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Keys to the town for Michael Chiklis

Andover's own TV bad boy to be honored tomorrow

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Fans of "The Shield" know him as the bald-headed, loose-cannon detective Vic Mackey. But having lived for a time with Michael

Chiklis in New York City after the two graduated college, Selectman Jerry Stabile remembers Chiklis with a very different look.

Stabile came home one day to find the Andover native and future-award-winning actor sporting bleached hair and a crew-cut. An aspiring actor, Chiklis' new look was for an audition.

Such was life living in an apartment of ten full of unemployed actors and actress-

es, Stabile said.

"You never knew what you were going to see," said Stabile, who was working on Wall Street. "There was never a dull moment."

On June 27 Chiklis will be the featured attraction in Andover, the town in which he grew up.

At "Michael Chiklis Day," which will be

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Michael Chiklis

Law school dean to plan war crimes trial for Bush

Dean talks of hanging president if convicted

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The dean of an Andover law school hopes to prosecute President George Bush and top members of his administration for war crimes, even going as far as stating that, if found guilty, the officials should be hanged.

If Lawrence Velvel has his way, a movement to try Washington's top officials will begin on Federal Street in Andover, from the campus of the Massachusetts School of Law, of which Velvel is both dean and cofounder.

Velvel has already made international headlines with his intentions to hold a two-day conference at the law school this September to begin planning the case against President George W. Bush and others within his administration.

"For George Bush, Richard Cheney, Don Rumsfeld and Henry Kissinger to swing, or even for them to spend years in jail, would be a powerful lesson to future American leaders," Velvel writes in the statement outlining his conference, which is titled "Planning for the Prosecution of High Level American War Criminals." The conference is scheduled for Sept. 13 and 14.

Velvel went on to write that both Germany or Japan experienced significant changes in foreign policy after 1946, when World War II leaders from both countries were tried in Nuremberg and Tokyo and eventually hanged for war crimes.

"We must try to have them held accountable in courts of law," writes Velvel, referring to U.S. leaders. "And we must insist on appropriate punishments, including, if guilt is found, the hangings visited upon top Germans and Japanese."

Neither Velvel or any Massachusetts School of Law employee would comment directly on the conference, though Sherwood Ross, a Miami-based media consultant working for the law

"And we must insist on appropriate punishments, including, if guilt is found, the hangings visited upon top Germans and Japanese."

Mass. School of Law Dean Lawrence Velvel

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Jay Leno returns



Jay Leno meets with Andover residents after his show. From left, Joan Pelletier, Martha Allen Walsh (his fourth-grade teacher), Leno, Bernice Hargerty and Nancy Hargerty Varnum, who was Leno's classmate.

Hometown funny man keeps 'em laughing

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Hometown hero Jay Leno was just down the road performing in Lowell last Saturday — and Andover didn't seem far from his thoughts either.

Told minutes before the show that a sold-out busload of Andover seniors has left town promptly at 6:45 p.m. for his 8 p.m. performance — it's a 15 minutes trip — the *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno quipped "Are they here yet?"

He turned to good friend Lewis Trumbore of Andover who was sitting nearby,

and asked for his cell phone. Leno stepped out into the hallway of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, presumably made a call, returned and flipped the phone back to Trumbore.

Then, it was show time. Looking fit and happy, he walked through the audience to the stage and told jokes for 90 minutes as the sold-out crowd of about 1,000 roared. He moved flawlessly from one subject to another, poking fun at politics, Michael Jackson, gas prices, airplane pilots, *Cosmopolitan* magazine, the

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HOMETOWN FANS

Friends of Andover Senior Center organized a trip to see Jay Leno's show in Lowell. Many in the group shared fond memories of Leno's formative years in Andover:

"...Everyone asks me if he was funny. He was just a darling boy and like all the boys, wanted to please his parents. He really loved them."

- Jane Trumbore, Leno's leader when he was a Scout.

"My husband tapes his show every night; it's on too late for me. Every morning I watch the show, so I start my day with a lot of laughs, not news. Jay is very funny."

- Fan Vicky Coderre who was happy to organize the trip.

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First Andover water rate hike since 1994

Is charging wasteful users more on horizon?

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The cost of turning on your tap is going up — and those Andover residents who use the most water may someday pay more per gallon than those who conserve.

The emphasis on a higher rate for people who use large amounts of water in their home, yards and

pools would be water conservation, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

"There's high interest in a tiered structure and we're going to look at it," said Stapeczynski. "I'm all for it."

But while it may be years before Andover enacts a tiered

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Jerome Welch, one of six operators at the Andover Water Treatment Plant, stands near one of the new filters that was part of a recent multi-million-dollar upgrade to the plant. The upgrade is being named as a reason for a rate increase.

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Chiklis as the 'Thing'

KEYS: Actor has shown many faces

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marked with a 1 p.m. ceremony on the steps of Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., the 44-year-old Andover High School graduate and Emmy Award winner will be honored for his career accomplishments.

Town officials plan to read a proclamation and give Chiklis a symbolic key to the town at the public event.

"I think that it's great when hometown folks like Mike go off and are successful and become celebrities," said Stabile. "It definitely reflects on the town. The impact that Andover had on him as a youth — he went through our school system, he participated in our sports and drama programs — I think that all had an effect on his course and now his celebrity."

Chiklis won an Emmy Award in 2002 for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series for his role as Mackey in cable network FX's "The Shield," which will enter its seventh and final season this fall. He also received a Golden Globe Award in 2003 for Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series Drama for his work on the popular television series.

Chiklis also starred in "The Commish," a television police drama that lasted 88 episodes between 1991 and 1995.

More recently, Chiklis played The Thing in two Fantastic Four movies released in 2005 and 2007.

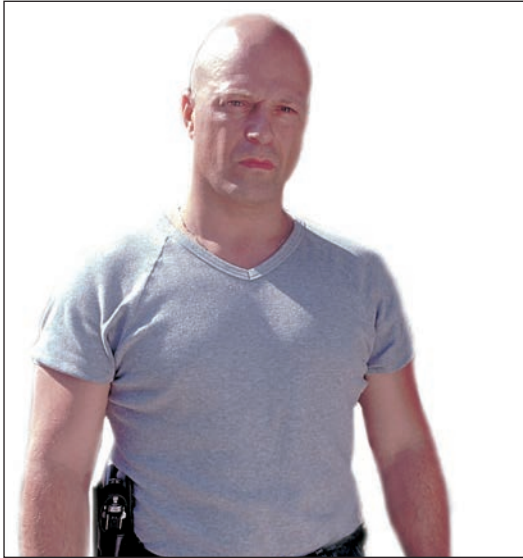
Selectman Ted Teichert, who along with Stabile helped organized the June 27 event, noted that Chiklis received his "big break" portraying deceased actor John Belushi in the 1989 film "Wired."

Teichert said Chiklis participated in both drama and athletics as a student at Andover High.

"For someone to do both, it's hard to do," Teichert said. "Drama's not a team sport, but it involves other people. You've got to be there, like a team. I don't know how he did it."

School Committee member Dick Collins remembers Chiklis as a tough two-way football player and former team captain.

"He never missed a minute of football practice



Chiklis as Vic Mackey

and he never missed a minute of play practice," said Collins, who admitted such a feat was made easier since the high school play director was also Collins' wide receiver coach.

"He was every bit as tough a football player as he is a detective on "The Shield," Collins said. "He fits that role perfectly."

Stabile said he knew Chiklis growing up through his younger brother, Andover firefighter Stephen Stabile.

The two remain close to this day, attending together events such as the Patriots Super Bowl win over the Eagles in 2005.

Stabile said Chiklis' career keeps him extremely busy, but a vacation in the area presented the town with a chance to honor him.

"When they do have that opportunity to come in to town, you have to take that opportunity and follow through," Stabile said. "He's one of those guys who doesn't forget where he came from."

RATE: Waste water, pay more?

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scale, the town's across-the-board increase will hit next week.

Recently-completed improvements to the water treatment plant and years of steadily rising labor, chemical and electricity costs have led to Andover's first water rate increase in 14 years, according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

With municipal water fund reserves below \$2 million for the first time since 1999, town officials voted to increase the water rate effective July 1, rather than continue to pay for annual treatment plant operations through the town's so-called free cash reserves.

"What other utility can you think of that hasn't had a rate increase in 14 years?" asked Petkus. "We've absorbed (rising costs) over the years. We've taken it from the reserves."

Despite the increase, which selectmen approved unanimously last week, Petkus said Andover remains within the bottom third of municipalities in the state for its water rates.

The increase, the first since 1994, amounts to a 5-percent hike. Officials originally anticipated an 8-percent increase.

On average residents will pay \$16 more annually on their water bills. The old rate of \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet of water was increased 13 cents to \$2.65 per 100 cubic feet. The change is expected to create \$350,000 in new revenue.

Petkus said the average Andover resident uses 15,000 cubic feet of water each year.

Water treatment and distribution is funded through users and is outside of the town's annual operating budget.

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

"The impetus was the water treatment plant," said Stapczynski of the investments. "We're just finishing up a \$9.5 million project."

Andover's water treatment plant currently produces between 10 to 12 million gallons of water each day.

That total rises as the summer progresses and dips significantly during the winter.

While the current rate increase was approved as a way to prevent more spending from an already low water stabilization fund, Selectman Mary Lyman said the town also is considering moving to a tiered rating system.

"It's really understanding that we look at a tiered rating system sooner rather than later," said Lyman.

Under a tiered system, residents could be rewarded for reduced water consumption by paying a lower rate than the average Andover user, according to Petkus. Conversely, higher rates could be charged for increased water consumption.

"There is some validity looking into a tiered system," said Selectman Chairman Ted Teichert. "There's some more logistics that need to be ironed out before doing it that way."

Petkus said that average water users in town would not likely experience a rate change under a tiered system.

"You have to pick those thresholds," said Petkus. "We don't want to disguise this as a rate increase. But for the people who do use or waste the water, we want them to pay."

A split water rate could also be instituted between residential and both commercial and industrial users, Petkus said.

Such a system is used each year when deter-

TOWN: SELLING WATER HAS PAID OFF

Andover was able to keep its water rate flat since 1994 in part because of its relationship with North Reading, according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus. Roughly 5,000 North Reading homes use water pumped from Andover's water treatment plant. Through an agreement, 1.6 million gallons of Andover water is used by North Reading each day.

The water is produced at a marginal cost to Andover at the treatment plant, meaning only the additional chemical and electricity costs are incurred, Petkus said.

The agreement produces more than \$1 million annually in revenue for the town, the majority of which is profit, Petkus said.

"That's the primary reason why Andover's had a low rate for so long," said Petkus.

mining the town's property tax rate.

A split rate could be instituted as a way to protect large Andover businesses from escalating water bills, Petkus said.

"They use a lot of water," said Petkus. "Do we want to send them out of town? We may have to look at a split rate."

"There's many ways to do it," said Petkus. "We're looking into it right now just on a preliminary basis. ... There are some major issues we have to look at."

Officials agree that a tiered system will not be implemented until the town converts to electronic water meters and changes its billing software. Both projects are in the planning stages, Stapczynski said.

"We don't want to change structure while we're changing the software," said Stapczynski. "We're looking to phase this in and get the meters changed, get the software changed and then change the rate structure."

Treatment plant tour

After Townsman deadline on Wednesday, June 25, officials — including Stapczynski, Petkus, selectmen and Water Superintendent John Pollano — planned to host an open house at the Lowell Street water treatment plant to show residents the facility's recent upgrades.

"The plant is in excellent condition," said Pollano. "I can't think of anything that will have to be done here for quite a while, other than maintenance activities."

Included in the treatment plant upgrade was the construction of two new filters.

The plant's six old filters, which are 21 feet by 25 feet, were retrofitted with new under-drain systems.

"They were in need of replacement," said Pollano, noting that the old under drains were part of the original plant construction from the early 1970s.

An original and "very inefficient" ozone system, state of the art in the 1970s, according to Petkus, was also replaced.

Previously the town had used ambient air to create ozone as an agent to destroy organic material in the water.

"We now generate ozone using liquid oxygen," said Petkus. "It's much more cost-efficient."

"It's really a completely different system," said Pollano. "The old system, an entire floor was dedicated to air-prepare equipment ... that had to run all the time. This is a more efficient way of producing ozone. It was a complete system change."

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PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: Carlos, John and Jose Barcelos bought the Andover Co-op in 1975, establishing Barcelos Market.



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NOW: In 1990, the Barcelos closed the market and added a second story. Today, CVS/Pharmacy can be found on the bottom floor.

Summer hours at the YMCA

Summer hours are now in effect at the Andover/North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. They are Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information about any of the programs offered at the Andover/North Andover YMCA branch, call 978-685-3541 or stop by 165 Haverhill St., Andover, for a tour of the facility. The local Y will be closed Friday, July 4, Independence Day.

Air National Guard Band to play June 30

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

ESOL registration

Registrations are now being taken for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), citizenship preparation, parenting and preschool classes at the Asian Center, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence. Anyone interested in signing up for either morning or evening classes should call the Asian Center at 978-683-7316. Check out the Asian Center's Web site at www.asiancenter-mv.org for directions and more details.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



The teachers always say, 'No, no, don't touch!' We say, 'No, touch — that's what it's there for.'

— *Andover High School teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz, referring to when kindergarten classes visit her zoology classroom and see the animals there. Story in Education, page 13.*

Oh, my husband loves this one. The minute we have a new item on the shelf, it gets checked out.

— *Rosalie Ren, a former librarian who established the Chinese collection at Memorial Hall Library. Ren now volunteers to help maintain the materials. Story in Arts, page 15.*

It kills me not to support this. But with the budget difficulties that we have before us, I just don't see it working.

— *Selectman Brian Major on voting against a grant that would have helped pay to add five new firefighters. Story, page 12.*



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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

Monday, June 30

Finance 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.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Finance Committee meeting canceled

MONDAY, JULY 7

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

room, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

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

Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

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

MONDAY, JULY 14

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

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

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

TUESDAY, JULY 22

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

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The entry fee is \$50 per team,

and financial assistance is available. There will be YMCA 3-on-3 T-shirts for all players, and trophies and New Balance sneakers for all winners. Contact Doug Currier at 978-686-6191.

Registration forms can be found at local YMCAs including the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; at the North Andover Youth Center, 33 Johnson St., North Andover; and online at www.mvymca.org.

July Health Department clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, July 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, 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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shingles vaccine, Zostavax. This vaccine, licensed in 2006 by the FDA for people 60 and older, helps to prevent shingles disease and lessen the pain and complications caused by the disease. The clinics are being offered to Andover residents 60 years of age and older, who have had chicken pox in the past and have never had shingles. The cost of the vaccine is \$10. All clinics are by appointment only. Information, call 978-623-8295.

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Hot air balloon rides added to Andover's July 4 party

By SARAH HALLOWELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Andover is just a one-week fuse away from the ooohs and aaahs of its annual fireworks display.

The town's Fourth of July festivities will kick off Thursday, July 3, with fireworks at Andover High School. The fireworks will start at dusk.

While there was some concern that the explosives could not be lit at Andover High anymore because they might damage the new artificial turf field, town and state safety officials have created a plan that will keep the show at Andover High.

The next morning, on Friday, July 4, the Department of Community Services will host the annual Fourth of July Celebration in the Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

Something new to the celebration will be rides in the Re/Max Hot Air Balloon, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., weather permitting. The balloon will touch down behind Doherty Middle School. Balloon rides will cost \$5 for both adults and children and will benefit the Department of Community Services summer fund.

"We are always looking for ways to get to know people in the town of Andover, and this event is a fantastic way to give back to the community in which we work," said Sherry Smith, office manager of RE/MAX Partners, in an e-mail.

The hot air balloon was at the recent Smolak Farm Strawberry Festival in North Andover to raise money for charity.

The celebration kicks off at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. Along with pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice will be served until 10.

At 9:30 a.m., the Horribles Parade will commence. (Line up is at 9 a.m.) The parade route will travel down Bartlet Street, Punchard Avenue, Main Street, Park Street and Whittier Street and end back in the Park.

The Blair Bettencourt Jazz Band will be performing from 8 to 11 a.m. and then will lead off the Horribles Parade.

The Middlesex Concert Band will play from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, games for the kids will be available in the Park. Children's activities in the Park will include a moonwalk, bean bag toss, ring toss, face painting and temporary tattoos.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

The Re/Max hot air balloon that made a recent appearance in North Andover will be coming to Andover for the Fourth of July.

Former Main Street jeweler in court, charged with larceny

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Jackson's husband chose to celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary by giving his wife a new engagement ring.

Five years later, Jackson, a North Andover resident, decided to do something special with her old ring.

"It was my engagement ring," Jackson said. "It had sentimental value. It was a great stone."

On Nov. 28, 2007, Jackson said she took her 1.5 carat diamond ring to Constantine Jewelers on Main Street, where she said owner Constantine "Dino" Zinzopoulos agreed to match the diamond with another to create a pair of earrings.

Jackson said she never received the earrings she requested or her original diamond back.

Now she plans to be back in

Lawrence District Court this week, where Zinzopoulos was expected to appear Wednesday, June 25 after being arrested by Andover police Jan. 11 for larceny over \$250. Jackson later pressed charges against the jeweler.

According to Steve O'Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, on June 25 Zinzopoulos was expected to choose between a jury trial or trial before a judge in relation to his single larceny charge.

"He'll make the decision if he'll want a jury trial or a bench trial," O'Connell said.

Andover police have received numerous other complaints related to Constantine Jewelers since Zinzopoulos' January arrest, according to Lt. James Hashem.

"We've looked into a number of calls about him recently," several of which are still under investiga-



Constantine Zinzopoulos

tion, Hashem said.

Hashem would not comment further on the reported incidents involving Zinzopoulos or Constantine Jewelers.

"It would be inappropriate for

me to comment on it," Hashem said, noting the ongoing court case.

Reports of theft referring to Constantine Jewelers appeared in the town police log on April 3, May 9 and May 31. A fourth incident referred to the business by name in reference to a woman's reportedly missing jewelry.

Zinzopoulos is no longer operating out of the Andover location, according to police.

Jackson said she hoped to one day give the diamond earrings to one of her two daughters.

"He said, 'I'll give you the best deal in town because I'm a wholesaler,'" Jackson said she recalls Zinzopoulos telling her.

On Dec. 23, Jackson said Zinzopoulos gave her a pair of diamond earrings.

"I left there, came home, was suspicious," Jackson said. "They were definitely smaller."

That same day Jackson went to another jeweler on Main Street to get the new diamond earrings appraised, she said. Jackson said she was told the two diamonds were both smaller and of poorer quality than her original diamond.

"I went right down the street and went right back," said Jackson, referring to Zinzopoulos' former shop, located in a shared space with Academy Barber Shop, across the street from Olde Andover Village.

Jackson said Zinzopoulos soon told her that there had been a misunderstanding, and that he would get Jackson her ring back by the beginning of January if she returned the earrings to him, which she said she did.

Several weeks went by before Jackson went to the police to report the incident, Jackson said.

Selectmen adopt Events with Alcohol Policy

The Board of Selectmen, in its capacity of Licensing Board, has recently added an Events with Alcohol Section to the town's Alcoholic Beverage License Policy. The section is a restatement of the State Alcoholic Control Law and regulations, and is designed to help private individuals, businesses and groups understand their legal responsibilities when serving alcohol to the public.

Groups and individuals who receive a special license must buy their alcohol from a licensed wholesaler and not a package store.

The new policy, questionnaire, and the entire Alcoholic Beverage License Policy is available on the town Web site at andoverma.gov/clerk/alcohol.php

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'SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER'

Students end year with half day

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Kids in Andover are singing the Alice Cooper song "School's Out for Summer" this week, after finishing their last day of school — a half day, with release at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, June 23.

Report cards are handed out to younger students on the last day.

But now, school hallways are empty and silent as students begin two months of summer holiday.

West Elementary fifth-grader Caitlin Patten said the day, her last before middle school, was "kind of sad and happy."

Classmate Jack Harrington agreed, and said he was feeling both "excited and nervous."

Markie Campbell said he was worried about losing his friends who will go to a different middle school than him next year. But he felt ready for middle school because he had "a great teacher," Mr. (E.J.) Perry, who was tough

but made lessons fun too, he said.

Andover's last week of school was filled with both fun and seriousness; students in fifth- and eighth-grades celebrated moving up to a new school with graduation ceremonies as younger students ended the year with special activities and celebrations. Andover High School underclassmen took final exams on June 19, 20 and 23, said Principal Peter Anderson, and will be mailed their report cards once grades are tallied.

Elementary and middle school students who didn't attend the last half-day of school will also have to wait by the mailbox for their report card — and the name of the teacher they'll have next year.

Monday's half day, which fulfilled the last few hours of the state's 180-day requirement in a public school year, was filled not with book learning, but learning of a different sort, agreed several principals.

Through the parties, special ceremonies and yearbook signings, students get closure on one year and begin their transition to the next grade level.

"It's important, especially for the fifth-graders. You never forget your elementary school. I went to Sanborn and I still remember my teachers," said West fifth-grade teacher E.J. Perry.

West is the only elementary that splits outgoing fifth-graders between all three middle schools in town, noted Perry. The end-of-the-year activities have been special for him this year, because his daughter, Julia, is a fifth-grader at West and will be headed to middle school next year.

High Plain Elementary School had a special time capsule ceremony



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photos

Matthew Beathan, left, Tommy Gallagher and their fellow second-graders at High Plain Elementary School slap hands with graduating fifth-graders as they parade around the building on the last day of school.

Leaving their mark

Students revamp school courtyard, finish final touches on last day of school

Students and parent volunteers at West Elementary have been working as a volunteer "courtyard maintenance crew" this spring, and their hard work is apparent in the maintained paths, benches and green space in the middle of the school.

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's Home Improvement Center, students and parents have landscaped, trimming, mulching and watering plants in the courtyard over the last few months. Fifth-graders put on the finishing touches the last day of school.

Despite cloudy skies and a light drizzle of rain drips, the fifth-graders hauled wheelbarrows full of mulch from the parking lot to the courtyard, spreading it around pathways and benches.

"You're helping your school,

and leaving your mark," said fifth-grader Jack Harrington, as he raked mulch with his classmates. "This is a way of saying goodbye."

They've learned teamwork and cooperation through the courtyard project, several fifth-graders agreed.

Classes often come out to the courtyard on nice days to read, eat lunch, do science lessons at the school's weather station or "just to relax," said fifth-grader Reid Bryant.

"Just to get away from the stress of the classroom," agreed Jack Harrington.

West Assistant Principal Liz Roos noted that families have signed up to "adopt" sections of the courtyard and school grounds to keep up over the summer.

— Bethany Bray

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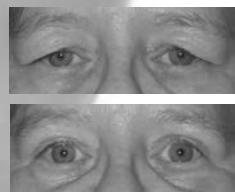
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Opinion

Past time to look at consolidation

Selectmen Monday night were concerned enough about not being able to maintain town programs that the board rejected, 2-1, federal money to help Andover hire five new firefighters. The problem is that the federal money would never pay for all the costs and would disappear completely after five years.

In the selectmen's eyes, the town simply doesn't have the money to add anything. It could face a \$4 million climb just to keep its existing employees.

You'd think, then, all town officials would be hungry to find savings in the budget where they can.

Enter Selectman Alex Vispoli and School Committee member Dennis Fogue, who broached the subject on Monday of combining the "town side" and "school side" technology departments to eliminate duplication and find efficiencies. It's an idea Vispoli talked about pursuing more than a year ago when he ran for re-election, and Fogue supported during his campaign earlier this year. It's also a common sense idea that should be explored.

Residents should keep an eye on this effort to be sure it doesn't become some kind of turf battle or become tabled, as these situations have been known to become in communities and organizations throughout the world.

Elected and appointed officials should join together to ensure Andover taxpayers are getting the best service and bang for their buck. Looking at consolidating duplicate departments such as technology and finance makes sense.

The town has successfully done so with its municipal maintenance department, which does a fine job keeping the schools in shape. There's no reason that success can't be followed for the betterment of all in Andover.

Leno, Chiklis remember their roots

Emmy winners Jay Leno, host of the "Tonight Show" viewed by millions each night, and Michael Chiklis, star of the edgy drama "The Shield," have not forgotten their Andover roots. That's a credit to them, and, to some degree, to the job townspeople do raising Andover's youth.

Leno recently served as the featured act at the Middlesex Community College Celebrity Series. About 1,000 fans filled the Lowell Memorial Auditorium to laugh along with Leno's stand-up routine.

Leno, 58, grew up in Andover and frequently mentions his youth in the town fondly on his television show. Leno has maintained his connection to his hometown, supporting a number of charitable efforts and scholarships.

Chiklis also grew up in Andover, serving as captain of the 1980 Andover High football team and starring in drama productions. The actor will be honored on Friday with a "Michael Chiklis Day" homecoming ceremony.

The two celebrities set a good example in their down-to-earth demeanor that's worthy of emulation. As they head into their last year on their current shows, cheers and more success are wished to them both.

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Dillon Fitz plays Frisbee in the Park with Greg Ragnio, both from Andover. The 17-year-olds were celebrating the start of summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Polar bears show trustees are visionary

Editor, Townsman:

I want to acknowledge the Trustees of the Library for having the vision to install the polar bears in front of the Memorial Hall Library.

When I became a grandmother I was projected 100 years into the future when my grandchildren's children, perhaps, will be living near or in this community. I can picture a day when Mom and Dad have planned an activity for the children, perhaps two, four or six of them, to visit the polar bears and then go inside the library to choose a book, a new CD or some music. The conversation might include what happened 100 years ago when some forward-thinking citizens chose this particular public art to provide families with something beautiful to view, and to stimulate interest in some serious issues that faced our world at that time.

Thank you again for spending the library's art endowment fund in this manner.

Margot Bixby
25 Abbot St.

24-hour skate highlights youth, youth services

Editor, Townsman:

This past weekend there was an extraordinary event here in Andover, the Paul King Memorial 24-hour Skate-A-Thon. To call it a skate-a-thon minimizes what this was. It was a festival, a celebration, culminating a year of organization and years of anticipation. There was skating and blading and an all-day concert featuring

Andover's finest young bands ranging from rock to funk to ska to jazz. People sat, had a hamburger and an Italian ice, watched the talent of our town perform athletic feats and listened to the music. What a day!

To say it was a youth event minimizes what it was. There were young children, preteens, teens, gen everythings, and lots of STAHs (Still Young At Hearts).

To say it was 24 hours minimizes the event. Bill Fahey, Tony Lombardi and the many fantastic Andover Youth Services staff members, Norma King, friends of the skate park and students from all of our schools worked for a year to turn Paul King's dream into a reality. They started last summer and worked as a team, meeting, brainstorming, planning, designing, organizing, fundraising, cleaning and painting. They worked to support and improve something they value and use, the Andover Skate Park, an Andover treasure.

For 24 hours there were games, contests, raffles, demos, art (go check out the amazing mural in Paul King's honor painted by a local graffiti artist), and good will. One skater was counting how many random hugs he could get during the day. Last we heard he was up to 94.

We don't know how many came or from how many towns, or how much money was raised, but this event was an outstanding demonstration of what AYS does and what a valuable resource we have in and for our youth. The work required to run this event all day and through the night was enormous, from running and supervising all the activities to manning the grill, setting up pup tents, etc. We also want to acknowledge Converse

and the many corporations and local businesses, friends and neighbors who generously supported the event.

Now, Bill et al, go get some sleep, because next week our youth will be ready to participate in the summer experiences developed, run and supervised by you, the staff of Andover Youth Services.

Ellen and Ken Davidson
140 Chestnut St.

Keep chemicals out of home: Remove shoes

Editor, Townsman:

Here is a reminder as we move into the summer months.

Question: Should we take off our shoes at the door?

Answer: Yes.

Why? Just take a moment to think about what's really on the sidewalks, yards, playgrounds and parks outside, and whether you want the same stuff on the floors of your home. We all have seen the footprints left when you walk in shoes on a clean, wet floor. From this we can see that shoes can be a source of dirt and other hidden pests in our homes. Not only can shoes bring dirt into your home, but they can also bring pesticides, lead and other chemicals that can be present in dirt.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as well as Environmental Science & Technology magazine report that people bring lawn pesticides into their homes on their shoes. These pesticide-laden shoes were a major source of pesticide exposures, especially for young children who spend a lot of time on the floor and who put dirty fingers, dust and toys in their mouths. Somewhat surprising was

that the study showed that indoor shoe-wearing was a larger source of children's pesticide exposures than eating non-organic fruits and vegetables. Taking off your shoes and wiping your feet on a doormat or other carpeting before entering were found to be important pollutant reduction measures.

Even if you do not use pesticides on your lawn or have lead in your soil, you can still have pesticides, lead and other chemicals on your shoes from your travels to other places. These pesticides and chemicals can stay on your shoes for quite some time. So it clearly makes sense to take off your shoes before you enter your home. For added insurance, you can put a door mat just inside your door to store the shoes or to have people wipe their feet before coming inside. Your home will not only be cleaner, but may also look better.

Charissa Rigano
8 Dumbarton St.

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On U.S. Open: "If Woods is chasing history, Mediate is chasing the

twilight of his career. A win would give Woods his 14th major title and leave him four back of Jack Nicklaus' record. It would be the first for Mediate and make him the oldest champion in U.S. Open history."

— Michael Buteau

WEB QUESTION

The last day of school is a half-day worth it?

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

The largest percentage of those responding to one answer was 29 percent. There was a two-way tie between "Absolutely. It used to be three days and called Bazaar Days. I would like to see it return to that" and "There is no way we could close Main Street for three days. Traffic was bad enough this year, and it was only one day."

Runner up, with 17 percent of the vote, was "One day is fine. I went this year and thought it was a terrific event."

Third place, with close to 12 percent of the vote, was a two-way tie between "There's Clown Town, Crafts in the Park and the ABCA's two events downtown every year. That's enough" and "I like Andover Day in the fall."

This week's poll: The last day of school: is a half-day really worth it?

The last day of school in Andover was on a Monday this year, June 23.

Report cards (and the name of the teacher each child would have next year) were handed out at the very end of the day.

Elementary and middle school students who missed the last day will have to wait for their report cards to come in the mail (high-schoolers report cards are mailed regardless, because grades are not tallied by the last day).

Families and youngsters had to hold off vacations an extra weekend to make it to the last four hours of the school year.

How do you feel about the last day of school being a half day, on a Monday?

■ That's how it needed to be, to fulfill state requirements.

■ What's the point? How much learning happens?

■ What a pain! We had to hold off our vacation/planned trip an extra weekend.

■ What a pain! We went away for the weekend, and returned to town for Monday.

■ It's good, so students can see their friends one last time.

■ Have one less vacation or staff development day earlier, so last day can be Friday.

■ None of the above.

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

"Why wouldn't I want to play with him? If we have a fight, yeah, I have a problem. But we're just going to play golf. I can't wait to see what I've got against the man. It's going to be a very entertaining day, I can assure you of that."

— Grants Mediate, talking about facing off against Tiger Woods in an 18-hole playoff for the U.S. Open title

"What we really learnt is that we have to take care of each other more and pay attention to each other in ways that we haven't since the early days of our marriage."

— Annie Brown

"I prefer Beauty over glamour ... Silence over television ... Solitude over Disneyland ... The ocean over the desert ... Red over white ... Inviting over excluding ... Passion over status quo ... Revelation over knowledge ... Being over believing."

— Rich Brimer

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Breakthrough Treatment for Prostate Cancer at Saints

Saints Medical Center becomes the first hospital in New England to use GPS for the Body® in image-guided radiation therapy.

Using state-of-the-art technology, doctors at Saints Medical Center can now treat prostate cancer with increased precision and efficiency. Earlier this month, Saints became the first cancer facility in New England to offer patients treatment with the Calypso® 4D Localization System™, the very latest image-guided radiation therapy for prostate cancer with continuous organ-motion detection and advanced monitoring.

Radiation therapy is a noninvasive treatment designed to destroy cancer cells, but the radiation beam must reach the tumor accurately to maximize cure rates. However, the prostate's location can vary from day to day, and it can even move during treatment.

"It is very important that radiation targets the tumor and avoids healthy tissue," said Matthew Katz, MD, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology at Saints Cancer Center. "Higher doses of radiation therapy for prostate cancer improve cure rates, and a few millimeters really do matter. Calypso allows us to both improve prostate cancer control and lower the risk of side effects." The most common potential side effects of prostate radiation include impotence, mild to moderate urinary frequency and changes in bowel habits.

The key feature of the Calypso System is its electromagnetic transponders. Each tiny device - the size of a small grain of rice, is implanted in the patient's prostate before treatment begins and



sends coordinates to a computer, which continuously monitors the position of the prostate. The system detects movement of less than a millimeter, and if the prostate is not properly aligned clinicians adjust the radiation beam so it remains on target. As a result, it makes prostate cancer therapy more accurate, reduces radiation exposure and takes less time for treatment.

"We are excited to be the first in New England to treat patients with this innovative, unique form of image-guided radiation therapy," Dr. Katz said. "Calypso will improve treatment for prostate cancer, and it could become useful in treating other forms of cancer in the future."

For more information about image-guided radiation therapy at the Saints Cancer Center, call 978-934-8457.

Ask the Doctor

In this issue Matthew Katz, MD, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology at Saints Cancer Center, answers questions about prostate cancer and the newest treatment.



Q: How common is prostate cancer?

A: Prostate cancer is the most common cancer, with more than 186,000 men projected to be diagnosed in 2008. Early detection and the most current treatment methods are essential for increasing the chance for cure.

Q: Is radiation the best protocol to attack prostate cancer?

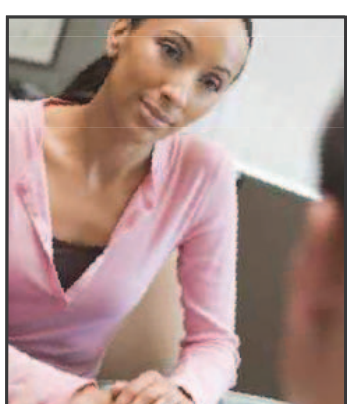
A: With modern techniques, radiation therapy is just as effective as surgery for treating prostate cancer. Radiation treatment is noninvasive, and recent technologic advances have improved the likelihood of a cure with decreased side effects.

Q: How does the new Calypso® technology improve accuracy?

A: This state-of-the-art system now being used at Saints allows us to know exactly where the tumor is located at all times during treatment. The prostate can move during radiation therapy so tracking it is crucial, and millimeters really can make the difference. Image-guided radiation therapy shows us that the radiation beam is accurately and precisely aligned with the prostate during every treatment. That way, we target the tumor and avoid healthy tissue.

Q: What does this technology mean to Saints Medical Center?

A: Saints is at the forefront in providing the latest advancements in radiation oncology. Men with prostate cancer should feel confident that they can receive the best cancer care available close to home.



Saints Performs New Procedure to Treat Fibroid Tumors

Non-surgical procedure offers less pain, faster recovery

A new, leading-edge procedure to treat uterine fibroid tumors was per-

formed at Saints Medical in April. Known as uterine fibroid embolization (UFE), this non-surgical procedure uses interventional radiology to block the blood flow to the fibroids causing them to shrink over a period of time.

According to Kathryn Olson, MD, OB/GYN specialist at Saints, "UFE offers many benefits, including just one night's stay in the hospital and a return to normal activities in about a week. Most patients who have traditional surgery to remove fibroid tumors need six to eight weeks to fully recover."

Fibroids are common non-cancerous growths in the muscular wall of the uterus that affect between 20 and 40 percent of women over age 35. While the fibroid can range in size from very small to as large as a cantaloupe, they rarely cause significant symptoms. However, it is not uncommon for some women with fibroids to experience heavy menstrual bleeding and pelvic pain.

The non-surgical UFE is performed in the interventional radiology suite using just local anesthesia.

Bertrand Janne d'Othee, MD, performed the new procedure and is one of four Interventional Radiologist on staff at both Saints Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital specializing in UFE. Dr. Janne d'Othee stressed that those recovering from UFE have few complications. "While extremely safe, UFE can have some side effects such as moderate to severe cramps for the first few hours after the procedure. Some women have nausea and fever, which are treatable with simple medications."

While certain to gain in popularity, Dr. Olson pointed out that the procedure holds great promise for many women with fibroid tumors. "Talk to your family doctor or your gynecologist to decide if UFE is the right choice. The good news is that UFE patients are reporting significant decrease in pain, as well as remarkable relief from other symptoms caused by fibroids."

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Townspeople



Jonathan Paolera, 10, of Andover practices on the sidelines.



ABOVE: Alex Cole, 19, of Andover participates in the Paul King Memorial Skate-A-Thon on Saturday. The 24-hour event was presented by Andover Youth Services to benefit the Andover Community Skate Park.
LEFT: Jason Feinberg, 22, of Andover participates in the Skate-A-Thon.

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100 YEARS AGO: JUNE 1908

Editorial: The love of controversy

There was once a distinguished citizen in a little town of Massachusetts who conducted a dispensary for that which only cheers but inebriates. His home was in the rooms over his business quarters, and he and his wife carried on the business in relays, he tending bar at night, and she during the day time while she slept. While he slept one morning in his usual calm and peaceful manner he was aroused by the call of Bridget at the foot of the stairway. "Pat! Pat!!" she cried. "Is Hennessy good for a drink?" "Have he drank it?" cried back Pat. "He has," was the reply. "He is," said Pat.

"The Andover Seminary ought not to be moved" say some excellent gentlemen who have just discovered how serious a calamity it will be for that institution to unite with Harvard University. But we cannot help feeling that the question is all settled so far as removal is concerned and those men who now object are simply exhibiting their love of controversy, all to no purpose.

No one in Andover wants to see the Seminary moved. Sentiment speaks loudly in retention in its long time hallowed precincts, but its removal is fixed upon and to all fair minded men, the wise and proper course is for all parties to fall in and be cheerful and hopeful for results.

75 YEARS AGO: JUNE 1933

Article: Local voters for repeals, license

Andover definitely entered the wet column Tuesday when a surprising majority of the votes cast at the repeal election proved the favor of repealing the eighteenth amendment and in favor of a local license. The ratio was four to one.

The total vote cast was 1,666 and of these over 1,200 favored repeal, with nearly thirteen hundred favoring license.

50 YEARS AGO: JUNE 1958

Article: No more penny meters

All penny meters along Main Street will disappear this summer, resulting from a vote of the Board of Selectmen, backed by the Board of Trade.

The Mi-Co Eastern Sales Co. of Bridgeport, Conn. will convert the meters to the one-hour, five cent type. The company also was awarded a contract to install 42 meters on the Shaw property, with

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Skateboarders wheel in \$85K for park

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

It was Paul King, the late husband of Andover resident Norma King, who first came up with the idea of holding a 24-hour fundraising event at the Andover Community Skate Park. That idea became a reality June 21.

"I think he might have helped us out with the weather," said Andover Youth Services Program Coordinator Tony Lombardi. "Just a beautiful day."

Paul King was remembered at the 5th annual skate-a-thon held in his name over the weekend as an enthusiastic regular at the Andover Community Skate Park who wasn't afraid to try something new. He learned to inline skate there as an adult. King died two days after his 40th birthday in June 2003 after a skydiving accident.

"Even though he's passed, he will always live on at the skate park," said Lombardi.

Lombardi said several hundred people attended the skate-a-thon throughout the duration of the all-

day fundraiser.

"It was just a great event, much more than we anticipated," said Lombardi. "Lots of people from the community. All ages — skaters, non-skaters."

In all, \$85,000 was raised for improvements to the 10-year-old skate park, including \$10,000 that day and \$50,000 through a donation from Converse.

Along with paying for improvements to the park located behind West Middle School, supporters of AYS and the Andover Community Skate Park eventually hope to design and construct a new ramp with the money raised.

Lombardi said the 20 to 30 skate park regulars were impressed with the support given by skaters and companies from both Massachusetts and New Hampshire for the event, which was held on the internationally-recognized Go Skateboarding Day.

"I think the kids were really proud of themselves to see what they were able to accomplish, but also felt supported by other skaters in the area," said Lombardi. "Those guys came to help our park. That was amazing. I think the kids appreciated that."



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The band Undecided, including lead guitar player and singer Joe Olney, 15, and drummer Pat Farnham, 16, along with guitar player Mike Galletti and bass player, Tom Dempsey, not pictured, was one of a dozen groups that entertained the crowd during the Paul King Memorial Skate-A-Thon.

Remembering a man of ideas, a man of Andover

Bill Dalton



Karl Haartz was an original thinker and often a contrarian. He loved writing letters to the editor of the Townsman. If you open any Townsman from the 1950s to the 1990s, there's a good chance you'll see one of his letters. Looking through them years later brings his intelligence into keen focus.

Mr. Haartz spoke frequently at Town Meetings and few planning issues escaped his attention. His son, David, a Phillips Academy grad, wrote to me, "My father was probably a thorn in your side when you were moderator." (I was moderator in the 1970s.)

In fact, David's dad was a consummate gentleman. He and I often discussed in advance what he proposed to say at a Town Meeting, and he'd accept my time limitation. David says of his father, "He had a lot of good ideas but never seemed to have much success in getting them adopted." He adds that, in addition to letter writing, each year

his father submitted numerous proposals to the Legislature.

David Haartz has a younger sister, Karla Haartz Cortelyou ("Kay").

She is an Abbot graduate ('63), lives in McLean, Va., and teaches at the Maret School in D.C. Their mother was born on one of the biggest pieces of land in town. Her name was Bessie Carter Haartz and she was born on the old Carter Farm at 47 High Plain Road. The farm, owned by Bessie's father, George M. Carter, covered much of the land around High Plain Road. In 1948,

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And the honorees are ...



Priscilla Bartle, Peg Campbell, Diane Caraviello, Tina Girdwood, John Hess, Steve Knapp, Nancy Maher, Tom Maher, Bob Pustell, Margaret Pustell, Thyra Sherman, Dr. Harohalli Vijayakumar

Rotary names Citizens Who Care

The Rotary Club of Andover last week named its picks for its annual Citizens Who Care honor, hosting an inaugural reception at Memorial Hall Library.

This year's Citizens Who Care are Priscilla Bartle, Peg Campbell, Diane Caraviello, Tina Girdwood, John Hess, Steve Knapp, Nancy and Tom Maher, Margaret and Bob Pustell, Thyra Sherman, Harohalli Vijayakumar and Melissa Wiegund.

The opening event featured appearances and citations from state Rep. Barbara L'Ital-



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ien and state Sen. Sue Tucker, and praise from Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"The opening reception was a huge success. We had the largest audience ever in the 12 years of the program — standing room only," reports Mark Spencer.



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SENIOR NOTES

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.

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.

Brown Bag Lecture: "Elder Hostel Adventure in Nicaragua": Thursday, July 17 at noon, preregistration, no charge. Come join Al and Evelyn Retelle as they explore the rain forest, volcanoes, bird life and people of this fascinating Central American country.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Connor William Charland



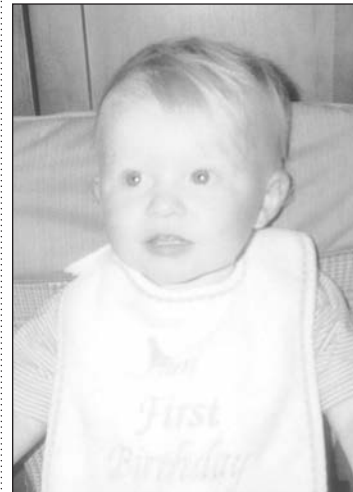
Connor William Charland turned 1 on June 1. He is the son of David and Jaclyn Charland of Raleigh, N.C. Grandparents are Bob and Gail Charland of Andover and Jack and Linda Behun of Raleigh, N.C. Great-grandparents are Steve Yuhasz of Raleigh, N.C., and Dorothy Langworthy of Maryland. Connor loves to chase his sister Elizabeth around. He is a happy baby, always smiling, and he loves to play with his dog, Bristow.

Emma Lily Remis



Emma Lily Remis celebrated her first birthday on June 21. She is the daughter of Cindy and Matthew Remis of North Andover and the little sister of Abigail Remis. Proud grandparents are David and Elaine Weener, formerly of Andover, and Judy and Shepard Remis of Swampscott. Emma loves to go to swimming lessons, music class and play group. She also loves to play with her big sister, Abby, and her chocolate lab, Walden.

Joseph Garrison Murphy



Joseph Garrison Murphy turned 1 on June 11. He is the son of Dan and Beth (Everett) Murphy of Andover. Grandparents are Bob and Eleanor Everett of Andover and Joseph and Diane Murphy of Springfield. Garrison enjoys playing outside and going for wagon rides around his neighborhood. He always has a big smile for everyone he meets.

Alivia Reese Baldwin



Alivia Reese Baldwin celebrated her first birthday on June 22. She is the daughter of Ernie and Tara Baldwin of Andover. Her grandparents are Sharon Hegarty of Andover, with whom she shares her birthday, and Ernie and Shirley Baldwin of Maine, formerly of Andover. She loves to "boogie" to music and follow her big sisters around, Alexa and Addison.

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DALTON: A fond farewell to a frequent contributor

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the Haartz family moved to a piece of the former farm land at 60 High Plain Road.

Karl Haartz was an engineer whose specialty was overseeing the construction of highways and bridges for the Commonwealth. His daughter says she has numerous pictures taken by her dad with her standing next to a bridge.

Kay says that Karl's friends called him "the conscience of Andover." She remembers that, before government mandated recycling of bottles, people like her parents returned bottles to their stores for credit on their next purchase. The bottles were then reused. When non-returnable bot-

Like many folks who left Andover, Andover never left (Al Reed), and his memories of the town were so vivid that I have written two columns about them.

tles came out, her mother was delighted that it would save them the task of returning the bottles. Her father was appalled, saying that the non-returnables would fill the dumps (as landfills were then known) and never rot away. Kay thinks he wrote a letter to the editor about the subject. I'd bet he did, and someday I'll come across it.

Bessie Carter Haartz lived on High Plain Road all her life and died in 1985. Karl Haartz died in 2001.

A town needs men and women like Karl Haartz, who courageously express ideas they know will garner little or no popular support. Such ideas should cause a town's corporate brain to think. Boards, which are the primary manifestation of a town's corporate brain, too often embrace easily the ideas that come from consultants, experts, other towns or their board members, while tending to overlook ideas from private citizens. In Mr. Haartz' case, he had so many ideas that he may have devalued his best. He made

it too easy to be ignored, and that's a shame.

Al Reed

Al Reed's obituary was recently in the Townsman. He was born in Andover in 1922 and was one of 11 children, all of whom were raised in a six-room house at 28 Argilla Road. At age 17, he left Andover to work out West in the Civilian Conservation Corps and then spent six years in the Navy during and after World War II. He visited Andover frequently, but he never returned to live in his hometown. Like many folks who left Andover, Andover never left him, and his memories of the town were so vivid that I have written two columns about them. Al learned to use e-mail four years ago when he was 82 and was a frequent contributor to my column.

He told me about a butcher shop in Ballardvale on the corner of Andover and Church streets. He said, "It was owned by Mr. Butch Stark. I remember the floor of the store was always covered with an inch of sawdust. The saw-

dust was to protect the floor from all the droppings and waste created from the large chopping block. He would also give us the soup bones and my mother could either make soup or give them to our dog. Nowadays one must pay for the bones."

He described one of his best memories: "I was home on leave (from the Navy) when Andover was celebrating its 300th anniversary (1946). There was a large parade. Everyone, especially my brothers and sisters, wanted to see me in the parade. I took my place in line marching along Main Street. I looked at my Mom and Dad standing on the curb... She ran into the street with tears running from her eyes to give me a big hug. She was so proud of me, her son, as were all the folks in Andover. The town will forever be in my memories."

The final e-mail I received from Al was also from his wife and was sent to all their e-mail friends and relatives to commemorate the New Year. It said: "May the best day you had in the year 2007 be the worst day you have in the year 2008." He closed, "Love you all. Just plain old Al Reed and Christine."

May you rest in peace, Al.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. If you wish to send comments or stories about Andover, please email him at billdalton@andover-townie.com.

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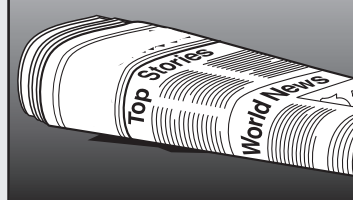
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BOOMERVENTURE PROGRAMMING

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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 experi-

ence 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.

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Other BoomerVenture activities include:

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.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Lawrence joins firm

Dataupia Corp. has announced that Kenneth Lawrence of Andover has joined the executive team as vice president of sales. Lawrence brings invaluable experience as a global market leader in analytic solution sales to Dataupia. With specific knowledge in the high-tech industry and a proven track record of exceeding objectives, Lawrence complements the seasoned executive team at Dataupia.

“With customer adoption on the rise, and the company gaining momentum and industry recognition, this is an exciting time to be joining Dataupia,” said Lawrence. “I look forward to hitting the ground running to further our position in the market and complement Dataupia’s overall business strategy.”

Lawrence, who started his career as a software engineer, comes to Dataupia with more than 20 years of proven revenue generating experience. He most recently served as director of the U.S. Retail Banking and Capital

Markets sector with SAS Institute, a leader in business intelligence and analytical software and services.

“Ken understands our rapidly growing market and the intrinsic value Dataupia offers organizations trying to access hundreds of terabytes of data and extract business-critical information,” said Foster Hinshaw, chief executive officer of Dataupia. “His creativity and market knowledge meld well with Dataupia’s executive team and business goals.”

ENGAGEMENT



Kathleen Kendrick and Aron Bellorado

Jim and Wanda Payant of Leyden and David Kendrick of Colrain announce the engagement of their daughter Kathleen to Aron Bellorado, both of North Chelmsford. Aron is the son of the Christine Bellorado of Tewksbury, formerly of Andover.

Kathleen graduated in 1997 from Mohawk Trail Regional High School in Buckland and in 2001 from Western New England College in Springfield with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in chemistry and psychology. She graduated in 2004 from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a master's degree in biological sciences. She is the validation technology manager for Wyeth Biotech in Andover. She is an avid triathlete and completed her first half marathon in 2007.

Aron is a 1998 graduate of Andover High School. He graduated in 2002 from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering summa cum laude and in 2003 graduated from Harvard University with a master of science degree in engineering. He is a software engineer for Enterasys Networks in Andover. He body builds in his free time.

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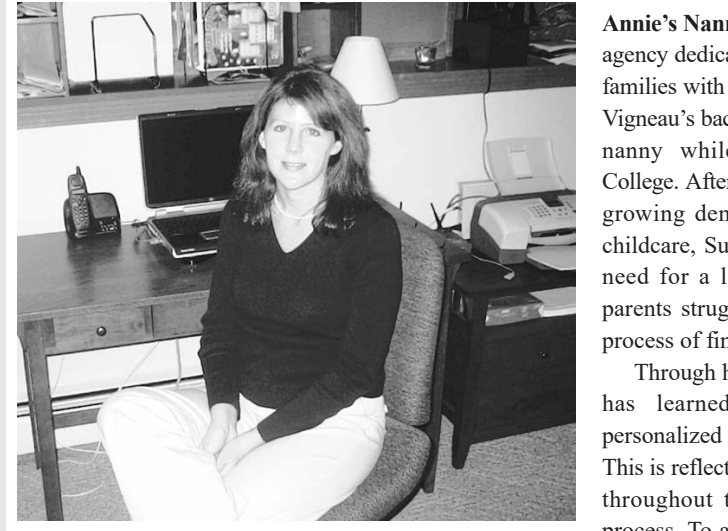
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Founded in 1999 by Sue Vigneau, **Annie's Nannies** is a locally based childcare agency dedicated to providing Andover area families with quality in-home childcare. Sue Vigneau's background includes working as a nanny while she attended Merrimack College. After graduating and learning of the growing demand in this area for quality childcare, Sue recognized that there was a need for a local agency that could help parents struggling with the often stressful process of finding a nanny.

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BOOK REVIEW

A summer read you can't refuse

BY MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Summer is a particularly special time for me. While during the school year I am consumed with homework, friends and general chaos, for the months of June, July and August, I am relieved of many responsibilities. This gives me time to pursue my other guilty passions: mainly sleep, playing "Rockband," and catching up on my reading.

THE GODFATHER

BY MARIO PUZO

On these lazy summer days I consume literature, reading everything from poetry anthologies to monographs on global warming to fashion magazines. I rarely read anything more than once, as I devour books starved from my great deprivation of reading during the school year. Thus I almost never find a true summer read, a book I could spend the entire summer reading and rereading. Such a novel should be equally enjoyable during all types of summer activities: while sunbathing on the beach; while cuddling up on the sofa during a humid, rainy afternoon; while running on pure adrenaline at 2 a.m. finishing the final pages. Books that fit all these standards are scarce, the jewels of summer literature.

And if all the perfect summer novels are gemstones, "The Godfather" by Mario Puzo would be the scintillating diamond. This classic novel presents an unforgettable portrait of the world of the Mafia, particularly the infamous and powerful Corleone family. Their foreign world is dominated by power, greed and loyalty. Puzo masterfully crafts a rich story of violence but also of poignancy. It has left readers intrigued for almost four decades, since the book's publication in 1969. What makes Puzo's masterpiece great is the author's ability to weave the brute horror and gore of many of the Mafia actions, with the refined and subtle psychological aspect of the Corleone men.

This finesse in the presentation of both the blood and the wisdom of "The Godfather" is directly reflected through Don Corleone, the head of the Corleone clan. One of the most complicated characters in literature, he is puzzling at first, but "The Godfather" carefully unravels the Don's past, leaving the reader with a deep understanding of the Mafia head. Don Corleone, the Godfather himself, is a man who always keeps his promise, who rose from almost nothing to become the most powerful figure in New York, even reigning over much of the United States after World War II. He uses reason with his enemies, never gives direct threats, yet feels no remorse and shows little hesitance in giving orders to murder. The character seems to have a secret always, a secret the reader continually seeks.

Even after reading "The Godfather" once, I still was left questioning the Don, wondering about many of his decisions and his motives. Thus, I was inclined, at 2 a.m., to begin rereading. This is where the strength of "The Godfather" lies, the reason that it is a perennial favorite: It provides the reader with the fast-paced excitement of Mafia life, at once a captivating story; but "The Godfather" also succeeds where many other Mafia novels fail, by providing intellectual stimulation. The characters jump off the page, their depth keeps the reader curious and their timeless characteristics make the book a cornerstone to any summer reading list.

I give "The Godfather" a 9 out of 10. With its quick pace and multifaceted plot, this novel can be enjoyed all season. However, the book delves into some graphic scenes of gory and sexual nature, better suited for a mature audience. I would highly recommend this book to any high school student, but caution any younger readers. "The Godfather" earns its rights as a classic, and it has substance to back up its thrilling plot. I guarantee that this is one summer novel that any reader will not be able to put down.

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Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and Phillips Academy student who writes *Townsmen* book reviews for young adults.

Go ahead, get hands-on

Kindergartners meet zoology class animals

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

From chicks and a chinchilla to frogs and fish, every full-day kindergarten class got up close with a collection of animals at Andover High School before the school year ended.

Between June 2 and 17, kindergartners were invited into high school science teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz's zoology classroom to learn more about the creatures, which are kept in tanks and cages in an area shared with the school's marine biology instructor.

AHS juniors enrolled in zoology introduced the kindergartners to six baby chickens, a bearded dragon lizard and a chinchilla that are kept at the school.

Together the students viewed tanks of starfish, sea urchins and cucumbers, turtles, frogs, and both freshwater and saltwater fish. Microscopes and touch stations with furs and shells were also set up for the kindergarten students, according to Hajdukiewicz.

"The teachers always say, 'No, no, don't touch!'" said Hajdukiewicz, referring to the visiting kindergarten instructors. "We say, 'No, touch — that's what it's there for.'"

Hajdukiewicz said the kindergarten classes were exposed to a wide variety of species.

"More importantly, they've been able to touch things, which you can't always do at the zoo," Hajdukiewicz said. "That's what kindergartners want to do."

"It's very hands-on," said Hajdukiewicz. "And everybody loves animals."

Hajdukiewicz taught a zoology class of 18 high school students this year.

"I lost my seniors, so this is really a great project to have the juniors do," Hajdukiewicz said during the last weeks of school. "I think it's



Courtesy photos

Troy Kennedy, a full-day kindergarten student at High Plain Elementary School, holds a chick inside the Andover High School zoology classroom.

wonderful for my students too, to learn to interact with small children.

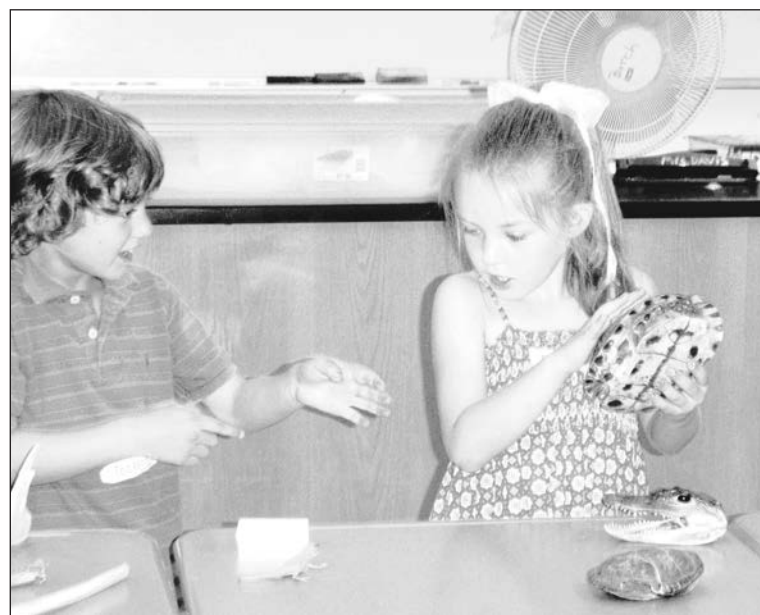
"All of my students do all of the teaching," Hajdukiewicz said. "It's really nice to give them that level of responsibility, and they do a phenomenal job."

Hajdukiewicz said a kindergarten class recently sent her students thank-you cards with drawings of some of the animals they saw at the high school.

"It makes my students realize how important it is, what they're doing," Hajdukiewicz said.

Every kindergarten class visited the zoology classroom for about an hour and then ate a pizza lunch with the high-schoolers, Hajdukiewicz said.

"When they walk into the building they're so amazed," she said. "They go down and they eat with the big kids. They're just in awe of the entire experience."



Jackson Drake and Brooke Fleming, both full-day kindergarten students at High Plain Elementary, look over specimens at the Andover High School zoology classroom.

Girls inspire school to protect environment

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

West Middle School spent a week this month going green, culminating in a group of teachers and administrators trading their automobiles for bicycles during their commute to work.

Spearheaded by five eighth-grade girls, the first Green Week at West Middle School was a success, according to Assistant Principal Deborah Downs.

"We call them our Going Green girls," Downs said of the five students behind the effort. "They've inspired us to go green ourselves."

From energy reduction to recycling, Downs said staff members and students in all grades participated.

The Going Green girls — Naomi Bledsoe and Rose Goodwin, both 13, and Lily Daigle, Ellie Donohue and Katja Trober, all 14 — said they came up with the idea to get their school involved with environmental action during an enrichment class.

"We really care a lot about the environment," Naomi said. "It was so much fun. Our teachers were so surprised we



Courtesy photo

Eighth-graders Lily Daigle, Katja Grober, Rose Goodwin, Elsie Washburn and Naomi Bledsoe helped organize Green Week at West Middle School this month.

could do this, just us five eighth-graders. They were really proud and surprised."

In all, 16 West Middle School staff members biked to work on June 5, according to engineering teacher Dan Miley.

"People rode who hadn't in a few years and hopefully they'll continue doing it," Miley said. "It was fun."

Along with teacher bike-to-work day, students tried to walk, carpool or ride

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OTHER 'GREEN' SCHOOL EVENTS, INITIATIVES

West Middle School was just one of several Andover schools to engage in environmentally friendly efforts this year. Efforts included:

■ **At Shawsheen School**, multiple Walk to School days were held this year, as well as Carpool Week, Low Electricity Week, Paperless Week, Save Water Week and a Waste Free Lunch Day.

■ **High Plain Elementary** showcased environmentally inspirational quotes, poems, stories, skits and songs during the school's annual Earth Watch week. The school won a prize from the state for the third consecutive year that recognized its "green" efforts.

■ **Bancroft Elementary School** installed approximately 150 25-watt, energy-efficient fluorescent light bulbs, a change from the 100- to 150-watt bulbs used previously. All hand soap in school restrooms and some classrooms has a "green seal" of certification, and custodians are switching to "green seal" certified cleaner that they will use for all building cleanings.

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Lawrence Academy Class of 2008



Seven students from Andover were among the 91 graduates in Lawrence Academy's Class of 2008. Pictured from left are Andrew Gilboard, Mia Huntley, Jamie Crockett, Joel Sciabarrasi, Rebecca Cowie, Peter Galvin and Sam Grant.

Courtesy photo

Four Andoverites graduate from Austin Prep

Austin Preparatory School celebrated its 43rd commencement this spring, awarding diplomas to 110 graduates of the Class of 2008, including four from Andover.

The following Andover residents received diplomas from Austin Preparatory School, according to the school: Jillian R. Deliago, who will attend Westfield State College in the fall; Melissa C. Pettini, who is heading to Lesley College; Bridget E. Sheehy, who is bound for New York University, and Katherine A. Weidlein, who will attend Cornell University.



Jillian R. Deliago



Melissa C. Pettini



Bridget E. Sheehy



Katherine A. Weidlein

Sheehy and Weidlein are members of the National Honor Society, according to the school.

The Rev. Gary McCloskey, dean

of Merrimack College and chaired professor of Augustinian pedagogy, gave the keynote address. He invoked the lessons of St. Au-

gustine, calling on the graduates to find Augustine's definition of maturity through a balance of education, experience and talent. He implored the graduates, "Do not settle for the world of talk-show sound bites. Even though it is tempting, do not just experience a prolonged adolescence."

McCloskey also advised the graduates to stay close to God as they enter a troubled world.

"St. Augustine had the best of educations, and the best of jobs as the spokesperson for the Roman emperor. But he felt unfulfilled. It was in listening to God as the inner teacher that St. Augustine found his happiness and his success," McCloskey said. "In a world that does not value God, or sees belief as something private, do not shortchange or limit yourself by putting God on the shelf. Seek all the possibilities of happiness and success by including God in your seeking and by discovering the best that you can be."

Brothers start school broadcasting club

A small group of students this spring started a club to bring television news to St. Augustine School, with the students as the reporters.

The Computer Broadcasting Club took shape when two pairs of brothers and several of their friends expressed an interest in learning about the computer programming and green-screen acting that goes into developing a news broadcast, according to the school. The Computer Broadcasting Club is an after-school program that teaches students how to create a television-style broadcast in the classroom.

"Students in the Broadcasting

Club select topics, conduct research, compose scripts, find visual effects, and plug it all into a program that allows them to act as news anchors before a green screen of special effects," said computer teacher and club coordinator Trish Walsh.

Students who helped the Computer Broadcast Club take off included brothers Brendan and Brian Healy, Joseph and Zachary Pennace, and friends Evan Hoerl and C.J. Hernaez.

The club has plans next year to develop school broadcasts to be delivered by student reporters on topics of interest such as the lunch menu, upcoming events and sports news.

GREEN: 'No-lights' day, cleanup day part of week

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the bus to school on June 4.

Other Green Week activities included a recycled-material sculpture contest, a "no-lights" day where classrooms tried to save as much energy as possible, a cleanup day on school grounds, and a day where students and staff dressed in green.

Katja said students used materials such as water bottles and cereal boxes for their sculptures.

"Some people made creatures and monsters," Katja said. "We displayed them around the school. People built them in the shapes of dogs, robots and bugs. It was really neat."

Students and staff also picked up litter outside the school.

"I think the best part was just seeing everyone get involved and excited," Ellie said. "Especially during the cleanup day, everybody was just outside and participating."

Miley said he believes students will take home the lessons they learn in school about energy usage and the environment.

"I told them my generation hasn't been doing a great job, (and is) using too much energy. Their generation can influence each other and influence us,"

Miley said.

Rose said students her age are becoming more aware of topics like global warming and recycling.

"I think the kids will probably continue with their behavior even after the year's done," she said. "I think they're aware of it, but they just don't know how to make a difference or control what they throw away."

"We helped them understand and showed them some fun ways they can recycle," she said.

Lily said she felt the Going Green girls made a difference.

"I think the best part was just seeing the kids take part in it and get excited," she said.

Both Lily and Ellie said they hope Green Week becomes an annual event at West Middle School and beyond.

"This idea should spread, that only five girls from one school can make a difference," said Ellie. "I hope people see what we've done and get inspired."

So far, so good, according to Downs.

"I think they are inspirational," Downs said. "These students are really asking us as adults to be more thoughtful. They're really asking us to examine our own lifestyles, not just their own peer group."

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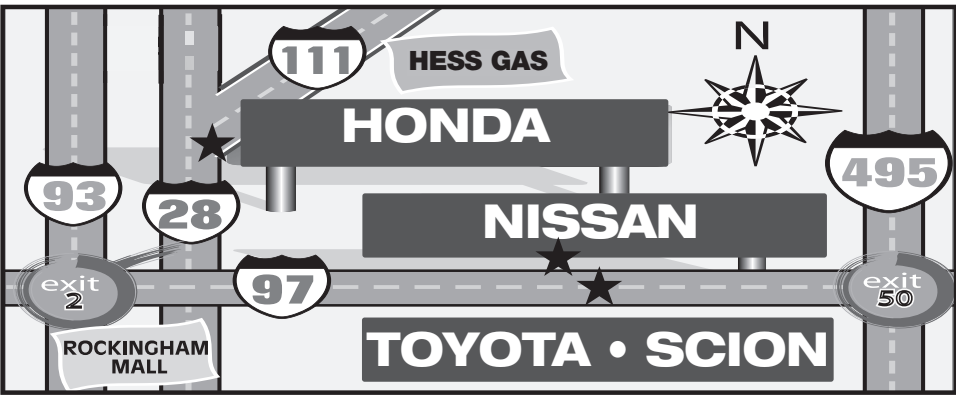
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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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Radio club field day: Philips 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. Following the documentary there will be a panel discussion. Politicians, authors and sociologists discuss Massachusetts' new marriage law, its effect on communities and what impact the law has in furthering human and civil rights in America today. 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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Volunteers needed at the Charles Ward Reservation in Andover. Help is needed to restore its historic character while improving access for future stewardship projects. The last Saturday of each month, May through September, 9 a.m.-noon, meet in the parking lot on Prospect Road; bring gloves.

Opening reception: The Churchill Gallery welcomes Lauren Litwa Holden as featured artist for Newburyport's second ArtWalk of 2008, 3 to 7 p.m., The Churchill

Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891 or visit www.thechurchillgallery.com. Gallery Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

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Yoga & Wellness retreat: Hosted by Dristhi Yoga & Wellness of North Andover, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, www.dristhiyogaandwellness.com for more information or to request a registration form. Deadline to register is one week prior to retreat. Call 978-387-0126 or e-mail dristhiyogini@yahoo.com for more information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Courtyard garden tours at Winslow's View, a nationally award-winning neighborhood of condominium townhomes at The Pinehills in Plymouth, free. View 20 private courtyard gardens in full bloom and take away ideas for garden rooms. A complimentary trolley from the Winslow's View Village Common will run continuously throughout the neighborhood from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact the Green Company sales office at 508-209-5000.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Free patriotic concert hosted by the Veterans' Service Office, 7 p.m., the Collins Center. Tickets are required. Stop by the Veterans' Office, Andover Senior Center, or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Veterans' Office before June 19, limit 6 per request; 978-623-8218.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

The Re/Max hot air balloon will be on display during the pancake breakfast in the field behind Doherty Middle School, 8 to 10 a.m., \$5, benefits the Department of Community Services of Andover. For more on the Fourth of July events see Page 5.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

"Wild about Parks" program at Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m., featuring

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DAY-TRIPPING TO THE ISLANDS

Andover grad's book shows Boston Harbor's opportunities

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With gas above \$4 a gallon, summer is all about close-to-home vacations this year. An Andover native's new book about the Boston Harbor Islands can help you plan an enjoyable day trip.

Chris Klein, valedictorian of the Andover High School Class of 1990, researched the 34 islands for his just-released book, "Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands" (\$17.95, Union Park Press). Now a travel and history writer, Klein combines those talents to help day-trippers learn about the historical military installations



Chris Klein

while enjoying what summer is all about — a relaxing day at a beach close to home.

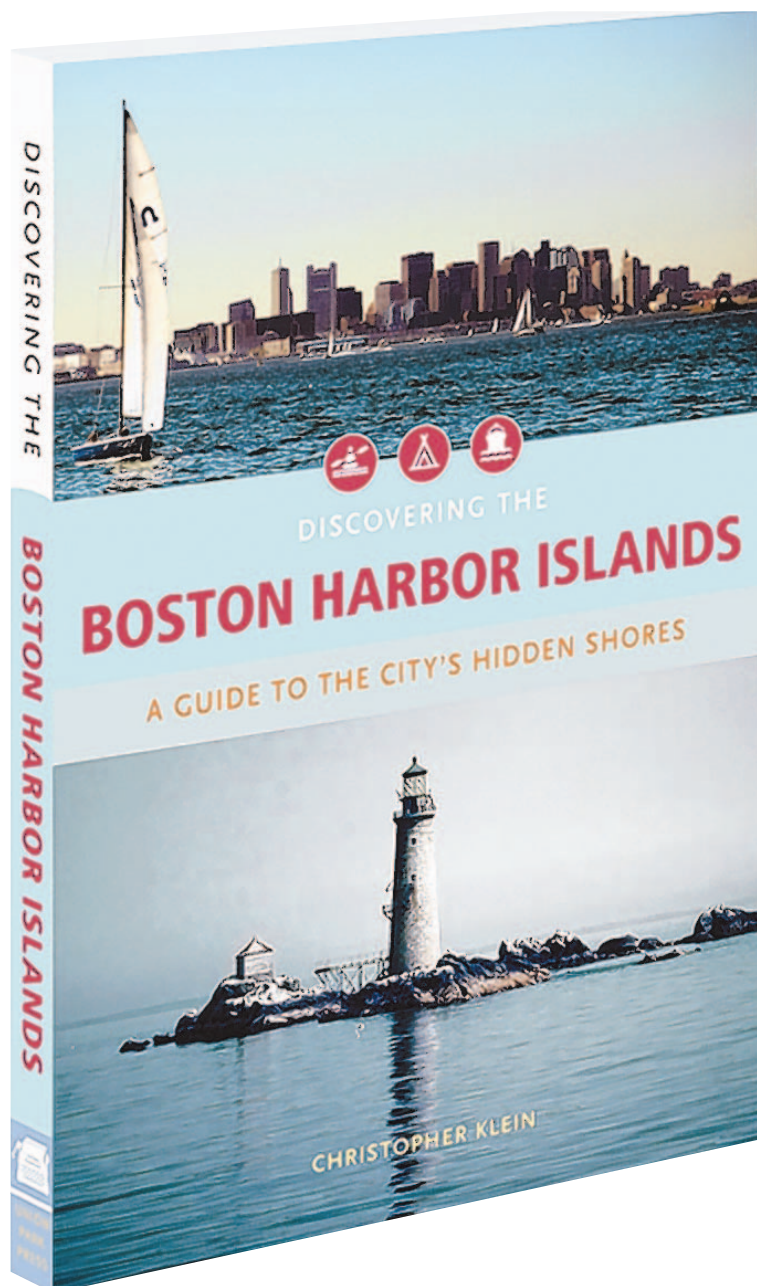
"I think a lot of people are simply not aware that these islands are so close to Andover," said Klein, who grew up in western Andover and now lives in Waltham with his wife, Erin.

He said he enjoyed researching the history of the Boston Harbor Islands, as there is plenty to learn. For example, Fort Warren on Georges Island was home to Confederate prisoners during the Civil War, while Boston Light on Little Brewster is the nation's oldest lighthouse. Guided tours are available for this 76-spiral-step and two-ladder lighthouse and Klein said the city skyline view is terrific.

Getting to the islands is easy and inexpensive, said Klein. Ferry service runs from Long Wharf at Christopher Columbus Park in Boston and adult ferry tickets are \$14 (visit www.bostonharborislands.org).

"It's just an easy-to-get-to destination that is an amazing resource. Bostonians have it right at their back door but just don't know it," said Klein, who spent more than a decade authoring business books and conducting market research for architecture, engineering and environmental consulting firms.

This reconnection to Boston's waterfront is partly a result of the city's massive Big Dig project and the cleaning of Boston Harbor and its islands. It's good news for Boston 'burbs like Andover, as



The book jacket for "Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands" by Chris Klein, the valedictorian of Andover High School, class of 1990.

residents can get a history lesson while enjoying the summer sun.

In addition to historical factoids about the islands, Klein's book sprinkles pages with portraits of people who have enjoyed the islands for years, like the keeper of Boston Light who was married there in 1994.

Klein felt it was important to combine today's generation of island voices with those of the past. As a result, the book does not feel like a history textbook; it's more like reading a story. Klein hopes it becomes a must-bring resource for day-trippers heading out to the Boston Harbor Islands this summer.

Superintendent adds to library's collection of information on China

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Head to the top floor of Memorial Hall Library, and you can transport yourself halfway across the globe. The library boasts a large collection of international materials, most notably three aisles of periodicals, music, television shows, films and books for all ages — all from China.

The library's Chinese collection became a little bigger this month, as Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach presented Director Jim Sutton with a stack of DVDs, a gift from Wang Biao, principal of Dong Fang De Cai School in Beijing, China.

Wang had visited Andover in the fall as part of an exchange program for educators. Bach visited China in the spring.

As Bach visited the library to donate the DVDs, she chatted with Sutton and Rosalie Ren, a former librarian who established the Chinese collection at Memorial Hall Library. Ren now volunteers to help maintain the materials.

The DVDs that Wang sent included films, documentaries and television programs, some with English subtitles and some without, said Ren.

"Oh, my husband loves this one," she said with a smile as she looked over the new acquisitions. "The minute we have a new item on the shelf, it gets checked out."

Sutton said he was happy to accept Wang's donation, and planned on writing him a thank-you letter.

Items in the library's Chinese collection are well-used, he said, not only by Andover's Chinese population, but also through inter-library loan by Chinese-speaking populations throughout the Merrimack Valley. Most borrowers don't have Chinese materials in their hometown libraries.

While in Andover, Wang toured Memorial Hall Library and was impressed with its Chinese collection — and that it was free of charge to patrons, said Bach.

Bach visited China with a group

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Andover on film again

Original independent movie filming downtown

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

There was no Jennifer Garner or Rob Lowe. But movie crews were back in Andover last Saturday, filming scenes for the first movie for a small, local production company.

Onlookers and extras were plentiful at last Saturday's filming at the bandstand in the Park at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, said producer Judy Coleman.

"Filming is going really well and it's being done all around here (the Andover area) because we want New England scenes and locals for the story," said Coleman of her movie, *27 Down*.

It's an original character study of a Boston cop who hits and kills a child riding a bike but does not admit to the crime. The detective relocates to a small Maine town — the fictional name in the movie is Canada, Maine — and becomes the chief of police.

"Let's just say his life unravels and makes you wonder, 'How responsible would you be?'" said Coleman, whose company is Wild Beagle Productions of North Andover.

Andover's bandstand was the setting for a gazebo in Canada, which in the movie had burned down but is rebuilt.

"The mayor, a judge and lots of people in town come out for this in the movie, so the Andover location was perfect," Coleman said.

Filming for *27 Down* will continue in downtown Andover as a dinner scene is being filmed at Mawby's on Barnard Street on July 27 while Dylan's Bar & Grill on Park Street will serve as the location of a Boston bar for filming there on Aug. 3.

Coleman said both establishments have a distinctive New England feel to them and that's what she needs for most scenes.

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Curt Fennell, right, of Billerica, who plays the Chief of Police in the town of Canada, Maine, in the movie "27 Down" was filming a scene in front of the bandstand in the park, at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets on Saturday morning.

A movie crew filming a scene for the film "27 Down" by Wild Beagle Productions in front of the bandstand in the Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.



BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach, center, presents some Chinese DVDs to the Memorial Hall Library as a donation last week. To the left is Library Director Jim Sutton. To the right is volunteer Rosalie Ren.

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great locations for family outings this summer. Discover more than 450,000 acres of forests, parks, and reservations across the state as well as beaches, trails, campgrounds, and more to visit and explore.

ONGOING

Wild Reads Summer Reading Program at Memorial Hall Library begins the week of June 23. Programs are available for children, teens and adults.

Art exhibit at the Bentley Library at Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill, featuring 18 local artists' interpretations of a theme - "Tick-Tock, like a clock tick-tock, tick-tock" - through June 30.

Peabody Essex Museum offers drop-in yoga classes on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., Art Studios. Cost is included with museum admission.

Peabody Essex Museum exhibits: "Stage Idols" through Jan. 25, 2009, in the Japanese Kabuki Theater; "The Art of Maori Tattoo" through Feb. 1, 2009; "Wedded Bliss: The Marriage of Art and Ceremony," through Sept. 14; "Life Boat" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "To the Ends of the Earth: Painting the Polar Landscape" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "Origami Now" through June 8; "Gateway Bombay" through Dec. 7; "Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics" through May

19, 2009; "Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India," ongoing; "Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light," ongoing; "All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists," ongoing. Peabody Essex Museum is in East India Square, Salem. Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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

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

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

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

Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts, will run through Feb. 8, 2009, at the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. The exhibit will feature more than 100 works by 70 Massachusetts artists who preserve and revitalize deeply rooted traditions. Funding for the exhibit is provided by Bank of America, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Heritage Museum, and the National Endowment for

the Arts. A series of performing arts programs will be presented in conjunction with the exhibition. A schedule will be available at www.nationalheritagemuseum.org. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 781-861-6559.

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

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

Artists at the Brush, 26th Annual Exhibition, June 22 through July 27. Brush Art Gallery and Studios, 256 Market Street, Lowell, Mass. Thursday, June 26: Opening Reception, 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 13: Gallery Talk by Artists, 2 to 4 p.m. Features the works by Carol Boileau, Andover, Gay Tracy, North Andover, and Steve Noroian, North Andover.

GROUPS

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

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

Newcomers Club of the Andovers holds a coffee hour the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread, Route 114, North Andover. Gathering is geared toward new members, but established residents who are interested in

joining or volunteering for the club are welcome. Kids are also welcome. For more information, call Vickie Gallant at 978-809-7404 or Heather Ryan at 978-794-7926.

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

Andover Great Books Group meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

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

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

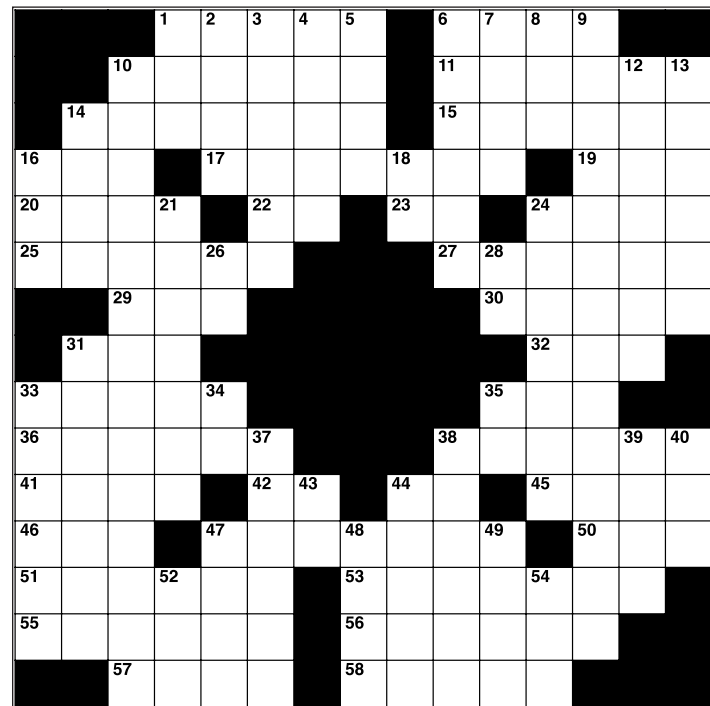
Men's woodcarving group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

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

Treble Chorus of New England auditions for the youth choir for children ages 6 to 18. Joining the youth choir provides children with an opportunity to learn about fine choral music of all periods. Rehearsals held Mondays in Andover. To

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Crossword puzzle



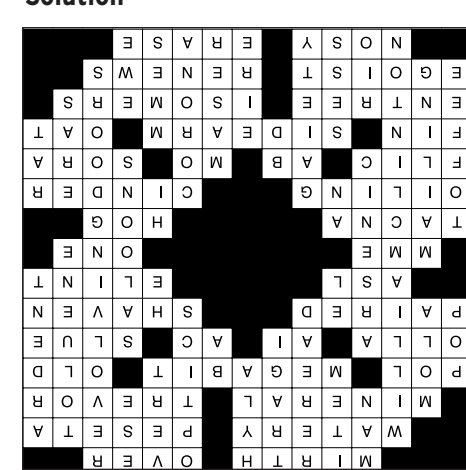
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Gaiety
6. Higher than
10. Aqueous
11. Former monetary unit of Spain
14. Solid inorganic substance occurring in nature
15. British actor Howard
16. Cambodian dictator
17. Million Is and Os
19. Not new
20. Cor___; popular Toyota
22. 2001 Spielberg film
23. Atomic number 89
24. Slip or slide
25. Used of gloves, socks, etc.
27. Tonsured
29. Language at Gallaudet
30. Anagram of inlet
31. Woman (French abbr.)
32. Characterized by unity
33. So. Peruvian city
35. Pig
36. Lubing
38. Clinker
41. Policeman (French slang)
42. Blood group
44. Atomic number 42
45. No. Am. rail
46. Fish locomotion appendage
47. Small weapon
50. Healthy grain
51. Main course
53. Chemical compounds

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Homo sapiens
2. Single article
3. Read again
4. ___c; very sad
5. Tree toad genus
6. Study of light's properties
7. Green (French)
8. Point midway between E and SE
9. Rotating entrance
10. 42nd President
12. Methylbenzene
13. Characterized by intense emotion
14. Headfish
16. Make a sharp explosive noise

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CHINA: Bach adds to collection

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of educators for two weeks in April, visiting Wang's school in Beijing, as well as Shanghai and the Xi'an Provence, home of the famed terra cotta warriors.

"He treated me like royalty," Bach said of Wang during her visit to China. "Everybody opened their doors to me."

The exchange was facilitated by the China Exchange Initiative, a grant-funded program based in Newton.

DID YOU KNOW?

Travel to China ... all you need is a library card

The top floor of Memorial Hall Library has a large collection of international materials, most notably Russian and Chinese-language items.

There is a special shelf with Chinese magazines and newspapers, updated frequently. Some of the materials are from Taiwan or Hong Kong, others are by CCTV, the state-run television in China, said Rosalie Ren, a former librarian who established the Chinese collection at Memorial Hall Library.

The library has "something for everyone" in its Chinese collection, she said, including comedy, romance and documentaries and dramas, said Ren, as she pointed out one DVD series she describes as "like the Sopranos."

It serves everyone in the Merrimack Valley, most of whom who don't have Chinese materials in their own hometown libraries.

MOVIE: Company based in Andover

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She also plans to film this summer in a North Andover mini-mall and Haverhill gift shop, she said. Three to four months of editing will follow. Then, she hopes to sell her independent movie, which features actors from Billerica and Wakefield along with Julia Cook of Andover, to a distributor.

A Web site for Wild Beagle Productions features a provocative photograph of a young woman advertising 27 Down.

"When she was good, she was very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid" is written in tattoo script down the side of the woman's body.

It's simply an advertisement, Coleman said.

"There's no nudity, some (foul) language and smoking ... but it's not over the top," she said of her movie. The expected rating is for viewers over 13 or an R-rating.

The movie has no connection to another movie of the same name that came out in 1974.

"It's an original screenplay," Coleman said.

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FUNNY: Jay Leno is non-stop comedy

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Pope, Paris Hilton, Mel Gibson, Ron Howard, President Bush, the price of stamps, Jaguar car owners, cat lovers and so on.

"They must have a committee that sits around to figure out what the most inconvenient price could possibly be," he said of the U.S. Post Office and its 42-cent stamp.

"I'm a dog person, not a cat person. A dog will pretend to be interested and pays attention," he said. "My wife's cat sleeps like 23 1/2 hours a day."

He's pleased to see a national health-care agenda getting attention from politicians, but told the crowd, "you think it's expensive, wait 'til it's free."

He's done three shows at Indian-owned casinos, but joked that he has yet to meet an Indian and he told the crowd that the owner of a Chinese toy factory where lead paint was found in toys sadly committed suicide — he stuck his head in an Easy Bake Oven, said Leno.

And so it went. Leno's jokes were nearly nonstop as he moved comfortably about the stage, which was decorated with a couch and a motorcycle.

However, Leno turned somewhat softer as he reflected on his hometown of Andover. Saying he had a "terrific childhood" here — he grew up on Clark Road and graduated from Andover High School in 1968 — he mentioned some beloved residents, including the Curtins, who owned the Andover McDonald's restaurant where he worked.

He joked that teachers in Los Angeles "usually last two years and then they're off to be a screenwriter," while his Andover teachers were true teachers. His fourth-grade teacher at South Elementary School, Martha (Allen) Walsh, was in the audience and smiling ear-to-ear after hearing his kind words. The late Andover High teacher David Robichaud was also saluted as he encouraged Leno to write down some of his jokes.

"I was not a good student, a bit dyslexic," he said seriously. "I am indebted to the Andover Public School system. ... It's a wonderful school system."

A local car dealerships also got a plug. Woodworth Motors is where he bought his late parents, Angelo and Catherine Leno, a Cadillac immediately after he signed his *Tonight Show* contract. That was a launching pad to numerous jokes as his Italian father loved the car and its red leather interior, while his demure mom never felt quite comfortable in the big auto.

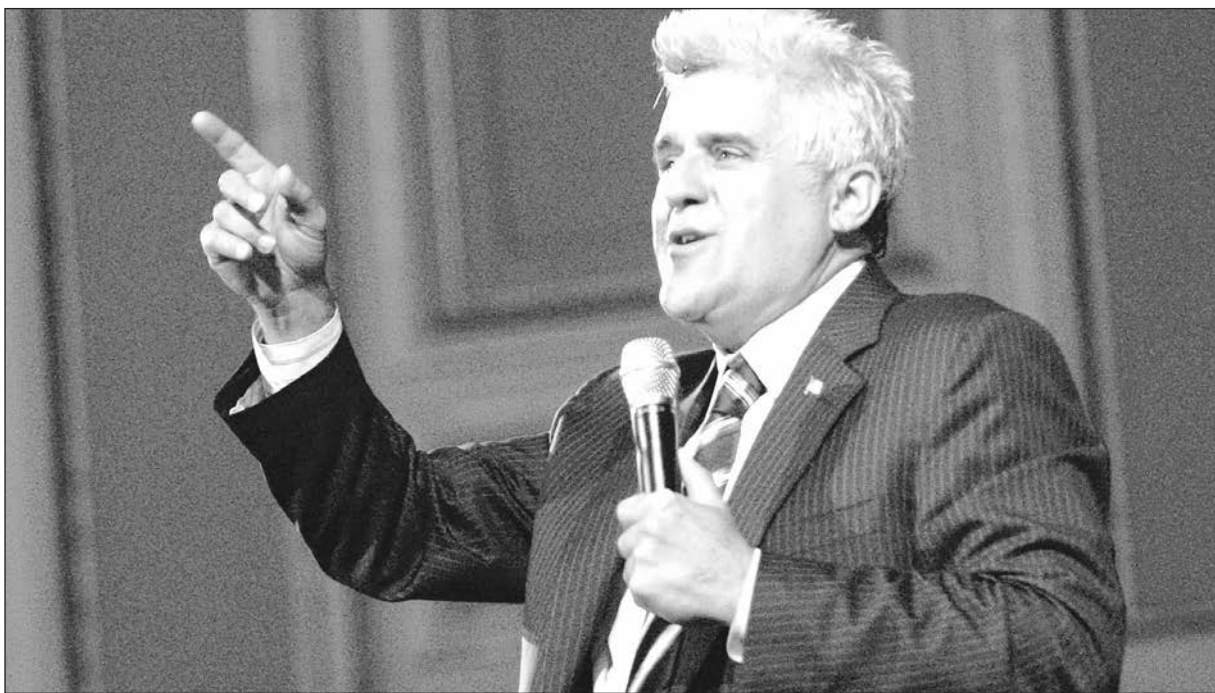
Leno's childhood hero, Rex Trailer, also got a nod at the show as he came to the stage. Leno told the crowd that Rex Trailer sent his picture to Leno.

"I was 9-years-old and sent a self-addressed letter with a dollar to Rex Trailer...He sent me a picture. ... I was a kid and just thrilled," Leno said, singing along with a crowd version of *BoomTown*, Trailer's signature song.

He joked about his parents trying to use the VCR he bought for them and their family trips to the former video store on Main Street that always took way, way, way too long.

Leno, now 58, never mentioned any career plans, but stand-up comedy still comes naturally to Andover's favorite funny man.

NBC has announced that Leno, who has hosted *The*



Tim Jean/Staff photos

"Tonight Show" host Jay Leno wowed 'em in Lowell last Saturday night.

Tonight Show since May 1992, will be succeeded by Conan O'Brien in 2009. A Los Angeles Times story last October reported that Leno could move to ABC or FOX to host a new late-night show.

At the end of his Lowell show he gave the audience a chance to ask him questions, but no one asked about his post-*Tonight Show* plans. Instead, they asked about his favorite guests and Jay-walking episodes (see sidebars) and about his dog (which he does not have).

"Weren't you paying attention?" he asked. When someone asked him how many cars he had, he replied, "How many cars do I have? You sound like my wife!"

LENO LOYALTY

Tonight Show host Jay Leno was the featured act for the Middlesex Community College Celebrity Series last Saturday night at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The college, based in Bedford with a campus in Lowell, is clearly near and dear to his wife, Mavis Nicholson Leno. Mavis Leno keeps a low profile in comparison to her husband, choosing instead to work behind the scenes of the non-profit groups she supports and runs. One group is the Feminist Majority Foundation, according to her Web site. She was the college's commencement speaker in 2005. The couple has donated \$1 million in scholarships to the college, which caters to the working class. Five young women were introduced to the crowd with each receiving a scholarship to attend the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Jay Leno clapped loudly as the scholarship winners were introduced. When his wife was mentioned as the 2005 commencement speaker, he was on his feet and got the crowd clapping.

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schedule an audition time, call 978-837-5461 or e-mail to anovello@treblechoerus.com.

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

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions

not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

North Reading Community Chorale welcomes new members and rehearses Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park St., North Reading. Free membership. Call 978-664-4800 or visit www.nrccu.com.

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

Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club dances held every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shawsheen Elementary School, Shaw-

sheen and Hopkins streets, Route 12, Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

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

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

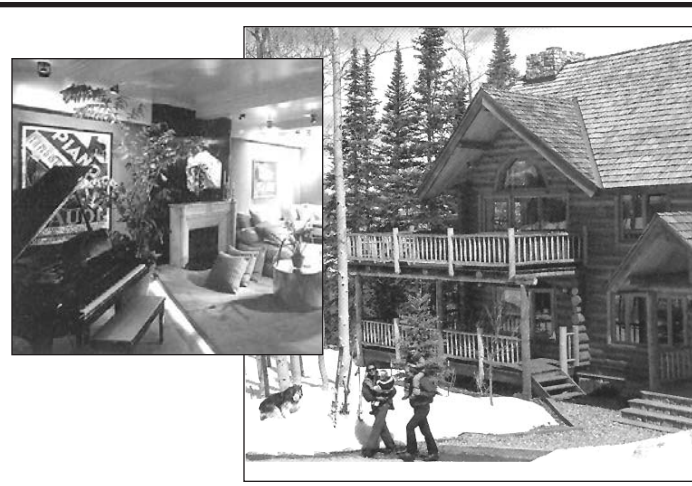
Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover. 978-682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

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Hannah Hoerner slams a shot back across the net. Once unable to make the varsity team, the No. 1 singles player took home league POY.

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A memorable season, from the diamond to the track

David Willis

With the summer sun rising, another memorable spring season has come to an end for Andover High School.

It was a season that saw the Andover baseball and softball teams tear the cover off the ball, the track teams display their trademark dominance and Golden Warriors nearly sweep Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year honors.

Seniors like **Brendan Hughes** and **Kayley Pettoruto** closed out tremendous careers, while underclassmen such as **John Hennessy** and **Catherine Gross** emerged. So, fans of the Blue and Golden have plenty to look forward to next season.

The Top Five

1. **Moment of the Season** — Andover catcher **Mike Morander** hauled in a throw from **John Hennessy** and slapped a tag on the Tewksbury runner. He then held the ball up to the umpire, who called the runner out. That play saved the Golden Warriors' win in the Lawrence Invitational.

2. **Performance of the Season** — Most high school players dream of hitting three home runs in a career. But **Tricia Martin** managed that in one day against Chelmsford. And she ended the game with a walkoff blast in an 11-9 victory. Martin was 5 for 5 on the day.

3. **Race of the Season** — The foursome of **Kayley Pettoruto**, **Melissa Knapp**, **Vanessa Singleton** and **Colleen Shannon** placed sixth in the distance medley relay at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in 4:01.88, earning All-American honors.

4. **Stat of the Season** — 5 — Number of Andover players that won or shared MVC Player of the Year honors in various sports.

5. **Scene of the Season** — She wasn't their teammate, but she was their friend. The Andover girls lacrosse team took the field for their Division 1 North first round contest with Salem donning red ribbons in their hair to honor track star **Christina Muccio's** father **Fran**, who passed away from ALS earlier that day. The game was played in the shadow of the tennis court, which had "We Love You Mooch" spelled out in cups on the chain-link fence.

You can't stop

1. **John Hennessy, Baseball** — Just a sophomore, the second-year starter led the Golden Warriors with a .462 batting average and 27 RBIs while finishing second in runs scored with 29. He also displayed stellar defense at shortstop, considered the toughest position on the field.

2. **Jeanette Doucette, Softball** — The outfielder broke onto the scene with a team-high .486 batting average, 24 RBIs and 26 runs.

3. **Peter Hanson, Boys Lacrosse** — The senior quad-captain finished second on the Golden Warriors in goals with 31 (Joe Lamagna led with 34) and led Andover in assists (30) and points (61). That while also displaying the toughness that made him a standout on the football field.

4. **Katelyn Caro, Girls Lacrosse** — With her dislocated right shoulder finally behind her, Caro led the Golden Warriors in assists with 39 and points with 83 and was second in goals with 44 (Heather Sullivan led with 53).

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Andover's Mike Morander holds the ball up to the umpire, and receives the out call that he was looking for. Morander had just applied the tag that saved Andover's victory at the Lawrence Invitational.



Matt Rayner uses his stick and body to halt St. John's Prep's Mark Scalise. Rayner's physical nature helped the defender win MVC Player of the Year.



Nina Yu shows the umpire the ball after tagging out a Methuen runner at the plate in the championship game of the Methuen Invitational. Yu had no problem moving to catcher from outfield this season.



ABOVE: Josh Bruno blocks a shot against St. John's Prep. The senior overcame a spontaneous collapsed lung just before the season to earn MVC All-Star honors.

LEFT: Ilana Cohen uses her body to get position against North Andover. Cohen shared MVC Player of the Year honors with teammate Kelly Driscoll.

Golden Warriors shatter school records at Nike Outdoor Nationals



Chris McConnell Set school record in 100

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To think, Chris McConnell very nearly played baseball this spring. The Golden Warriors star delivered a performance for the ages in the 100-meter dash, one of the highlights in a weekend that saw Andover High records fall and All-American honors earned at the at

the Nike Outdoor Nationals in Greensboro, N.C., over the weekend.

In the preliminaries of the 100, McConnell ran a stunning 10.78. That shattered the 24-year-old school record of 10.94 run by Ian Dowe in 1984 and Bruce Brown in 2002. It also eclipsed the record for the 23-school Eagle-Tribune area of 10.84 run by Timberlane's Tay-

lor Smith in 1998.

The time blew away McConnell's personal best of 10.98 run earlier this season, and was the fastest time run by a Massachusetts runner this season, besting the 10.86 of Chelmsford's Evan White in the same event.

"I was pretty nervous going in because I had never run in anything like (Nationals)," said Mc-

Connell, who was in his first season of outdoor track. "My goal going into the season was 10.93, and I was thrilled to know I accomplished my goal and surpassed it this season."

In the finals of the emerging elite division, McConnell tripped out of the blocks and still rallied to finish a stellar third in 10.86.

"At the beginning of the season

I didn't know how to run the 100," he said. "But toward the end of the year I learned how to extend my speed and finish strong. It was a lot different from the 55 (in indoor track), but I learned."

McConnell followed that up with an eighth in the 200 in 22.77.

"This was a huge
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Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster makes a surprise visit to West Elementary School for retiring principal Charlie Friel during Red Sox Day. Staff at the school bought him a package so he can attend Sox spring training next season.

Friel's last day included tickets to spring training

Charles Friel, outgoing principal of West Elementary, insisted he didn't want any hoopla as he retires this year. But West teachers and staff wouldn't let 36 years as an educator in Andover go without some recognition.

After students were dismissed on the last day of school, a half-day on Monday, June 23, West Elementary staff celebrated Friel's last day with a clambake.

Friel's coworkers also gave him a special gift: a travel package to see the Red Sox during spring training in Florida next year, complete with hotel, airfare and game tickets.

Friel, a die-hard Red Sox fan since childhood, began his career with the Andover Public Schools in 1972 and he has been principal of West Elementary since 1992.

A bench was also installed on the school grounds in Friel's honor by the fifth-grade class.

—Bethany Bray

Proposed power plant emissions might waft

A proposed 348 megawatt power plant is in the planning

stages, with the possibility of being built at 134 Billerica Ave., in North Billerica, not far from Route 495.

According to www.billericapowerplant.org, a community organization against the plant, the plant, designed to run on natural gas with diesel as a backup, would be Massachusetts 13th largest of 154 power plants.

A study of the power plant's health impacts was presented on June 19 to the Tewksbury Board of Health, which noted that emissions from the plant would drift across Tewksbury into West Andover, according to the organization. The study was done by Environmental Health and Engineering, a health firm retained by the town of Billerica (but paid for by the developer) to evaluate the health impacts of the proposed power plant.

Peter Kennedy, Billerica's town planner, said no date has been set as to when the power plant might be built, and he emphasized that it is still in the planning stages.

Andover Director of Health Tom Carbone is on vacation until June 30 and was not available for comment.

In 2000, Baltimore-based Nick-

el Hill Energies wanted to build a 750-megawatt, natural gas-fueled plant off Route 110 in east Dracut, which also raised concerns among some residents about emissions drifting into Andover. That plant was never built.

—Bethany Bray

Jay's shout out to the Townsman

In his typical style, the Tonight Show's Jay Leno took a playful jab at his hometown paper while on stage in Lowell last Saturday night.

"The Andover Townsman is here," he told the crowd. "You know they're always looking for the Andover angle...If there was an earthquake in China, the headline of the Andover Townsman would read: Local couple cancels Asian trip."

—Judy Wakefield

Last day for four principals

Monday, June 23 was the last day of school not only for students but for four of Andover's 10 principals, including Bancroft Elementary's Scott Morrison and Doherty Middle's Bruce Maki.

South Elementary's Eileen Woods, who will retire after close to 40 years in education on June 30, described the day as "bittersweet."

She became emotional as she described her last assembly.

"I told the children that my wish for them is to continue to be wonderful learners. To continue to work hard and that I would be back to visit. I told them I will miss them, and will be watching from afar (next year)."

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