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ENERGY COSTS HITTING HOME



Students at Andover High School head home after school Tuesday afternoon. Due to rising gas prices, the discount for bus passes purchased by June 30 is being eliminated.

ROGER DARRIGRAND/
Staff photo

No more discount on school bus pass

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Parents who pay for their kids to ride a bus to school will be reaching for another \$40 or \$80 this summer as the discount for school bus passes is no more.

In a letter received by parents late last week, the school department declared there will be no discounted price for school bus passes issued for the 2008-2009 school year. The high cost of gas is to blame, said Mim McLaughlin, transportation supervisor.

It will be the first time no reduc-

\$32,000 weekly gas bill up 55 percent since September

tion is offered since the bus fee was instituted five years ago. Early-bird discounts have always been given to those who pay before June 30, and about 70 percent of fee-paying parents took advantage of the savings each year, McLaughlin said.

The town charges the fee to students in grades seven through 12 who ride a school bus. The bus is

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Conservation takes edge off rising prices

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Last year Andover Cub Scouts nearly put the brakes on their annual Pinewood Derby before receiving a special accommodation for the event at South Elementary School.

For years the handmade racecar competition had been held at the school, said Bob Branscombe, cubmaster of Andover's Pack 77. But beginning in the winter of 2006, the town's Plant & Facilities department consolidated after-hours activities at public school buildings to save money.

With South Elementary unavail-

able this winter, Branscombe said the Cub Scouts moved the Pinewood Derby to the United Methodist Church in North Andover.

"This past year we had to find a new location because of the town's energy restrictions," Branscombe said. "It would be nice to get back to South School if that was a possibility. You know, being in town, for one thing."

As the father of a 10-year-old son in Andover's Pack 73, Selectman Alex Vispoli said he understands the needs of community groups when it comes to accessing public buildings.

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Grant vote put on hold

Selectmen awaiting Ethics Commission ruling

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The town's chances at securing a federal grant to hire five new firefighters remain uncertain, after selectmen chose not to vote June 16 on the proposal as expected.

Board members also would not reveal details of a state Ethics Commission determination related to board members Ted Teichert and Jerry Stabile.

Both selectmen have brothers who work for the fire department.

On June 2 Andover Fire Chief Mike Mansfield informed the Board of Selectmen that his department had been given preliminary approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive a \$1.6 million grant.

Known as the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, Andover, if selected, would hire five firefighters and receive federal money over the next five years for a large percentage of the associated salaries and benefits.

Mansfield told selectmen the new hires would reduce his reliance on overtime to fulfill mandatory departmental staffing levels, which are set through a collective bargaining agreement with the town firefighters' union.

Because the grant could potentially have a financial impact on their relatives, Mansfield said the town contacted the state ethics commission

Two selectmen have brothers who work for the fire department.

ANDOVER'S ANNUAL LIABILITY UNDER THE SAFER GRANT

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Year 2\$118,619
Year 3\$213,468
Year 4\$290,619
Year 5\$392,87

to get a determination on the matter before either Teichert or Stabile participated in a vote.

Teichert, chairman of the Board of Selectmen and brother of firefighter Eric Teichert, said it was likely

that the board would vote on the grant proposal at one of their next two meetings later this month.

Since the potential for conflict of interest remains a "grey area," Teichert said he will abstain from any vote on the grant proposal.

Stabile, the brother of fire Lt. Robert Stabile and firefighter Steven Stabile, said in a phone message this week that no decision had been reached on the issue.

Stabile did not return a call before Townsman press time seeking further comment.

Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski said Andover's legal counsel had contacted the Ethics Commission about the grant proposal

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Weigh in on length of Andover Day celebration

Should event last longer than one day?

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The sky darkened on a recent Saturday morning, and the president of the downtown business group checked her watch and sighed.

"It was 9:57 a.m. and I couldn't believe it. It downpoured," Sharon Breighner said.

It was Andover Day, May 31, and festivities were set to start at 10 a.m. Umbrellas came out for the shoppers dodging the raindrops while downtown businesses protected their displays. It rained off and on for the rest of that day.

Like most downtown business owners, Breighner, who owns The Cupcake Bou-

tique, could only wonder if the big event should have been spread over two days instead of being limited to one day. At least business owners would then have had a chance to recoup Saturday losses on Sunday, June 1, which was a beautiful day in terms of weather. They believe more shoppers come out if the weather is good.

The Andover Business Center Association met last week and is now mulling over Andover Day. Members are being asked if they want to return to what the event used to be.

For years, it was called Bazaar Days and was a three-day event (Friday night, Saturday and Sunday), where downtown sidewalk sales were legendary and busi-

ness owners didn't fret so much over one day of bad weather. Main Street was closed off downtown for the entire event.

"Should we go back to that? Can we? Do people want that?" Breighner asked. "Did we put all of our eggs in one basket by hosting Andover Day on just one day?"

Those sorts of questions are what ABCA is asking as the group contemplates the future of Andover Day. Townsman readers are invited to weigh in by answering our Web question this week.

Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Historical Society, which is a key organizer of Andover Day, said society has changed since those Bazaar Days of yesteryear.

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PRICES

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But with Andover's energy costs escalating despite aggressive conservation efforts, officials are hoping to strike the right balance between public access and savings.

"It's certainly a tough dilemma, no question about it," Vispoli said.

Such a balance was also mentioned as a goal in the Board of Selectmen's recent annual review of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski for fiscal 2007.

"As the saying goes, you can't have your cake and eat it," Selectman Jerry Stabile said. "We're reducing our expenses at the cost of limiting the ability of resources. It's a balancing act. It's a very difficult problem to solve."

Approved by the Board of Selectmen and endorsed by town and school departments, the consolidation of evening programs at Andover's 10 public school buildings began in January 2006, Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi said.

From the week after Thanksgiving to April vacation, only Andover High School, Doherty and Wood Hill middle schools, and High Plain Elementary are available to community groups for programs scheduled after normal school hours.

Given the costs of heating and electricity, Piantedosi said, the savings that resulted from shutting down six of the 10 public school buildings after hours have been "enormous" for the town.

Stapczynski said the community's access to public buildings must be balanced with the reality of today's rising energy prices.

"You can't have it both ways," Stapczynski said. "You can't have the facilities operating continuously without a cost."

Stapczynski credited Piantedosi's department with the foresight to install dual-fuel boilers in town and school buildings, as well as energy-efficient roofing materials and light fixtures.

"It's always been part of a townwide strategy," Stapczynski said. "It's not just in the last year or two."

Selectmen also credited Piantedosi for his department's efforts.

"I think Joe's done an excellent job on attacking the energy costs," Vispoli said. "We are certainly ahead of other towns in this area. He's done an excellent job. He's very proactive."

"He's been looking at everything and trying to save us some money that way," Selectmen Chairman Ted Teichert said. "He's under more demand as far as how we can do it, in terms of the energy costs going up."

Piantedosi said he anticipates at least \$35,000 in annual savings after energy-efficient light fixtures are installed at Town Offices this summer.

The town is eligible for 40 percent reimbursement from National Grid for the project, he said.

Piantedosi also said he reached an agreement with Bay State Gas Co. to construct a line this summer that will supply natural gas to Andover High School, West Middle School, South Elementary School and Shawshen School.

The project could result in well over \$200,000 in savings and cost avoidance, since natural gas is much cheaper for the town to use than No. 2 heating oil, Piantedosi said.

In December 2004, Piantedosi said the town was paying \$1.38 per gallon for No. 2 heating oil.

As of March, that rate was \$3.22 per gallon and it is now \$4.50. He budgeted \$2 a gallon.

"We could have predicted prices like that?" he asked.

The gas line project at the high school and West will be up for approval by the Board of Selectmen on June 23, Piantedosi said.

The Plant & Facilities department has converted the Bancroft, Sanborn, West Elementary, Doherty, High Plain and Wood Hill schools to dual-fuel boilers over the past year, allowing them to be heated using either natural gas or No. 2 heating oil.

After a project this summer, all town and school facilities, with the exception of buildings within Spring Grove Cemetery, will be heated using dual-fuel boilers, Piantedosi said.

Piantedosi said the town has signed favorable contracts for electricity and natural gas that offer him the opportunity to buy below current market rate. But when the contracts expire over the next several years, Andover will have to absorb the escalating costs of fuel and utilities, he said.

"I'm trying to implement a lot of projects so that when the reality of the marketplace hits us when these contracts come due, we have a plan to deal with it," Piantedosi said. "It's a lot of things going on at once."

Despite his department's aggressive energy conservation efforts, Piantedosi predicted a \$60,000 operating deficit for the town's overall energy budget for fiscal 2008 in a Quarterly Energy Report dated May 2.

"I'd say that the budget over-run is very

minor in terms of what it could have been," said Piantedosi, who credits the shortfall with the "unbelievable" escalation of gasoline and diesel fuel used to power town vehicles and equipment.

Budget troubles could continue into next year. Diesel fuel is budgeted in fiscal 2009 at a rate of \$2.90 per gallon, Piantedosi said. Recently the town has been paying \$3.85 per gallon of diesel fuel.

Unleaded gasoline has endured a similar spike. Budgeted for \$2.60 per gallon in fiscal 2009, Piantedosi said the town has been paying roughly \$3.60 a gallon.

Through March, or the first nine months of fiscal 2008, the town has spent \$261,627 on 99,140 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel. Another 31,600 gallons were expected to close out the year.

Though the town has gone over budget for natural gas by \$300,000, its increased use in public school buildings created a \$364,000 surplus in money budgeted for No. 2 heating oil.

"Without the conservation efforts we've made we'd probably be in an even larger deficit," Stapczynski said.

Though all citizen feedback must be considered, Major did not anticipate that changes would be needed to the town's current energy conservation efforts, including the limited use of town and school facilities.

"Joe put together a very aggressive plan last year, so now we just need to make sure we didn't go too far," Selectman Brian Major said.

"We need the aggressiveness of the energy conservation plan. We really need that across the board on all services we provide to the town."

VOTE

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later gave his legal opinion to the Board of Selectmen.

"He offered it," Stapczynski said. "I suppose it's being considered by Mr. Stabile and Mr. Teichert."

Stapczynski would not comment further on the state's determination or town counsel's recommendation.

"It's really a discussion that has to be made with the individual selectmen involved," Stapczynski said.

Neither Stabile nor Selectman Brian Major attended the June 16 meeting.

Selectman Mary Lyman said it was still unclear to her how many board members will be able to vote on the grant proposal.

Mansfield said he fully expected to give a presentation to the board June 16 about the grant, but instead found out on June 13 that selectmen would not take a vote.

"They decided to take it off the agenda," Mansfield said. "It's a huge setback, that's what it means. The longer we wait on this issue, the less the chance that we'll be afforded the opportunity to accept the money if it comes to that point."

Stapczynski said selectmen have until the end of the month to vote on the grant proposal and respond to FEMA.

"That's my understanding," Stapczynski said. "So we have some time."

Mansfield said no deadline for response has been given by FEMA.

But with the federal fiscal year closing at the end of September, the fire chief said his department must give the agency an answer soon.

"Certainly, there is a lot of other administrative work that needs to be done before the end of the federal fiscal year to bring this to a close," Mansfield said. "I don't know if it will be too late."

Mansfield said he would use the grant to add a fourth firefighter each shift to one of the department's ladder trucks. The fifth hire would potentially work on an aerial ladder truck.

The town's fire department has operated with 70 employees since fiscal 2000, when four employees were hired, Mansfield said.

Mansfield said he incorrectly stated last week that his department had not experienced a staff increase in more than 25 years.

"I stand corrected on that," Mansfield said.

Stapczynski said he and town Finance Director Tony Torrisi are still studying the grant's potential long-term impact on the town operating budget.

"We're still working on it," said Stapczynski. "I'll be relaying some information to selectmen at the end of the week."

DISCOUNT

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free for students in kindergarten through grade six. The fee for one student is \$300 while the family maximum is \$600. Parents who took advantage of the bus fee discount saved \$40 on one fee or \$80 on the family fee.

"It's gas, the high cost," McLaughlin said. "Next year, it could keep going up."

McLaughlin said the 2008-2009 school year will be the town's fifth and final contract year with Trombly Bus Co. of Dracut.

She wants to save money in her transportation budget as the next school bus contract is expected to be much more costly due to the escalating price of gas.

"We'll be going out to bid, and we just want to have some money saved," she said.

Mike Trombly of Trombly Bus Co. said his company will certainly bid on Andover's bus contract again even though the high cost of gas is more than worrisome these days. He said school bus companies feel abandoned on the gas price issue as nobody seems to be listening.

"After the fuel embargo of the 1990s, we had fuel escalation clauses to help us," he said, explaining that fuel prices were not al-

lowed to go over a certain amount.

But fuel prices eventually turned stable and those clauses were dropped, he said.

"Now, I have no recourse. We run a tidy ship here (in terms of finances), but the gas prices are just killing us," he said.

For example, his company operates 32 school buses each school day in Andover. School buses run on diesel fuel, which hit \$5 a gallon this week, he said. Each school bus tank costs \$500 to fill and each tank gets filled twice a week. That's \$32,000 for a week's worth of gas for Andover's school buses.

"Five years ago, when we signed the contract in Andover, the cost of diesel was

\$1.80 a gallon," Trombly said. "And, last September it was \$3.15 a gallon."

That's a 55 percent increase over this school year, he said.

"And there's no relief in sight," he added. Will Andover be forced to raise the school bus fee as a result of the skyrocketing gas prices?

"It could go up," McLaughlin said. "We'll see."

Meanwhile, her letter to parents asks them to pay for the school bus fee by July 31 so she will have enough time to coordinate the routes of those 32 buses.

Questions can be directed to McLaughlin at 978-623-8510.

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"Saturday is hardware store day for people," Clements said. "So, should we not have Saturday events? I don't know."

Clements called the ABCA's June event and Holiday Happenings event in early December "bookends for downtown" and would never want to lose either event.

Town Planner Lisa Schwarz agreed.

"In my view, there are long-lasting benefits for the town of Andover and its business community, as a result of events like Andover Day and Holiday Happenings," she wrote in an e-mail to ABCA members. "I know that not all businesses fare well during some of these events, but the cumulative effect does strengthen downtown's image, long-term marketability, and the value of visibility of retailers."

Schwarz went on to say that downtown events spearheaded by ABCA are getting better and better.

"... (these events) contribute enormously to a vibrant, visible, and successful downtown," she wrote.

Web question

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



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NOW: The same stretch of Main Street today.

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Overseer of Harvard libraries to speak here

The head librarian of the

world's largest university library system will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Harvard Club of Andover at the Wyndham Hotel on June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Nancy Cline, who oversees the operation of Harvard University's nine libraries, will describe recent renovations of the Widener Library and the newly created university Library Digital Initiative. Renovations to the Widener, flagship of the university's 15.6 million-volume library system, include two new reading rooms and improved preservation of collections.

The Harvard Club of Andover sponsors social and educational

events in the Andover area and surrounding communities, and is open to all graduates, students and their parents of Harvard schools.

Contact Lawrence Morse, Harvard Club of Andover president, at 978-475-9682 or e-mail lawmorse@bizatty.com for information concerning the annual dinner meeting or club membership.

June health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, June 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior Center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

Legion to sponsor Andover boy

The American Legion Post 8 of Andover is seeking a candidate to sponsor for the 2008 Massachusetts Boys' State Program, a civics-based educational program. Candidates should be male high school students who are completing their junior year. Candidates should possess outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their schools and community. The dates for this year's Boys' State Program are from Saturday, June 14, through Friday, June 20.

Interested candidates should contact the American Legion Post 8 of Andover Boys' State Committee Chairman Kevin Bibeau through e-mail at Americanlegion-post8@comcast.net.

Meetings for mothers

The Mother Connection, Inc., a nonprofit organization for area mothers and families, will continue to offer a series of one-time Newborn Connection meetings for mothers with newborn babies throughout 2008. The Newborn Connection meetings help match mothers of newborn babies to form playgroups.

The TMC Newborn Connection gives mothers with newborns a chance to get together and share experiences, tips, and ideas about life with a new baby.

Participants typically spend an informal evening getting to know one another, while learning more about The Mother Connection organization and forming playgroups.

Newborn Connection meetings are held every other month. A meeting will be held July 14.

To attend a Newborn Connection meeting, RSVP via e-mail to newbornconnection@themothersonnection.org.

For information, call Liz Siegal at 978-374-1063 or Renee Metsch at 978-794-8080.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



JUST TO THINK THAT BEN WATSON WAS sitting at my kitchen table!
— South School parent Kelly Lane, talking about Patriots tight end Ben Watson's visit, Page 12

I'VE ALWAYS FOUND THAT THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORK COMES more naturally to me than two ... to be able to use my hands, my mind and my heart all together. It's something that I enjoy and love to do.

— Polar Bear sculptor Jim Sardonis, Arts and Entertainment, Page 7

IT'S NOT THE CITY, I'M NOT BEHIND A desk. ... I can just relax outside, and I guess that's why I keep coming back.

— Poms Pond waterfront coordinator Paul D'Ambrosio, who holds a master's degree in Asian philosophy and speaks and reads Chinese, on the lure of his hometown waterfront, Townspeople, Page 13



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 19	WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.	Finance Committee meeting CANCELED (was at 7 p.m.)
Andover Future's Housing Corp, Stowe Court, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.	MONDAY, JULY 7
Housing Authority Stowe Court community room regular meeting and annual meeting, 100 Morton Street, Andover, 7:15 p.m.	Council on Aging subcommittee on virtual assisted living, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 23	Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.
Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.	TUESDAY, JULY 8
TUESDAY, JUNE 24	Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.	THURSDAY, JULY 10
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25	Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.
Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 9 a.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE 26	SATURDAY, JULY 12
Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m.
Monday, June 30	MONDAY, JULY 14
Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.	Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.	

July health clinics set

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, July 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Mon-

day, July 28, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. No appointment is necessary.

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Boarders, bladers aim to raise \$100K for Andover Skate Park

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Go Skateboarding Day will be an all-day affair in Andover this weekend.

Recognized worldwide as the extreme sport's official holiday, June 21 also coincides this year with a 24-hour skateboarding and in-line skating event at the Andover Community Skate Park.



Paul King

Sponsored by Andover Youth Services and Converse, which has donated \$50,000 for the event, local skaters and their supporters hope to raise \$100,000 toward improvements and new equipment for the skate park.

The fifth annual Paul King Memorial Skate-a-thon will start at noon Saturday and run until



A local skateboarder drops into the halfpipe at the Andover Community Skate Park.

noon on Sunday, June 22. This will be the first time the event will last a full day. The skate park is behind West Middle School.

"People for years have been doing events on this day," said event organizer and AYS Program Coordinator Tony Lombardi. "We've been wanting to do the 24-hour

Skate-a-thon for a while now."

Lombardi said the Skate-a-thon will mark 10 years since the skate park opened, while also recognizing the five-year anniversary of Paul King's death. King, a former skate park patron, passed away in June 2003 after a skydiving accident.

"We're hoping for good weather," said Norma King, Paul King's widow and an Andover resident. "Hopefully it will be a good time for everyone and we'll raise money for the park."

Kicking off with a live broadcast by radio station WBCN, the Skate-a-thon will include skating contests, food, raffles, games, a film festival and live music performed by local middle school, high school and college bands.

"It's more a community event than a skating event," Lombardi said. "We just want people to see what the skate park has to offer. We look at this as kind of a temporary youth center."

Proceeds from an event last year were donated to the future construction of a skate park in Boston.

This year the money raised will go toward fixing up the Andover park's 30 ramps and rails and toward the design and construction of a new ramp, which Skate-a-thon participants can help conceptual-

ize during the event.

"The kids will work on it that day," Lombardi said. "I would hope to get this ramp built by the end of the year."

Some of the ramps at the skate park are partially rotted or cracked.

Lombardi said AYS would also like to disassemble and reconfigure a large ramp, repair the fence surrounding the park, and recast the park's surface, which resembles that of a tennis court.

A good location, a fenced-in site, and both moveable and customizable ramps have kept the Andover Community Skate Park among the very best public skateboarding and in-line skating facilities in the Merrimack Valley, Lombardi said. "You could ask skaters anywhere," Lombardi said. "We've been able to roll over the 10 years with what kids want and need."

Live music will be performed from 2 to 8 p.m. Participants staying from between 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday must raise at

least \$200 and fill out both registration and emergency forms.

AYS Director Bill Fahey said he expected between 30 and 45 people would stay at the skate park overnight.

Lombardi said the idea for a 24-hour skate event came from Paul King, who learned to in-line skate and perform tricks at the Andover skate park as an adult, something that left an impression on the young skaters, he said.

"That's the whole vibe," Lombardi said. "It doesn't matter what age you are or what you know. You can always try something new."

Lombardi said he remembers the excitement at the skate park every time Paul King arrived in the afternoon.

"He would pull up on his motorcycle. As soon as he pulled up, the energy just changed in this park," Lombardi said. "He was a fundraiser at heart. He was a huge part of making this a positive place."

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, June 10 - At 3:15 p.m., John McCulloch, 24, of 6 Dexter Road, Salem, N.H., on warrant for seven counts of domestic violence.

At 3:34 p.m., Dawlyn Santana, 20, of 107 Beacon Avenue Lawrence, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on warrant for motor vehicle charges.

Wednesday, June 11 - At 6:50 a.m., Michael Kempster, 58, of 132 Holt Road, on warrant for failure to pay court fines.

At 10:52 a.m., Jose Rivera, 29, of 103 Warren St., Lawrence, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, al-

lowing an uninsured motor vehicle, and an unregistered motor vehicle.

At 12:03 p.m., Lucio Gomez, 55, of 366 Main St., Haverhill, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

At 2:57 p.m., Daniel Robinson, of 571 School St., Lowell, charged with a red light violation, the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, the motor vehicle violation of giving a false name/address to police, and an unregistered motor vehicle.

Thursday, June 12 - At 10:58 a.m., Robert Ansaldo, 27, of 12 Amherst St., Lawrence, charged with the subsequent of-

fense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Friday, June 13 - At 3:07 p.m., Sapphire DePena, 17, of 20 Holly St., Lawrence, charged with disturbing a school.

At 3:27 p.m., a 16-year-old female from Lawrence was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 3:43 p.m., a 16-year-old female from Lawrence was charged with disturbing a school.

At 8:42 p.m., Sebastiao Nascimento, 36, of 16 Main St., Woburn, was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and no inspection/sticker.

At 10:56 p.m., Moises Amaya, 28, of 132 Trenton St., East Boston, was charged with

operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a number plate violation, and an unregistered motor vehicle.

Saturday, June 14 - At 4:23 a.m., Arayelle Wheaton, 19, of 15 Leighton Avenue, Tewksbury, charged as a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

At 7:14 a.m., Raymond Norton, 43, of 267 Nesmith St., Lowell, charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and the motor vehicle violation of giving a false name/address to police.

At 6:48 p.m., Fred Pavone, 19, of 122 Sylvester St., Lawrence, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 7:09 p.m., James Henderson, 35, of 141 Beach Road, Salisbury, charged with deriving support from prostitution.

At 7:46 p.m., Corryn Szczuka, 23, of 91 New Boston Road, Kingston, N.H., charged with sexual conduct for a fee and the subsequent offense of possession of a Class A substance.

At 10:27 p.m., Kristin Dooley, 40, of 10 Morrison Avenue, Tilton, N.H., charged with possession of a Class B substance.

At 10:45 p.m., James Dooley, 46, of 10 Morrison Avenue, Tilton, N.H., charged with possession of a Class B substance and on warrant for operating under the influence of liquor.

At 11:07 p.m., Stephen Caputo, 41, of 91 Cap-

itol Hill Drive, Londonderry, N.H., charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Sunday, June 15 - At 12:02 a.m., John Urquhart, 32, of 25 Manhattan Drive, Burlington, charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 2:40 a.m., William Shea, 38, of 9 Shepley St., on warrant for shoplifting.

Monday, June 16 - At 11:14 a.m., a juvenile, on warrant as a child in need of services.

At 8:51 p.m., Thomas Quinlan, 18, of 25 Shea St., Dracut, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and an uninspected motor vehicle.

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Education

No extra hours for Shawsheen School

Extended Learning Time grant would have required forsaking tuition plan

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

After seven months of study and discussion, Shawsheen School has decided Expanded Learning Time is not a good fit for the kindergarten through second-grade school.

In a letter sent home to parents last week, the Shawsheen ELT committee explained their conclusion that ELT is "not financially feasible" for Shawsheen.

ELT is off the table at Shawsheen, at least for now; the school will not apply for an ELT grant this year, which would have implemented a longer day starting in the fall of 2009.

Shawsheen's ELT committee will not continue to meet, said Laura Gergory, a Shawsheen mom and member of the school's ELT committee.

Hotly debated around the district, the state's Extended Learning Time initiative would have added 300 hours to the school year. Schools apply for one-year grants. If Andover were to retain the 180-day school year, which includes a summer vacation, ELT would add an extra one hour, 40 minutes to every school day.

One of the requirements of an ELT application is that a school not charge tuition, Gregory said, and Shawsheen charges tuition for preschool and full-day kindergarten students.

An ELT grant would be less than the money brought in by full-day kindergarten and preschool tuitions. Half of Shawsheen's 280

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students pay tuition, she said. "It was a financial decision (to end ELT discussions)," Gregory said. "The money we would get from a grant wouldn't cover what we get from tuition. If the financial situation from the state changes, we might look in to it (in the future)."

ELT could be implemented for just first- and second-grades, but the ELT committee decided against that option, Gregory said, not wanting to separate the student body or complicate things by adding a third bus run.

Besides financial concerns, Shawsheen parents were fairly open to the idea of a longer school day, Gregory said. The ELT committee received both positive feedback and concerns from parents about an extended day.

"We learned a lot from the process, especially about what kids do in Andover, kids at Shawsheen do during the day," Gregory said.

The ELT committee came away with good ideas about programs that could be added at Shawsheen without extending the school day, she said, and it may be possible to implement enrichment and foreign language instruction in the future, she said.

As part of their ELT research, the Shawsheen ELT committee

EXPANDED DAY: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN?

High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School are still considering a longer school day, after an \$11,000 study to examine Expanded Learning Time was given to six Andover schools in October.

The state's Expanded Learning Time timeline is as follows:

■ **October 2007:** Andover public schools, on behalf of six schools, apply for and receive an \$11,000 Expanded Learning Time planning grant. Andover identified Fall 2009 as the intended start dates for those schools and formed ELT committees to research the idea.

Including Andover, 28 districts and 67 schools across the state receive planning grants to explore ELT.

■ **July 31, 2008:** Preliminary ELT proposals are due to the state. Submitting a proposal in July does not guarantee grant money and does not lock in a school to extending the school day.

Of the six Andover schools originally considering ELT, only two have decided to submit proposals for this deadline.

■ **September/October 2008:** The state looks over all the proposals submitted, giving feedback and suggested revisions.

■ **Dec. 1, 2008:** A final ELT application is due to the state. In Andover, applications would have to be approved by the School Committee and teachers' union.

■ **July 1, 2009:** ELT grants awarded dependent on state budget; grant money lasts for one year only.

■ **Fall 2009:** Longer days implemented in schools receiving state money. Schools wanting to continue with ELT the next year must reapply.

Source: JC Conside, external relations coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (formerly the Department of Education)

visited schools where ELT has been implemented, as well as solicited feedback from Shawsheen parents about what they would like an extended day to look like.

Six schools in Andover, including Shawsheen, used an \$11,000 grant awarded in October to examine extending the school day. Seven months later, only two schools are considering the idea for a Fall 2009 launch.

Shawsheen is the only school out of the six to abandon consideration of ELT; committees at Bancroft, Sanborn and South Elementary continue to meet and consider an ELT application next year.

The two schools considering applying for state money this year, Wood Hill Middle School and High Plain Elementary, must submit preliminary proposals by July 31.

Central Catholic hosts its 70th commencement

Central Catholic graduate Matthew Doherty of Andover poses for a photo with his family, mom Kelly, dad William and younger brother, Liam.



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ANDOVER — Mary A. Caimi, 79, a 53-year resident of Andover, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mary was born in Boston to the late Corrado and Josephine (Morello) Caimi.

She was an office manager for over 20 years at Lawrence Packaging and Paper Board before retiring in 1990.

Mary is survived by her sister Annie Nuzzo and her husband Rocco of Andover, her nieces and nephews, Josephine Curro, Robert Nuzzo, John Nuzzo and Marianne O'Maley, as well as several grandnieces and

nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Joseph D. Caimi and Josephine A. Caimi.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend her funeral service on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 11 a.m. in the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. Interment will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery, Roslindale. Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to her service in the funeral home. For those who wish, Mary may be remembered through donations to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guestbook, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

David M. Fleming, 49



KINNELON, N.J. — David M. Fleming, 49, of Kinnelon, N.J., died Friday, June 13, 2008 peacefully, while surrounded by his family

and friends, at the Compassionate Care Hospice, Dover.

He was born in Lawrence, and raised in Andover, having lived in Kinnelon for the past twelve years. David graduated from Andover High School, Andover, with the class of 1976. He continued his education at Merrimack College, North Andover, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with the class of 1981.

He had a 26-year career with Toyota Motor Sales and was currently NY Region Vice President and General Manager.

David was an avid golfer, skier, but most of all he was a dedicated

husband and father. He was incredibly principled, determined, had a great sense of humor and extremely committed to his career.

Beloved husband of 26 years to Kristen (Bonansinga) Fleming; loving father of Ryan, Peter and Sean Fleming, all of Kinnelon; devoted son of the late David and Jane Fleming; much loved brother of Jeffrey Fleming of Smithfield, R.I.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at Our Lady of Magnificat RC Church, 2 Miller Road, Kinnelon, N.J. Friends may visit with family on Monday, June 16, and Tuesday, June 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Vander May Wayne Colonial Funeral Home, 567 Ratzler Road, Wayne, N.J. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital "For Brain Cancer Research," P.O. Box 27106, NY, NY 10087; would be appreciated. www.vandermay.com.

Barbara M. Rullo, 73



NORTH ANDOVER — Barbara M. (Sifferlen) Rullo, 73, of North Andover, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the Lawrence

General Hospital.

Born in Methuen, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Hildebrandt) Sifferlen.

Barbara was a member of St. Michael's Church in North Andover and a very active member of the North Andover Boosters Club.

She was the Office Manager for Marriott Food Service at Merrimack College and was well-known by her friends for her sewing abilities.

She is survived by her husband Frank J. Rullo of North Andover, her sons, Frank J. Rullo and his wife Susan of Salem, N.H., Michael J. Rullo of North An-

dover, James A. Rullo and his wife Eileen of Andover, Paul T. Rullo and his wife Patricia of Essex and Daniel C. Rullo of Methuen, her grandchildren, Martha, Ellen, Michael, Angela, Kimberly, James, William and John, as well as a brother, Thomas Sifferlen and his wife Margaret of Sudbury, and several nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Joseph and John Sifferlen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, and burial will follow in Ridgewood Cemetery, both in North Andover. Family and friends may call on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Building Fund, 196 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845. For directions or to leave online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

DEATHS

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Olive Ogilvie, 75



Haverhill — Olive "Pat" Ogilvie, 75, died Friday, June 13, 2008 at Penacook Place Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Born in Atlantic City, N.J., she was the daughter of the late John Jaquish and Olive (Mitchell) Jaquish. A student of Atlantic City schools, her father was the director of the Atlantic City High School music department for more than twenty years. After graduation, she attended Rutgers University.

She married James H. Ogilvie in 1954 and soon after moved to Vineland, N.J. She raised three children and assisted her husband in running a series of businesses, including the Cumberland Salem Guide, a weekly newspaper founded in 1978. At that time the family moved to Bridgeton, N.J., where they lived for 30 years. In 2005 she moved to Andover with her husband and son, Thomas C. Ogilvie.

Pat was active in a number of civic organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the League of Women Voters. In 1973, she and her husband were co-recipients of the Cumberland County Bar Association's annual Liberty Bell Award, ac-

knowledging their work on behalf of the city's minority community. She was a lifelong advocate for people with special needs, and led efforts to improve the quality of special education in public schools.

She will be remembered for her warm smile, wry sense of humor and readiness to help those in need. She enjoyed nature, reading and taking care of her family.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, James H. Ogilvie, also a resident of Penacook Place, Haverhill; her daughter, Patricia F. Ogilvie and her fiancé, Herold Abellard, Bronx, N.Y.; Thomas C. Ogilvie, Salem; Julie Ogilvie and her partner Timothy D. Dempsey, Andover; grandchildren, Pelle Vastano and Eric Vastano, Andover; sister, Shirley Hartman of Rochester, N.Y.; and brother, John Jaquish of Dallas.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours at the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill, will be Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. Funeral services and burial in the Spring Grove Cemetery, will be at the convenience of the family. Condolences to her family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com. Contribution in her memory may be made to Penacook Place Tribute Program, 150 Water St., Haverhill, MA 01830. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Haverhill/Bradford.

Helen C. Dalis, 92

CHELSEA — Helen C. (Contos) Dalis, of Chelsea, died Friday, June 13, 2008.

Born in Agios Petros in the state of Arcadia in Greece, Helen at 92 years of age, passed away at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere after a brief illness.

Arriving as an infant to this country, her family settled in Lacomia, N.H. where she stayed until her marriage to Christ P. Dalis. Residing in Chelsea for 68 years, Helen was an avid reader and supporter of the Chelsea Public Library.

She was the devoted wife of the late Christ P. Dalis; beloved mother of Peter C. Dalis and his wife Virginia and James C. Dalis and his wife Barbara, all of Andover and Chelsea Fire Dept. Deputy Chief Philip C. Dalis and his wife Paula, of Stoneham; lov-

ing sister of the late Ernest Contos; cherished grandmother of Alexander, Lauren, Thomas, Christopher and Robert.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are kindly invited to attend a funeral from the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Tuesday morning, June 17 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral service held in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Parker and Ruggles Streets, Boston at 11 a.m. Visiting hours in the Smith Funeral Home on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Expressions of sympathy in Helen's name may be made to the Friends of the Chelsea Public Library, c/o Mr. Bruce Mauch, 284 Everett Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150. To send a message of condolence to Helen's family, please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com.

Irene L. Morse, 93

ANDOVER — Irene L. Morse of Andover died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at age 93, at the Wingate Nursing Home.

Born in Unadilla, N.Y., she served in the Navy in World War II. Residing for years in Rutland, Vt. and Salem, she was a guest organist at several North Shore Churches.

She was the wife of the late C. John Morse. She leaves her son, Lawrence B. Morse and his wife Sandra of Andover; granddaugh-

ter, Janelle B. (Morse) Weston and husband Adam; and two step granddaughters, Jennifer (Druhan) Ricciardi and husband Rocco and Alyssa (Druhan) Wrigley and husband Daniel. She also leaves her close friends, Joan E. Morse, David Schmitt and Dorothy Jackson.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to a memorial service on Thursday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 24 St. Peter St., Salem.

Charles W. Trombly Sr., 93



NORTH ANDOVER — Attorney Charles W. Trombly Sr., died on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 after a brief illness.

He was born in North Andover in 1915, the son of J. Louis and Elizabeth (Donovan) Trombly. He attended the North Andover Public Schools. After graduating from Johnson High School, Class of 1932, during the height of the depression, he worked at several jobs, including transporting the U.S. Mail between railroad crossing and the North Andover Post Office. In the mid-1930s, he began working at the newly created Unemployment Office, where he met a co-worker who would become his wife of 66 years, the late Margaret (Shannon) Trombly. Later in the decade, he founded the Trombly Brothers service station in North Andover and operated it with his brothers Francis J. and Harold W. Trombly.

He was the sole survivor of his siblings, who also included the late Joseph L. Trombly and Rita V. Markey. While running Trombly Brothers by day, Charles attended Suffolk University Law School at night and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1943. He practiced law in Lawrence for well over 50 years.

He was a member and past president of the Lawrence Bar Association. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Bar and the Essex County Bar Associations. Attorney Trombly always recognized the importance of education. In the 1940s, he, together with the late Judge John Fenton, Richard Cardinal Cushing and members of the Augustinian Order, was instrumental in raising funds and founding Merrimack College in North Andover. In addition, he was a member of the North Andover School Committee for 30 years.

He was a lifelong Democrat, a past member of the Democratic Town Committee, served as a delegate at many conventions, and was honored by the town committee as Democrat of the Year.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Bon

Secours Hospital Men's Guild and was active in St. Michael's Parish in North Andover. He was a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a Catholic organization dedicated to justice for all and peace in the Holy Land so that Christian, Jew and Muslim may live side by side in the love of God and each other.

Attorney Trombly loved the outdoors. He loved the beach and he and his family enjoyed spending time at Seabrook Beach as well as at Crescent Beach, Siesta Key, Fla. He learned to ski at age 52. He chopped his own firewood and loved to work in his gardens. He still golfed three times a week at the Portsmouth Country Club with the same friends he has golfed and skied with for decades.

He was the widower of the late Margaret (Shannon) whom he married in 1940. They were the parents of seven children, Hon. Charles W. Trombly Jr. and his wife Mary (Johannesen); Attorneys Joseph S. Trombly and his wife Elaine Farrell, all of North Andover; Robert M. Trombly of Peachtree City, Ga.; Dr. Kevin L. Trombly and his wife Maureen (Scott) of Springfield; Attorney Margaret S. Trombly of Methuen; Attorneys Mary T. DeFrancisco and her husband Mark of Andover; and Ellen M. Gold and her husband Dr. Samuel Gold of Manchester, N.H. They also opened their home to three brothers who lost their parents at a young age; the late Dennis M. O'Neil; Peter T. O'Neil and his wife Nancy (Parks) of New York; and Barry F. O'Neil and his wife Deborah (Ladre) of Topsham, Maine. Charles and Margaret had 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 16, 2008 at 10 a.m. in Saint Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial will follow at the Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover. Family and friends may call on Sunday, June 15, 2008 from 3 to 8 p.m. in the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover. For online condolences and other information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Lazarus House Ministries, 260 Park St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Center for Grief & Healing summer program

The Center for Grief & Healing, a program of Hospice of the North Shore, will hold its seventh annual Camp Stepping Stones, a special camp opportunity for children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 13 from 9

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the scenic campus of the Glen Urquhart School in Beverly Farms. A weekend-long day camp, the program is supported by A.J. Wright Company.

Open to any families coping with the death of a loved one, Camp Stepping Stones is free of charge following a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 per family, which may be waived in

cases of hardship. The registration deadline is Friday, June 27. Paid overnight hotel accommodations may be arranged for families traveling a distance of 25 miles or more. For more information and to obtain a registration packet, please contact the Center at 978-774-5100. More information is also available at www.hns.org/camp.

Grief and healing groups and workshops

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

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

All groups are free and meet at the center's offices at 78 Liberty St., Danvers, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited and advance

registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 978-774-5100, e-mail grief@hns.org or visit www.griefandhealing.org.

Blood pressure/stroke

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

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

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

Cancer

LGH Cancer Support Groups provide support and education for

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

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

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

Cancer support group, WE CARE, meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Valley Hospital atrium in Haverhill; group offers support for patients

with cancer, and their family and friends; Becky Sweeney, director, case management 978-521-3651.

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

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

Caregivers

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

RELIGION

The Rev. Joseph L. Narog delivers Austin Prep's homily

Austin Preparatory School celebrated its Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 30, in its multipurpose facility. Several hundred participants, including the class of 2008, its families, friends, and Austin faculty and staff gathered for the liturgy, which included musical offerings by the Austin Musical Group. The Rev. Joseph L. Narog, associate pastor at Saint Augustine Parish in Andover, was the homilist for the Mass. Prior to entering the priesthood

in 2005, Narog served as head of the U.S. government's counterterrorism training program. As part of his government work, he participated in mock hijackings and taught trainees about potential sources of terrorism threats. His position took him to nearly 40 countries, and in 1996, he worked at the Olympic Intelligence Center in Atlanta. But despite a very fulfilling and successful career, he returned from Atlanta with a feeling that he wasn't doing what he was meant to do with his life. After regular meetings with an Air Force chaplain, he came to the realization that a religious vocation may be his calling. Eighteen years after he originally finished his educa-

tion, he returned to school to become an Augustinian.

Narog used his story to illustrate the importance of listening to one's heart. He told the graduates, "As you leave here, always stay in touch with your heart and in turn with the most sacred of hearts — the one that never stops calling, 'Come to me.' For the heart of Jesus the Christ beats for all of us, reaches out to us in love, through all the experiences of life, through the ups and the downs that inevitably arise.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY JUNE 19

Volunteer appreciation cookout: Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 5:30 until 8 p.m., notify the society if you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert to the party; RSVP to Carrie Midura at cmidura@andoverhistorical.org.

"Tips for Selling in a Down Market": Realtor Bill Buck of StoneWall Realty will discuss tips for selling in a down market. 6:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; free; contact Tracey Meech, community outreach director, 978-475-4225 to RSVP or for more information.

Opening night reception: "Funny Money," by Ray Cooney, runs through June 29, Firehouse Performing Center, Newburyport, \$20 adults, \$18 students/seniors. Box office hours: Wednesday to Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; 978-462-7336.

"Contact" is a dance play that tells three separate stories: "Swing," "Did You Move?" and "Contact." Each is about different ways to pursue love. With music and lyrics from various artists, playing through June 29 at the North Shore Music Theatre. For tickets and information www.nsmtr.org or 978-232-7200.

FRIDAY JUNE 20

Healthy Mind - Healthy Body: "Harnessing the Power of the Mind-Body Connection to Improve Your Life," a seminar to help understand the physical and emotional body and how they are connected, 7 to 9 p.m., \$37, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover; 978-474-8010.

SATURDAY JUNE 21

Re/Max hot air balloon rides: To celebrate the Smolak Farm Strawberry Festival, rides from 9 to 11 a.m., weather permitting, \$2 for children, \$5 for adults. Proceeds benefit the Smolak Arts and Education Fund, Smolak Farm, 315 S. Bradford St., North Andover.

The Paige Conservatory of Performing Arts, a pre-professional studio for children and teens, will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 30 School St., North Andover. Free dance and musical theater classes for elementary (all levels), mini-student performances, past performance videos, meet the director and register for classes; www.paigeconservatory.com.

Ecufest: Live music featuring David Tanklefsky, Chris Delorenzo, Trundlebed, The Namechangers, Charlie the Dog, The Whale Watchers and more, 4 to 10 p.m., Essex Art Center, Lawrence, \$20. Helps Dan Jordan of Andover, who just graduated from the University of Delaware and will teach English for a year in Ecuador through WorldTeach. Information, e-mail danwjordan@gmail.com or call 978-697-2473.

Armenian Food Fair, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 158 Main St., North Andover. Food will be available for take out. Call 978-685-5038.

Free Healthcare Fair at Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, Bradford. Entertainment, raffles and family fun from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 145 Ward Hill Ave., Bradford; 978-372-8000.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Coping With Caregiving series with Kelley MacDonald, community liaison from Merrimack Valley's Home Health Foundation, and Judy Trerotola, of the local Council on Aging, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. \$5 per event, includes lunch.

Harvard Club of Andover dinner meeting: Nancy Cline, head librarian of the world's largest university library system, will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting, Wyndham Hotel, at 6:30 p.m.; Lawrence Morse, Harvard Club of Andover president, at 978-475-9682 or e-mail Lawmorse@bizatty.com for information concerning the annual dinner meeting or club membership.

Senior suppers: Merrimack Valley Hospital will host the first of a series of Senior Suppers at 4 p.m. in the hospital auditorium, \$5 and includes a full dinner and guest speakers, open to the public and requires pre-registration by calling Kathy Sheehy at 978-521-8140. The hospital is at 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

"Cocktail Melodies": Joe Sica presents "Cocktail Melodies" at 7 p.m., Atria Marland

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ETCHED IN STONE

White granite polar bears unveiled

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Elm Square's latest attraction was still the property of a Vermont granite quarry when sculptor Jim Sardonis began studying and measuring the stuffed polar bears on display at the Harvard University Museum of Natural History.

Fast forward several months and the finished product of the artist's efforts — a 7-foot long, 4-foot tall sculpture of a mother polar bear and three cubs — is now stationed outside of Memorial Hall Library for all to see.

But while Sardonis took the time to examine Harvard's once-living specimens before beginning the sculpture, a gift to the town from the library Board of Trustees, his goal was never to achieve precise anatomical accuracy when carving the bears.

"I want to make it believable as a polar bear, but I have my own style,



The polar bear statue arrives in front of Memorial Hall Library.

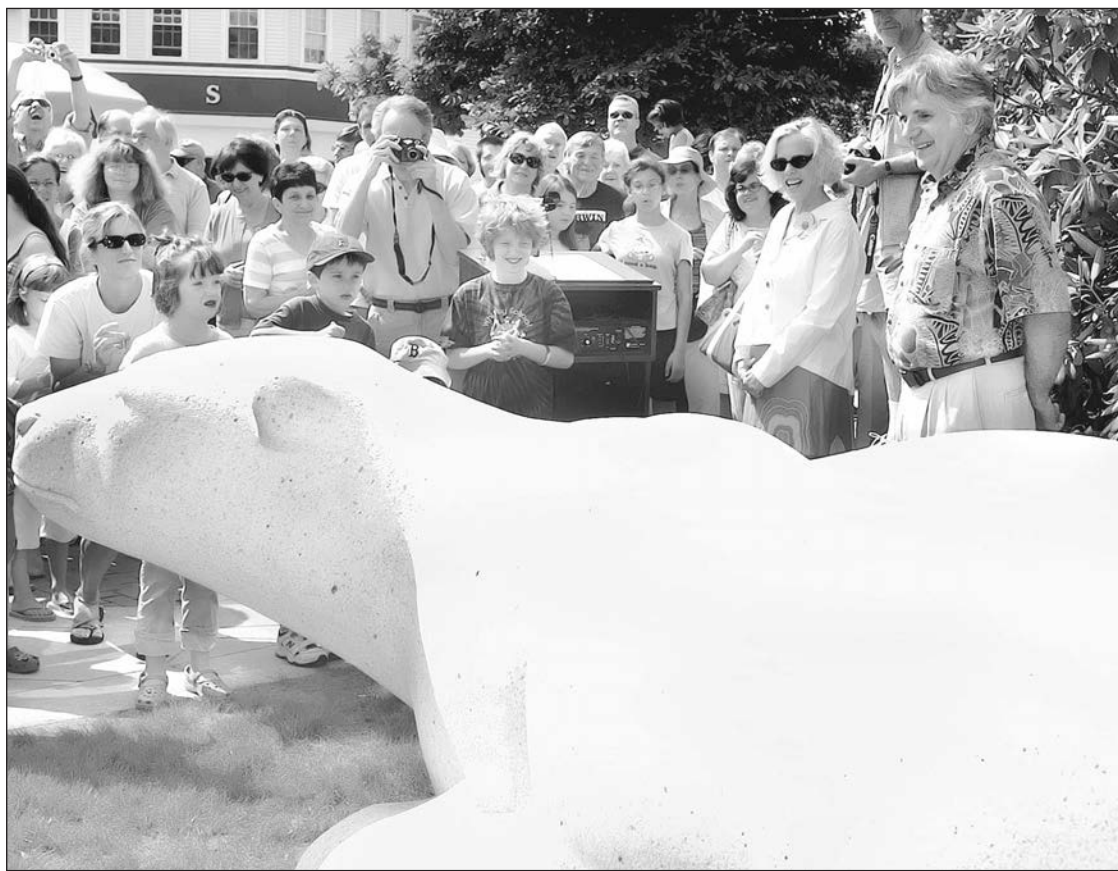
TIM JEAN/Staff photo

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Sophie Green, 6, of Andover plays on the bear sculpture by Jim Sardonis that was unveiled Saturday, June 14.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo



A crowd attended the unveiling of the life-size sculpture of a mother polar bear and her three cubs in front of Andover's Memorial Hall Library Saturday morning, June 14. The sculptor, Jim Sardonis, far right, talks to people after unveiling his work of art.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Night on Broadway

ACTAndover founder says that's how you'll feel at premiere

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Community theater in Andover is a lot like finding a parking space on Main Street on a Saturday morning. You just don't. And residents looking for an in-town community theater group just don't find that, either. Drama types looking to satisfy an acting or singing or dancing bug must go out of town for a fix.

"I was stunned when I found out that a town like Andover has no community theater," said local Realtor and veteran stage

performer Charles Gracy. "There's so many people in Andover who enjoy the arts, and to find out there is no community theater just stunned me."

But as they say in Hollywood, that was so yesterday, as Gracy spent a long time seriously thinking about starting what he called a much-needed community theater group in Andover. And, now he's done it.

Gracy has launched a new local community theater group that premieres next month. Called ACTAndover, the group is rehearsing for three shows. "Spotlight on Broadway" is the group's premiere show

and a salute to Broadway through song, dance and narration. When the curtain goes up, attendees can expect lots of toe-tapping fun, Gracy said. Broadway hit songs of yesteryear along with contemporary tunes will be performed.

"We're focusing on musicals in the Cole Porter and Rodgers and Hammerstein days up through today's shows on Broadway, like 'Spamalot,' 'Hairspray' and 'Avenue Q,'" Gracy said.

Rehearsals are underway for the cast of about 35, and there's a lot of excitement about the shows being staged in July at the

Tewksbury Senior Center, he said.

Gracy was also stunned — this time happily — by the turnout at auditions for the show, which were held in May at a Tewksbury church and attracted adults and children. There are no roles for kids in the premiere show, but there will be plenty in the group's fall production, "The Wiz." ACTAndover is now working on the date for that show at the Collins Center at Andover High School.

Gracy said the turnout was a good indi-

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which is sort of a simple style," Sardonis said. Sardonis, who grew up in Nashua, N.H., and attended Phillips Exeter, said he has always been attracted to the simplistic designs of ancient cultures, including the Greeks, Egyptians and Native Americans.

"That's the stuff that probably most inspires me," Sardonis said. "I just like their simplified forms, as opposed to the super-realistic work. That doesn't appeal to me as much. I try to get to the essence of objects."

Cut out of a white granite block taken from a quarry just miles away from his Vermont home, Sardonis admitted that the polar bear family may appear out of its natural element in Andover's busy Elm Square.

But like so many of his sculptures, Sardonis said the juxtaposition of wild animals in an unlikely place is intentional.

"Whether it's polar bears or whales or extinct birds," said Sardonis, referring to two of his other well-known pieces, "when they're in a place where they wouldn't normally be seen, it sort of makes people question it more."

"For me, I hope it will make people think we're all connected, all the living things on

the planet, and the things we do affect all of us."

Sardonis said he began speaking with the Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees about being commissioned for a sculpture more than five years ago. The parties started talking specifics in October 2007, he said, and by January 2008 Sardonis was already working on small-scale clay models of the polar bear family.

Sardonis said the three cubs were the most difficult part of the sculpture to carve.

"They're kind of huddled around and under the mother, so parts of them are sticking out in places," Sardonis said. "It was fairly complicated that way."

Sardonis began the sculpture by removing large chunks of rock with heavy machinery at a Barry, Vt., granite shed.

After marking up the modified block, Sardonis then began carving with his hand-held diamond-blade saws.

For larger areas that needed removal, Sardonis made deep, parallel cuts with the saws and then chiseled the pieces out.

"That's what I use for what we call roughing out the forms," Sardonis said.

After more than two months of work, Sardonis then began using an air hammer, which forces compressed air through a cylinder, to chisel away detailed areas of the sculpture.

"With granite you don't use the old hammer and chisel like you do with marble," Sardonis said.

The finishing touches of the piece came on the bears' facial features, as well as the overall texture of the mother bear.

"Because kids are climbing on it, I didn't want it to be slippery," Sardonis said.

Sardonis was introduced to traditional sculpture techniques at the age of 16 by an instructor at Phillips Exeter.

"He taught me the basic, traditional carving of stone and wood; modeling and clay; bronze casting, which are the things I continue to use," Sardonis said.

Sardonis went on to study studio art and art history at Oberlin College in Ohio, from which he graduated in 1973.

"I took a little bit of everything, but sculpture was my main focus, along with the art history," Sardonis said. "I was fortunate — the first time I ever tried sculpture, I felt as if I knew that was for me."

"I've always found that three-dimensional work comes more naturally to me than two, to be able to see something from all different angles," Sardonis said. "For me it's a satisfying occupation, to be able to use my hands, my mind and my heart all together. It's something that I enjoy and love to do."

EVENTS

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Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; free; contact Tracey Meech, community outreach director, at 978-475-4225 to RSVP or for more information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Blood drive, Knights of Columbus on Sutton Street, North Andover, 2 to 7 p.m., with a chance for donors to win a \$100 gas card through June 30; 781-461-2033.

Radio club field day: Phillips Amateur Radio Club will work to set up an emergency radio communication station and practice the communications skills which club members would provide to the community in the event of an emergency or disaster. Held at Philips Electronics' site on Minuteman Road; contact Tony Brock-Fisher at 978-659-2399 or

tony.brock-fisher@philips.com. **Opening reception**: The Brush Art Gallery and Studios' new exhibit, "Artists at the Brush," includes works by painter Carol Boileau of Andover. Reception is 5 to 7 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; www.thrbrush.org, 978-459-7819.

Peabody Essex Museum panel: Gay Marriage Panel will explore the personal and political aspects of same-sex marriage, beginning with a viewing of "The Gay Marriage Thing," a documentary about the politics and the people involved in the gay marriage debate. In addition to the film and discussion, guests have an opportunity to visit PEM's exhibition Wedded Bliss. The exhibition galleries will be open prior to the lecture from 6 to 8 p.m. The film is 47 minutes; directed by Stephanie Higgins; 6:30 p.m. — Morse Auditorium. Reservations by June 24, included with purchase of ticket to panel discussion at 8 p.m. Members \$10, nonmembers \$15.

NIGHT

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cation that people in the Andover would enjoy a local community theater group. It's a comeback of sorts as Gracy said his research found out there was an ACTAndover theater group in town in 2000. It eventually closed, he said.

"The interest is here. I'm very excited about this," said Gracy, who lives in Peabody and works on the Gracy team for Keller Williams Realty and sells homes in the Andover area.

Initially, he had hoped to book the Old Town House for the premiere show, but it didn't work out. The Tewksbury Senior

IF YOU GO

What: ACTAndover, a new community theater group

What: "Spotlight on Broadway"; song, dance narration to various Broadway hits

Where: Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury

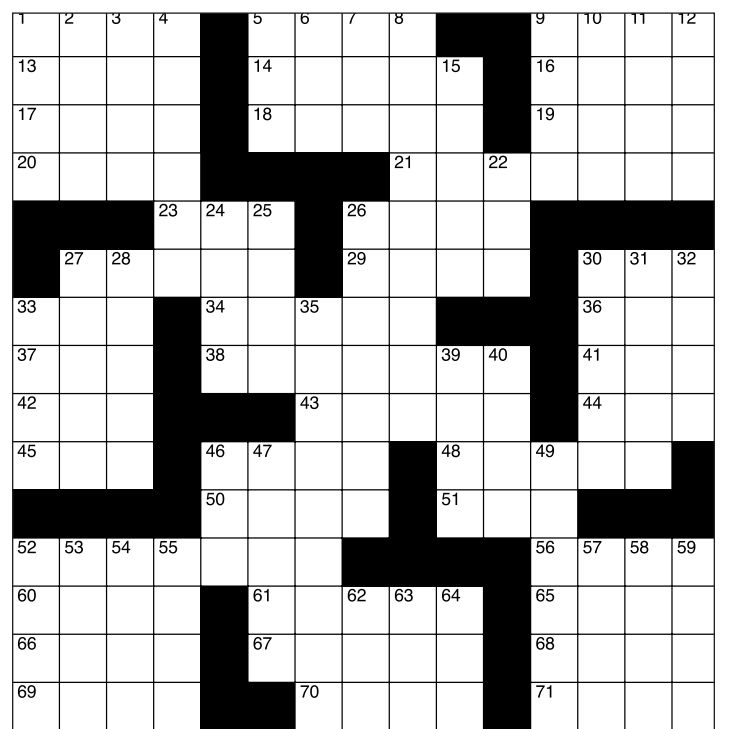
When: Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, July 20, 2 p.m.

Cost: \$18, \$15 seniors, students; 978-289-4123

Info: www.ACTAndover.com

Center has a brand new stage, which he said is perfect for the show.

Crossword puzzle



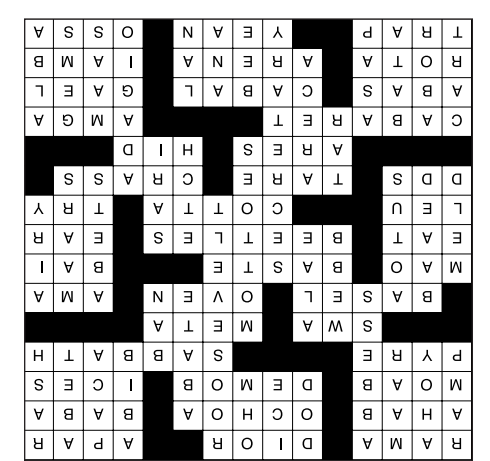
CLUES ACROSS

- Melod... extravagant comedy
- Christian... designer
- Three banded armadillo
- Whale ship captain
- LPGA golfer Lorena
- A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- ...ilize: discharge
- Frosts
- Funeral fire
- Sunday
- ...mp: wetland
- ...morphosis: transformation
- So. Swiss city
- Used for baking
- Doctors' group
- Tsetung or Zedong
- Temporarily stitches
- Happy Days actor Scott...o
- Take in solid food
- Scarabs
- Hearing receptor
- Romanian monetary unit
- Terra...: earthenware
- Attempt
- Tooth caregiver
- Weedy annual grass
- Extremely unrefined
- Greek god of war
- Concealed
- A series of acts at a night club
- Siberian river
- Overgarments
- Political plot
- Celt
- Island north of Guam
- Space for public en-

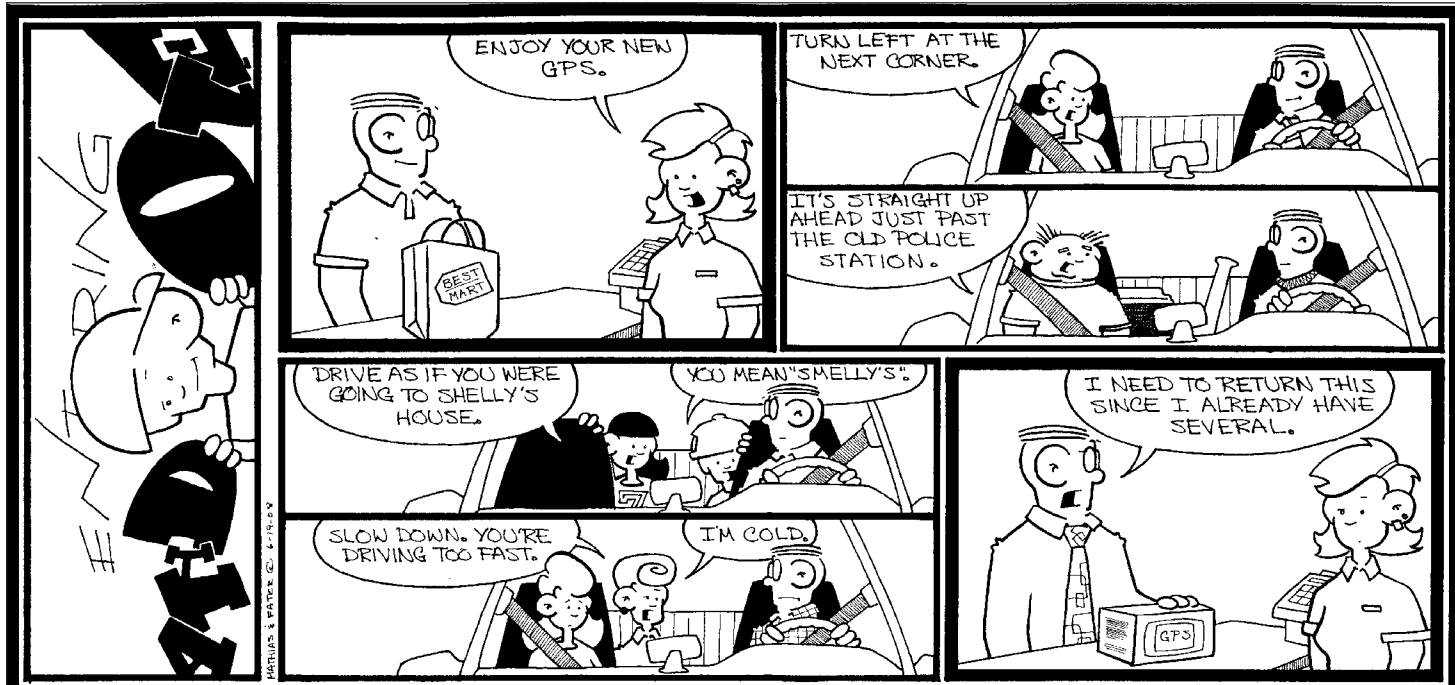
CLUES DOWN

- Inclined entrance
- Hail (nautical)
- Picasso's mistress
- Mother superior of a group of nuns
- Rumsfeld was Secretary (abbr.)
- Water in the solid state
- Physicist George Simon
- Eleanor or Franklin
- Baby's feeding protector (abbr.)
- Al...: Llama wool
- Act as an assistant
- Skin eruption
- Let up
- Prohibit
- Ontario Speed Skating Assoc.
- Wings
- Slogans
- Bleated
- Douroucoulis genus
- Plural of 11 down
- Volcanic craters
- Ethereal
- Mix or blend in
- State Department head
- A way to make into a print
- Indian dress
- Hydrocarbon used on roads
- Betel palm genus
- Slow musical tempo
- Pushed by a person
- Mirish language
- ...an Death March: WWII
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- Netherlands river
- Jewels
- Sunrise (Spanish)
- Spelling championship
- Professional caregiver's organization
- ...cet: puncture blade

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A royal send-off



It was Dr. Eileen Woods Day at South Elementary School on June 11. Woods, who is retiring at the end of the month, was treated to a breakfast, lunch and parade at her school. What Woods really wanted was to skip the gifts and have donations go to her newly established scholarship, which is affiliated with Dollars for Scholars. Already, the scholarship is worth \$700. Organizers said they hope to award a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Woods in June 2009.



COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM LOWER RIGHT: Dr. Eileen Woods stops to read a thank-you sign as she is paraded past the students of South Elementary School.

Woods embraces 20-year co-worker Elly Seavey. "It's a day that is a reflection of the respect and love that all the staff and students have for Dr. Woods," Seavey said of the event.

Woods is paraded down the hallways of South Elementary.

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If you are about to re-tile or renovate a small bathroom, you may be wondering if you can indulge your preference for large tile. People often ask if there is an unwritten rule that stipulates that small tiles be installed in small baths while larger tiles are solely reserved for spacious bathrooms. The short answer is: there is no such rule. And if there were, rules are sometimes made to be broken. Not only do large tiles often look more attractive, they have fewer grout lines to collect dirt. Moreover, using larger tiles opens up the possibility that small tiles of a different color or tile may be used as accents, which can be used to visually enlarge the space.

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Hospice House to be built Haverhill

In my last column, I described the architectural design of the new Hospice House to be built on North Avenue in Haverhill, Mass. In this column I am happy to share how you can help us honor the last wish of patients facing the end of life and their families.

The challenge of constructing the Merrimack Valley Hospice House will require an investment of \$8.5 million. But the reward of compassionate care and support for families and loved ones at life's most defining moments make that investment more than worthwhile. We need the help of the entire Merrimack Valley community to fulfill our dream of a Merrimack Valley Hospice House.

True, our dream is no small dream. But it's one of caring and commitment. You can help. I hope that you will join us in this campaign by giving a generous gift to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House Campaign. There are many different giving opportunities, from one-time gifts to multi year pledges.

For more information, or to make a gift to the Campaign for a Merrimack Valley Hospice House, please contact Janine Papish at 978-552-4162. You can also watch a video which describes our campaign in detail by going to our web site at www.merrimackvalleyhospice.org.

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Opinion

Fees won't exit school bus anytime soon

The early bird can still catch the school bus next year — but he'll have to pay full price, \$300, to do it. That's one more sign of the type of year that fiscal year 2009 will be in town government, and the burdens that will be placed on average residents.

The Andover Public Schools charge a bus fee to students in grades 7 to 12 who ride a school bus. The bus fee for one student is \$300 with a maximum of \$600 per family. Andover has been offering discounts of up to \$80 to families that pay early. In previous years, the school system wanted to encourage parents to pay in advance so workers would have more time to map the next school year's bus routes. About 70 percent of parents usually took advantage of the early-bird discount, according to the school system.

However, nowadays every buck is more precious than before to school department coffers. Fearing the cost of its next transportation contract, the school department believes it should no longer offer any discount. Charging everyone "full price," so to speak, is one small way Andover officials will look offer residents the things they want.

Andover has made some changes in how it operates in recent years, including pursuing an energy efficiency program aimed at saving money. Prior to the last election, there was some talk of consolidating services, such as the town-side and school-side finance departments. Officials must consider this and any other way to eliminate redundancies and stretch taxpayers' dollars further.

Families shouldn't have to pay fees for their children to ride the bus to school. It would be better if the town looked for other ways to balance the budget: cost-cutting, consolidation and efficiency. But residents can expect fees to remain part of the reality.

Sweet seventeen

Basketball fans throughout Andover and New England will spend today — heck, they'll spend the summer — basking in the glow of the Boston Celtics' first NBA championship since 1986. They can enjoy the victory not just because the hometown team won, but because of the way it won.

Remember when the Patriots won their first Super Bowl, against the St. Louis Rams? The players came out as one unit, foregoing individual, chest-thumping introductions. Long before Spygate tarnished the image of the Patriots nationally, New England was cheered for being a true team of lunch-pail guys who played hard together. Parents and coaches held the team up as an example for young players to follow.

Fans can be proud of this season's Celtics players and coaches for their respect for each other, commitment to fundamentals and unselfish play. Players have shared the limelight and offered praise for one another, played team defense and sacrificed minutes and highlight opportunities to do what the coaches deemed was best for team. Whether it was Paul Pierce working on his defense before the season or Kevin Garnett taking shots at midnight in the Garden the evening before Game 6 of the Finals, the players' collective work ethic can be admired.

Fans can celebrate not only a championship, but a team of champions who set a winning example on the floor.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

From left, Julia Durbeck, 10, Kiley McMahon, 10, and Abigail Berthiaume, 9, unfold a flag as it is raised during Flag Day ceremony at Sanborn Elementary School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bear statue as silly as global warming 'hoax'

Editor, Townsman:

It is absolutely true that the \$70,000 polar bear makes a statement about global warming, but not the statement Memorial Hall Library trustees would like. To me the statue epitomizes the foolishness of the global warming hoax that justifies policies that cause true suffering to many real people today. Examples:

- Mandate corn based ethanol use, which means people in the third world starve because U.S. farmers sell their corn to ethanol makers instead of on the world market.

- Continue to prohibit oil/gas drilling in U.S. coastal waters and federal lands, which would reduce the costs for the elderly and poor. They'll shiver and some will die next winter when fuel oil costs \$5 per gallon.

- Continue to prohibit the permitting of new nuclear plants because of an accident 30 years ago in which no one was injured or exposed.

Global warming isn't happening. There is growing serious scientific dissent about the junk science used to sell it. The effect of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is dwarfed by the effect of the other greenhouse gas, water vapor, which is 100 times more abundant. In the last 18 months, the measurements are showing a worldwide cooling trend, probably caused by sun spot changes. Last year NASA admitted that their published historical temperatures incorporated significant errors, which, when corrected, moved most of the warmest years of the 20th century from the 1990s back into the 1930s (before the big increase in carbon dioxide output). Global warming science is invalid, and predictions that it would only bring bad results is simply stupid. Imagine vast stretches of Canada and Siberia being opened up to agriculture because it is no longer frozen tundra!

The library trustees spend \$70,000 on a global warming polar bear when Andover barely has the money to fund high school sports and repair sidewalks. That bear

definitely represents the same foolish thinking that drives the Al Gore groupies who peddle global warming. Here's a suggestion for all those (including the trustees) who support the polar bear: Show your commitment by junking your clothes dryer and reverting to the backyard clothesline that uses wind and solar power to dry the clothes. I'll be watching your backyards, but won't be holding my breath.

Sam Washburn
39 Oriole Drive

State legislators 'always willing to disenfranchise'

Editor, Townsman:

The current Massachusetts law that stripped Gov. Mitt Romney of Senate appointment powers requires an election no sooner than 140 and no later than 160 days after the vacancy occurs. House Speaker Sal DiMasi, who himself is under several ethics investigation requests, stated that he will support restoring to Gov. Deval Patrick the power to appoint an-

terim successor to Sen. Edward Kennedy, if that becomes necessary.

While Ted Kennedy was just getting out of the hospital, our legislative power brokers were once again substantiating that they are alive and well and always willing to disenfranchise voters.

Mike Mosca
Pleasant Street

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THURSDAY FILE

"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

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."
— Bill Cosby

"Self-respect is the root of discipline. The sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself."
— Abraham Joshua Heschel, 1907-1972

"Repetition becomes a habit, a habit becomes a force ... make it a powerful and good one!"
— Bea Kunz

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible."
— Marion C. Garretty

"The home gardener is part scientist, part artist, part philosopher, part plowman."
— John R. Whitting

"Lots of people talk to animals. Not very many listen, though. That's the problem."
— Benjamin Hoff, "The Tao of Pooh"

"Oh, what a power is motherhood, possessing
A potent spell. All women alike
Fight fiercely for a child."
— Euripides

"Before becoming a mother I had 100 theories on how to bring up children. Now I have seven children and one theory: Love them, especially when they least deserve to be loved."
— Kate Samperi

"No mother wants to let go."
— Anthony Burgess

"The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he is a baby."
— Natalie Wood

"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path."
— Agatha Christie

"When you blame others, you give up your power to change."
— Robert Anthony

"Sixty-three years have passed since the Satanic factories of death of the Nazis and their collaborators ceased to operate, yet with the passing of time, the dimensions of the Holocaust still remain beyond comprehension, unfathomably shocking, unacceptably chilling. Who would have believed that 63 years later, hatred of Jews and Israelis would rear its ugly head in so many different places around the globe, provocatively and venomously, inciting hatred? The voices of those who deny the Holocaust are also being heard. To them, the haters, the deniers, and all the conspirators of evil and to all of those who allow them to function within their realms, we say today: This shall never happen again."
— Ehud Olmert, prime minister of Israel, May 1, 2008

"I have learned that only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way. And second, let her have it."
— Lyndon B. Johnson

"When preparing to travel, lay

out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money."
— Susan Heller

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."
— Roger Caras

"But for us French consumers, bread that lasts two months simply does not exist."
— Sandrine Huguot, head of press for the traditional French

baking chain

"Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should dance."
— Erma Bombeck

"If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come."
— Chinese proverb

"Try and fail, but don't fail to try."
— Stephen Kaggwa

WEB QUESTION

Should Andover Day be longer?

Last week's poll: Expanded Learning Time: Should Andover extend the school day?

Of the 54 votes counted, the majority, 82 percent, said "I have children at one or more of the schools and think it's a bad idea."

Runner up, with seven percent of the vote, was "I have children at one or more of the schools and need more information."

Third place, with 3.5 percent of the vote, was a two-way tie between "I do not have a child in one of these schools and think it's a great idea" and "I do not have a child in one of these schools and need more information."

Last place, with 1.75 percent of the vote, was a two-way tie between "I have children at one or more of the schools and think it's a great idea" and "I do not have a child in one of these schools and think it's a bad idea."

This week's poll: Should Andover Day be a longer community celebration?

■ Absolutely. It used to be three days and called Bazaar Days. I would like to see it return to that.

■ There is no way we could close Main Street for three days. Traffic was bad enough this year, and it was only one day.

■ One day is fine. I went this year and thought it was a terrific event.

■ There's Clown Town, Crafts in the Park and the AB-CA's two events downtown every year. That's enough.

■ I like Andover Day in the spring.

■ I like Andover Day in the fall.

To cast a vote, visit www.andovertownsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page. To offer additional comments for publication, send them to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com

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Business



Courtesy photo

The 150 Dascomb Road headquarters of California Products.

Andover's California Products announces new leadership

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

With plans to expand company brand recognition beyond the Northeast, a pair of new executives have taken the helm this month at Andover-based California Products, headquartered on Dascomb Road.

On June 9 it was announced that new Chief Executive Officer Peter Longo and Chief Financial Officer Steven McMenamin had joined the company, replacing longtime company president and CEO Joe Junkin and CFO Joseph DeAngelis, both of whom will remain on the California Products board of directors.

Employing roughly 135 people in Andover at its 150 Dascomb Road headquarters, California Products manufactures paints, athletic surfaces and other architectural coatings.

"The old management team's just retiring," Longo said when asked for the reason behind the change in leadership. "It's going real well. All the people here are great, including the old management team. The transition is going real well."

Longo, who lives in Ohio and plans to move to the area, said he was learning all he could about the business.

Longo previously served as both president and CEO of OSI



Peter Longo



Steven McMenamin

Sealants Inc., a sealant and adhesive manufacturer under Sovereign Specialty Chemical Inc., which was sold to Henkel Corp.

Longo said he was brought in as CEO of California Products "to grow the company both organically and through acquisition."

"We're relatively new in our positions, both Steve and I," Longo said. "We have great, quality products and good service. — just build on it and build a brand that's more well-known to consumers, particularly in paints."

McMenamin, who lives in Plymouth, formerly served as the CFO and chief operations officer at Pixley Richards Inc., an automotive equipment manufacturer, and as vice president of finance for the Illinois-based Polymer Plainfield Cos.

Noting that California Products enjoys solid brand recognition in New England, McMenamin said a

short-term goal for the company will be to expand its reach across the East Coast through the acquisition of other companies, possibly within next six months.

"We're looking to expand that across the country, working down the East Coast and move into the Midwest," McMenamin said.

McMenamin said he is getting to know the different personalities within the company and is identifying the unique challenges facing the company's three divisions.

California Products is also operating under new advisers, Apollo Capital Management.

"I don't think the employees have seen any changes that would concern anyone," said McMenamin, when asked about the new management team. "They're committed to the plant in Andover."

In a company-issued press release, California Products Director Rob Bittencourt, a principal with Apollo Capital Management, welcomed both Longo and McMenamin.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome Peter and Steve to California Products," Bittencourt said in the release. "They are uniquely qualified to build upon California Products' success and drive the long-term execution of our strategic plan."

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Curves Food Drive brings in 750 pounds

Curves, a fitness franchisor, has announced that the 2008 Curves Food Drive brought in 750 pounds in Andover-Lawrence which will benefit the area's food bank. Worldwide, Curves members donated almost 3,000 tons of food. This was Curves International's 10th annual food drive and Curves of Andover-Lawrence's sixth time to participate. This March, women had the opportunity to donate a bag of groceries for a reduced Curves membership fee. Thousands of

women took advantage of this opportunity to help themselves become healthier while contributing to the needs of their community's less fortunate residents.

Last month's food drive accounted for 21 new memberships at the Andover-Lawrence Curves. Overall, the food drive accounted for almost 75,000 new Curves memberships.

"Curves and our members are

delighted to help our community," said Shauna Pendleton, Andover-Lawrence Curves franchise owner. "The food drive is an excellent program that fits perfectly with the Curves philosophy: promoting the health of the whole woman. The opportunity for our members to give back to the Andover-Lawrence community promotes the spirit of giving."

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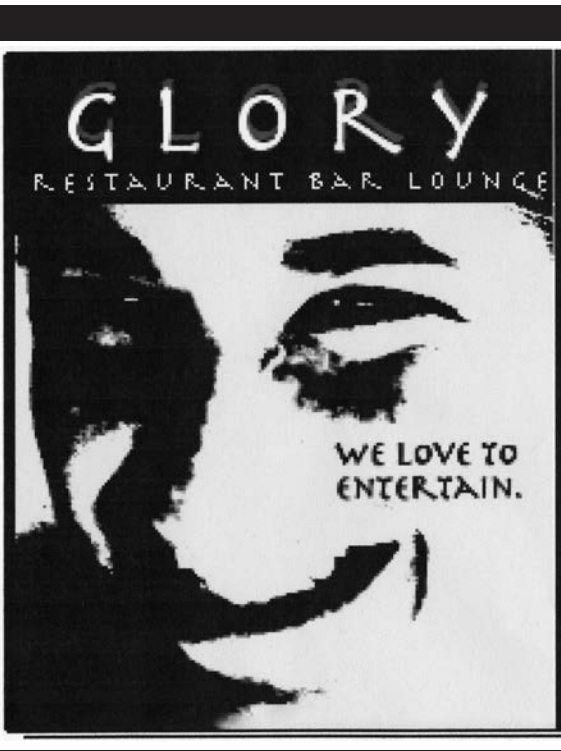
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ABOVE: Alex Lane, a first-grader at South Elementary School, is helped out of the limo by New England Patriots player Ben Watson. Kelly Lane, mom of Alex and Caroline Lane, entered a contest sponsored by Shaw's Supermarkets and Pepsi, and won. The contest was to have a Patriot's player visit your child's classroom.

AT RIGHT: New England Patriots player Ben Watson, left, hands an autographed photo to Stephen Shaw, 7, at South Elementary School.



DID YOU KNOW?

Here are some interesting facts about Patriots tight end Benjamin Watson, No. 84, shared on a visit to South Elementary on June 11:

- Watson played soccer as a kid and didn't start playing football until the ninth grade
- Science was his favorite subject in school
- Watson comes from a family of six children, four boys and two girls; his youngest brother is in sixth-grade and one of his sisters is a teacher
- Watson grew up in Virginia and South Carolina and went to the University of Georgia

South Elementary students spend time with No. 84

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A routine shopping trip to the grocery store by Andover mom Kelly Lane ended up as a dream come true for Patriots fans at South Elementary last week.

Lane won a raffle sponsored by Shaw's Supermarket and Pepsi to have a New England Patriots player visit her child's classroom, and Benjamin Watson, No. 84, visited South Elementary on June 11.

The Pats tight end picked up Lane's two children, Caroline, 9, and Alex, 6, in a limousine and brought them to school.

Once at South, Watson visited Caroline and Alex's classrooms, answering questions, visiting with students and signing autographs.

Caroline and Alex were so excited that they were awake and dressed for school at 5:45 a.m. that day. Lane said she found them "sitting on the couch, waiting for Ben" when she came downstairs to make breakfast.

"He couldn't have been nicer or more in-tune with the kids

and what would make it a special day for them. You could tell he really enjoyed it," Lane said of Watson. "There's a lot of kids at South that will be rooting for Ben Watson and the Patriots (now, having met him)."

Watson met with Caroline's third-grade class and Alex's first-grade class, speaking for about 45 minutes, then taking pictures and signing autographs for the 45 youngsters in the two classes.

He talked about how being a professional athlete is fun but a lot of hard work. Watson said he couldn't be where he is today if he hadn't worked hard in school, Lane said.

"He related so well to each of the kids," she said.

The Lanes gave Watson an Andover mug and T-shirt as a thank you, and Watson put the shirt on that morning and wore it to South.

Lane, who entered at the North Reading Shaw's store, said she entered the drawing because her son is a huge Patriots fan.

"We were thrilled," Lane said. "... just to think that Ben Watson was sitting at my kitchen table!"



New England Patriots player Ben Watson, center, talks to students at South Elementary School. Kelly Lane, mom of Alex and Caroline Lane, won a contest sponsored by Shaw's Supermarkets and Pepsi to have a Patriot's player visit her child's classroom.

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'BAYWATCH' WITH BRAINS

Pomps Pond lifeguard brings intellect to the beach

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When Pomps Pond opens Saturday, June 21, Waterfront Coordinator Paul D'Ambrosio will look pretty typical. He'll be wearing his red lifeguard bathing suit, have a whistle around his neck and will carry a red lifeguard board by his side.

But look closely and you just might see the other side of this 22-year-old. It's a calming, philosophical side that suits him just as well as that red lifeguard suit.

It's a beach scene that could be dubbed "'Baywatch' with brains," as the town's swimming hole is supervised by a guy with a master's degree in Asian philosophy and who speaks and writes Chinese. With aspirations to earn a doctorate and become a college professor in Asian philosophy, he will most likely be reading or writing in Chinese at Pomps Pond this summer.

With the upcoming Olympics in Beijing, China, it's a question this Andover High School graduate (Class of 2004) hears often: Why are you on the shores of Pomps Pond this summer? Shouldn't you be in Beijing translating for tourists and earning big bucks?

That's where D'Ambrosio shakes his head politely and talks about his refreshing approach to life. It's not about money and striving to do something. Rather, life should focus on living, he said.

"For me, that's what fits," he said, adding it's the Asian approach to philosophy, and he's hooked.

That's why he is back at Pomps for the seventh year. It's a relaxing environment for him. Surrounded by trees and sand, he has a notebook filled with Chinese words that seem to be more easily learned in the pond's calm environment.

"I'll come down here before I actually have to work and just read and study," said D'Ambrosio, who also teaches swimming lessons at Pomps. "It's not the city, I'm not behind a desk. ... I can just relax outside, and I guess that's why I keep coming back."

This summer, he's at Pomps after a year in Beijing. He still has an apartment there — about 10 minutes from Tiananmen Square — as he is an English teacher at a school in Beijing. Westerners with his Chinese credentials are sought after, as job offers were plentiful for the summer. But Pomps Pond is where D'Ambrosio wants to be.

"It's nice to be working outside and doing some physical labor," he said. "I just really enjoy it here, and I really like the staff."

Recreation Director Kim Stamas is thrilled every summer when he



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Paul D'Ambrosio of Andover has a master's degree in Asian philosophy, speaks Chinese and just got back to Andover after spending a year teaching English in Beijing. He simply longed for his summer job at Pomps Pond.

POMPS POND 2008

When: Opens Saturday, June 21, hours are noon to 7 p.m.
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comes back as he's a good, reliable worker, she said — and, of course, very smart.

"He's just a great kid," she said.

"It's nice to be working outside while on summer break from Merrimack College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Then it was Brock University in Canada, which is about 10 miles

north of Niagara Falls. That's where he earned his master's degree. Next up is the University of Hawaii, which is well known for its Asian philosophy doctorate program.

As the economy continues to get more and more global, D'Ambrosio is certain to be a hot commodity for any international employer. He smiles at this thought, then humbly

agrees, but has no plans of giving up his coveted summer job. This kid from Ayer Street in the Shawshen section of town plans to simply live life his way, at his pace, and that includes summering at Pomps Pond.

He said his parents, Patricia and John D'Ambrosio, who are not Asian and do not speak or write Chinese, support his Beijing-Pomps lifestyle and his globetrotting approach to an education. He's self-supporting and enjoyed a three-week vacation in Europe during school vacation, which he paid for. That trip was centered around an enjoyable Asian philosophy conference in France, he said.

Ken Mahony doggedly fought for the town

Bill Dalton



When Ken Mahony set his face a certain way, he looked like a bulldog. And, indeed, he had the tenacity of one. Mr. Mahony was Andover's town manager from 1982 to 1990. I was a selectman from 1982 to 1988, and my opinions about him are based largely on our working relationship during that time.

Mr. Mahony's obvious accomplishments were to resolve three chronic problems. He created the plans and was the catalyst that resulted in the beautiful town office facility, the upgraded Park, and the restored Old Town Hall (also called the "Town House"). There were other achievements, such as the expansion of the Memorial Hall Library, the creation of joint town/school personnel and maintenance departments, and the establishment of a senior center day care facility. But rather than giving you detail about his numerous accomplishments, I'll try to describe what

Ken Mahony was like to work with.

In the mid-1980s, the U.S. Postal Service told the town it was going to move from the beautiful building it occupied at 75 Main St. to its present location. That was bad news. The post office attracted people to the town's center, which was good for retail businesses and convenient for folks who could combine errands. Mahony called every politician he thought could help and asked the selectmen to do the same. He caajoled and wheedled, but to no apparent use. Nothing would change the collective mind of the postal authorities. But Ken wouldn't drop the matter; he was like a dog on a bone. In the end, he got a concession: the post office agreed to put a postal worker and mailing facility in the soon-to-be-refurbished Old Town Hall. He'd worn out the post office authorities.

Mr. Mahony was proud of the battle for affordable housing in Andover, a battle the town temporarily won when it became the only suburban community in the state to reach the state-assigned affordable housing goals. In the 1980s, there was a consensus that the town was pricing its younger generation and blue collar work-

ers out of the community. However, affordable housing is like windpower: Most people like the concept but will oppose windmills being too close. When developers proposed specific projects, which included affordable housing, neighbors were opposed.

At one meeting, an opponent was particularly careless with his words and hinted at government corruption. His stupidity brought me to my temper's edge, and I'm sure it showed because my face felt hot. I was chairman and started to speak, but was interrupted by Mahony, who made eye-contact with me. He'd been a municipal manager in a city where outrageous public comments were more common than in Andover, and he was at ease with the insulting remarks. Mahony spoke with a confident, moderate tone, ignoring the disgraceful innuendo but responding to the arguments item by item. My temper subsided during his masterly response, and I later thanked him.

Ken had a fine sense of political right and wrong. Early in his tenure, he indicated he was going to conduct a national search to fill a department head position. The trouble was that the assistant department head was a likeable,

competent, well-respected Townie. I spoke with my fellow selectman, Norma Gammon, who was the chairwoman, and we went to see Mr. Mahony. The town charter says it is the town manager's prerogative to choose department heads. However, selectmen are elected officials, and it is part of an elected official's job to make sure that his constituents get a fair shake.

Norma and I explained to Ken how important it was to us for the Townie to get the job and how unpopular it would be if he didn't. We were walking a fine line, and we said that we were advising him only. We were not speaking for the board and the decision was his. The town manager responded positively, saying he appreciated the advice. The Townie was appointed.

Mahony was ever pragmatic. Massachusetts has a "sunshine" law that requires local boards to discuss and vote on most issues in open public meetings. If selectmen were at the same social gathering, they'd avoid talking together. However, since it was important for selectmen to be briefed and knowledgeable prior to meetings, Mr. Mahony led us into a routine. The day before each meeting, he'd send us his

concise and reliable comments about the agenda. A half-hour before the meeting, he'd be in his office for those of us wanting updates or further information. The first to arrive would sit in his office and ask questions or make small talk. When the second arrived, he would join in. However, when the third selectman arrived, one of the other two would leave the room. This process stayed within the law and satisfied the need of the board to be informed.

Ken left Andover two years after I retired from the board. His next job in government was in Portsmouth, where he was city manager for a short time in the 1990s. That small city (pop. 20,000) was a bad fit for him. Although you might think a city manager is like a town manager, it is more difficult for a city manager because he has to deal with a city council and a mayor.

I visited him several times, and he seemed smothered by the form of government and was frustrated by an unproved accusation that he'd insulted a city worker. He was a dynamic man who needed to be involved in exciting things. He left and was

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■ ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago: June 1933

The Board of Health has been concerned lately with the sewage situation on Upland road and has recommended to the Selectmen that a new sewer be constructed on that road. When questioned this morning, Franklin H. Stacey, chairman of the Board of Health, refused to divulge any information, saying that the matter was in hands of the Board of Selectmen. Dr. Daly, however, stated that the Board of Selectmen do not assume the responsibility belonging to the Board of Health.

There are three houses in one group on Upland road; one is connected with a sewer on Summer street, another with an antiseptic tank; and another merely discharges on the surface. The Board of Health, it is understood, wishes a sewer constructed on the road, and the Board of Selectmen have suggested to them that they petition for a special town meeting if they want to put this project through. No petition has been presented as yet.

50 Years Ago: June 1958

Residents of Riverina Road and Kenilworth Street have asked the Selectmen to put one-way traffic back in affect, heading south toward Haverhill Street from Union.

In a petition presented to the Selectmen this week, several residents asked that step be taken to have the necessary state hearing. The Selectmen announced last week that one-way traffic would be discontinued after a 30-day trial period. During that time, traffic was routed northerly, from Haverhill Street to Union.

The petition also asked that two-hour parking be initiated in the town-created parking lot at the end of Riverina Road, which the petitioners said was built for customers of the Shawshen Market and employees of the Insurance Company. They also asked that two-hour parking be enforced along their streets.

The State Department of Public Works must approve any permanent regulations on traffic flow, following a public hearing. The Selectmen must initiate the request for a decision in this case, according to Secretary Stafford A. Lindsay.

25 Years Ago: June 1983

Bayfield Co. Inc., a real estate development and management firm based in Andover has begun work on a face-lift of commercial buildings on Post Office Avenue in the town's commercial district. The changes are intended to make shopping a more pleasant experience for customers of restaurants and gift shops located on the small, shopper-oriented way.

The renovations to numbers 10-16 Post Office Ave. included facade upgrading and restoration, a coordinated color scheme and design and new signage.

Bayfield property manager Lynne Wentworth thinks the changes will benefit local merchants by increasing pedestrian traffic on the street. "The facade improvements and coordinated design will recreate the original turn-of-the century appearance that is characteristic of most of Andover's downtown," said Wentworth.

Ten Years Ago: June 1998

One of two Andover teenagers accused of setting a string of fires in town last year was indicted by a grand jury last Wednesday and will be indicted as a youthful offender.

"If you're charged as a youthful offender the potential penalties are greater," says Steve O'Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Kevin Burke.

The other young alleged arsonist will be tried in juvenile court and has a pretrial conference June 22.

Andover Detective Don Pattullo say the first 15-year-old was brought before a grand jury because "He was more dangerous than the other kid."

The two then-15-year-old boys were arrested in December 1997 for allegedly setting fire to downtown buildings, cars and dumpsters.

— Compiled by Sarah Hollowell

Locks of Love donation



Courtesy photo

When the Zdunczyk sisters of Andover, Kate, left, 5, and Anna, 7, went to Dellaria Salon in Andover for a Locks of Love haircut, their aunt, Joanne Schmidt, center, of White Plains, N.Y., took part in the fundraising event. Schmidt is the sister of the girls' mom, Christine Zdunczyk. While Kate gave her support, Anna and Schmidt got 1 look-alike bobs and donated their cut hair to the popular Locks of Love group, which will use the hair for wigs for cancer patients.

BOOMERVENTURE PROGRAMMING

The registration for BoomerVenture summer programs starts Thursday, June 19. The BoomerVenture Campus celebrates summer with weekly indoor and outdoor activities on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Serenity Yoga: Wednesdays, July 9 to Aug. 20, 7:15 to 8:20 p.m. The cost is \$45 for seven weeks. Suitable for all levels. Just bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Gentle, restorative yoga, emphasizing stretching and flexibility.

Energize with Exercise: Wednesdays, July 9 to Aug. 20, 6 to 7:10 p.m. The cost is \$45 for seven weeks. No prior exercise experience necessary.

Nordic Walking: Tuesdays, July 8 to Aug. 19, 6 to 7 p.m., \$45 per session. No prior exercise experience required. Rain or shine, meet outside building. Space limited. Second class planned; call for information.

Boomer Book Club: Meets monthly; call for book and times. All classes held at 30 Whittier Court, Andover, in the school administration building's ground

floor, also home to the senior center. Registration begins June 19 at 5:30 p.m. Call 978-623-8321 or www.boomerventure.com for information.

Other BoomerVenture activities include:

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

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

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

SENIOR NOTES

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.

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.

Book Club: Thursday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. Come join us as we discuss "The Mayflower - A Story of Courage" by Nat Philbrick. Books are available for check-out at the center approximately two weeks prior to each discussion.

Outdoor Adventures Lawrence Community Boating Program: Tuesday, June 24, 1:30 p.m. Presenter will be John Griffin, director of the Lawrence Community Boating Program. The boating program is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Aug. 29, and a senior summer membership is just \$50 for unlimited use of the facilities. If there is enough interest, we will also be able to offer group sailing lessons as well. Bring your friends and come join us to discuss summer program options.

Garden tour: Thursday, June 26, 1:30 p.m., the group will visit to a local, colorful perennial garden. There is no charge, but preregistration is necessary. Directions will be available.

Holiday cookout: Tuesday, July 1, 1 p.m. Advance tickets only, for \$4. Celebrate the Fourth of July with an old-fashioned cookout. The menu will feature hot dogs and burgers, cole slaw, corn on the cob, potato salad, chips, drinks and ice cream. Bring a friend and join us.

MVRTA presentation: Tuesday, July 1, 2 p.m. following the cookout. Representatives from the MVRTA will be on hand to answer any questions that you might have on their EZ Trans and Ring and Ride services for seniors and disabled residents of Andover. Applications and brochures will be available and following the presentation there will be a tour of the MVRTA van for anyone who is interested.

Sensible Summer Eating: Monday, July 7, preregistration necessary, 1:30 p.m., no cost. The center kicks off its three-part series with the topic, "Healthy and Simple Summer Menus." Come learn how to make your burgers healthier and easy, healthy ways to prepare some of your favorite summer vegetables and fruits. Presenter is Elizabeth Kutyla, MPH, LDN, clinical nutrition coordinator at UMass Lowell.

Essex River Queen trip: Friday, July 18, \$38. Come join us for a 90-minute narrated cruise through intriguing and scenic salt marshes. We'll enjoy unique scenery, abundant wildlife, engaging history and lore of the area while aboard a comfortable, canopy-covered pontoon boat. Following the cruise you'll have ample free time to select your own restaurant for lunch - your cost - and enjoy browsing through the many interesting shops in Essex.

Fabulous Frames Workshop: This three-part class will take place on Thursdays, July 10, 17 and 24 at 1:30 p.m. and will be suitable for artists, photographers, quilters, crafters or anyone who

would like to learn more about the art of framing. Various techniques including color theory, matting and frame selection will be explored. Demonstrations will be given in mat cutting, mounting, conservation framing, wood and metal assembly and fitting. Larry Glickman, professional framer, will be the instructor.

Longfellow's Wayside Inn: Dinner and concert trip, Tuesday, July 22, \$48. Spaces are going quickly. The inn's dinner will include your choice of entree served with appetizer, potato, vegetable, rolls and dessert. Following dinner, enjoy a foot-stomping concert with the Squirrel Hill Old Tyme Band. Cost includes transportation, dinner and concert ticket.

Grill nights: Outdoor grill nights will be held on Wednesday evenings on the outdoor patio from 5 to 7 beginning July 9. Burgers, hot dogs and chicken will always be available along with weekly specials like shrimp, steak tips, etc. Dinner costs range from \$4 to \$8 and include side dishes, dessert and beverages. Advance reservations and payment are necessary. Menus are available at the center.

Summer semester: The summer semester of exercise classes will run through Aug. 22. A complete list of classes and cost is available at the center.

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

DALTON: Mahoney left legacies for town

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soon working as a senior municipal management specialist in the Center for International Development. He spent several years in Slovakia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan, places that needed creative problem-solving.

As exciting as those places were, Andover in the early and mid-1980s was the perfect place and time for Ken Mahony. He took advantage of a good economy and favorable political environment to solve the town's chronic ills, leaving it with legacies we enjoy 20 years later. The next time you drive by the municipal offices, or visit the beautiful Old Town Hall, or walk in the Park, or enjoy the library, you might think of Mr. Mahony for a moment.

For the last few years of his life he fought lymphoma and arthritis, which forced him into a wheelchair. For this active and creative man, it was the ultimate frustration. He died on May 22. His widow, Gratia, informed me of his death by saying, "Now at last, he has found the peace that he longed for." There will be a memorial service for Mr. Mahony at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, in the Old Town Hall.

For my notes on this column please see the online edition at www.andovertownsman.com. If you wish to send me comments or stories about Andover, please e-mail me at billdalton@andover-townie.com.

Bill Dalton is a former moderator and selectman in Andover. He also served as a commissioner of the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission for five years and was chair for two years. He is a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government.

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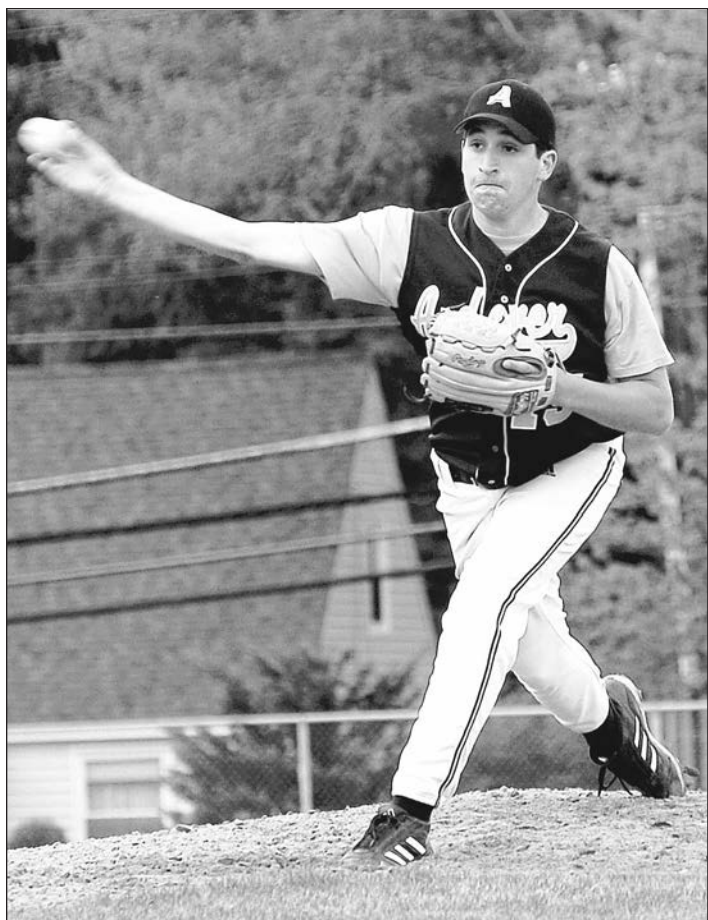
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ON THE FAST TRACK



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Andover Post 8 pitcher Tim Hoffman has opened the season with three shutout innings of relief with five strikeouts.

Carlson, Hoffman dazzle Lawrence

LEGION BASEBALL

Shawn Carlson and Tim Hoffman combined on a three-hitter as Andover Legion Post 8 crushed Lawrence 10-1 on Monday. Carlson went the first five innings, allowing three hits and striking out five for the win. Hoffman followed with two perfect innings. Mike Yastrzemeski led Post 8, going 4 for 5 with two RBIs and two runs. Dan Haugh drove in two runs and scored three times while Mike Taylor drove in a team-high three runs and Zach Burdeau had two RBIs. Catcher Dan Gusovsky also chipped in with two hits and two runs for the winners (2-0-1).

Andover 7, Danvers 0

Marc Crowley blasted a two-run homer in the sixth inning to help Andover Post 8 to its first win of the summer, a 7-0 victory over Danvers on Saturday.

Mike Yastrzemeski notched a double and two RBIs while John Hennessy was 3 for 4 with an RBI and two runs scored. Kevin Calabro also drove in a run and Dan Gusovsky had a hit and scored once. John Farrell started for Post 8, striking out eight and walking just two over six four-hit innings. Tim Hoffman added a perfect seventh.

Andover 4, Peabody 4

P.J. Farnham drove in two runs with triple in the sixth, but Andover Post 8 struggled with errors in the third and played Peabody to a season-opening 4-4 tie in the game that was called due to darkness last Wednesday.

Mike Taylor collected two hits and one RBI while Dan Haugh had a hit and drove in a run and Mike Yastrzemeski scored once. Kevin Calabro pitched five innings, allowing five hits and no earned runs. Tim Hoffman struck out all three batters he faced and Dave Arrigg and Shawn Carlson combined on a shutout sixth for Post 8.

Baseball

Andover 10, Lawrence 1

Andover (10): Farnham rf 3-3-1, Yastrzemeski cf 5-2-4, Haugh ss 3-3-2, Taylor 2b 2-0-1, Farrell ph 0-0-0, Hennessy dh 2-0-0, Ponti ph/2b 1-0-0, Burdeau 3b 4-0-1, Calabro lf 3-0-1, Arrigg lf 1-0-0, Crowley 1b 1-0-0, Clark 1b 1-0-0, Gusovsky c 4-2-2, Carlson p 0-0-0, Hoffman p 0-0-0. Totals 30-10-12.

Lawrence (1): Valenti cf 4-0-0, Taylor ss 3-0-0, Donough lf 2-1-0, Guyer c 3-0-0, Adamopoulos dh 3-0-1, Sartori 1b 3-0-0, Torres 3b 3-0-1, Fernandez rf 1-0-0, Bousa ph 1-0-0, Sarmento 2b 3-0-1, Woelfendale p 0-0-0, Beicentoni p 0-0-0, Penna p 0-0-0. Totals 26-1-3

Andover (2-0-1): 332 001 1-10
Lawrence (0-1): 000 100 0-1
RBI: Taylor 3, Burdeau 2, Yastrzemeski 2, Haugh 2
WP: Carlson (1-0); LP: Woelfendale; S: Hoffman

Andover 7, Danvers 0

Andover (7): Farnham rf 4-1-1, Yastrzemeski cf 3-0-1, Haugh ss 4-0-3, Taylor 2b 3-0-0, Burdeau 3b 3-1-1, Clark 3b 1-0-0, Hennessy dh 4-2-3, Ponti ph 0-0-0, Calabro lf 3-1-1, Arrigg lf 1-0-0, Crowley 1b 4-1-1, Gusovsky c 2-1-1, Farrell p 0-0-0, Hoffman p 0-0-0. Totals 32-7-12

Danvers (0): Casagnande 2b 3-0-2, Marene cf 3-0-1, Oxford 1b/p 2-0-0, Blancheffe lf 2-0-1, Saggesi dh 3-0-0, Patikas c 3-0-0, Larson 3b 2-0-0, Yost rf 1-0-0, Bryant rf 1-0-0, Gikas ss 2-0-0, Ladd p 0-0-0. Totals 22-0-5

Andover (1-0-1): 021 013 0-7
Danvers (1-1): 000 000 0-0
RBI: A — Yastrzemeski 2, Crowley 2, Hennessy, Calabro
WP: Farrell (1-0); LP: Ladd

Andover 4, Peabody 4

Peabody (4): Girolamo dh 4-1-2, Banos 2b 4-0-2, Mello 3b 4-1-1, Johnson ss 3-1-1, Ciulla c 2-0-1, Sucharewicz c 0-0-0, Shields cf/p 4-0-0, Yeo rf 2-0-0, Hopping lf 3-0-0, Linehan 1b 3-0-0, Skopp p 0-0-0, Luthrello p 0-0-0. Totals 26-1-12

Andover (4): Farnham rf 4-0-2, Yastrzemeski cf 3-1-1, Haugh ss 4-0-1, Taylor lf 4-0-2, Burdeau 3b 4-0-1, Hennessy 2b 1-1-0, Calabro p 1-0-0, Crowley ph 1-0-0, Clark 1b 3-0-0, Hawkins c 2-1-1, Gusovsky c 1-1-0. Totals 26-1-12

Peabody (0-0-1): 004 000 0-4
Andover (0-0-1): 001 012 0-4
RBI: Farnham 2, Haugh, Taylor



ANDREW BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

Colleen Shannon's blazing 57.5 anchor leg helped Andover's 4x400 team take third at the New England track meet over the weekend.

Andover delivers stellar day at New Englands

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Even though they placed second at All-States a week ago, the Andover 4x400 team knew they could do better. On Saturday, they proved it.

The foursome of Melissa Knapp, Kayley Pettoruto, Laura Cody and Colleen Shannon ran a blistering 3:57.12, good for third overall, first among Massachusetts teams, and headlining a stellar day for the Golden Warriors at the New England track meet in Saco, Maine, on Saturday.

"All season long we've been telling the kids that it's not about how you start, it's how you finish," Andover coach Peter Comeau said. "We hit a few bumps in the road this season, but yesterday we had a great day."

Finally returning to full strength after missing six weeks with

a stress fracture of her right foot, Shannon led the 4x400 team with a stellar 57.5 anchor leg. The 3:57.12 was a season-best, and easily ahead of All-State winner Mansfield (fifth, 3:59.19).

"They hit their stride at the end of the season," Andover coach Peter Comeau said. "We didn't make any changes from a week ago. The conditions were good and we ran very well."

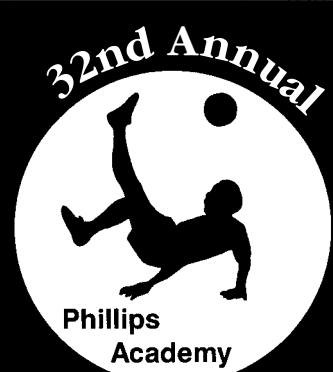
A week after being edged by Westboro's Ryan Ruffing at All-States, Andover's Chris McConnell returned the favor by running a 11.15 in the 100, good for first among Mass. runners and fourth overall. Ruffing finishing in sixth (11.19).

"Chris had a bad start in the finals," Comeau said. "So for once he was chasing somebody. But he came back and ran a great race."

Seeded 15th going into the day, senior Christina Muccio hon-

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Baseball takes Malaguti to Hawaii

By HECTOR LONGO
STAFF WRITER

Paul Malaguti will take Waikiki Beach over Cape Cod any day.

Andover's Malaguti, who just finished a superb sophomore season at Wheaton College in Norton, stepped onto a plane this week for six weeks of sun, sand and summer ball as a member of the Kamuela Paniolos of the Hawaii Collegiate Baseball League.

The HCBL is one of the rising summer wooden-bat leagues, with all six teams playing on the island of Oahu.

"The league is fairly new," Malaguti said. "I'm told the competition is pretty good, with a lot of guys from Division 1 programs."

The offer came to Malaguti back in the fall, before he went out and led Wheaton, one of the top Division 3 programs in New England, with a .374 average while earning second-team all-conference honors.

At the time, there weren't a bundle of options. "I probably would have just played for Andover in the North Shore League, so when my coach told us about the opportunity, I jumped at it," said the former three-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star.

All the Hawaiian league cost Malaguti was a plane ticket and \$200, which covers an apartment for the six weeks in the sun, plus one meal a day.

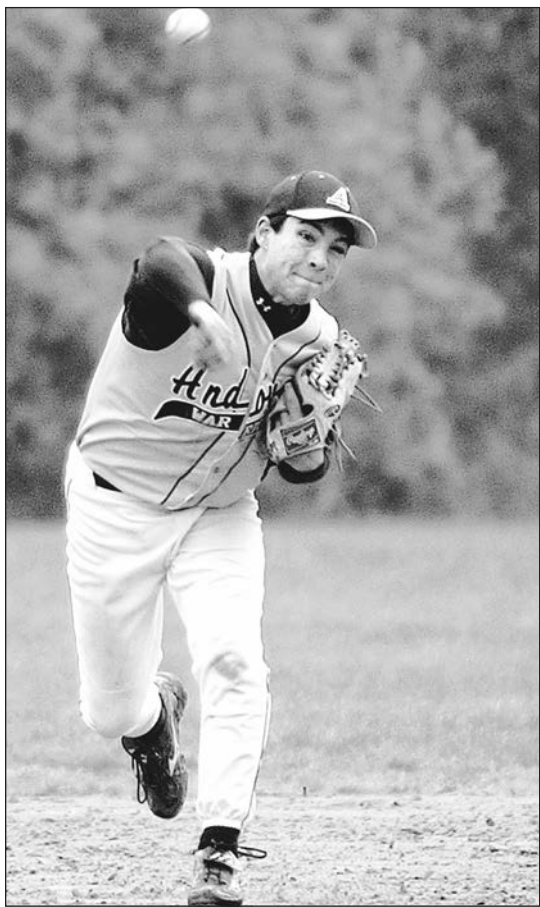
And Malaguti heads to the islands with more than just a penchant for surfing. He's got work to do.

"I played the outfield at Wheaton this spring, and there's a good chance I'll go back to the infield," said Malaguti, who'll face Andover native and Holy Cross College senior utility man Tim Hughes out in the Pacific.

"I'll be working strictly at second base this summer," he said, "and there's the wooden bats."

While many a college or high school hitter quivers at the thought of swinging the lumber, Malaguti should relish the opportunity.

Back in 2003, his freshman season at Andover, the Merrimack Valley Conference — and much of the state — converted to wooden bats for a season. All



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

After playing outfield in college, Andover's Paul Malaguti will move back to second base in the Hawaii Collegiate Baseball League this summer.

Malaguti did was hit an area-best .432 as a frosh.

Unlike the Cape League, players in the HCBL do not get jobs.

"They say it takes away from the experience," said Malaguti, who did look into summer employment before figuring the beach is only blocks away. "I wouldn't want to waste the opportunity."

FAST: Nationals in North Carolina

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ored her late father a day before Father's Day with a 12.78 in the 100, good for fourth overall and second among Mass. runners.

"We finally had the old Christina back (Saturday)," said Comeau of the quad-captain that finished sixth at All-States. "It had been a tough few weeks for her. But she just looked relaxed and comfortable and she was psyched she finished on top."

Muccio then teamed with Vanessa Singleton, Knapp and Pettoruto to take fourth in the 4x100 in 49.05. That was the sec-

ond best by a Mass. team.

"It was sad because this was my last high school track meet," said the two-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star. "But I was thrilled with my last meet. I felt really good and I am so happy with how we did."

On to nationals

The Golden Warriors will be well represented at this weekend's Track and Field Nationals in North Carolina.

For individual events, McConnell will run the 100 and 200 while Shannon will run the 800 and Knapp will compete in the

200. The girls 4x400 team will also run, and Comeau expressed excitement in the sprint medley relay team of Shannon (800), Knapp (200), Singleton (200) and Pettoruto (400).

Girls New England Championships Track

Andover placers (top 8 score): 100 meters: 4. Christina Muccio 12.78; 4x100 relay: 4. Andover (Vanessa Singleton, Melissa Knapp, Kayley Pettoruto, Christina Muccio) 49.05; 4x400 relay: 3. Andover (Knapp, Pettoruto, Laura Cody, Colleen Shannon) 3:57.12;

Boys New England Championships Track

Andover placer (top 8 score): 100 meters: 4. Chris McConnell 11.15

Benjamin Franklin was electric!

We remember Benjamin Franklin as a founder of our country. However, he had many other talents.

He was born Jan. 17, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts. The American colonies were ruled by Britain then. With Franklin's help, America gained its independence. He died as an American citizen on April 17, 1790.

During his 84 years, Franklin became an author, printer, politician, inventor, scientist, statesman, civic activist and diplomat.

He was the most famous American of his time.

He formed the first fire department in Pennsylvania and the first public lending library in America. He invented the wood furnace stove (called a Franklin stove), a carriage odometer, bifocals, and the lightning rod, still used today.

Today, the Kid is charged up about Franklin's work with electricity.

In 1747, Ben heard about electricity experiments in England and Europe. This sparked his interest.

Static electricity was the only form of electricity known then. Inventors used a glass jar coated with foil (called a Leyden jar) to collect static electricity.

Ben conducted a number of electrical experiments. The story of his kite experiment is the most famous.

Ben wanted to compare lightning and static electricity. He believed the different types of energy were really the same.

He suggested collecting lightning from storm clouds to compare it to static electricity.

As the story is told, a fast-moving thunderstorm gave him a chance to try his experiment. With the help of his son, Ben made a special kite. He used a large silk handkerchief and two cross sticks. He raised the kite and waited for the storm.

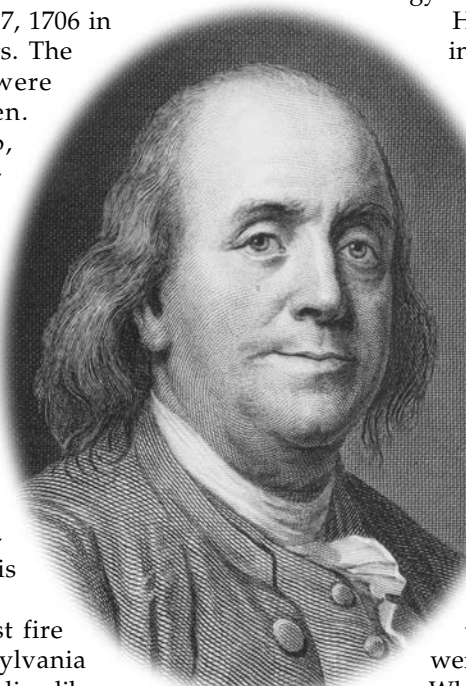
One promising cloud moved over the area without any effect. As he was ready to call it quits, he noticed some loose threads of the string to the kite were standing erect.

When the rain wet the string, the reaction was stronger. The kite collected the lightning charge and carried it down the wet string. A key on the string directed the lightning fire into the Leyden jar.

(Some historians question the specifics of the story. They know Ben knew the dangers of lightning. They think he must have done something to protect himself.)

According to reports, Franklin proved that lightning is electricity in June 1752. Later, he learned that French electricians had successfully completed his experiment (using a long rod instead of a kite) a month earlier.

Next week, the Kid learns how to make a kite to celebrate Ben's story.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

ESSEX DIVISION

Docket No. 08P1401EP1

In the Matter of CAROLINE R. SLOMBO

AKA CAROLINE SLOMBO

Late of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX

Date of Death December 8, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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OFFICE OF THE BALLARDVALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Mary Bogan and Doug Bell for new construction of a two-car garage with shed dormer.

Premise affected is located 139 Andover Street, and shown on Assessors Map 137 as Lot 26. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

James Sheldon Chairperson BallardVale Historic District

Date of Issue: June 13, 2008

AT - 6/19/08

LEGAL NOTICE

BY VIRTUE AND IN EXECUTION OF THE POWER OF SALE CONTAINED IN A CERTAIN MORTGAGE GIVEN BY LUCI V. ALBERT TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., DATED MAY 29, 2007 AND RECORDED WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY (NORTHERN DISTRICT) REGISTRY OF DEEDS AT BOOK 10775, PAGE 158, OF WHICH MORTGAGE AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC IS THE PRESENT HOLDER, FOR BREACH OF THE CONDITIONS OF SAID MORTGAGE AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORECLOSURE, THE SAME WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT 2:00 P.M. ON JULY 7, 2008, ON THE MORTGAGED PREMISES LOCATED AT 2 CASTLE HEIGHTS ROAD, ANDOVER, ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, ALL AND SINGULAR THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN SAID MORTGAGE.

TO WIT: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2 CASTLE HEIGHTS ROAD, ANDOVER, MA 01810

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EASTERLY by North Main Street, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet;

NORTHERLY by Castle Heights Road, as shown on said plan, one hundred fifteen and 83/100 (115.83) feet;

WESTERLY by Lot numbered four (4), as shown on said plan, eighty-six and 86/100 (86.86) feet; and

SOUTHERLY by Lot numbered two (2), as shown on said plan, one hundred fifteen (115) feet.

Said premises are conveyed subject to restrictions and easements of record insofar as the same are still in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10775, Page 158.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
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Water bills on the rise

Selectmen voted unanimously, 3-0, to increase the town's water rate by 13 cents on June 16.

Since 1994, residents have been paying \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet of water. The new rate is \$2.65 per 100 cubic feet, which will increase the average water user's bill by \$16, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said.

Only selectmen Mary Lyman, Alex Vispoli and Ted Teichert were present at the meeting.

— Brian Messenger

Great big convoy

One June 15 the Andover Police Department joined the first "Cruiser Convoy" in support of Special Olympics Massachusetts.

In all more than 100 law enforcement vehicles converged from points north, south and west at the Special Olympics Massachusetts' Summer Games, located at Harvard University Athletic Fields, to join the 2,000 Special Olympics ath-

letes that were finishing a week-end of sporting competition.

Become a better paddler

Join the Shawsheen River Watershed Association and Andover Department of Community Services on June 22 for the sixth-annual canoe safety and paddling demonstration at Poms Pond in Andover.

Held from 1 to 4 p.m., the event is free and open to the public. Well-behaved children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Master Instructor Ken Doran and his SRWA associates will cover transporting the canoe safely, entering and exiting a canoe, required and suggested gear, and the responsibilities of the person in the bow and stern.

Bring your own boat or borrow

one of ours. If you own a canoe, it's highly recommended that you bring it as it's preferable to practice in the canoe you will normally use.

Go Celtics!

Four young Andover residents got the chance to see the Boston Celtics win in NBA Playoff Game 7 against the Atlanta Hawks on May 4.

Jenna Nikolopoulos, Priscilla Grillakis, John Bigelow and Christopher Goodwin, members of Andover's Greek Orthodox Youth Association, were given tickets to game located in the Garden's Dunkin' Donuts "Kid Zone."

YMCA summer hours

As of June 22, summer hours

Town Talk

the veterans' office at 978-623-8218. Tickets are also available at the Andover Senior Center.

Air Guard Band to play

On Monday, June 30, the director of town Veterans' Services is hosting a patriotic concert at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, at 7 p.m. This is a free concert, but tickets are required. Stop by the veterans' office or mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to it before June 19. Residents are asked to indicate how many tickets they need. There is a limit of six tickets per request. For more information, call

Unforgettable Dad's Day

Thanks, Dad, is all Andrew Torrisi can say. He and his dad, Andover Budget Director Tony Torrisi, split the \$100 raffle ticket for the Andover Historical Society's recent car raffle.

"They won the 1981 Mercedes convertible on Father's Day. "It was an unforgettable day for father and son.

Best of all, Tony gave full ownership of the car to Andrew," mom Linda Torrisi said.

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