigman performing a shoulder surgery.

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Opinion

Residents deserve to know individual assessments

The town manager runs the \$130 million enterprise of Andover. He oversees the day-to-day decisions, the long-range planning, the spending of taxpayers' money. The most important task before the Board of Selectmen is to review, retain, hire or fire the town manager.

Selectmen gave their annual review of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski last week. Unfortunately, residents do not know in depth about how individual selectmen feel, because selectmen have released only a joint document.

Overall, selectmen say Stapczynski is doing a great job, exceeding expectations in nearly every category. One need only compare Andover to other communities to see that it is well-run and a place to which people hope to move. Stapczynski deserves respect for that.

Selectmen did knock the town manager — appropriately — for his handling of the public-private partnership to create a youth center behind Doherty Middle School. His actions added \$1 million to the amount that a private group must raise to build the center, because he sought out a ruling from the state that will require the private Andover Youth Foundation to pay the elevated rates required of the government. Stapczynski was also knocked, as in many previous years, for failing to negotiate new contracts in a timely manner.

Selectmen reviews have not always reached for a high standard — in some years during Stapczynski's tenure, selectmen neglected to review him at all. So selectmen deserve credit for this year's review, which follows a specific form and appears more thorough than some in previous years.

However, so far selectmen have provided only a joint review, which is to say a watered down review that combines all the selectmen's opinions into one consensus document.

We've said it many times here: residents elect the selectmen and deserve to know their individual beliefs on issues. That certainly holds true for the most significant task they perform, evaluating the town manager.

It is significant to know that one selectmen might have given the town manager the lowest possible rating in a category, while another gave him the highest. Such information would be helpful for people when they head to the ballot box looking for a selectman who best represents their views.

We hope selectmen will share their individual assessments of the man who runs Andover under their watch.

WEB QUESTION

Pick your favorite Townsman story

Two credits shy, don't walk
Last week's Andover Townsman Web question was, "Should Andover High School seniors signed up for summer school be allowed to walk with their class at graduation?"

Within a close margin, Web-site readers voted that an AHS student two credits shy of graduation should not be able to participate in commencement ceremonies. As of Wednesday morning, of the 49 votes counted, 51.1 percent said "no," and 49.9 percent said "yes."

This week's web question is, **Which was your favorite story in this week's Andover Townsman? Which story stood out to you as interesting, which did you read first?**
■ Coverage of Andover High School's graduation and senior class.

■ Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's yearly performance review results announced.

■ Memorial coverage of Ken Mahoney, Andover's previous town manager.

■ Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison announces he's leaving.

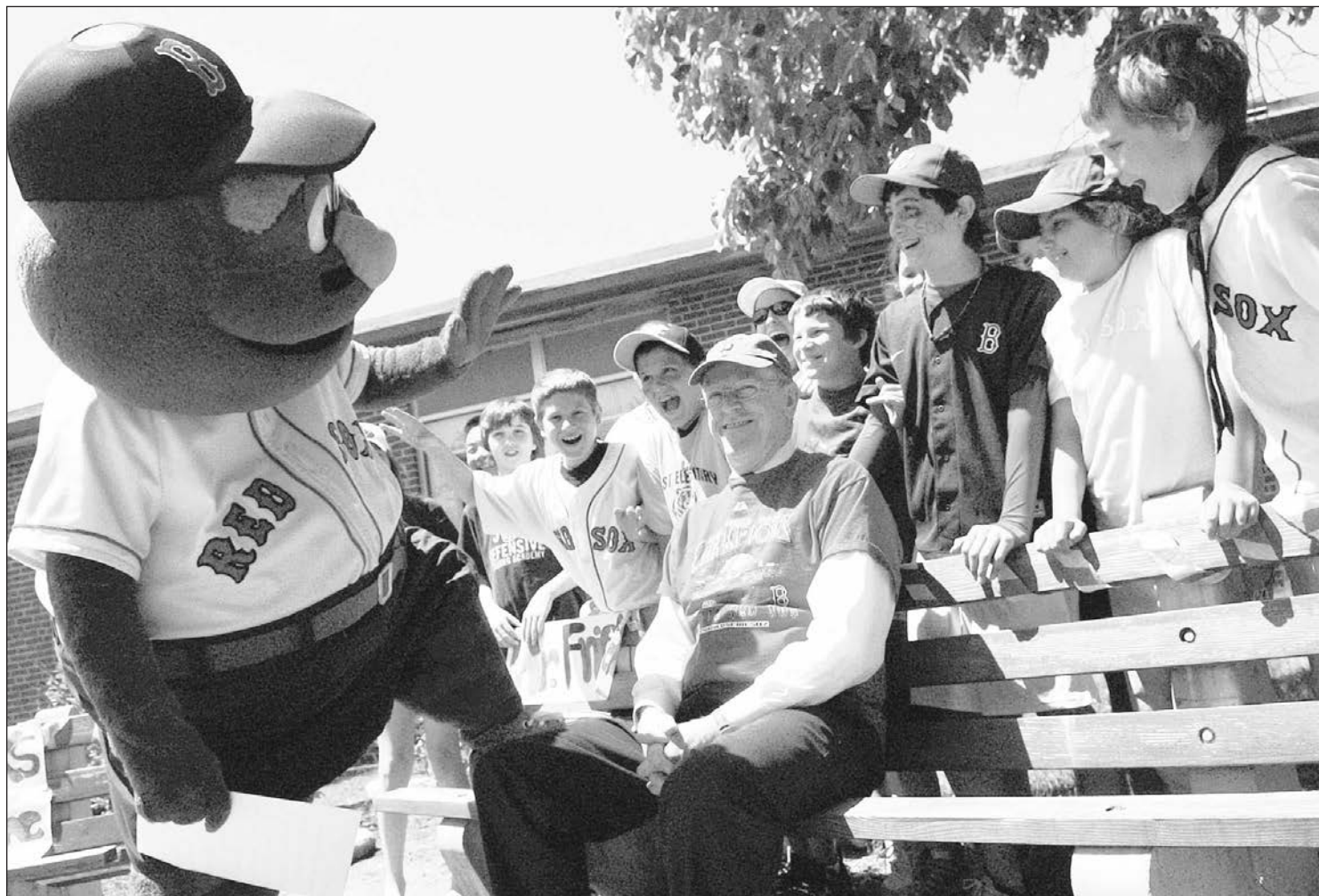
■ Resident will train surgeons in China as part of Olympic good-will effort.

■ Andover girl to run 5-kilometer race — blindfolded.

■ Officer and fingerprint expert Kevin Burke wins FBI award.

■ 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.

DON'T LEAVE WALLY HANGING



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster makes a surprise visit to West Elementary School for retiring principal Charlie Friel, seated, during Red Sox Day. The school had a Red Sox Day since Friel — and the kids — are such big fans.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College lets summer grads walk in spring

Editor, Townsman:

I wanted to comment on Sarah Pearson not being allowed to "walk" at the high school graduation ("Summer school ahead, girl wants to graduate with class," May 29 Townsman, Page 1). I think it's interesting that UMass Lowell lets seniors who are completing graduation requirements during the summer term attend graduation in the spring with their classmates, although they are noted as summer graduates on the program.

Dave Lewis
Arthur Road
Professor, College of Management
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Fighting the good fight — against squirrels

Editor, Townsman:

I've been having a battle with squirrels for the past two years and, unfortunately, they're winning.

I put my first squirrel trap up in the old pine tree outside my second floor window in November. It was a gallon plastic milk container attached to another large container, with a modern bird feed tube hanging at the end of what I thought was an impossible obstacle course. The tube had six metal attachments half-way down where the birds could sit comfortably and feed from the very small openings. I even used a plant hanger for a longer drop and couldn't wait to watch squirrels falling off en masse while the beautifully colored wild birds partook of the best seed I could find.

When the first squirrel appeared, long, lean and grey, I watched. He fell off a few times, then sat there looking ponderous. I thought "Gotcha!"

Half an hour later, I looked out to find that he was literally hanging upside down from the edge of the feeder over the yogurt container, stretching his furry body to the fullest, enjoying a sumptuous meal

that I was paying for! He was probably also grinning!

So I got serious and tried other methods. They also failed. Then things became absurd. All my inspiration was spent on that blasted squirrel. As I schemed and drew medieval torture devices, I let the house go, my hair went uncolored, the wash piled up, and I developed a furtive way of approaching the window that must have frightened the few neighbors I have.

We can outsmart the Russians, but not the squirrels.

It's now almost summer, and most of the birds have not died of starvation. They are coming to the feeder as regularly as they can, when I refill it and are showing their children how to eat. But still I will not give up.

This morning I rearranged the feeder again. So far, nothing has gotten to it.

I think I will take a long walk and arrive home in a few hours, hopefully with my feeder, and my sanity, intact. But don't bet on it.

Donna Dyer
93 Main St.

Parents understand facts on ELT, should get vote

Editor, Townsman:

There is a debate at High Plain Elementary concerning the adoption of Expanded Learning Time. This initiative would increase our children's school year by 300 hours — not 70 minutes a day, as another letter suggested. This equals an hour and forty minutes added to each day for 180 days.

There has been much rhetoric about parents not accepting change. Those opposed to ELT have been called "short-sighted." Andover is a community of astonishingly well-educated and accomplished parents, many of whom have given up their careers, or adjusted their work schedules to be with their children after school. We do not need to be told that change can be good. We are lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers. We understand the facts.

We are able to make an informed decision about whether this initiative will benefit our children and community.

ELT has been accurately labeled as a program for low performing districts. When creating ELT, Mass2020 decided that target schools should have at least 50 percent of the student body qualifying for free or reduced lunch. ELT is meant to "close the education gap" between high-performing districts and low-performing districts. This is mentioned each time a reporter, a legislator, or the governor speaks about ELT. It is not intended to benefit an already thriving school. Do we want our state tax dollars going toward a better education for Newton's students? I can bet the rest of the state feels the same about Andover. At this time the Massachusetts House has funded ELT only at slightly above last year's appropriation. This means that only three or four schools will be added. Are we seriously suggesting that High Plain is the best school for this program?

A recent letter suggested that since Waltham is applying, we should feel encouraged that ELT is for "solid performing districts." In the 2007 MCAS, Waltham's fourth-graders ranked 237 out of 299 districts in math, and 186th in English. In the same year, Andover scored 11th in English and 15th in math. It sounds like Waltham is an ideal community for ELT.

We are told that at any point High Plain can opt out. When and how? Who decides? Parents are expected to wait through the entire application process before voicing opposition. They are expected to contribute ideas about what will go into this new school day without a threshold discussion of whether they want this program. The administration should allow parents to vote on ELT before it asks for our help with their budget next year.

ELT is an initiative intended to assist struggling communities. There is no evidence it will benefit Andover. Long term funding has not been promised, which means

that if ELT is implemented, students will be disrupted for a year or two before the money runs out. Every parent at High Plain should demand a vote on this issue.

Karen Lu
9 Greybirch Road

Praise for our grand marshal

Editor, Townsman:

I just read the article in the Andover Townsman ("Korean War veterans get their due," Townsman, May 29) and I was so excited to see the photo of Joe McCloskey. He is truly a wonderful man, a great statesman and one who loves our country with all of his heart.

I have worked alongside McCloskey for five years at Boston Prometric Testing Center, where, on some days, we would test at least 50 to 60 professionals who needed to complete certifications, and physicians who test for eight to nine hours for two days. He has been one of the favorite Testing Center administrators of our time, and the candidates truly admire and respect him.

We are all so proud of you, Joe McCloskey, for serving our country with such dedication and love and loyalty.

Sandie Gleichauf
Boston

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THURSDAY FILE

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— Polish proverb

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— Peter F. Drucker, 1909-2005, American management guru

"No coffee can be good in the mouth that does not first send a sweet offering of odour to the nostrils."
— Henry Ward Beecher

"If coffee tasted as good as it smells, I would love it — but, it doesn't!"
— Phyllis Edmunds "Men have become tools of their tools."

"If at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it."
— Albert Einstein, 1879-1955

"You see things, and you say: 'Why?' But I dream things that never were, and I say 'Why not?'"
— George Bernard Shaw

"I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it's been."
— Wayne Gretzky, when asked if there was a secret to his success

"Life is a combination of magic and pasta."
— Frederico Fellini, 1920-1993

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."
— Winston Churchill

"You can't really love until you've made peace with betrayal. You can't really love until you've made peace with the fact that life doesn't happen the way you want it to happen all the time."
— Helen Hunt

"A new baby is like the beginning of all things — wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities."
— Eda J. Le Shan

"There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun."
— Pablo Picasso

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CSI HAS NOTHING ON HIM



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover Police Officer Kevin Burke is considered an expert in the field of fingerprint analysis and was awarded the Assistant Director's Award from the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division in May. He was one of 10 recipients nationwide and is also a member of a panel that is developing national standards for fingerprint handling.

Andover's fingerprint specialist earns FBI honors

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Studying fingerprints in his office during the 1980s, Andover Officer Kevin Burke noticed a house-break suspect had a unique index finger pattern. As he processed a crime scene at a West Andover house later that day, he found that very same pattern left on the exterior of a home — two stories off the ground.

Hanging out of a second-story window, Burke knew he had solved the case right there.

Considered an expert in his field, Burke's reputation has only grown since then.

Burke has used fingerprint analysis to identify thousands of suspects. After more than three decades of police work, he's helped solve roughly 450 house-breaks, 250 vehicle theft cases and several attempted murders, he estimates.

In May, Burke received a national award from the FBI in recognition of his career accomplishments.

When it comes to bank robberies, Burke's record is nearly perfect, having used fingerprints left behind at crime scenes to identify suspects in 33 out of the 34 cases he's been involved with across Essex and Middlesex counties.

Burke assisted in the investigation of the latest bank robbery in town, which took place April 24 at Danversbank on Central Street. After processing the scene, Burke matched a palm print taken from the teller's counter to 28-year-old Peabody resident Jeffrey Monico, who later confessed to the crime.

Monico, now charged with armed robbery, was one of two men arrested in early May who are considered to be suspects in connection with numerous area bank robberies, Andover Police Lt. James Hashem said.

"Both of them are responsible for a number of break-ins in the North Shore area," said Hashem. "Fingerprinting didn't assist in the apprehension but it will assist in the prosecution."

Burke is a member of a panel developing national standards for fingerprint handling, known as the Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology.

Along with his work in conjunction with the working group and the International Association for Identification, Burke said receiving the Assistant Director's Award from the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division has been one of his greatest career accomplishments. Burke was one of 10 people nationwide to receive the award in 2008.

"Kevin's always had an interest in and excelled in the field of fingerprinting," Hashem said. "He's been an asset to us for a number of years in that field as a fingerprint examiner and a crime-scene technician."

A graduate of Andover High School (Class of 1968) and Northeastern University, it was in college as an intern with the Lawrence Police Department

that Burke made his first positive fingerprint identification.

Burke normally spent his time as a student alphabetizing records for the department. But after a local Elks Lodge was broken into in the early 1970s, Burke was called to the scene and used powder and a brush to collect evidence.

Burke took a print found on a juice bottle left at the bar. After developing a suspect list, police later charged a Lawrence man for the break-in with the assistance of the print Burke obtained at the Elks Lodge.

"That's when juice came in glass bottles," Burke said. "I was pretty excited about that."

After becoming a reserve officer in North Reading a week after his 21st birthday, Burke started working in Andover as a public safety dispatcher before becoming a full-time patrolman.

Burke said he began working regularly with fingerprinting in the early 1980s at the suggestion of the department's head of the detectives.

"From there it's history, one case after the other, and it's still going on," Burke said. "I think it's great. It's one big puzzle for me."



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Kevin Burke, pictured in 2004, looks over prints on a notebook under a 365 Nano Meter UV light to gather evidence for the Andover Police

Q & A with Kevin Burke

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

cause I've always been behind the scenes."

Q: What made you decide to get involved with criminal justice?

A: "It was the second year Northeastern had the program. It was brand new. It looked interesting — bottom line. It really worked out all right in the long run."

Q: What has been the most rewarding aspect of your career thus far?

A: "I believe the award I just received from the FBI and CJIS (the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services). I work with a lot of them now, very, very talented and highly qualified people. Very dedicated. I'm more or less a dinosaur, because I'm a sworn police officer and a fingerprint (specialist). Those are few and far between now. They're mostly civilians. They're all good people at the FBI. I am very proud to be a part of that family of examiners."

Q: The department refers to you as an expert in the field of fingerprint analysis. Was achieving that level of knowledge on the subject ever a goal of yours?

A: "Yeah. I wanted to be the best, certainly, at what you do. I wanted to be the best for friction ridge analysis. That's how they describe it now. It's a field with a lot of history. Like anything else, the more you know, the more (you realize) you didn't know and then you look for more."

Q: What does being recognized by the FBI with a national award mean to you?

A: "It actually is the pinnacle of my professional career, as far as effort, recognized effort. It's very rewarding to achieve that level of recognition by other people, be-

Q: How would you describe your work on the panel developing national standards for fingerprint handling?

A: "We set standards, guidelines for the rest of the fingerprinting community to follow. The fingerprinting community, and I speak globally for that, has to fall under one umbrella and speak the same language to come to the same conclusions. Rules and regulations to live by. They are absolutely the top brains in the country and the world, just stellar, stellar people. I'm very honored to be in their presence."

Q: How has the work you've done on the job changed since you began your career?

A: "It's completely different. We've had the advent of different types of chemical processing, we've had the advent of lasers, ALS — alternative light sources — it's a different light spectrum. You tweak the spectrum to illuminate friction ridges. We've made leaps and bounds that way. And Photoshop, believe it or not, that's another great tool. I used to spend eight hours in the dark room. That's the biggest enhancement in fingerprint work, Photoshop and digital photography."

Q: Are the television shows like CSI accurate in their portrayal of criminal justice today?

A: "Absolutely not. End of story. It makes good theater, it makes good TV. Some of the tools they use, we use. Their timeline is somewhat skewed to the commercials, to complete their story in an hour. To the young kids: You're not going to get instant results like you see. It takes time."

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Andover High Graduation



SWEET SUCCESS

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Two recent graduates from Andover High School celebrate during the graduation ceremony at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell on Monday.

Graduates urged to 'find the genuine in yourself'

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Natalie Gaimari and Justine Silva, graduates of the Andover High School Class of 2008, easily summed up how they were feeling after Monday night's graduation ceremony.

"Wonderful, exuberant," Gaimari said.

"Excited and relieved," said Silva. The two graduates, in royal blue caps and gowns, joined the elated crowd of seniors outside the Tsongas arena after the nearly three-hour ceremony, taking photos and giving hugs to family and friends.

The 430 members of the Class of 2008 are now officially AHS alumni, after crossing the stage in the 148th commencement exercises on June 2. Filled with music, reflection and words of wisdom from guest speakers, the night honored each graduate, from Abreu to Zuckerman.

"I couldn't wait to get my diploma," said Thomas Paolera, a 2008 graduate headed to Plymouth State University next fall, but he said he felt "sad to see everyone go."

Paolera, a self-described "dedicated fan," said his favorite AHS memories were of attending basketball games.

Cheers erupted from the crowd of hundreds of family and friends — many armed with cameras and bouquets of flowers — as the graduates marched in to begin the ceremony. Some dressed to the nines under their blue robes, while others had blue jeans and sneakers — even flip-flops — sticking out from under their gowns.

The commencement — described as "good, but long" by Silva — ran two hours before any graduate crossed the stage to receive a diploma. Several musical selections by students and staff were interspersed with messages by Superintendent Claudia Bach, Principal Peter Anderson, Salutatorian Vanessa DiPasquale and physical education teacher Carol Martini, the guest speaker.

Concession stands were open, and attendees munched on popcorn and ice cream and drank sodas through the ceremony.

Anderson, wearing a wireless microphone and walking between the rows of seniors, charged the teenagers to restore a



Graduate Kathleen Cheney, center, hugs two teachers after receiving her diploma.

standard of civility in the world, practice humility and "find the genuine in yourself."

Martini used a fitness analogy, telling students that their 12 years of education is the warm-up to life's workout. To begin her message, Martini had the entire audience stand, clap in rhythm together, chant "'08 is great," and give high-fives to their neighbors.

Distinguished citizen awards were given by the senior class to Debbie Hockman, a 16-year veteran AHS cafeteria worker with a daughter in the senior class, and David Konjoian, a tutor with "a genuine concern for the success of his students, in all aspects of their lives."

Sarah Pearson, a senior who received attention last week because she was told not to attend graduation ceremonies since

she is two credits shy of graduation requirements, was listed on the commencement program but was not present at the ceremony.

AHS Principal Peter Anderson ended the ceremony by naming Josh Bruno the "last senior standing," awarding him \$1,500 with a charge to make a difference with the money. Anderson started this tradition, in which he gives a check at graduation but requires the person to report back to the school four years later on how he or she used the money.

Anderson said he chose Bruno, an AHS volleyball player who also manages the girls volleyball team, because of his character.

"He's the kind of kid you want to be around, always has a smile on his face," Anderson said of Bruno. "He's very gen-

uine, very comfortable in who he is. Always polite and courteous ... and doesn't always get the recognition he deserves."

Bruno dealt with two cases of a collapsed lung this year, and bounced back without a complaint, said Anderson.

Christina Milley, Giancarlo Fusco and Scott Mancinelli, last seniors standing from the AHS Class of 2004, reported how they gave the money to nonprofit organizations and earthquake victims in China, but more importantly, learned to give of themselves. Milley read statements from the other two alumni, who were absent from the ceremony due to graduate school commitments.

"It does not take money to make a difference," said Milley to the 2008 seniors. "Get involved and volunteer. Your time is priceless and can make a difference."

Soon Walsh may be at the front of the class

18-year-old has already tried her hand at teaching

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Senior Devin Walsh's internship at a West Elementary School kindergarten class lasted four months, though the impact it had on the 18-year-old may remain with her forever.

Walsh, who wrote her college essay about helping a young Andover girl write her name in class this year, plans on becoming a kindergarten teacher. In the fall, she will study education at Curry College in Milton.

"I made a difference in her life," Walsh said of the young student. "She made just as much of an impact on me."

From late September to the end of January, Walsh spent several hours every other school day working in Nancy Daigle's kindergarten class, running the weekly show-and-tell and helping with classroom management tasks.

"This was a great experience because I got to get a real feel for it," Walsh said. "I actually felt like I was their teacher and they had a lot of respect for me."

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Devin Walsh, on her internship at a West Elementary kindergarten class

Walsh said she learned teaching techniques and tips from both Daigle and classroom assistant Debra Fullam during her internship, which was part of her senior exposition project.

At the 2008 Senior Expo, Walsh displayed numerous thank-you cards from the kindergarten students.

"I think she saw the reality of what happens in a classroom on a day-to-day basis," said Daigle. "I think she got a true sense of what it's like to be a classroom teacher."

Fullam said Walsh showed no hesitation getting involved with the 21 5- and 6-year-olds who make up her class.

"She was exposed to everything," Fullam said. "She was willing to get right in. There was no task too small or too big. She

didn't blink at any of it. She just did it."

Daigle said Walsh helped her students write in their journals, sound out words, and perform tasks such as sharpening pencils, making copies and wiping down tables.

"Not to mention all the jackets and shoes that she zipped and tied," Daigle said. "That's why it's always helpful to have an extra set of hands."

Some of the bigger responsibilities that come with teaching kindergarten include building confidence in the students and teaching independence and co-operation, Daigle said.

"It's also a great reward to see that you make a difference and you actually taught someone," Daigle said. "I think (Walsh) has a lot of kindness and caring and



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Graduating senior Devin Walsh holds some of the artwork given to her by West Elementary School students. Walsh interned with a kindergarten class this year and plans to study education in college.

knowledge."

Walsh said she was surprised by how much kindergartners today learn in the classroom.

"They learn so much more

than I learned in kindergarten,"

Walsh said. "They're learning how to read and write by themselves. I like watching the progress."

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■ The Charles R. Souter Memorial Scholarship, awarded to an individual pursuing a degree in science who has excelled in academics and athletics at Andover High School: **Kelly Driscoll**

■ Andover Sportsmen's Club Scholarship, awarded to a deserving student with good grades, outdoor sports involvement and ecology/conservation involvement: **Hannah Vasconcellos Hastings**

■ Katherine E. Kloss Memorial Scholarship, given in recognition of exemplary achievement and great potential to achieve continued success. This recipient was chosen not only for her academic performance, demonstrated leadership and participation in school, but also for her work ethic and commitment to the community. She emulates the spirit of Kathy Kloss, a former AHS volunteer mentor in the engineering field: **Hong-Ming Xiao**

■ The Christina Capozzi Memorial Scholarship. Christina was 8 when she passed away. Had she lived, she would have been a proud member of the Class of 2008. In her memory, her parents generously established a scholarship for a member of the Class of 2008 who has shown a commitment to working with children and adults with special needs: **Shannon Burke**

■ Shawshen Village Women's Club Scholarship, awarded to deserving students who have maintained high academic standards and plan to further their education: **Kyle Conlon and Kayley Pettoruto**

■ The Harry H. Koffman and Faye Koffman Scholarship Fund of B'Nai B'Rith, awarded to a senior boy and girl who have demonstrated an appreciation for human and individual rights in the community: **Charlotte Purcell and Tito Encarnacion**

■ Andover High School Chapter of the National Honor Society Scholarship, awarded to senior students who emulate the characteristics of the society: scholarship, leadership, character, and service: **Kayley Pettoruto and Shir Levkowitz**

■ The Horne Charitable Trust Scholarships, presented to three students who have shown the ability to dream of their future, take risks, and demonstrate characteristics of an entrepreneurial spirit: **Mary Elizabeth Burke, Hannah Vasconcellos Hastings and Emily Hsieh**

■ The Gary Meyers Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a member of the senior class who has demonstrated high standards in athletics, scholarship and personal character: **Jessica Spates**

■ The Andover Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship, awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated personal integrity and academic responsibility: **Jessica Poe**

■ The Andover Educational Association Scholarship, awarded to graduating seniors of active AEA members who have excelled in academics and have contributed substantially to their school and/or community: **John Baroni, Jon Lars Carlson, Carolyn Dampousse and Allison DiSalvo**

■ The Class of 1979 Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a senior who exemplifies the ideals and principles of Andover High School: **Cayley Christopher**

■ The Fred Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship: **Hong-Ming Xiao**

■ Spade & Trowel Garden Club, awarded to a student planning to continue with post high school level studies in conservation, environmental science, horticulture, forestry, landscaping or floriculture: **Andrew Jannetti**

■ Andover High School Drama Guild Scholarship, for students pursuing the performing arts at the college level and for their outstanding contributions to AHS theater: **Corey Desjardins, Sarah Hurchik, Nancy McNamee, Hillary Nadworny and Zachariah Zabet**

■ The Andover Band Association Scholarship, awarded to senior band members who have shown exemplary participation in the band program: **Nathan Casto, Nicole Dwyer, Hallie Hauer, Kimberly Pzegeo, Gregory Ragnio and Joseph Terranova**

■ Alfio Graceffa Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a graduating senior band member for excellence and leadership in the AHS Marching Band: **Ann Sullivan**

■ The Katya Yerzolimsky Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a swim team member for her contribution to team spirit and her support of her fellow swimmers: **Courtney Petzold**

■ The Barbara Duran Scholarship Award, given by the Andover Rotary Club, awarded each year to a person who personifies the dedication to community service that Duran was committed to providing: **John Baroni**

■ The Andover Rotary Club Scholarship, offered in recognition of outstanding community service, scholastic history and future goals: **Katherine Fionte and Britney Hockman**

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Language not dead to him

Hickey saving to head to Ireland to study the classics

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

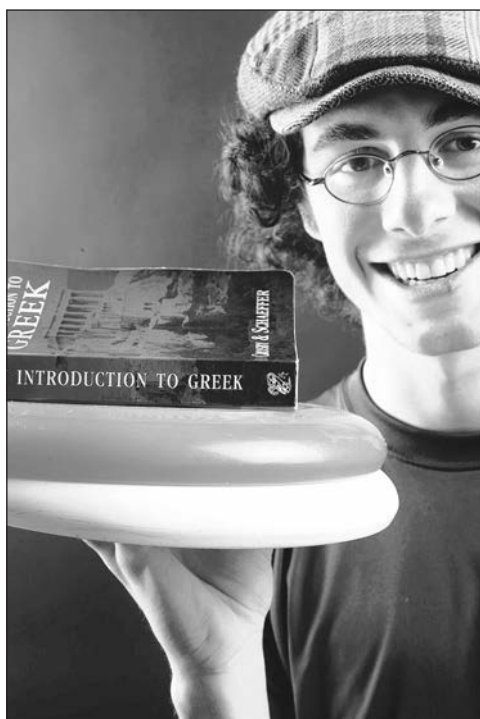
Conor Hickey loves the classics so much that he took an advanced math class at Andover High School — “I hate math,” he admitted — to free up space in his schedule to take an extra Latin course the following year.

Hickey “took all the Latin classes you can take” in his four years at Andover High School, he said, along with an independent study in Greek with language teacher John Kosartes.

“I fell in love with the idea that this language (Latin), not spoken in 2,000 years, has permeated Western culture. It’s written on the dollar bill. It’s everywhere,” Hickey said. “Reading stuff like Cicero or Caesar, these were real people. They had real feelings and wants. It’s communicating with people you’ll never meet, a culture you’ll never know. There’s a real human aspect to it, it’s not all stuffy marble busts.”

Hickey has been accepted to Trinity University in Dublin, Ireland, and will head to the Emerald Isle to major in classics in fall 2009, deferring a year first to work and save up some money.

Besides studying the classics, Hickey can also be found on the Frisbee field, playing with the AHS Golden Gophers ultimate Frisbee team. The unlikely combination of speaking



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Conor Hickey plans to take his interests in ultimate Frisbee, Greek and Latin to Trinity College in 2009, after a year of community service.

Latin and throwing a disk comes naturally for the AHS senior.

He started playing ultimate his sophomore year. The sport combines elements of soccer and football and two teams of seven players square off using a disk instead of a ball on a field similar to a football field.

Conor is known by the nickname “Socks” by his teammates, because he wears blue and gold knee socks for games.

There are no referees in ultimate, and Conor said he likes that the sport is based on the honesty of the players.

“We talk through each foul and decide the outcome,” he said. “There’s a real culture to it.”

Conor, 18, is the third of J.C. McGuire and James Hickey’s four sons; his brothers are Ryan, Graham and Patrick Hickey.

He scoops ice cream at a part-time job at Main Line Creamery in town, and volunteers on the Andover Youth Council, meeting once a week to organize events through Andover Youth Services.

Also, Hickey just finished an internship with artist Sandy Dukeshire, learning glass-blowing and how to make stained glass.

“It hit me like a brick wall,” he said of his glass internship. “You can take this 2,000 degree pot of liquid glass, and make stuff out of that.”

And if the ultimate, classics, volunteer work and part-time job didn’t keep him busy enough, Hickey also plays the bass guitar with some buddies in a band called Captain Mojo, a ska/funk/rock group.

Now that graduation is over, Hickey will be working hard, looking forward to Trinity University the following fall.

“I’m absolutely stoked to go to Ireland,” he said with a grin.

He applied to Trinity, he said, because his great-grandparents are from Ireland, and he’s always wanted to go. The school requires no core curriculum, so he can take “Latin and Greek all the time.”

“I wanted to get out of my comfort zone, I wanted to do something crazy,” he said of his college choice.

He visited Trinity earlier this year during a college visit, and got to play with the ultimate Frisbee team there.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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■ The Andover High School Ski Team Boosters Club Scholarship: **Cayley Christopher and Gavin Lynch**

■ The Andover High School Girls Swimming and Diving Boosters Club Scholarship: **GINNY GIBSON, Kristi Korsberg and Bridget Carroll**

■ The Andover High School Men’s Swim & Dive Team Scholarship: **Peter Saunders**

■ The Andover High School Football Boosters Association Scholarship, awarded to a senior varsity football player for outstanding sportsmanship and character: **George Stevens**

■ The Andover Junior Football League Alumni Scholarship, given to both a player and a cheerleader: **Mike Morander and Elizabeth DiTroia**

■ The Andover High School Gymnastic Booster Association Scholarship: **Kathryn Sullivan, Lauren Colby, Elizabeth Sherman and Alyssa Geary**

■ The Andover High School Girl’s Varsity Soccer Boosters Club Scholarship: **Emily Barker and Erica Leber**

■ The Andover High School Field Hockey Boosters Club Scholarship: **Kathleen Cheney, Nicole Gagnon, Anna Harrington, Brittany Isenhardt, Laura Levis, Jennifer Quinlan, Victoria Reilly, Christina Saccone, Julie Walsh and Kristina Yu**

■ The Merrimack Junior Theatre Josie Walker Scholarship Award: **Thomas Blanford, Kyle Butler, Hannah Vasconcellos Hastings and Wendy Mellin**

■ The Memorial Hall Library/Miriam Putnam Scholarship, awarded to seniors who have worked as pages at the library: **Nathan Casto and Hannah Gravius**

■ The Merrimack Valley Striders Memorial Scholarship: **Vanessa DiPasquale and Michael Primes**

■ The Susan Alterio-Cardelle Memorial Scholarship: **Ilana Cohen**

■ Andover Federal Credit Union Scholarship: **Kristina Yu**

■ The Robert McIntyre Scholarship, sponsored by the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association: **Kayley Pettoro**

■ The Phillip A. Wood Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Essex County Fire Wardens Association: **Andrew Jannetti**

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■ A.J. Leno Television Award, given by Jay Leno, awarded to two students displaying achievement in television production: **Zachary Burdeau and Yilan Chen**

■ Norah McCarthy Scholarship: **Emily Hsieh**

■ Andover Ultimate Frisbee Spirit Scholarship: **Evan Carter and Rachael Westgate**

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■ Henry Wyatt Achievement Award: **Michael Tripp**

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■ Keith Gould Scholarship: **Shir Levkowitz**

■ David Robichaud Scholarship: **Ariel Twohig**

■ Dr. James and May Shorten-Bell Scholarships: **Michael Primes, Justin DeFrancisco, Stephanie Shin, Jon Lars Carlson, Cameron McLeod, Andrew Dwyer and Katherine Rouff**

■ Elizabeth Cotter Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Broward: **Elizabeth DiTroia**

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Bilingual, multitalented

Cheerleader and gymnast lone girl in AP physics

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

This spring, members of the Andover High School advanced placement physics class took a moment away from the dancing and fun of prom night to pose for a group photo.

Marilyn Fontaine, wearing a bright pink gown, stood out — she was the only one not wearing a tuxedo.

Fontaine, 18, was the lone female in this year’s AP physics class at Andover High. But being the only girl in a class of 25 physicists-in-training was “not a problem” for the 2008 AHS grad, she

said. “We had a lot of fun. There were a lot of jokes (about me being the only female), but they were nice guys,” Fontaine said of the course taught by Nick Schadel.

Her favorite subject in school has always been math, she said, but physics was a favorite at AHS.

But physics and math are not Fontaine’s only talents — she puts the term “well-rounded” to shame. A gymnast since age 6, Fontaine was also captain of the football cheerleading squad this fall.

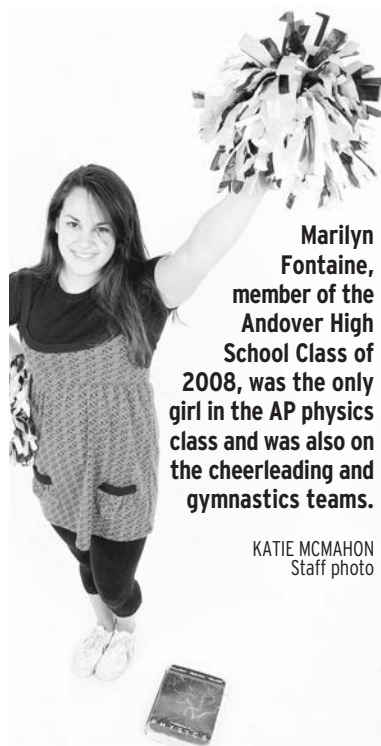
“I don’t know if any other

cheerleader has ever taken AP physics before,” she said with a laugh. “I was kind of proud of myself (for taking AP physics); it was a huge step. A lot of people think cheerleaders are dumb.”

And you can ask her to say “go team!” in French, because she is bilingual. A dual citizen of Canada and the U.S., Fontaine learned to speak English and French at the same time as a child from her mother, Suzanne Fontaine, a native of Quebec.

That will come in handy next year, as she heads to McGill University in Montreal. She doesn’t

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Marilyn Fontaine, member of the Andover High School Class of 2008, was the only girl in the AP physics class and was also on the cheerleading and gymnastics teams.

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have a major picked out just yet, but expects to study "something in science," she said.

She's looking forward to living in a city — McGill is in the heart of Montreal.

"I love the campus," she said. "I'm excited, looking forward to living on my own, making new friends."

Fontaine's favorite AHS memory is winning regionals with the cheerleading squad this winter and gaining a bid to compete in nationals. They were the first AHS team to make it that far.

Fontaine is an only child, the daughter of Suzanne Fontaine and John Hart.

When she's not studying physics or at cheerleading practice, she works part time at Sweet Mimi's Chocolates in downtown Andover.

Her favorite part of the job?

"Getting to try all the different kinds of chocolate," said Fontaine. "I always come out of work smelling like chocolate!"

Student earns 'A' for perfect attendance

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The much-anticipated college acceptance letter arrived Dec. 1, 2007. Andover High School senior Emily McLaughlin learned that day she would be attending her first-choice school, Elon College in North Carolina.

Many other 17-year-old high school seniors might take a day off from school to celebrate. Or they might blow off a day in the second half of the year to relax.

But taking off a school day was not OK for McLaughlin; the senior was on a quest for perfect attendance throughout her high school career. She succeeded.

"I remember being sick with the

common cold and missing school on the last day of fifth grade," she said. "I remember it because we had our class picture taken and I wasn't there."

That day — seven years ago — was the last school day she missed. All through middle school and high school, she was never absent.

Emily McLaughlin is the daughter of Gail Sendecke and Tom McLaughlin. The family lives on Sagamore Drive.

Perfect attendance is a tradition in their house as her brother, Paul McLaughlin, achieved the same feat when he attended Andover High, graduating in 2004.

Good old-fashioned sibling rivalry played a role in Emily McLaughlin's decision to keep her perfect attendance record alive. She simply could-

n't let her big brother think he was any better than she. What sister can?

"It was hard to finish it off after I got the letter from Elon," she said. "But, I started thinking, 'I guess I came this far.' There was no going back. I had to finish it off."

And, of course, she had her brother on her mind.

"Yeah, and that, too," admitted this younger sister, who runs cross country at Andover High.

McLaughlin will study international business at Elon beginning fall 2008.

Earning an "A" for attendance is Andover High senior Emily McLaughlin, who has had perfect attendance since fifth grade.

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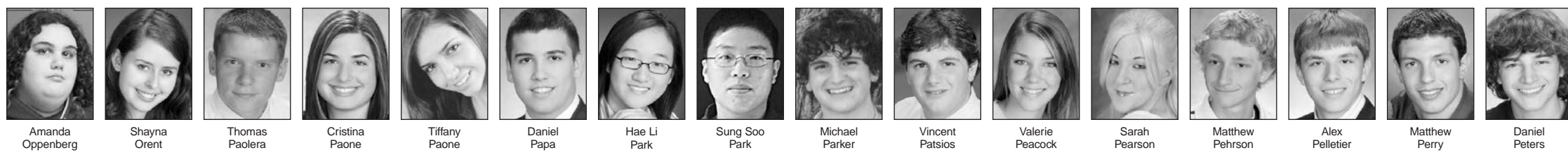
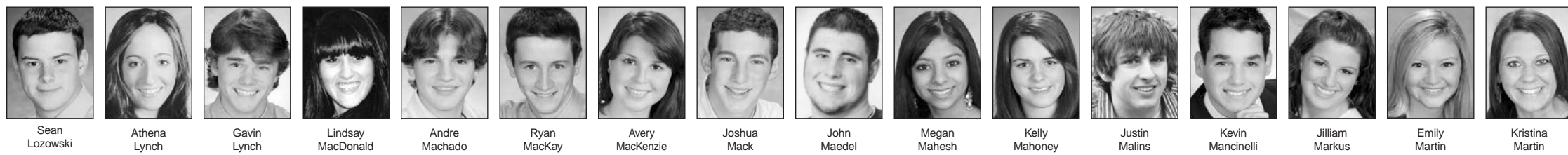
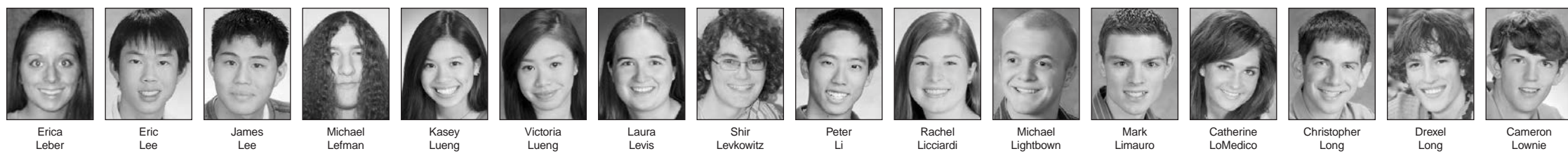
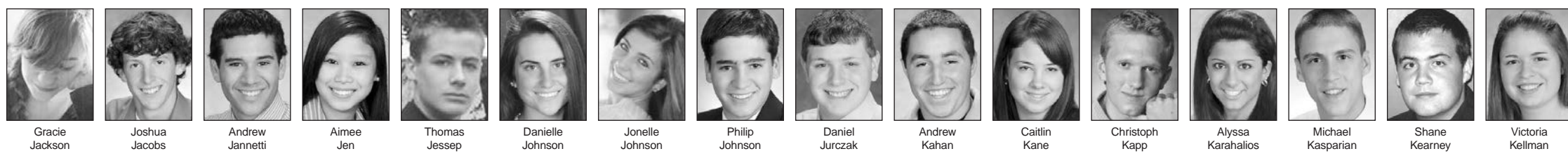
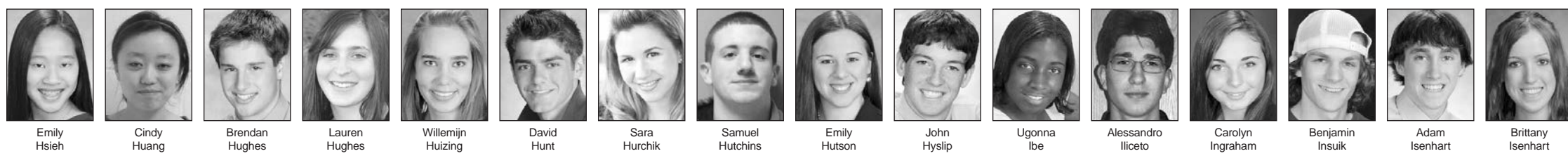
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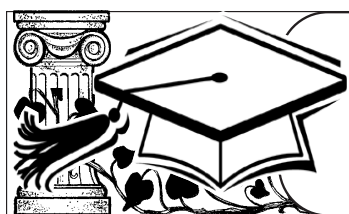
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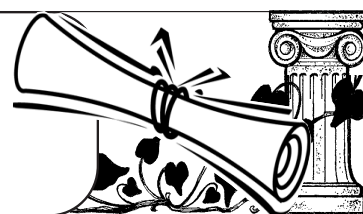
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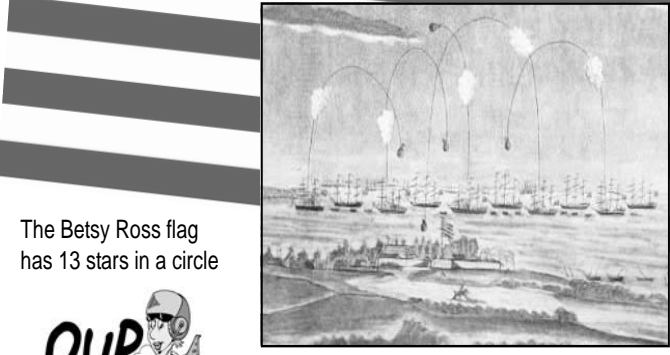
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We fly our flag to show our American pride.

Did you know that our flag will have its 231st birthday next week? June 14 is our flag's birthday, celebrated as Flag Day.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white - that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



The Betsy Ross flag has 13 stars in a circle

An early print shows an artist's idea of the bombardment of Fort Mifflin.



Betsy Ross

Betsy (Elizabeth) Ross is the heroine in the story of the creation of the American flag. Many years later, Betsy's grandson shared the story of how Betsy came to sew our American flag.

John and Betsy Ross had an upholstery business in Philadelphia. John died serving in the militia, leaving the young woman to support herself. Betsy continued the upholstery business. Betsy was known for her needlework and had experience in flag making.

A committee of men came to her shop. General George Washington showed her a rough drawing of a flag. Could she make it?

According to the legend, Betsy said, "I do not know, but I will try."

The committee had drawn a star with six points. Betsy told them a correct star had five points and was easier to make. She folded a piece of paper and made one cut with a pair of scissors. She unfolded a perfect five-pointed star.

She made the sample flag. It was accepted as the standard design by Congress.

Francis Scott Key

Our other hero is Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner." Key was a lawyer and poet.

In August 1814, the British entered Washington, D.C. and burned the Capitol, the White House, and many other public buildings.

The British fleet then moved into attack position at Fort Mifflin, close to Baltimore.

Key went to the British admiral's ship to ask for the release of an elderly doctor held prisoner. Because Key heard the attack plans, he was held prisoner on the British ships.

The attack began the morning of Sept. 13. All through the night, Key watched Fort Mifflin being bombarded. In the first rays of the morning light he saw the Stars and Stripes still waving over the fort.

He took out his pen and wrote a poem, which could be sung to a well-known melody. The patriotic song was soon popular. However, it did not become our official national anthem until 1931.

Scrambled Anthem

How well do you know the words of the Star-Spangled Banner?

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Star-Spangled _____
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O say, does that _____
of the free _____

Party animal



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Recent Andover High School graduate Shir Levkowitz attempts to ride a mechanical bull at the Senior Safari graduation party held at the school on the night of graduation.

Senior's work behind scenes gets him noticed at Collins Center

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Exactly how much hands-on theater experience has graduating senior and set designer Tom Blanford enjoyed over the last four years?

"Tom Blanford is like 18 going on 40," said Susan Choquette, director of drama at Andover High School. "Kids like Tom Blanford are rare. We're lucky here at the Collins Center."

Choquette, a teacher at AHS and director of the after-school drama program, compared Blanford to a full-fledged adult member of the Collins Center for the Performing Arts staff. Blanford, 18, will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

Involved at the Collins Center since his freshman year, Blanford has worked on theater sound, lighting and set design.

"He's been on the tech crew right from the start," said Choquette. "He's pretty much had his hand in everything."

As part of his for-credit senior exposition project, Blanford oversaw the set design of three high school drama productions this year using a computer-aided drafting program on his laptop computer.

"I taught it to myself," said Blanford of the 3-D CAD work required for the project. "The hardest part is knowing what you're looking at and from what direction. It's hard when you're starting out."

Beginning in August, Blanford designed the set for "Titanic the Musical."

Blanford said he was most



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Graduating senior Tom Blanford helped design the sets of three high school plays this year, using a computer-aided drafting program to lay out the plans.

proud of the production's tilting boat deck. Constructed using an 8-by-40-foot platform raised just above the stage with two 1-ton chain hoists, the setup helped to simulate a sinking ship.

"It was a ton of work," said Blanford. "The thing with 'Titanic' was that it was so wide-scaping. The set changes every five minutes. Every time the scene changes, the set changes."

Because of the size of the Collins Center, Choquette said productions there tend to be large-scale and require "formidable" set designs. For "Noises Off," a play within a play that needs to show the "performers" backstage, a rotating set was required to show both the front and back of the set.

"It had to be a realistic, functional set, and he did well with that too," said Choquette.

Both the designs for "Titanic

the Musical" and "Noises Off" took three or four months to complete, Blanford said. Blanford also designed the set for "The Snow Queen," a one-act play that took two months of set-design work.

Typically, a sound company is hired to run shows at the theater, Choquette said. But Blanford was one of the first students in years to run the sound board for productions.

"We always try to let students do whatever they can," said Choquette. "It was an easy decision, especially given Tom's personality. He's an extremely hard worker and very mature and intelligent."

Blanford plans to study electrical engineering in college, but hopes to continue his theater work as well.

"He's got a really great head on his shoulders," said Choquette. "I think the sky's the limit for Tom."



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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Play premiere: The Firehouse Center for the Arts presents the Sirius Theatre Company in the emotionally charged original play "House of Gold," written by Newburyport native Gregory S. Moss. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, June 5 to 14, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors/students, and \$17 for Firehouse members.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Exhibit opening: "On the Edge: New Work in Encaustic," a juried show highlighting encaustic painting and sculpture made by artists from across the country, will open at Montserrat College of Art's 301 Gallery, opening reception 4 to 6 p.m., 301 Cabot St., Beverly. The show, which is being held in conjunction with the college's second National Encaustic Painting Conference, will continue through July 3.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Live chamber music: Phillips Academy will present a Senior Chamber Orchestra concert at 2:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; program to include Debussy's "Dances Sacre et Profane," Tchaikovsky's Serenade, Tchaikovsky's "Rococo" Variations and Haydn's Symphony No. 45, Finale, under the direction of James Orent. Free and open to the public; 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.

Wooden window repair workshop, with demonstrations and hands-on practice of glazing, stripping and basic sash and epoxy repairs, 10 a.m. to noon in the Andover Historical Society's historic 1820 barn woodworking shop. Registration is limited to 10 people; \$25 for Historical Society members and \$35 for nonmembers and includes all materials and activities. Those with an old sash they are repairing or thinking about repairing should bring it; 978-475-2236, www.andoverhistorical.org.

Yard sale at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, \$3 bag sale starts at noon, lunch available.

Herb sale: Herb Society of Andover will hold its annual herb sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover; embers' plants, herbal products made by members, and nursery plants will be for sale; 978-683-0322.

Timothy Roberts Reeling in a Dream Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. Those who wish to fish from the shore will cast their reel from Brooks School in North Andover, while boat fishers can launch from Brooks School, the old pumping station or the hatch. Event was started in memory of Tim Roberts, 22, after he succumbed to esophageal cancer. \$10 for those preregistered, \$15 for same-day registration, boat fishing is \$25 per person for those preregistered and \$30 for same-day registration. Register at Treadwell's Ice Cream at Smolak Farms during regular business hours or online at www.reelinginadream.org. For more information go to www.reelinginadream.org, or www.jimmyfund.org/reeling, or contact Kim Chisholm at 617-632-5091.

"Scenic Tours" fundraiser, benefits ACTING OUT! Theater Company, 7 p.m., directed by North Andover resident Linda Schoonmaker and Andover resident Penny Kohut; "tourists" will be issued passports to be signed by the stars; raffles, door prizes; tickets are \$20. Call 978-794-0001 or log on to www.actingout.biz.

Controlling Perennial Pepperweed, 1-4 p.m., Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, information and training session on how to identify and control perennial pepperweed.

training will be at Refuge Headquarters at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport, the first hour will be spent indoors learning about pepperweed and control techniques, the second part of the afternoon the participants pull pepperweed at a site along the Plum Island Turnpike, open to the public with no obligation to volunteer; 978-465-5753.

2008 Nazareth Academy Annual Golf Classic, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., 6 a.m. registration and breakfast, 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, scramble format, 12:30 p.m. barbecue lunch, 1 p.m. awards & raffles, \$150, includes greens fees, cart, breakfast, lunch; 781-245-0214 or dsecondini@nazareth-academy.org.

College fundraiser, the Women of Northern Essex Community College will hold their 12th annual fundraising event at the Salem, N.H. home of Kenneth and Teresa Gudek, \$60 per person and the event will begin at 7 p.m.; Lori Smerdon, NECC Institutional Advancement Office, Ismerdon@necc.mass.edu or 978 556-3789.

Artists reception for the exhibition "Hue Again: Paintings by Joanne Mattered," at Montserrat College of Art's Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Exhibition is part of the second national Conference of Encaustic Painting running June 6-8. Exhibit to run through July 3. For more information on the conference: www.montserrat.edu/news/encaustic-conf.php; for more information on the exhibit, contact Shana Dumont at 978-867-9604 or visit www.montserrat.edu/galleries. Events hot line: 978-921-4242, Option 3.

Canoe & Kayak Trip by the Shawshen River Watershed Association, meet at Knights of Columbus on Route 38 in Tewksbury at 8:30 a.m. and paddle to Ballardvale Dam in Andover, expected finish between 11:30 and noon. To borrow gear, send e-mail by Wednesday evening to Bob Otter@comcast.net or call 978-851-9505.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Car wash fundraiser: Congregation Beth Israel holding a car wash fundraiser and barbecue/annual meeting at 501 S. Main St., Andover. The barbecue/meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about this Andover conservative congregation and starts at 12:30 p.m. The car wash runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the \$10-a-car charge goes to Tzedakah.

Chinese folk dancing benefit for China earthquake victims. Seven dancers from Andover are among 110 dancers who will showcase their talent in a night of traditional Chinese folk dancing, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sorenson Center for the Arts at Babson College in Wellesley.

Boudreau Jazz at The Studio Restaurant, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, presents The Barbara and Al Boudreau Quintet, 5 to 9 p.m., \$5 cover, reservations recommended, call 978-283-4123. This is a preview of next year.

Guitarist Eric Baldwin "The American Songbook," 3:15 pm Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; free; contact Tracey Meech Community Outreach Director, 978-475-4225 to RSVP or for more information.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Community CPR class, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens Street, Andover, 6-8pm \$15, Space is Limited. Please contact Tracey Meech Community Outreach Director, 978-475-4225 to RSVP or for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Society for Historically Informed Performance (SoHIP) music series kicks off playing on authentic early musical

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RAIN CAN'T DAMPEN ANDOVER DAY

Residents gathered downtown Saturday to take in the sights, tastes, games and sales of Andover Day.

Residents rode in a train and in a trolley where they could learn about Andover history from volunteers from the Andover Historical Society. Some gobbled food and played games while others shopped for bargains, learned about a new organization or enjoyed the entertainment provided through the Andover Cultural Council.

For some, participating in Andover Day came as a nice surprise. Theresa Brockelman brought her children downtown for a visit to Memorial Hall Library, but Jack, 7, and his sister Ella, 3, ended up with balloons from the downtown party, which they took with them into the library.

On the eve of Andover Day, residents also flocked to a 5-kilometer race to benefit the Andover youth-center effort. Friday night featured picture perfect weather and, following the race, youth enjoyed a rock concert at Doherty Middle School.



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Visitors were able to ride a small train – and also a trolley with a tour guide from the Historical Society – as part of the day.



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A clown entertained a crowd on Main Street during Andover Day.



AT LEFT: Roxann Mike and her daughter Chloe, 9, stop at the table for GiGi's, an Essex Street store.

AT RIGHT: Theresa Brockelman of Andover and her son Jack, 7, and daughter Ella, 3, picked up balloons from Andover Day on their way to the library.

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KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Steve Rinaldi of Andover pins a race number on his daughter, Marina, 9, before they run in the Andover Day 5K on Friday. This was Marina's 5th year running the race.



Girls dance to help family back in China

BY SARAH HALLOWELL
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

After moving from China to America, Yueping Xu of Andover wanted her daughters to still learn about and be involved with Chinese culture.

Amy and Jessica Wang joined Angel Performance Art, a Chinese dance academy, and that decision could not have connected the girls to China in a more meaningful way.

This weekend, Amy, Jessica and five other young dancers from Andover will dance to raise money for victims of the May 12 earthquake in the Sichuan province of China. Millions were affected by the earthquake, including Amy and Jessica's grandparents who live in central China.

Xu said that her husband's parents' home was so badly damaged by the earthquake that her in-laws are now living in a tent.

The girls will perform in the "2008 Children and Youth Benefit Dance Performance for China Earthquake Relief" on Sunday, June 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sorenson Center for the Arts at Babson College in Wellesley. In total, the performance will feature 110 dancers from Massachusetts and New Hampshire who will perform traditional Chinese folk dances representing different parts of China.

The seven Andover dancers performing in the show are Katherine Hu, Melissa Lee, Vivian Liu, Amy Wang, Jessica Wang,



Courtesy photo

Posing in their traditional Chinese folk dance costumes are, from left, Andover residents Amy Wang, Jessica Wang, Vivian Liu and Melissa Lee.

Caroline Yang and Jenny Zhou. Amy and Jessica have thoroughly enjoyed preparing for this weekend's performance, said their mother. They even made donation boxes to pass around during intermission.

"It has been a good education for them," said Xu. "They have

learned about caring for and helping others."

As of this week, the Hinhua News Agency in China reports that out of the 15 million people who live in the Sichuan Province and surrounding areas, 69,016 are confirmed dead; 368,545 are injured and millions are still homeless.

Angel Performance Art is one of more than 100 organizations and businesses in the Greater Boston area that have raised money to send to the China Earthquake Relief. Angel Performance Art says it presented another relief benefit

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Who needs travel plans? Trails Day shows off towns' green assets

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Did you know there are several species of rare butterflies that make their home in your town?

Local residents can learn all about butterflies, birds of prey, and a plethora of other wildlife and local trail information on Saturday, June 7, because trails groups from Andover and North Andover have organized a jam-packed day of activities in celebration of the 16th National Trails Day.

Events will be held at the Ward Reservation, a 695-acre conservation property with 13 miles of trails in both North Andover and Andover. Ward is always free and open to the public, maintained year-round by the Trustees of Reservations.

The reservation has the highest point in Essex County, the 420-foot Holt Hill, and from the top of it one can see the Boston skyline.

This is the second year the Andover and North Andover trail committees and the Trustees of Reservations have planned National Trails Day events locally. The day promises fun for fami-

lies and outdoor enthusiasts alike, said Lisa Swarbrick, event chairwoman from the Friends of North Andover Trails group. Events include guided hikes, a group mountain bike ride, Bay Circuit Trail hike, letterboxing and orienteering workshops, butterfly and birds of prey presentations, kids activities, crafts, and raffles.

"It's definitely a family-oriented event. Our main goal is to educate the public on the many activities that are available in your local area, along with becoming aware of different things that you might not know about, like the solstice stones (on top of Holt Hill), the Bay Circuit Trail and rare butterflies that live in the area. It's more than just hiking, it's enjoying nature, and that's for everybody. It's inspiring, and you get an appreciation of nature," Swarbrick said. "Come this summer, more folks will be staying home due to gas prices. This introduces them to things people can do close to home."

There is a wealth of trails and green spaces in the Andover/North Andover area

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CHINA: Fundraiser

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concert at MIT on May 25 and raised \$15,000.

"We are part of a worldwide effort to aid millions of our brothers and sisters who have survived," Ke Ke, the director of the Angel Performance Art and benefit host in a press release. She said several of her dancers have family in the region.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$50 for VIPs. For tickets call Janet Jiang at 617-797-6365, Li Li at 617-285-0836 or Yang Liu at 978-621-3758.

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instruments such as the harpsichord, sackbut, dulcian, recorder, violin, organ and Baroque flute, at the Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, with "A Brave Barrel of Oysters: The Music of Samuel Pepys' London," 8 p.m. Held every Wednesday through July 24. \$20, \$15 seniors/students; www.sohip-boston.org, 508-212-6038.

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"Quick and Easy Decorating Secrets," with Jackie Davis, award-winning professional interior consultant and home stager frequently featured on HGTV's "Decorating Cents," 7 p.m. Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover. These free events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, or visit www.mhl.org.

TRAILS: Offer much fun around Andover

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that many people don't know about, she said. Swarbrick had been using the Friends of North Andover trails for years when she discovered a new trail around Lake Cochichewick during a cleanup day recently.

At trails day on June 7, organizers will have tables set up with maps and information about local green spaces and trails.

"Last year, we got such a positive response (to trails day), it was so encouraging. Many local residents didn't know there were these trails, right in town, that they can go to," Swarbrick said. "We had one person remark, 'Wow, we don't have to drive to New Hamp-

GET OUTSIDE FOR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

- **What:** Day of activities in celebration of National Trails Day, organized by the Andover and North Andover trail committees and the Trustees of Reservations.
- **When:** Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Where:** Events will be held rain or shine at Ward Reservation, Prospect Road, on the Andover and North Andover town lines.
- **More information:** For a complete list of events, visit www.andovertrails.org or www.northandovertrails.org. For more information, e-mail Lisa Swarbrick at LS329@comcast.net.

shire to go hiking."

Most of the day's events will be held at the top of Holt Hill, which might be cumbersome for folks with limited mobility, Swarbrick noted. All trails day events are free. There is a \$1 fee at the orienteering workshop for a map and a

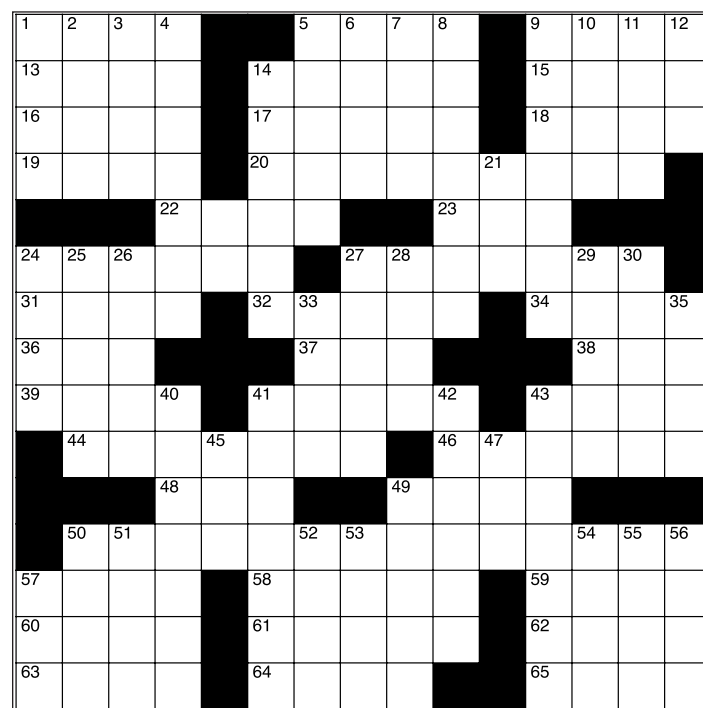
\$5 materials fee for the letterboxing workshop.

Refreshments will be served at trails day, and raffles for door prizes will be held. Limited parking is available at the reservation, and folks can park along the street on Prospect Road.

EVENTS INCLUDE

- **Nature walk through Pine Hole Bog** hosted by Chris Bowe at 10 a.m. Learn what lives and grows in Pine Hole Bog, a rare quaking bog that features concentric rings of distinct vegetation, each characterized by different growing conditions. The bog, located at the base of Holt Hill, has a nature trail and 700-foot boardwalk.
- **Group mountain bike ride,** 10 to 11:30 a.m., for experienced adults only.
- **Letterboxing workshop** with Evy Greene of North Andover, ongoing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Letterboxing involves searching for a weather-proof box hidden by other hikers, using clues and directions found online. Each letterbox has a journal inside, in which folks who have found the box leave a message and a rubber stamp. There is also a different rubber stamp in each box that letterbox seekers stamp in their own journal. Letterboxes have been hidden all over this country and others. Clues to find the boxes range from simple to complicated, sometimes written in riddles.
- **Two-hour guided hikes of the Bay Circuit Trail,** a 150-mile trail and greenbelt that links parks and open spaces from Plum Island to Duxbury, at 10 a.m. and noon. A small section of the trail runs through the Andovers and Ward Reservation.
- **Butterfly presentation and walk** led by expert Howard Hoople, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Hoople will offer a slide show and guide a walk, explaining the rare butterflies that live in the area, showing where they can be found.
- **Orienteering presentations,** led by James Skelton, first for kids (11 a.m.), second for adults (1 p.m.). Skelton, an expert from New England Orienteering, will explain the art of reading maps and finding your destination using a compass.
- **Presentation on solstice stones** by John Kimball, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Kimball will talk about the mysterious solstice stones placed on top of Holt Hill by ancient people. The big, rectangular stones form a compass-like sundial formation.
- **Refreshments available:** crafts and games for kids ongoing throughout the day.

Crossword puzzle



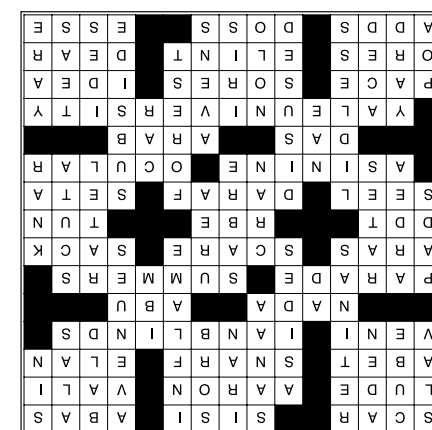
CLUES ACROSS

- Pock mark
- Yes, yes (span.)
- Cas ___; winter melons
- Inter ___; intervening period
- Moses' elder brother
- ___ date: confirm
- Assist in wrongdoing
- Pilfer (slang)
- Ardor
- ___ vidi, vici
- ___ jan ___; Window coverings
- Zilch
- ___ Dhabi, Arabian capital
- A marching procession
- Winters, opposite
- Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
- Cause to lose courage
- Paper bag
- Insecticide
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Volume equal to 2 butts
- Sew up a hawk's eyelids
- Elastance unit
- Stalk of a moss capsule
- Inanely foolish
- About vision
- Petersen film "___ Boot"
- Saddle horse
- New Haven school
- Tempo
- Skin lesions
- Thought
- Minerals
- Electronic intelligence

CLUES DOWN

- One of an eastern European people
- Solid with 6 equal square faces
- Arabian Gulf
- To sprout (Spanish)
- Yemen capital
- Former Shah's country
- ___ et: fruit juice ice
- Ignite
- Streets
- Without hair
- Unfortunately
- Violate a law of God
- Digressions
- Big Blue
- Launching platforms
- Heron genus

Solution



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Townspeople

The missile giant and the small town

Bill Dalton



The story of why Raytheon stayed in Andover begins on June 20, 1952. On that day, Phid Dantos returned to Andover to take

over his deceased father's interest in the Andover Spa (also known as "Pete's").

The first Spa employee Phid met was Paul Cronin. They soon became friends.

Paul was a full-time student at Boston University and a little younger than Phid. Phid says that he and Paul had fun working together in the store, especially selling Christmas trees. "The trees weren't priced, so the type of car that the buyer pulled up in dictated the price. If someone had an expensive car, a tree would cost more than for someone who had a banged-up car."

In 1959, Cronin was elected selectman at age 21. In 1966, at age 28, he was elected state representative. In 1972, he would be elected to Congress. Phid describes Paul as "ambitious, dedicated and brilliant."

During the time Cronin was getting into politics, Dantos was working with John Davidson doing real estate development through their business entity, Danton Realty Trust. Cronin and Dantos remained friends and occasionally Cronin would stop by the trust's office for a casual visit.

Early in 1968, while he was a state representative from Andover, Cronin visited the office but had something specific to talk about. He'd been to a meeting at Raytheon and was told by its executives that they were going to leave Andover and move to New Hampshire. Raytheon had been in the old American Woolen buildings (now Brickstone Square) since 1956, but they wanted a new facility.

Davidson and Dantos had recently put together a 220-acre parcel of land purchased from six separate landowners. The parcel was on the west side of Interstate 93, south of Lowell Street. They had plans for a large office park, a project that would dwarf all the other work they had done in Andover.

Cronin suggested the parcel might be a good spot for Raytheon.

They told Cronin they had no intention of selling the entire site; they planned to build, rent or sell office buildings. Cronin explained they had nothing to lose by meeting with Raytheon. Cronin's inter-

est was to represent his constituents by keeping jobs in Andover and saving the town from losing its biggest taxpayer.

Phid describes meeting with Raytheon: "Then came a cloak and dagger scene. We were told by Raytheon not to discuss our conversations with anyone and to not even speak over the phone about this project. Two or three times each week, an unmarked car would pick us up and drive us to the old Raytheon plant. We were brought to the loading platform and up a freight elevator."

Within two weeks, Davidson and Dantos entered into an agreement with Raytheon. They now had to rezone the 220 acres to industrial use. Raytheon agreed to fund the rezoning, which included legal and public relations help. Dantos and Davidson, being well-known local men, agreed to manage the zoning change. They faced strong opposition, especially from abutters, who had much to lose.

There was an additional factor. In 1968 the Vietnam War was dividing the country. Raytheon, a major defense contractor, was hated by the more extreme anti-war activists. On the other side were the Raytheon workers who would move or lose their jobs if the company left the area. These people would bring their family and friends to support keeping Raytheon in Andover.

A Town Meeting to vote on the zoning change was scheduled for July 31, 1968, at Memorial Auditorium. A two-thirds vote was required for passage. Dantos says there had been months of planning and hard work, but now it came down to a simple matter of getting out the vote. Leaving no possible stone unturned, they brought their widowed mothers for an extra two votes. When they arrived at Memorial Auditorium, they were shocked by the number of people waiting to get in. The auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium were filled to capacity, but there were many people outside the building.

The fire chief announced that the attendance was beyond the legal limit. Town Meetings must have the capacity to admit all qualified voters who wish to attend. To avoid readvertising the warrant and delaying action for several weeks, the Town Meeting was called to order, and Fred Stott, secretary of Phillips Academy, was asked if Phillips could accommodate a meeting in 24 hours. He said it could, and a motion was passed to continue the meeting at Phillips the next night.

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Wild ride hits 10th year

2004



Christina Shanahan models an original creation on the catwalk.

2005



Wendy Mellin has last minute bows added to a dress made by Kara McCall.

2006



Erika McNally on the catwalk at the Andover Youth Services' annual fashion show.

2007



Kim McLeod wears an outfit made by Aline Dargie during last year's show.

Keep it Wild fashion show this Friday

By **KIM PZEGEO** AND **SUZIE ALLEN** CONTRIBUTORS

What is the Andover Youth Services Keep it Wild fashion show?

It's a creative, inspired and funky event for Andover High School students to showcase fashion designs they create for the runway. In past years, designs have included painted people, skirts made with water bottles, and dresses made out of CD cases, candy wrappers and trash bags. Guests to previous shows have been wowed by clothes made of fur, wedding collections, Alice in Wonderland-themed costumes and punk-inspired ballerinas.

This year's 10th anniversary show will be Friday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Andover's Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. The cost is \$7.

Those attending this year's show can look forward to witnessing a continuation of students' creativity. Fashions to hit the runway this year will include silk-screened garments, homemade jewelry, a fairy-inspired line, middle school designers and many indescribable outfits.

Student models will not only be adorned with homemade garments, their outfits will be completed with professional hair and makeup provided by Indra Salon and manicures provided by In The Pink Nail Salon. Bella Beads and Stitch have donated items that will be raffled off at the show.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary, this year's show will be a trip down memory lane for past participants and supporters with alumni lines and other surprises.

DJ Ieculus will spin tunes to set the mood. Don't want to wait in line for this year's fashion extravaganza? Tickets will be pre-sold in front of the Old Town Hall from 3 to 5:30 p.m. the day of the show.

Kim Pzegeo is an Andover High senior, Keep It Wild model, designer and student planner, and Suzie Allen is Youth Services program coordinator.

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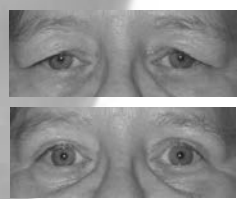
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Admission is \$5 for adults, which includes chili samples. Kids under 5 are free.

Three local bands, Annafair, McAlister Drive and the B Street Bombers, will perform all afternoon. Proceeds go to the

Lawrence Rotary's educational foundation.

Organizers are hoping this event eventually becomes a city-wide food festival.

For more information, check out www.lawrencechilicookoff.org.

SENIOR NOTES

Exercise registration: Registration for the summer semester of exercise classes is taking place this week. The summer semester runs through Aug. 22. A complete list of classes and cost is available at the center.

A Night with Jay Leno: Reservations are being accepted for a trip to see Jay Leno at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Saturday evening, June 21. Cost for the trip is \$75, which includes ticket and transportation. Jay's performance will include some local humor and reflections of growing up in Andover. Book early!

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, June 7, serving between 8 and 11 a.m. Advance tickets only. 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.

Fix-It Shop: Monday, June 16, 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. This will be the last fix-it shop until September, so this is your last chance for a while to get something fixed.

Computer Users Group: Monday, June 16, 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, 1:30 p.m. come join us as we discuss "Industry of Souls" by Pete Hamill. Books are available for check-out at the center approximately two weeks prior to each discussion.

Outdoor Adventures for Women: Advance reservations are necessary. Thursday, June 19, 8:45 to 11:30 a.m., Bald Hill/Wood Hill Hike. This is a three-mile or longer moderate hike off the beaten path with some up and down hilly parts. This walk will be guided by Bob Decelle of the

Conservation Commission.

Self Defense for Senior Women: Mondays, June 23 and 30, at 1:30 p.m. Preregistration 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.

Museum Of Fine Arts trip: Wednesday, June 25, \$38. We will travel to the MFA to enjoy the special exhibit "El Greco to Valesquez." This unique exhibition presents a vivid and passionate picture of Spain at the dawn of the 17th century. We'll allow time for you to enjoy this exhibit at your own pace and still have time to shop at the museum store and get lunch at one of the museum's cafes.

Garden Tour: Thursday, June 26, 1:30 p.m., we will enjoy a visit to a local, colorful perennial garden. There is no charge, but pre-registration is necessary. Directions will be available.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Andover Garden Club receives awards

The Andover Garden Club received awards at the 81st annual meeting of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., held May 22 in Leominster.

The club received first place in the large-club category of the GCFM Publicity Press Book Award competition. The winning press book is a collection of the 2007 media coverage of the club, its events and its members. Frances Wheeler, past president of the Andover Garden Club and the current publicity chairwoman, accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Another past president, Joyce Bakshi, who serves as assistant director of the GCFM's Northern District, accepted a Publications award, known as the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit, given to the district for an awards manual it published during 2007.

Helga Frazzette won the Barbara May Award of Design Excellence for a floral design she presented at the 2007 New England Spring Flower Show.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to



Courtesy photo

On behalf of the Andover Garden Club, publicity chairwoman Frances Wheeler accepts the certificate stating that the club had won first place in the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' Publicity Press Book Award competition.

a variety of municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region.

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership co-chairwomen Anne Feeney (978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net) and Penny Majike (978-686-0381, majike@comcast.net). The Andover Garden Club is a member of the GCFM and National Garden Clubs Inc.

Andover resident named board president

Andover resident Karen Marshall was recently elected as president of the VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice Board of Directors.

Marshall joined the VNA board in 2004 and has been active on the agency's golf tournament and charity auction committees.

"Karen is a strong and dedicated advocate of our work in the community," said VNAME CEO Merry Beth Rucker in a release. "I look forward to working with her over the coming year."

In addition to her volunteer work for VNA of Middlesex-East, Marshall has volunteered for Friends of Andover Youth, Merrimack College, Northern Essex Community College, the Andover Garden Club, and the Rogers Center for the Arts.

Her husband, John, is president and owner of dataCon, Inc. an electronic sub-contract assembly business based in Burlington.

VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice provides home health and hospice care to 28 Greater Boston communities, including Andover. In 2007, the agency provided more than 1,300 home visits to Andover residents. It also owns and operates the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading.

DALTON: How Raytheon stayed in Andover

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Phillips, so often the good corporate citizen, allowed the use of their auditorium, gym, and "Cage" (an indoor athletic facility, including a track). Town and school crews, along with a few private citizens, worked through the night and next day. Phillips was ready in time for what would be the biggest Town Meeting in Andover's history. Closed-circuit television, microphones and speakers tied in the three separate seating areas.

In spite of a front page editorial in The Eagle-Tribune endorsing the rezoning efforts, Phid says that he was very nervous because of the two-thirds vote requirement. Davidson later told Dantos that it was the only time he'd ever seen him quiet.

Phid was quiet for good reason: Danton Realty Trust, even with Raytheon's financial assistance, had almost \$1 million (\$6.5 million today) invested in the project. The discussion was impassioned and noisy. Dantos was surprised by the viciousness of the verbal assaults, espe-

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cially those directed at Paul Cronin during the debate. He says that "charges and counter-charge flew about," and adds that he knew Cronin was only doing what he thought was best for the town. After the first hour, almost all of the arguments were coming from opponents. Dantos believes they were attempting "to filibuster the meeting, knowing that many attendees had children at home or jobs to go to the next day."

By 11 p.m. people were leaving. Opponents of the rezoning continued to have the floor. Just after midnight, a voter made a motion to "call the vote." It was seconded and at 12:15 a.m. the vote was taken. A standing count showed that 2,478 people voted: 1,863 in favor; 615 against.

The rezoning received the necessary two-thirds vote. The results were cheered, but, according to Dantos, as he and Davidson attempted to leave they were "acosted by several opponents who chastised (them) severely."

Lawsuits were filed by abutters, but were later settled. According to Phid, Danton Realty Trust paid the abutters' legal fees, allowed them to tie into Raytheon's sewer line, and gave each household a new range and refrigerator.

With the Raytheon deal complete, Danton Realty Trust sold all of its Andover properties. John Davidson and Phid Dantos both moved to Vermont and then New Hampshire, where, sometimes working together and other times alone, the men have continued their entrepreneurial ways and friendship.

Additional comments by Bill Dalton about this column can be seen online at www.andover-townsmen.com. Bill can be reached at billdalton@andover-townie.com. He welcomes your comments and stories.

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Bjorn Merinder has put his tennis racket to good use this season. The Andover High sophomore was 13-0 in team play through June 3, and advanced to the North semifinals of the state individual tournament.

Merinder emerges as star for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Bjorn Merinder admits to being more than a little superstitious.

Before each of his serves he stretches, pulls up his socks and makes sure to bounce the ball exactly eight times.

"Tennis is such a mental game," he said. "Sets can turn so fast. So I have a lot of mental things that I do to keep myself in the game. It just keeps me regular."

Whatever Merinder is doing, it works.

Just a sophomore, Merinder was named Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year last week and has solidified himself as the No. 1 player for the Golden Warriors after surging through the regular season undefeated and advancing to the semifinals of the Massachusetts North individual tennis

tournament.

"He's very consistent and hits with so much power," said Andover coach Mike Wartman. "He wins a lot of points off his serve. He's one of the few kids in the area that can really play an attacking game. He likes to come up to the net and plays it very well."

As a child in California, Merinder was constantly active in sports. But when his family moved to Andover when he was 7 years old, he fell in love with a new sport: tennis.

"I decided to try tennis and I just loved it," said Merinder. "When I was young I played sports like baseball, basketball and soccer. But once I tried tennis I gave the rest up because I loved it right away."

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THE BJORN MERINDER FILE

Sport: Tennis

Grade: Sophomore

Age: 16

Height/Weight: 6-0, 165

On the Court: No. 1 singles player finished regular season 12-0 and won match in opening round of team tourney. Earned All-Scholastic honors after advancing to North semifinals of Mass. Individual tournament. Played doubles as a freshman.

Family: Sisters Meagan and Jen were each standout athletes at Andover High. Meagan played volleyball at Holy Cross and Jen plays volleyball and runs track at Union College. Younger brother Connor, 11, is a budding athlete. Father Bjorn and mother Maureen each played tennis in high school and now play at Willows Racquet Club.

Hughes ending career with a bang

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — On May 31 against Peabody in the Division 1 East first round, it was clear Brendan Hughes was a marked man.

On his first goal of the game, the senior took the ball from behind the net, fought through two defenders and fired a shot past two others and the goalie for the tally.

Like every other goal this season, Hughes had to work for it.

But thus is the challenge for one of the most prolific scorers in the history of Andover High School.

"I do what I can to get good shots off," said Hughes. "If I can't, I'll work to set someone else up and free up that player for the shot."

Hughes broke out last season. The junior led the Golden Warriors in goals (53) and assists (33) on his way to earning All-Scholastic and Eagle-Tribune All-Star honors. That helped lead Andover to a 16-5 record and a

THE BRENDAN HUGHES FILE

Sport: Lacrosse

Grade: Senior

Height/Weight: 5-9, 175

On the Field:

Has scored 108 goals and added 83 assists in his three-year varsity



career. This season, had 33 goals and 25 assists heading into the June 3 contest. Started at safety in football, making 42 tackles last year.

Next up: Will play lacrosse at Bowdoin College next year.

trip to the Division 1 East semifinals.

So this season, defenses have been targeting the senior. But they have not been able to stop him.

Heading into Andover's Division

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File photo

Brendan Hughes, right, chases after a loose ball against North Andover earlier this season. As of June 3, the senior had 33 goals and 25 assists this season.

SPORTS ROUNDUP



File photo

John Farrell follows through with a pitch against Central Catholic earlier this season.

Farrell fans 15, leads Andover to rout of Beverly

Note: All games June 3 or later were played after the Andover Townsman deadline.

BASEBALL

Before the game on June 1, a Beverly player could be heard informing his teammates that Andover starter John Farrell's curveball "isn't that good."

After the game, the Panthers were telling a different story.

Farrell used his entire assortment of pitches to dazzle No. 21 Beverly over seven innings and help the No. 5 Golden Warriors to a convincing 11-3 victory in the Division 1 North first round.

"I wanted to get them down in the count

and make them hit my pitches," said Farrell. "The first time through the lineup I threw a lot of fastballs because my arm was fresh. The second time I threw a lot more curveballs, and when I threw it I would have it falling off the plate so they had to chase it."

Farrell, who improved to 6-1 for the season, finished with a whopping 15 strikeouts to up his season total to a team-high 71. He struck out at least two batters in every inning other than the second, when he struck out one, and struck out the side in the first and sixth.

"Farrell has done a great job for us all season," said second baseman Mike Taylor. "He has a (blazing) fastball and breaking stuff. I wouldn't want to face him."

The junior allowed only two hits

through five innings, both bunt singles, and five in the outing, only one leaving the infield. The lone run came as a result of an infield single, then a fluke play when the ball hit the first-base bag and bounced over first baseman Sam Clark's head in the seventh inning.

Andover backed him with 16 hits. Taylor paced the Golden Warriors, going 4 for 5 with a double, a triple and four RBIs. Sophomore shortstop John Hennessy drove in three runs, improving his team-high total to 25. P.J. Farnham was 3 for 5 with four runs scored while Clark and Zach Burdeau each had two hits and an RBI and Kevin Hitchko was 2 for 4 with two runs.

Andover was scheduled to host No. 13 Lowell in the quarterfinals on June 3.

GIRLS TRACK

Singleton takes 300 hurdles crown

Overconfidence was not a problem for Andover's Vanessa Singleton going into the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championships on May 30.

"To be completely honest, I didn't think I would win," Singleton said. "The whole week, coach (Peter Comeau) and I worked on my running, not stut-



Vanessa Singleton

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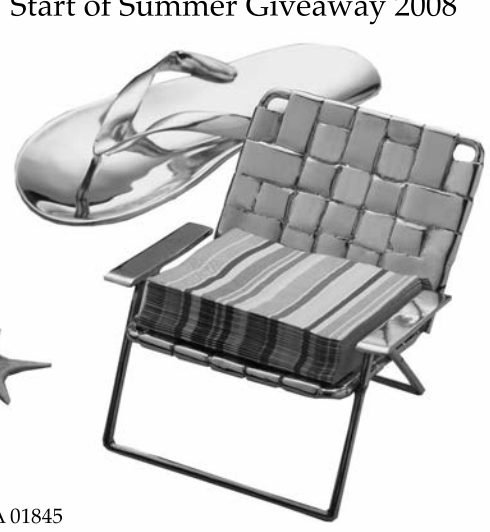
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TOWN TALK

Five-percent increase in water rates proposed

On average residents could pay \$16 more per year on their water bills if selectmen vote to increase rates this month.

Andover's water rate of \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet hasn't increased since 1994, but town Finance Director Tony Torrisi and Public Works Director Jack Petkus appeared before selectmen on June 2 to propose a 5 percent rate hike for next year.

Such an increase would translate to 13 cents more per 100 cubic feet, or \$2.65, and bring in approximately \$350,000 more revenue.

Selectmen plan to vote on the rate increase proposal at their June 16 meeting.

A water rate increase has been built into next year's operating budget, Torrisi told selectmen on June 2.

Since 1993, Torrisi said the town has invested more than \$23 million in its drinking water infrastructure. A total of \$2.6 million has been spent from town water reserve funds since 2003, he said.

Significant improvements to the town water treatment plant are now complete, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski told the board.

"Now we have to pay the bills," he said.

— Brian Messenger

Cold front approaching at library

A life-sized sculpture of a mother polar bear and three cubs will be unveiled at its permanent home at Memorial Hall Library on Saturday, June 14. The library's Board of Trustees is giving the \$70,000 sculpture as a gift to the town of Andover.

The free family celebration sponsored by the Board of



A clay rendering of a six-foot-tall polar bear sculpture approved for installation in front of Memorial Hall Library. The actual sculpture will be unveiled June 14.

Trustees will begin at 10 a.m. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, June 15 at 12:30 p.m.

The unveiling ceremony will feature speakers, refreshments, and an opportunity for children to interact with and climb on the polar bears.

Sculptor Jim Sardonis will share his experiences with creating the polar bear family for Andover.

The polar bear sculpture, meant to encourage interactive play, is meant to attract families and visitors to the library, and provide encouragement discussion of a wide range of environmental topics and points of view, according to supporters.

The library will launch a new series of environmental programs in

October and a communitywide reading program featuring environmental themes in the spring of 2009. For more information, visit www.mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

AHS graduation: a three-hour tour

Graduates and their families heading to dinner after commencement exercises on June 2 had plenty of time to work up an appetite.

Andover High School's graduation ceremony ran close to three hours. Between the speeches and musical numbers, it was two hours before any graduate crossed the

stage to receive a diploma.

After the ceremony, a traffic delay caused vehicles on the upper decks of the Tsongas Arena parking garage to stand still for 20 minutes. Most were lined up to exit, with their engines running.

— Bethany Bray

June 16 a banner day for selectmen

Selectmen will wait until June 16 to decide on a location for placing banner poles on Main Street.

Town Meeting voters decided to allow overhead banners as a way to help promote local events.

The decision to determine a loca-

tion for the poles that will hold the banners was on the Board of Selectmen's June 2 meeting agenda originally.

— Brian Messenger

A prelude to make Indy proud

Among the musical numbers performed at Andover High School graduation was the "Raiders March" by John Williams, from the film "Raiders of the Lost Arc." The familiar theme, played by the Andover All-Town Orchestra under the baton of Conductor Julie Diehl, was the last number played as a prelude before the graduates marched in.

The "Raiders" theme was especially fitting, as "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," the latest film in the Indiana Jones series, hit theaters last month.

Other music in the ceremony was performed by the AHS band and chorus, conducted by director Joe Wright. A faculty combo performed "If You Love Somebody, Set them Free," by the band The Police.

— Bethany Bray

New minister on campus

The Augustinian Order of the Eastern Province of the United States, which sponsors Villanova University and Merrimack College on the Andover/North Andover border has assigned Rev. William Waters, O.S.A. as a campus minister at Merrimack College beginning in August 2008.

As a campus minister, Waters will counsel and guide students at all points in their relationship with God and faith including retreat experiences, daily liturgy, sacramental preparation, interfaith prayer, and forums for dis-

cussing Catholic theology and how it impacts issues of today.

Waters, O.S.A. is a native of Philadelphia and known in the Merrimack Valley, especially in Lawrence. He first served as parochial vicar at St. Augustine Parish in Lawrence (1971-75); and later returned to Lawrence as pastor of St. Augustine Parish (1984-93); was the Vicar for the Lawrence Vicariate (1991-93); and served as pastor of St. Mary-Inmaculada Conception Parish in Lawrence (1997-04), which in 2001 was named one of the 300 excellent parishes in the country by The Parish Congregation Study team led by Paul Wilkes.

In 2004, Fr. Waters became pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Methuen and Lawrence, a position he currently holds.

Hey, Boo Boo! How's about a picnic basket?

Grab your favorite stuffed friend, a picnic lunch and a blanket for the annual Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday, June 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA. Learn some new games and make a craft project to take home. The event is for preschoolers and their families, and the YMCA will provide the drinks and snacks. In case of rain, the picnic will be held in the gymnasium. The event costs \$6 per family for YMCA members; \$10 for non-members. Pre-register at the YMCA, 978-685-3541.

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