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Wood Hill Middle only school pursuing extended school day

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Wood Hill Middle School is the only Andover school still pursuing state money to extend the school day. Six Andover schools considered expanding the time students spend in school

this year, after the state gave Andover \$11,000 in October 2007 to study the idea. Now, seven months later, Wood Hill Middle is the only one that will submit a preliminary proposal to receive an Expanded Learning Time grant, say school officials. This could mean a possible fall 2009 launch of ELT at Wood Hill Middle. The

Bus fees due today
■ Or parents pay \$50 more. Page 22.

state deadline to submit is today, July 31. Hotly debated, the state's ELT initiative would add 300 hours to the school year. Schools apply for and receive one-year

grants. If Andover were to retain the 180-day school year, which includes a summer vacation, ELT would add an extra one hour, 40 minutes to every school day. Having ELT discussions across the district this year was "a good process. It made people rethink their expectations of schools, re-evaluate what they don't like.

It was a learning process for parents, about curriculum, how things happen at school and how decisions get made," said Linda Glickstein, town grants coordinator. "Overall, the conversations have been tremendously important and valuable. It

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WASH-OUT



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

John Rocca (left) of 5 Binney St. came over to help his neighbors after coming home from Florida Monday morning and hearing about the flood. He is removing debris from the DiStefanos' property, 12 Binney St., along with Bob Doran of Methuen, who knows the DiStefanos from the New England Bible Church in Andover.

'We have a long road ahead of us'



Mike Solt of 10 Binney St. looks at the storm drain that could not handle the water runoff from last week's rainstorm. The rain caused serious flooding and damage to the Solts' home and their neighbors, the DiStefanos' home (background). The water reached as high as the top of the fence behind Solt.

Flood victims want state to pay

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Nearly one week after a flood drove three Andover families from their homes, the neighbors continue to haul away debris and seek answers to how they will afford to replace what they've lost.

The families blame the state highway department for failing to maintain a nearby drainage system that backed up and caused portions of Binney Street to be submerged under several feet of water. Homes at 8, 10 and 12 Binney St., a dead-end road near the Lawrence border, experienced significant water damage after several inches of rain were dumped on the area over two

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Big business and Andover

Philips news latest sign of town's strength

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

First in an occasional series on Andover's largest businesses and their effects on the town.

When it comes to the taxes it pays, Wyeth has Andover's community, youth and elder services covered.

The Burt Road pharmaceutical giant paid \$1.8 million in real estate and personal property taxes to the town of Andover last year, or enough to cover the entire Community Services, Andover Youth Services and Elder Services departmental budgets. It cost \$1.7 million to operate the three departments in fiscal 2008.

In all, Andover's top 10 commercial and industrial businesses paid close to \$11 million in taxes last fiscal year — that's nearly 12 percent of the town's entire tax

levy. Because some of the town's budget is paid by state and federal aid and other fees, the top 10 businesses cover 8 percent of the overall town operating budget.

When Philips Electronics North America — fourth on the top-ten list of tax contributors — announced last week that it was moving its New York City headquarters to Minuteman Road, where it already headquarters its Healthcare division, attention again focused on the amount of big business tucked away near the highways running through Andover.

Andover is "at the top of the heap" in the Merrimack Valley when it comes to the strength of its commercial and industrial tax base, said David Tibbetts, general counsel with the Merrimack

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Due to 50 to 75 relocated jobs, Philips is leasing a fifth building in Minuteman Park.

Selectman questions board's decision on filling positions

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Following the selectmen's authorization Monday to hire two full-time office workers to fill positions vacant since last year, dissenting Selectman Mary Lyman is questioning why the town isn't looking at new ways to provide services.

On Tuesday, Lyman compared the upcoming budget year to an "impending train wreck," saying the authorization to fill the vacancies made no sense to her considering Andover's financial outlook.

"Why don't you put on the brakes?" Lyman asked. "You

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WOOD: Principal Bucco believes ELT would be good fit for the school

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opened a lot of dialogue, townwide.”

As the school year ended in June, High Plain Elementary was considering the submission of a preliminary ELT proposal, along with Wood Hill. Since then, High Plain has decided not to apply. Principal Brenda O'Brien declined to comment for this story, wanting to meet with the school's ELT committee to send a letter explaining the decision to parents.

Wood Hill Middle Principal Patrick Bucco said he believes ELT would be a good fit at his school, which uses a learning style emphasizing hands-on and interdisciplinary projects. Having an extended day, he said, could allow students to have more chances to leave the school to do field work, or have guest experts visit.

“When we are struggling to get everything done that we need to get done by the end of the year, then it's a problem. We want to give students time so they can really learn, and it will stay with them,” said Bucco. “(Having extra time) would give students skills to deal with needs that adolescence brings. There just isn't enough time to deal with the whole child. You lose an important part of learning, that self-discovery that comes through expeditionary, project-based learning.”

Bucco said ELT would help meet the academic, emotional and social needs unique to middle school students.

“We want to make sure we don't have any kids slip through the cracks. Make sure every student has an adult here they can talk to and connect with, going through these turbulent adolescent times,” he said.

This fall, Bucco said he hopes to host several parent forums to increase communication and further explain Wood Hill's ELT plan. Information also will be posted on the Wood Hill Web site during early fall, he said.

“We value people's input, their thoughts, their ideas,” said Bucco. “It's a hot topic, and everybody has an opinion. All that I ask is that people get the facts, and look at it (ELT) as whole, not through the lens of one child.”

After Wood Hill Middle's preliminary

THE TEAM

Wood Hill ELT design team, which wrote the school's preliminary proposal, submitted this week includes:

- Linda Glickstein, grants coordinator
- Five teachers, five parents and administrators including Principal Patrick Bucco from Wood Hill Middle
- Superintendent Claudia Bach and Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson
- Trina Abbott, a technical advisor and consultant from Mass2020, an educational nonprofit group that supports ELT and was founded by former Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Chris Gabrieli

ELT proposal is submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (formerly the Department of Education) this week, a second draft — the actual ELT grant application — is due on Dec. 1. Any final application submitted in December would have to be approved by the Andover School Committee and the teachers' union.

Submitting a preliminary proposal does not lock Wood Hill Middle into applying for or implementing ELT, said Glickstein.

Beginning in September, the state will make suggestions for revisions to Wood Hill Middle's proposal, and schedule a site visit. The Wood Hill ELT design team, comprised of parents, teachers and school administrators, will distribute copies of the ELT proposal to the School Committee, parents, teachers and other “stake holders” in the Wood Hill community, said Glickstein.

“Ultimately, I'm excited about the possibilities it could bring,” said Bucco. “But if it comes down to not enough people are on board that feel this is a good thing for kids (we might not apply in December). We owe it to students to at least look at ELT, because it would benefit our students. Because of where we're at (as an expeditionary learning school), in a lot of ways it makes sense that we're looking at this. For other schools it might not make sense.”



Wood Hill Middle School students from left, Sicco Huicing, 12, Morgan Manning, 13, and Micayla McQuade, 13, have a “high tea” and desserts during a lesson in Victorian England and Charles Dickens last school year. Principal Patrick Bucco believes an extended day would allow students to do more unusual, hands-on learning.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

WHAT AN ELT PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

- A sample student and teacher schedule, of what an expanded day would look like
- A “logic model,” which lays out who will participate, expanded day activities, expected outcome, and how ELT's success will be evaluated
- Several narrative sections, a written portion that includes the vision of what the school district and specific school has for a redesigned, longer school day. Also the “nitty-gritty” of what will change, what will be done with the extra time and how is that different than what's done now, said Linda Glickstein, grants coordinator.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Expanded Learning timeline:

- **July 31, 2008:** Preliminary ELT proposals are due to the state. Submitting a proposal in July does not guarantee grant money and does not lock in a school to extending the school day. Of the six Andover schools originally considering ELT, only Wood Hill Middle School has decided to submit proposals for this deadline.
- **September/October 2008:** The state looks over all the proposals submitted, giving feedback and suggested revisions. A copy of Wood Hill Middle's ELT proposal will be given to School Committee, Wood Hill teachers, parents and community. Collective bargaining with the teachers' union about expanded day. State workers will visit Wood Hill Middle. “This will be a really extensive process of evaluation and revision,” said Glickstein. “An extremely important process.”
- **Dec. 1, 2008:** Final ELT application due to the state. In Andover, applications would have to be approved by the School Committee and teachers' union.
- **July 1, 2009:** ELT grants awarded dependent on state budget; grant money lasts for one year only.
- **Fall 2009:** Longer days implemented in schools receiving state money. Schools wanting to continue with ELT the next year must reapply.

Source: Linda Glickstein, grants coordinator

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PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: The 1917 Punchard High School building is pictured in 1934. The 1871 Punchard Free School Building, which was demolished shortly after the picture being taken, is to the right.



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NOW: The former Punchard High, now serving as Andover's Town Offices, is shown on a winter night.

Merrimack Valley Energy Summit Sept. 8

As residents face the everyday struggle with the high cost of energy for cars and trucks, businesses, buildings and homes, the Merrimack Valley Chamber has been working to help people address how to reduce energy costs.

On Monday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m. the Merrimack Valley Chamber will host an Energy Summit at Salvatore's Riverwalk Conference Center, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Guest speakers include: Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Ian Bowles; the state House of Representative Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy Brian Dempsey; and a panel of local experts to assist with questions regarding transportation options, alternative energy options for buildings, and current energy conservation programs.

This Energy Summit is sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Chambers Manufacturer's

Roundtable but open to all Merrimack Valley Chamber members. The summit is sponsored by Covanta Energy and The Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co.

A hot breakfast buffet is included at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$20. Secretary and chairman is at 9 a.m. Panel presentation with audience questions to follow.

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk

Join the 16th annual Alzheimer's Association Northeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk on Sunday, Sept. 21, which is also World Alzheimer's Day.

The walk begins at Brickstone Square in Andover. This walk combines two others, formerly known as the Northern Essex and Northern Middlesex walks. Form a team or walk as an individual. Volunteers are also needed for the walk to help with pre-walk preparations, hang posters and distribute fliers. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For more information about the Northeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk, call Debra Katt-Lloyd at 978-937-5576 or debra.katt-lloyd@alz.org, or visit www.memorywalkma.org.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 31

School Building Committee, Bancroft Elementary School, 7:30 a.m.
Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 4

Council on Aging subcommittee on virtual assisted living, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

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

MONDAY, AUG. 11

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

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

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

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



"I watch less TV than other people."
 — *Andover resident Carol Ekster, a teacher who has written 20 books, on finding time to revise and revise again her writing. Story in Arts & Entertainment, Page 13.*

"They're staying in this lot all day long because there's no incentive to move. Now, there is that incentive."

— *Police Chief Brian Pattullo, on raising the parking rate on meters behind Old Town Hall to \$1 an hour, to get downtown employees to park elsewhere. The move is meant to free prime spaces for shoppers. Story in Business, Page 6.*

"I was a pack-a-day smoker and realized I needed to make a change as I headed into the professional world, so I started running. I started with a mile and then worked my way up."
 — *Andover resident Kevin Sullivan, who completed the Vermont 100-Mile Endurance Run on July 19 in less than 16 hours, 16 minutes. Story in Townspeople, Page 11.*



TUESDAY, AUG. 12

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

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

MONDAY, AUG. 18

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

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

ON CAMPUS

More than 4,000 students graduated from the University of Connecticut on Sunday, May 11, including **Scott Michael Hitchcko**, **Christopher Wallace Brown**, **Alexandra Julianne Earnley**, **Alex John Navarro** and **Alexander Yutaka Toyoda**, all of Andover.

The following Andover residents were named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at Quinnipiac University: **Kierstyn Kalman**, **Danielle Richards** and **Brittany Weeks**.

Bryant University held its 145th commencement and among the graduates was **Kristina Elaine Levis** of Andover, bachelor of science in business administration, marketing.

Fitchburg State College held its 112th commencement exercises and among the graduates from Andover were **Susan M. LaCroix**, bache-

lor's degree in early childhood education; and **Jeremy A. Slotnick**, certificate of advanced graduate studies in interdisciplinary studies.

Jillian Kenney was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Tufts University. She is a 2006 graduate of Andover High School and the daughter of Carrie Kenney of Andover and Jack Kenney of Amesbury.

The following students from Andover earned a degree from Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., at the 130th commencement: **Adam Davison**, bachelor's degree in marketing; **Kevin Leary**, bachelor's degree in multimedia and graphic design; and **Michael Simar**, bachelor's degree in business.

Approximately 600 members of the Class of 2008 received bache-

lor's degrees at Skidmore College's 97th commencement exercises at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. **Mark Brickman** of Andover earned a bachelor's degree in art.

Seven Swarthmore College seniors and three alumni are winners of Fulbright Fellowships for 2009. Among them is **Susannah Gund**, Class of '08, who will research language attitudes and usage in Moroccan urban secondary schools. Gund is a special major in languages and linguistics, focusing on Arabic and French, and has a minor in educational studies. At Swarthmore she serves as a resident assistant and as a writing associate. She was also a founding member of the Genocide Intervention Network and helped lead Swarthmore Sudan. Gund, a 2004 graduate of Phillips Academy, is the daughter of Geoffrey Gund and Felicity Nitz of the Bronx, N.Y.

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FLOOD: Residents want state help

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days, including incessant downpours early last Thursday, July 24.

"In my opinion there's negligence here," said Michael Solt, of 10 Binney St. "I'm expecting the state to cover these expenses. I want to get my family back in the house and for it to be safe, and right now it's not."

Electrical, plumbing and building inspections will be needed before residents move back into 10 and 12 Binney St., said Andover Health Director Tom Carbone.

A state spokesman said the state will investigate the situation once it helps residents file a claim.

An unusual amount of rising water at the end of the street was first spotted by residents on the evening of July 23, prompting the DiStefano family to call the Massachusetts Highway Department to their 12 Binney St. property.

The water began to subside after a state highway worker came and inspected the culvert system adjacent to their backyard shed, according to Cindy DiStefano. But by 5 a.m., the water had risen again and was approaching their house.

"When I woke up at quarter-of-five in the morning, my yard was full," said DiStefano. "It proceeded to get worse and worse. Meanwhile, we had to start packing things. We packed until the fire department said you can't be here any longer."

By 9 a.m. the DiStefanos had already retreated to their neighbors' home at 10 Binney St.

Andover firefighters soon stopped residents from moving in and out of the home until power was shut off, temporarily stranding

four residents as the water continued to rise.

A 24-inch culvert and drainage ditch adjacent to the DiStefanos' property that runs underneath nearby Route 495 was at the center of the flooding problem. State workers later used a truck to pump water out of the area and into a nearby culvert.

"Because of the extreme amount of rain, the water couldn't go down to the culvert," said Klark Jessen, director of communications for the state Executive Office of Transportation, which oversees MassHighway. "That was where it backed up. It has been cleared, and the water was pumped away during the situation."

Jessen said the culvert system tends to back up during extreme weather.

"This one was the first time that it did to (this) extent," Jessen said.

In the past neighbors have regularly cleared out "massive debris" from the opening of the grated culvert, said Michael Solt. Solt said neighbors requested MassHighway come to the street to perform maintenance work.

"When it's maintained, it flows and drains fine," he said. "It's been neglected."

Solt said the culvert was packed with silt and sand before being cleared by state workers on July 24.

"It's a 24-inch pipe reduced to essentially four inches," Solt said.

In addition to handling water from a series of one-foot pipes draining from Route 495, Solt believes a secondary water route running along nearby railroad tracks and Shepley Street likely con-



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

David DiStefano, 15, helps evacuate his neighbors' home at 10 Binney St.

tributed to the blockage.

Solt pointed to a long trail of stormwater run-off and grass swept in the direction of the culvert as evidence of the secondary route. A drainage pipe near the Lawrence-based Swimming Pool Center also empties adjacent to the railroad.

Jessen said the state was "investigating into other non-MassHighway factors that played a part" in the flooding, including the nearby railroad culvert and property potentially owned by the town of Andover.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he planned to meet with Andover Public Works Director Jack Petkus on July 30 to determine the extent of any property the town may own in the vicinity of the flooding problem.

Solt said that on July 25 several dozen state workers and contractors continued their work on the drainage system. An "army" of employees had been on the street the night before, he said.

"The state doesn't bring down 40 people to (three) homes for the fun of it," said Solt. "They know there's a problem."

The effort by the state was too

late to avoid serious property damage, said 8 Binney St. resident Doreen Powers.

"They've been here nonstop since this happened," said Powers. "Why are they doing it now after the fact?"

'It had nowhere to go'

By the afternoon of July 25, Powers was back living at home after spending the night at her sister Kathy's Andover residence. Powers said her sister moved to town after losing her home in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Powers took a moment to joke about "Lake Binney" with relatives sitting on her front steps.

"You should have been here," said Powers. "Waterfront property."

Because the flooding rose all the way to a utility pole across the street from her home, Powers said water seeped through her foundation and ruined almost everything in her unfinished basement.

"It had nowhere to go," said Powers. "I've never had water in my basement in 17 years."

Powers said she must replace her furnace, hot-water heater, furni-

ture, a washing machine and dryer.

Workers filing in and out of 12 Binney St. carried strips of flooring into a half-full Dumpster in the driveway. Amid the hum of electrical generators powering sump pumps, others swept up mud and debris from bare floorboards.

"It's just beginning," said John DiStefano. "We have a long road ahead of us."

Inside 12 Binney St., the water appeared to have reached the first step of a staircase leading to the second floor.

In the basement below, much of the room had been reduced to soggy debris mixed with shelves, ceiling panels and computer equipment. Wires hung down from the open ceiling.

"We didn't even look in the cellar," said 15-year-old Daniel DiStefano. "We knew it was in the basement. Before you knew it, it was getting higher and higher, coming up the steps. ... Everything in the cellar is just gone."

"You see all the stuff with Katrina," said Daniel DiStefano. "And then you experience it. You say, 'Oh my God. I know how you feel.'"

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Firefighters put out Lowell Street house blaze

Andover firefighters are investigating a Lowell Street house fire that closed Route 133 and an Interstate 93 ramp for about 80 minutes on Tuesday, July 29.

The report of the fire came at 12:01 p.m. from Pauline Keffer, owner of 357 Lowell St., who was at home at the time, smelled smoke and called 911 while leaving through the home's back door.

At 12:07 p.m., firefighters with Andover Engine 3 reported that they could see the fire from the front of the two-and-a-half story single-family dwelling and that it was spreading up the exterior of the home.

Fire companies began an interior search of the building and confirmed that all occupants were out.

A large-diameter hose water supply was established from the opposite side of Lowell Street, forcing closure of the road. The fire was contained and was under control within several minutes of the first arriving companies, Andover Fire Rescue reported.

Fire companies remained on scene for more than an hour to check for any pockets of hidden fire and to perform salvage and overhaul operations. The fire remains under investigation.

With assistance from the State Police, the off-ramp from Interstate 93 onto Route 133 was closed at 12:10 p.m. by Andover police, according to Sgt. Barbara Connolly.

Both Lowell Street and the ramp were not opened until just after 1:30 p.m., Connolly said.



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Firefighters spray water into the eaves of the roof that was on fire at 357 Lowell St. Lowell Street was closed to traffic, as the department ran lines across the road. Also traffic was detoured from coming off Interstate 93 at the Route 133/Lowell Street exit.

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, July 22 - At 12:53 p.m., Timothy Corcoran, 46, of 168 River Road, was arrested and charged with buying/selling/receiving stolen trade secrets and conspiracy.

At 3:14 p.m., Johana Salas, 22, of 36 Farley St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a lights violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, July 23 - At 11:48 a.m., Danny Tiberio Jr., 32, of 9 Lincoln Drive, Raymond, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class C substance and possession of a Class E substance.

Thursday, July 24 - At 8:20 p.m., Reginaldo Cavalheiro, 35, of 80 Marginal Ave., Ogunquit, Maine, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, revoked registration and possession of a Class E substance.

At 11:21 p.m., Markus Ghaderi, 25, of 24 Hickory Lane, North Reading, was arrested and charged on a warrant for child endangerment while operating under the influence.

Friday, July 26 - At 12:58 a.m.,

Gregory Arcidy, 18, of 14 Theodore Ave., was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

At 1:42 a.m., Michael Cerchione, 21, of 6 Pine Tree Lane, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 2:09 a.m., Nancy Rodriguez, 38, of 136 Boxford St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence and operating to endanger.

Saturday, July 26 - At 3:03 a.m., Danae Silver, 24, of 41 Linwood Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 4 a.m., James Conway IV, 20, of 23 Stonybrook Circle, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

At 9:31 a.m., Thomas Romano, 53, of 41 Olde Country Village Road, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for two counts of violating a restraining order, two counts of trespassing, threats, assault, larceny

and evading a taxi fare.

At 6:59 p.m., David Medina, 20, of 365 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class A substance.

At 7:11 p.m., Eduardo Diaz, 23, of 94 Stanwood, Dorchester, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a number plate violation and possession of a Class A substance.

At 10:45 p.m., Douglas McCoy, 24, of 3 Parnassus Place, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of drugs and the subsequent offense of possessing a Class B substance.

Sunday, July 27 - At 6:29 a.m., Elishah Musoke, 23, of 43 Gates St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with trespassing with a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 7:42 a.m., Jason Fennessey, 25, of 11 Chandler Road, was arrested and charged with speeding, leaving the scene of personal injury, and operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, July 28 - At 12:31 p.m.,

Roberto Hernandez, 34, of 174 Bruce St. East Boston, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, possession/use of false or stolen RMV document, and the motor vehicle violation of giving a false name/address to police.

At 12:49 p.m., Eric Calabrese, 33, of 24 Queen Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

THEFTS

Tuesday, July 22 - At 12:42 p.m., theft was reported on North Main Street.

Wednesday, July 23 - At 3:25 p.m., the past theft of two computer servers was reported on Dundee Park.

At 8:45 p.m., theft of an iPod was reported at Phillips Academy on Main Street.

Friday, July 25 - At 3:07 p.m., theft and fraud were reported on Hitchcock Farm Road.

Saturday, July 26 - At 2:46 p.m.,

theft of a wallet with a large amount of cash in it was reported on Main Street by Phillips Academy security.

At 7:28 p.m., the theft of a plant was reported on Andover Street.

BREAKS

Saturday, July 26 - At 1:34 a.m., a 911 caller reported witnessing a break-in at Dylan's Bar and Grill on Park Street.

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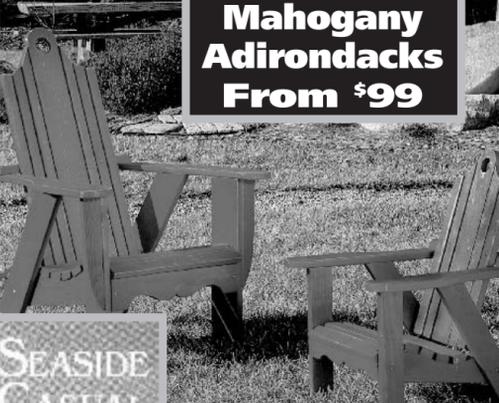
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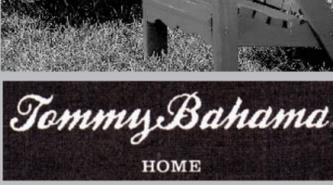
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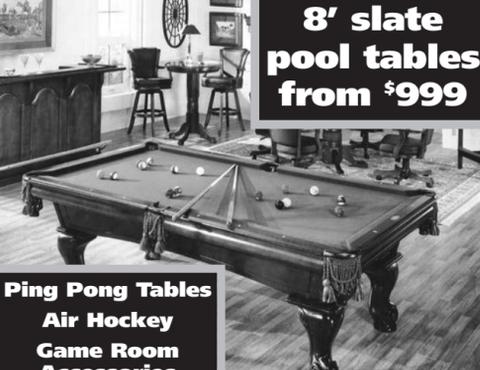
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BIG: Top 10 companies pay 12 percent of town taxes

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Valley Economic Development Council.

"Cities and towns around the valley and across the state would drool at the prospect of having a third of the companies on that list," said Tibbetts. "It enables Andover to have a first-class school system and first-class town services without having an off-the-charts residential tax rate."

Big-name companies like Wyeth, Raytheon, Philips and Eisai each contributed more than 1 percent of the total taxes paid. Gillette and Putnam Investments round out the well-known companies on the top-10 list. Two real estate trusts and the owners of the Brickstone Square and Minuteman Road office parks complete the list.

Tibbetts said having big-name companies already in operation in town makes it easier to attract new commercial and industrial growth. There are still approximately 259 such developable acres remaining in town, according to its Web site.

"Success breeds success," said Tibbetts. "That speaks very loudly to CEOs when they're making decisions."

While town coffers are helped by Andover's large corporations, some residents have expressed concern over the years about the negative effects of business expansion on town roads. Andover residents have fought expansion of Ballardvale businesses because of the number of their employees al-

"Cities and towns around the valley and across the state would drool at the prospect of having a third of the companies (Andover has.)"

David Tibbetts, Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council general counsel

ready zooming down their small side streets looking for short cuts. Some people worry a proposed new ramp off Interstate 93 into southern Andover will not only bring more business, but more traffic headaches.

Officials associated with the I-93 interchange effort repeatedly have maintained the new ramp will lessen traffic on side streets. And almost everyone seems interested in the increased tax revenue of new business at a time when town fees and taxes keep rising.

Andover is fortunate to have a commercial and industrial tax base with such breadth and depth, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, who credited the town's geographical location and zoning and permitting practices.

Stapeczynski said the formula to attract businesses to "campus-like settings" near highway interchanges was first developed in the 1950s and continued in the decades to come with sig-

nificant success.

"It has paid off in big dividends for the communities who have done that, including Andover," said Stapeczynski. "It's due in large part to the foresight of previous boards of selectmen, planning boards, Town Meeting members, who voted to rezone land along I-93 and 495 to industrial," said Stapeczynski.

Andover has the work force, highway access and ancillary services to attract large companies, according to Joe Bevilacqua, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Bevilacqua agreed with Tibbetts that the town was at the fore of the Merrimack Valley's business.

"It has to be one of the leaders, without a doubt, in terms of big companies," said Bevilacqua. "In all of Massachusetts, for that matter."

Bevilacqua said announcements like the one Philips officials made July 22 send clear messages to the international business community that the Merrimack Valley region is a desirable location.

"It's just a tremendous statement," said Bevilacqua. "These are literally world-class, internationally-known companies."

Bevilacqua said the employees of large companies are also often residents who pay property taxes and spend their income in town.

A strong commercial and industrial tax base takes the pressure off residents, he said.

"If you don't have it, then your (residential) property taxes would obviously be much higher," said

ANDOVER'S TOP 10 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL TAX PAYERS

1) Wyeth

Business type: pharmaceuticals
Property type: industrial
Total tax assessed: \$1,806,900
Percent of total levy: 1.92 percent

2) Transwestern Brickstone Square LLC

Business type: real estate
Property type: commercial
Total tax assessed: \$1,451,400
Percent of total levy: 1.54 percent

3) Raytheon

Business type: defense contractor
Property type: industrial/residential
Total tax assessed: \$1,234,400
Percent of total levy: 1.31 percent

4) Philips Electronics North America Corp.

Business type: medical devices and electronics
Property type: Industrial
Total tax assessed: \$1,096,200
Percent of total levy: 1.17 percent

5) CA Investment Trust

Business Type: real estate, including Andover Country Club
Property type: residential/commercial
Total tax assessed: \$1,034,200
Percent of total levy: 1.09 percent

6) RREEF America REIT III Corp. ZI

Business type: real estate

Property type: commercial/industrial
Total tax assessed: \$1,001,000
Percent of total levy: 1.06 percent

7) Eisai Research Institute

Business type: pharmaceuticals
Property type: commercial/industrial
Total tax assessed: \$960,300
Percent of total levy: 1.02 percent

8) One Hundred Minuteman LLC

Business type: real estate
Property type: industrial
Total tax assessed: \$889,200
Percent of total levy: 0.95 percent

9) Gillette Company (Proctor & Gamble)

Business type: consumer products
Property type: industrial
Total tax assessed: \$834,800
Percent of total levy: 0.89 percent

10) Lincoln Andover LLC (Putnam Investments)

Business type: financial management
Property type: commercial
Total tax assessed: \$686,900
Percent of total levy: 0.73 percent

Top ten totals

Total tax assessed: \$10,995,300
Percent of total levy: 11.69 percent
(all numbers from fiscal year 2008)

Bevilacqua.

Andover's tax rate for commercial and industrial businesses is \$19.13 for every \$1,000 their property is worth, compared to \$11.69 per \$1,000 of valuation for residents.

Businesses are also taxed on the personal property they own.

"For the most part, personal property is tax on machinery and equipment, furniture, fixtures, stock in trade," said Andover Assessor David Billard.

Nearly 70 percent of Andover's \$134 million budget last year was paid for through property taxes. Approximately one-third of the Andover property taxes collected each year come from businesses, said Stapeczynski.

DECISION: Lyman comparing upcoming budget to 'train wreck'

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have the chance to do it now."

During Monday's meeting she suggested juggling support staff between departments as an alternative to the hirings, an idea deemed an example of "micro-managing" by Selectman Jerry Stabile. Lyman defended the discussion as necessary in light of the potential for a multi-million dollar operating budget deficit.

"I think our heads would be in the sand not to talk about this," Lyman said.

Seeking approval from the board to fill the open positions, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski told selectmen he felt the hirings would be justified after speaking with departments heads and the director of human resources.

Money to fill the two vacancies within Plant & Facilities and Community Services departments already is included in this year's operating budget, Stapeczynski told the board. The openings were created by retirements in late 2007, he said.

The authorization to hire the positions, which passed 4-1 with

only Lyman opposed, means Stapeczynski will now post the openings for an DCS office assistant and P&F executive secretary.

Lyman said she understood Stabile's concern that selectmen not be micro-managers, but did not agree with him.

"It looks like micro-managing until you're into the budget and you realize you can't make it," said Lyman.

Stabile said he felt the two positions were sufficiently justified by Stapeczynski at the meeting. Afterwards he said selectmen's tendency to act as town manager frustrates both Stapeczynski and town department heads.

"That's their job. That's what we pay them to do," said Stabile. "If we're not going to put all hiring on hold, it's not really in our purview to pick apart or dissect how we might better use a head count."

Stabile said the board's job on July 28 in relation to the hiring proposal was to approve or disapprove on the information presented to them and not to come up with alternative proposals.

"We were getting down into the

minutiae of what the issue was," said Stabile. "That's not the role of the board."

In a memo to selectmen dated July 25, Stapeczynski wrote that the proposed Community Services office assistant would be funded half through operating expenses and half through the department's revolving account funds, money collected from those participating in DCS programs.

Since the position was vacated in December, the department's office duties have been left to a single full-time secretary when high school and college students were unable to fill in, Stapeczynski wrote.

"DCS is in need of a well-trained office assistant to assist with an important customer-service improvement," wrote Stapeczynski. "They would like to implement an online registration system. This new position will be responsible for the implementation of this system and will assist Youth Services with the implementation of their system as well."

Stapeczynski wrote that the hiring of an executive secretary in the Plant & Facilities department

would alleviate what he described was "at best, a band-aid approach" in covering administrative and personnel management functions.

All town department heads have executive secretaries to handle work-related correspondence, screen telephone calls, respond to customer inquiries, track and report weekly employee attendance, and perform scheduling tasks, he wrote.

"It has been the experience of all of the town's department heads that these responsibilities be assigned to one knowledgeable person in order to insure the efficiency and accuracy of the office," wrote Stapeczynski. "My recommendation is to go forward and post both positions."

Stapeczynski told the board July 28 that the only positions added on the town side since 2002 have been paid with either grants or revolving account revenue.

"We've held steady for the past five or six years in terms of total head count while adding more programs and services and doing more with less," Stapeczynski said. Stapeczynski said three or four full- and part-time support staff positions remain vacant.

"There will be more," Stapeczynski told selectmen July 28. "There are other vacancies."

Lyman said she did not question the amount of work asked of the support staff, but said the additions to town payroll will likely come at a time when some residents will struggle to heat their homes and buy groceries later this year.

"And we're going to go ahead and just act as nothing's changing?" asked Lyman. "I wouldn't dismiss the work level, it's just you can't always afford to do it the way you've done it."

Stabile said it is the board's role to propose a hiring freeze, but not suggest alternatives to individual hires.



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By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

It will soon cost you \$1 an hour to park behind Old Town Hall as part of the town's newly approved parking plan. Officials want to change to open the sought-after spaces more often for downtown shoppers.

Months after a uniform parking rate hike was adopted by selectmen, the board unanimously approved new parking guidelines developed through input from both Andover police and downtown business owners.

"It's a great partnership," said Selectman Alex Vispoli. "Overall I think it's a great solution."

Selectmen previously voted to increase the parking rate across town from a quarter to 50 cents an hour.

Now the 50-cent rate increase in the parking lot behind Old Town Hall will encourage a quicker turnover in parking spaces, according to Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo. Pattullo told selectmen that downtown business employees typically park in the lot all day, frequently feeding meters and effectively reserving all-day parking for just \$4.

Under the new system, such a

practice will cost employees \$8 each day, he said. The \$1-per-hour rate will also be instituted at metered spaces along Barnard and Park streets.

"They're staying in this lot all day long because there's no incentive to move," said Pattullo. "Now there is that incentive. This is the busiest lot in town. This is moving them out of the busiest section."

Downtown business employees will be encouraged to park in the Park Street Village lot in the mall with Yama, where 20 spaces will have no time limits. The parking rate there will remain at 50 cents per hour, Pattullo said.

The all-day parking will be administered through the pay-and-display machine currently installed in Shawsheen Square.

Pattullo said an electrician has confirmed that the conversion to pay-and-display parking will be an "easy move" at the lot. Pattullo said the number of all-day parking spaces in the lot could be increased or decreased to fit future needs.

"It's going to give us some flexibility in this lot once we do it," said Pattullo.

Free parking in the Park Street Village lot will increase from 15 to 30 minutes under the new plan.

Five additional free 30-minute parking spaces will also be added in the lot behind Old Town Hall.

With the construction of new curbing adding nine new spaces, the total number of parking spots in the lot is expected to reach 92 by the end of summer. The higher rates are expected to begin during the first week in August.

Despite implementing an increased parking rate one month later than he planned, Pattullo said his department should still collect enough revenue to meet his fiscal year 2009 budget.

Pattullo said there will be no changes to the Olde Andover Village lot on Main Street, where two pay-and-display parking machines are used.

The town-operated parking lot in Shawsheen Square will convert back to free parking.

"That experiment didn't work," said Pattullo, referring to the unsuccessful implementation of pay-and-display parking in Shawsheen.

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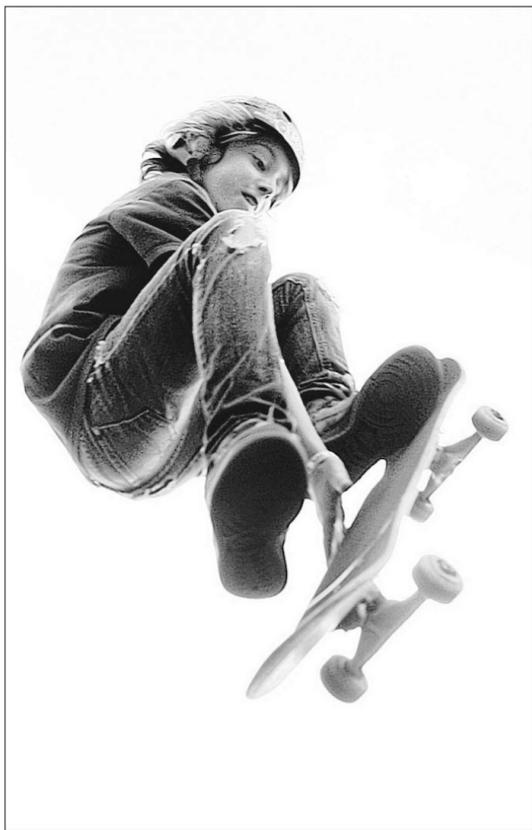
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Adam Ziel, 13, gets air off a jump at Andover Skate Park Tuesday afternoon.

POLICE LOG

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Sunday, July 27 - At 8 a.m., a home break was reported on Bailey Road.

Monday, July 28 - At 10:08 a.m. a past home break was reported on North Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 23 - At 11:24 a.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported outside of Boston Sports Club on Lowell Street.

Thursday, July 24 - At 8:50 a.m. theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Summer Street.

At 10:47 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Foster Circle.

At 11:54 a.m., theft of a global positioning system from a motor vehicle was reported on Pine Street.

At 12:14 p.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Dascomb Road.

At 1:37 p.m., multiple motor vehicle break-ins were reported on Dascomb Road.

Sunday, July 27 - At 1:09 p.m., theft of a GPS unit from a motor vehicle was reported on Bailey Road.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, July 22 - At 7:48 a.m., a resident reported his Homestead Circle home was vandalized with

eggs and tomatoes.

At 9:45 a.m., fraud was reported on Chandler Circle.

At 6:50 p.m., B&M Railroad reported three boys playing chicken with a train that had just passed by the old Shawsheen train station.

Wednesday, July 23 - At 3:58 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on North Main Street.

Thursday, July 24 - At 12:14 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Bullfinch Drive.

At 6:07 p.m., vandalism to porch furniture was reported on Bartlet Street.

At 6:19 p.m., fraud was reported on School Street.

At 8:55 p.m. cruiser damage was reported on North Main Street.

Friday, July 26 - At 11:19 a.m. harassment was reported on North Main Street.

Saturday, July 26 - At 1:24 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Beacon Street.

At 1:30 a.m., a noise complaint was received on High Plain Road.

At 3:07 a.m., a disorderly disturbance by two drunken females was reported at CVS on Main Street.

At 7:49 a.m., a missing wallet and car keys was reported on Old River Road.

— Compiled by
Brian Messenger

Tax bills for first quarter of FY09 due Aug. 1

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Residents and businesses must pay their first-quarter tax bills by tomorrow, Aug. 1.

The town assessor's office issued 11,982 individual bills for residential, commercial and industrial real estate taxes and personal property taxes for businesses on July 1, according to Town Assessor David Billard.

The average single-family residential tax bill in fiscal year 2008 was \$6,798.53, Billard said.

Town officials anticipated last fall that the average Andover homeowner would see an increase of about \$141 on his or her property tax bill after the annual tax rate between residential and commercial taxpayers was set by selectmen.

Businesses will continue to pay a higher rate than residents, or \$19.14 for every \$1,000 their property is worth compared to \$11.69

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per \$1,000 of valuation paid by residents.

The bills due this week will equal one quarter of taxpayers' total tax contributions last year.

Billard said the first two quarterly bills of the fiscal year are based on estimated amounts that are no more than one quarter of the net amount assessed for the previous year. Third-quarter bills, issued Jan. 1, balance the difference between the estimated and actual amount due.

Any difference is divided between third-

and fourth-quarter bills.

Real estate and personal property values are based off Jan. 1, 2007 assessments.

In fiscal 2008, more than 57 percent of single-family homes in Andover — or 4,914 out of 8,571 — were assessed at more than \$500,000. A total of 2,480 homes were assessed between \$600,001 and \$1 million — nearly 29 percent of all single-family homes in Andover.

A total of 409 single-family homes were assessed at more than \$1 million.

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD TERM HONORS

Doherty Middle School has reported that the following students made its honor and high honor roll for the third and final term of the past school year:

Grade 6 High Honors

Shailla Abbott, Nathaniel Alden, Connor Batsimm, Corey Bedrosian, Ian Bensley, Isabel Bree, Eamon Callahan, Samantha Camilo, GraceAnne Casto, Rosalyn Chen, Declan Collins, Kaitlyn Conte, MacKenzie Dalton, Amit Deliwala, Peter Dell Anno, Haley Doherty, Rachel Donovan, Sophie Draper, Elizabeth Edwards, Sheryl Ehlbeck, Andrew Emerson, Peter Fanikos, Emily Felner, Paige Finlayson, Sylvie Flanagan, Owen Focke, Julia Ganley, Jesse Greaves, Catherine Haut, Harrison Hou, Marissa Howell, James Imrie, Jessi Jacobowitz, Jordan Janeiro, Samantha Pond, Emma Matthew Kelly, Sarah Knowles, Margaret Kobselski, Ethan Kurinsky, Kyle Lawrence, Julia LeBlanc, Carter Letsky, Angelina Lionetta, Jessie Livingston, Samuel Mack, Megan Manner, Tyler Marshall, Emily Masterson, Katie Miara, Stephen Moreland, Madison Moulder, Erin Nastari, John Nossiff, Katherine O'Hara, Conor O'Reilly, Una O'Toole, John Ozirsky, Madalyn Pollack, Samantha Pond, Emma Pope, Ethan Pope, Megan Quinn, Arushi Ray, David Rogers, Carolyn Roos, Tamra Rutfield, Jaydeep Sambangi, Eli Sands, Leah Shrestinian, Hugh Smith, Matthew Stickney, Jonathan Tetreault, Christopher Tivnan, Ryan Trisman, Hunter Tyrrell, Aimee Ward, Ashlee Ward, Aaron Wu

Grade 6 Honors

Zachary Angelosanto, Alexa Baldwin, John Barry, Stephen Beaumont, Benjamin Beckwith, Xavier Briggs, Andrew Brownson, Emily Byrne, Brandon Cavallaro, Michelle Cloutier, Sarah Cranney, Rachael Cronin, Matthew Dalimonte, Lila Dolan, Sylvia Dorros, Kristina Doucette, Bradford Durling, Dimitri Erickson, Benjamin Fischer, Rachel Gentile, Emily Granoff, Lauren Grant, Louisa Gross, Katherine Hallinan, Collin Hardgrove, Cooper Hurley, Andrea Iliceto, Carter Ishihara, Eliana Kafantis, Cameron Keenan, Samuel Kelly, Nicholas Kuzio, Madison Lawler, Alisha Li, Daniel Lyman, Patrick McQuillen, Shaun Merrill, Jameson O'Connor, Coleman Organisciak, Trevor Parvin, Dhruv Patel, Kyle Paterson, David Pekarovich, Stephen Ranieri, Dylan Ring, Gabrielle Ruth, Christopher Sarno, Johanna Shaw, Talia Shuman, Natalie Stamatiadis, Andrew Swapp, Jackson Sylvester, Jacob Tarricone, John Tyner, Na-

talie Wagner, Nicholas Wall, Kelly Walsh, Songee Yoon

Grade 7 High Honors

Jonathan Abbott, Michela Allocca, Nicole Annino, Rachel Annino, Sarah Appleton, Nadja Arifovic, Sarita Ballakur, David Belluche, Austin Bendetson, Ross Bendetson, Elya Bot-tiger, Hannah Bramhall, Lauren Buhner, Devon Burger, Emma Cammann, Shivansh Chawla, Xinni Chen, Harrison Cobb, Jennifer Colombo, Margaret Cranney, Piper Curtis, Margaret D'Innocenzo, Evan Dinu, Ceara Donovan, Christopher Dunn, Sophie Ekman, Lucy Frey, Michelle Gagnon, Anne Garvin, Mariangela Gominho, Raquel Goosey, Sarah Gustus, Michael Hanscom, Will Heikkinen, Rachel Holzman, Erin Hudkins, An Huynh, Phillip Igoe, Ciara Jacques, Christina Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Ryan Jones, Julia Kichorowsky, Tiffany Lam, Emma Lamoreaux, Douglas Lewis, Eliza Lewis, Elizabeth Lownie, Lynzie Luschenat, Sloan Lynch, Tara MacKenzie, Michael Maldari, Nathaniel Malone, Christine Marotta, Siobhan McDonough, Daniel McLaughlin, Anna Millar, Siddarth Palaniappan, Steven Perrone, Dilly Pirgon, Ana Rinaldi, Sawyer Rogers, Helen Root, Sameer Sangal, Gina Sawaya, Peter Scapichio, Isaac Schreiber, Alexander Scolnik-Brower, Joseph Solimini, Theodore Sorota, Anne Stahley, Jaclyn Torres, Andrew Trepichio, Paul Turiano, Andrew Wang, Brandon Wanthall, Jillian Wilson, Kristen Wilson, Christine Wu, Meghan Wurts, Eric Wybenga, Theresa Yeo, Mark Zavrl

Grade 7 Honors

Nathaniel Altman, Nicholas Ardagna, Maxwell Baron, Emma Bentley, Estelle Black, Nicolas Bouchard, Justin Brosnan, James Burke, Scott Campbell, Joshua Chapman, Jonathan Costello, Hannah Cunningham, Cassidy Cunningham, Peter Currier, John Driscoll, Henry Ewing, Marcela Familiar-Bolanos, Katherine Finley, Jake Flaherty, Daniel Gendreau, Daniel Gilbert, Richard Gilbert, Heath Herrington, Patrick Holden, Rachel Huntley, Matthew Hurchik, Andrew Johnson, Scott Kaluzny, Michael Kapp, Elizabeth Kaufman, Emma Keefe, Daniel Keenan, Samantha Kelley, Caroline Kiezulas, Rebecca Koffman, Jennifer Kuta, Meaghan Leary, Scott MacMillan, John Mahan, Gregory Manson, Richard Martin, Taylor Masse, Yasmeen Mazon, India Mazzarelli, Catherine Muldoon, Anne Murphy, Andrew Nason, Sara Nickpour, Ari Pike, Julian Pryde, Natalia Rayner, Ajay

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Rachel Abbott, Dorothy Agoulnik, John Andon, Timothy Arena, Sarah Arvidson, Kaitlyn Beaumont, Colleen Byrne, Alexandra Camilo, Lauren Cardillo, Mitchell Carey, Maggie Marie Casto, Lucas Christopherson, Gabriella Cirelli, James Costello, Melissa Cronin, Rebecca Daniels, Meghan Doherty, Molly Dowell, Bridgette Dufton, Coleman Egertson, Blake Finlayson, Samuel Frykenberg, Timothy Fulton, Marin Gang, Nicholas Gentile, Samuel Gillette, Elizabeth Gorrie, Abigail Granoff, Taylor Guenard, Dylan Gully, Morgan Gundrum, Samantha Hall, Brian Hanafin, Jacqueline Hendrickson, James Holden, Joyce Holloway, Christopher Hoyt, Robert Hsu, Douglas Hubschman, David Hunter, Matthew Hyszcak, Emily Ishihara, Kelsey Jamieson, Adam Jones, Tahir Kapoor, Emily Kelly, Joanna Kenneally, William Klein, Benjamin Krapels, Meredith Lawler, Lauren LeBlanc, Da Ye Lee, Jennifer Levenson, Ashley Li, Shu-Dih Lin, John Lincoln-Vogel, Alec Livingston, Rachel Moore, Nicole Morin, Daniel Murray, Victoria Napolitano, Lauren Nastari, Aaron Neaves, Matthew Norris, Emma O'Leary, Patrick O'Sullivan, Michaela Olson, Terra Organisciak, Audrey Parrill, Lauren Pien, Emily Pond, Elizabeth Pugliese, Lisa Qin, Michael Quinlan, Hannah Ragonese, Daisy Ranwell, Andrea Ravikumar, Corine Rosenberg, Nicola Shen, Anna Shrestinian, Pooja Singh, Mackenzie Skwierczynski, Jordane Smith, Taber Tyrrell, Alyssa Wall, Mark Waller, Sarah Warne, Abigail Watts, Kaleigh Wilson, Derek Witt, Daniel Yao, Melanie Zakin, Carolina Zappala

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Ian Adams, Emily Appleton, Alexander Booth, Curren Chadha, Robert Cummings, Noah Curtin, Michael Earley, Brianna Fogden, Jillian Gray, Andrew Gross, Jeffrey Hanson, Benjamin Harris, Andrew Hook, Megan Horn, Jacob Huntley, Catherine Jacavano, Colin Johnson, Nicholas Kalantzakos, Summer LeCain, Christopher Lundgren, Molly Lynch, Michael Lyons, Allison McLeod, Brian Morris, Melanie Nesteruk, Leili Nickpour, Charlotte Ozirsky, Benjamin Preller, Lorenzo Rapone, Jeremy Salerno, Nicholas Solimini, Leah Spencer, Dylan Tierney, Kyle Wakefield, James Walsh, Sophie Walsh, Christopher Wolf

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Obituaries

Lillian K. Carter, 88



SALEM, N.H. — Lillian K. (Holden) Carter 88 of Salem, N.H. died Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at her home in Salem.

Born and educated in Andover, she graduated from the Punchard High School in Andover.

A homemaker, she attended dress-making school in Boston, enjoyed spending time with her family, knitting, cooking and playing bingo. The love of her love was a her dog and companion, Simba.

The widow of Howard W. Carter, she leaves her four sons, Howard W. Carter, Jr. and Richard G. Carter and his wife

Patricia, all of Methuen, Donald W. Carter of Salem, N.H. and Ronald W. Carter of Derry, N.H.; one sister Helen Vaughn of Tampa Bay, Fla.; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843 or to Caritas Holy Family Hospital Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844. Family and friends called on Friday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Funeral service followed at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at the family's convenience. For condolences or directions visit pollardfuneralhome.com.

Barbara H. Ekenbarger

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Barbara H. (Boutwell) (Waranowski) Ekenbarger, of Okeechobee, died Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in her sleep, following a brief hospice in her son's home in New Hampshire.

Barbara was born on Oct. 2, 1927 to Lillian (Holt) and Everett Boutwell of Andover. She attended Simmons College in Boston and became a registered nurse. She was married to Zigmund Waranowski and lived in Ipswich for many years, working at Cable Hospital. She also worked at Malden Hospital, Lowell General Hospital, and Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee. She followed friends to Florida, and loving the warmth, retired there.

Barbara will be remembered for many good things, especially for being a good listener. No matter how busy she was, she always had time for friends and neighbors. She had an active mind and enjoyed crossword puzzles, the

CSI television series and Animal Planet. She read every National Geographic Magazine from cover to cover. She was known for her brownies, and kept extra bags of her homemade goodies in the freezer to give away. And everyone heard about her grandsons; she was a devoted grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Carl Waranowski and his wife Martha of Hooksett, N.H.; and three grandsons of whom she was so proud, Peter Waranowski of Manchester, N.H., John Waranowski and his wife Jennifer, also of Manchester, and Andrew Waranowski of Hooksett. She is also survived by a sister, June Fitzgerald of Andover, a cousin, Edna Bradbury of Hollis, Maine, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: As she wished, her remains were cremated, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local hospice.

Claire M. Francis



ANDOVER — Claire M. (Gaudet) Francis, of Andover, beloved wife of Anthony J. Marquis of Andover and the late Douglas J. Francis, died at

Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston on Monday, July 21, 2008. She was 66 years-old.

Born in Andover, she was the beloved daughter of the late Melvin and Clara (Gallant) Gaudet. Claire was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover, Class of 1960.

She worked as a CAN for the Lowell, VNA for several years and was a bus driver for disabled persons and also was employed by Merrimack College, for many years.

Claire was also an active member at the Andover Senior Center and a long time member of the United Methodist Church of North Andover,

Besides her beloved husband, Anthony, she will be sorely missed by one daughter; Joleen Francis of Andover, one son; Douglas Francis of Hampton, New Hampshire, one grandson; Anthony Wall of Methuen, three aunts; Genevieve Spangenberg and Edna Powell, both of Andover, and Norma McSheehey of South Berwick, Maine, one brother-in-law; Phillip Francis of Haverhill, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service was celebrated in the United Methodist Church of North Andover, 57 Peter St., North Andover, Saturday, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in St Augustine Cemetery, Andover. Donations in Claire's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Deborah Whittier Fitts, 63



RICHMOND — Deborah Whittier Fitts of Richmond, beloved wife of Clark B. Hall, and a journalist and former teacher at The

Pike School, died Thursday, July 17, 2008 of breast cancer at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. She was 63.

Ms. Fitts had a long career in journalism. After teaching first grade for eight years at The Pike School, she served from 1978 until 1992 as the North Stonington, Conn., reporter for the Westerly Sun in Westerly, R.I.

In 1989, she became a regular contributor to the Civil War News. In 1992, she was named director of communications for the Civil War Trust in Washington. Two years later she joined the staff of the Loudoun Times-Mirror in Leesburg, Va.

In 1999, she became the assistant editor of the Civil War News while continuing to write for the Times-Mirror and many other publications, including the Andover Bulletin, the alumni magazine of Phillips Academy. She joined the staff of the Richmond Record in Richmond in 2005. She won awards for her writing in Rhode Island and Virginia and was a nationally acknowledged champion of preserving threatened farmland and historic sites, including her own family farm, Oldhaven, in North Stonington.

Nora T. Harrison, 88

RICHMOND, Ind. — Nora Theresa Harrison, 88, died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at Forest Park Health Campus.

Born March 23, 1920 in Lawrence, to Clinton and Mary Kennedy Keraghan.

She earned a BS degree from Lowell State in 1962, an MS degree from Salem State in 1969 and a Doctorate in Education from Boston University in 1986.

Nora retired from teaching English in a gifted program in Andover. She was active in garden clubs as an officer and an accredited judge. Nora received a national award, the Burgundy and Pink Rosette, in 1977 from NCSGC.

Survivors include her two sons, Franklyn Harrison Jr. and his wife Theodora of Honolulu, and

Barry Harrison and his wife Constance of Centerville; three sisters, Virginia LeLand of North Andover, Mary English of Methuen, and Imelda Keogh of Methuen; nieces, Carole Wilson and her husband Frank of New Hampshire; nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sergeant Franklyn Harrison Sr., retired Army, her parents, and three sisters.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service for Nora Theresa Harrison will be held in Andover at the convenience of the family. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover, MA 01810. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

bered in our hearts forever. Her husband would like to thank the staff at Regional Consultants Oncology and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida for their kindness and caring.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257; or The Jacksonville Humane Society, 8464 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216. Also, Toni would love you to bring your used books to your local library. Let us all remember and celebrate Toni's life with as much passion as she lived it.

Wait first got involved with the PMC three years ago. He was in Boston giving blood and platelets at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, when he ran into some of the cancer patients. He said that donors usually aren't supposed to see who the donations go to, but that day he met young children battling cancer. He said that upon seeing them, his heart went out to them.

"It hit me," Wait said. "I was helping them."

After that, Wait wanted to do more to help these children and the rest of the cancer patients being treated at Dana-Farber.

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is an annual bike-a-thon founded in 1980 by Bill Star, who lost three family member before he turned 27. Riders participating in the challenge cycle across the state, raising money for cancer research at Dana-Farber.

Antoinette M. Weber, 64

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Antoinette Marie (Toni) Weber, 64, passed away peacefully at home in Jacksonville, Fla. on Thursday, July 17, 2008.

Toni was born 01-09-44 in The Bronx (Go Yankees). She was the daughter of Lawrence and Lucretia Gwendolyn Hazel Celentano.

Toni is survived by her loving husband, Jonathan, and her adoring doggies, Zach and Zoe.

Toni touched the lives of so many people with her kindness, compassion, fabulous sense of humor, and a genuine love for all her friends. She will be remem-

bered in our hearts forever. Her husband would like to thank the staff at Regional Consultants Oncology and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida for their kindness and caring.

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Ellen Kearns, 83

ANDOVER — Ellen (Wrinkle) Kearns, 83, an Andover resident since 1958, died Saturday, July 26, 2008 of natural causes.

Born in Springfield, Nov. 25, 1923, Ellen was a graduate of the American International College, Class of 1945, where she later taught chemistry until her marriage to the love of her life, Donald Kearns who preceded her in death after almost 60 years together.

She enjoyed spending as much time as possible in the Winkle family home in Mill River in the Berkshires. She loved all children, and shared with them her love of books, poems, and "The Sound of Music." She had a strong faith, and was an active member of St. Robert Bellarmine Church in West Andover for many years and she put the Christian principles of compassion and love for other above worldly concerns.

Widow of Donald Kearns, survivors include six children, Frank Kearns, Mary Childs, Catherine "Betsy" Kearns, Emily Kearns, Jeremiah Kearns, and Dorothy Gosselin; 10 beloved grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Nancy Walsh. She was predeceased by her son, John Kearns, and brothers, George and Lawrence Wrinkle.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral Mass on Friday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 190 Main St., North Andover. Calling hours Thursday, July 31, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, MA 01810. Burial at Spring Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Donald Kearns Scholastic Award Fund, Donor Relations Office, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845. For more information, go to: www.burkemagliozi.com.

James E. Murray, 60

ANDOVER — James E. "Jim" Murray of Andover, died at his home on Friday, July 25, 2008. He was the beloved husband of Patricia (Larkin) Murray. Born in Medford on March 22, 1948, he was the beloved son of the late Lawrence and Margaret (Orne) Murray.

Jim was a manager for Verizon for more than 38 years and was an active member of the K of C in Andover.

He was also an active golfer and enjoyed skiing and running.

Besides his beloved wife, Patricia, he will be very sorely missed by one son and one daughter-in-law, Brendan J. and his wife A. Rebecca Murray of Andover; one daughter and her fiancé, Caitlin P. Murray and Brian R. Castagna, both of Waltham; one brother;

Lawrence Murray of Charlestown; two sisters and two brothers-in-law; Kathleen and her husband James Brogan of Raynham, and Margaret and her husband Philip Capone of Billerica, and many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Tuesday, July 29, 2008. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Satenig Sarkisian, 97



ANDOVER — Satenig Sarkisian, 97, of Andover, died on Friday, July 25, 2008

at Lawrence General Hospital. Mrs. Sarkisian was born in Kharper, Turkey and educated in Aleppo, Syria before coming to the United States in the early 1930's.

She was one of the few survivors in this area of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 which was responsible for the 1.5 million deaths of Armenians by the Ottoman Turks.

Mrs. Sarkisian was a longtime and very active member of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in North Andover, where she was a member of both the Ladies Guild and the Armenian Relief Society.

For many years, Mrs. Sarkisian and her late husband, Ovogen Sarkisian, owned and operated Sarkisian Farms in Andover which later became Sarkisian Greenhouses and Golf Driving

Range. Mrs. Sarkisian was very dedicated to her family, children and grandchildren.

The widow of Ovogen Sarkisian, her family members include her son, Sarkis and his wife Rita Sarkisian of Andover; her daughters, Olga Sarkisian of Andover and Elizabeth and her husband John McKay of Alexandria, Va. She had two grandchildren, Jeffrey Sarkisian and Christine Kourkounian and her husband Armen; and three great-grandchildren, Nyree, Armen and Petra as well as several nieces and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 158 Main St., North Andover. Funeral services followed on Tuesday at St. Gregory Church. The burial is in West Parish Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Gregory Building Fund, 158 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845. Arrangements are by The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. To send an online condolence, please visit, www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

SENIOR NOTES

Grill Nights: Our outdoor grill nights will be held Wednesday evenings on the outdoor patio from 5 to 7 p.m. Our Aug. 6 menu choices will be burgers, hot dogs, chicken or grilled shrimp. Dinner costs range from \$4 to \$8 and include side dishes, dessert and beverages. Advance reservations and payment are necessary. Menus are available at the center. In the event of inclement weather, grill nights will be held on Thursdays.

The Power of Ritual: Monday, Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 1:30 p.m. Preregistration is required, the cost is \$10. Why are we all creatures of habit? This interdisciplinary course explores the power of ritual in our lives and commu-

nities. We will explore ritual behavior as it applies to sports, politics, religion, travel, etc. We'll be studying theoretical material that will help us better understand our individual and group experiences. Instructor will be Emily Kearns, Ph.D.

"Remember When"? Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12 and 19 at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$10, preregistration is required. Join our instructors from the Andover Historical Society as they take us on a journey back in time to remember days spent downtown and relieve memories of school days. This interactive program will consist of lively talks, opportunities to look at newspapers, photographs and objects from days gone by, as well as a chance to learn some skills that will help preserve your treasured memorabilia.

Movie Matinee: Monday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m., no charge. Come in where it's cool and join us for the movie, "The Great Debaters". Two time academy award winner Denzel Washington starts as a brilliant but politically radical debate coach who uses the power of words to transform a group of underdog African American college students into an historical powerhouse inspired by a true story, the movie stars Forest Whitaker.

Computer Class: Intermediate Refresher: Aug. 5 and 6 from 1

to 2:30 p.m., advance registration required. Limited spaces, the cost is \$10. This class is not for beginners but for those familiar with computers who feel that they need to "brush up" on their skills. We'll review word processing, keyboard shortcuts, tool bars, file management, saving documents and templates. Bring a notebook and pencil to class.

Lobster Roll Luncheon: Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 1 p.m., advance tickets only, the cost is \$5. Your choice of a lobster or fried clam roll along with clam chowder, fruit cup, garden salad, chips, watermelon and beverages. Get a group together and join us for lunch.

Lowell Spinners Baseball Game: Thursday, Aug. 7. Leaving the center at 5:30 p.m. The Andover Firefighters Association is treating us to a night at the ball park. We still have a few tickets left, so come on down and sign up to join us.

Patio Parties: It's the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer". Join us for patio parties on selected Friday afternoons when we'll enjoy some treats as well as music by Ray LaFortune on Aug. 8 we'll be indulging in a "make your own" ice cream sundae bar. Advance tickets only, cost \$2.50.

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56 take to road to fight cancer

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is an annual bike-a-thon

BY SARAH HALLOWELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Like 56 other Andover residents, John Wait has been training for the past several months for this weekend's Pan-Massachusetts Challenge.

Wait first got involved with the PMC three years ago. He was in Boston giving blood and platelets at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, when he ran into some of the cancer patients. He said that donors usually aren't supposed to see who the donations go to, but that day he met young children battling cancer. He said that upon seeing them, his heart went out to them.

"It hit me," Wait said. "I was helping them."

After that, Wait wanted to do more to help these children and the rest of the cancer patients being treated at Dana-Farber. The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is an annual bike-a-thon founded in 1980 by Bill Star, who lost three family member before he turned 27. Riders participating in the challenge cycle across the state, raising money for cancer research at Dana-Farber.

ANDOVER RIDERS IN THE PMC, ACCORDING TO ORGANIZERS:

Lucy Bernardin, Gerry Callahan, Magdalen Cantwell, Daniel Conway, Gail Conway, Paul Conway, James Crockett, David Day, Joseph Digiammo, Michael Donelan, John Drak, Rich Ebert, Brian Galluzzo, Karen Giangrande, Bill Hamilton, Joe Hartnett, Susan Holzman, Brian Hussey, Marisa Kafantis, Susan Kagdis, Bill Kavanagh, Tucker Kavanagh, Will Kavanagh, Ben Kellman, Brian Logee, Ed Mallen, Kevin McGovern, Patrick McGovern, Jeff McLean, David Morgenstern, Betsy Murphy, Richard Nohelly, Don Olson, Norman Papazain, Sarah Pendleton, Daniel Pouliot, Gerry Pouliot, Richard Remes, Patricia Rich, Scott Richardson, Scott Rizza, Christopher Rocca, Martha Russell, Jay Schwartz, Tony Sievers, Adam Simms Howard Spector Michael Sullivan, Evan Teplow, John Thero, John Wait, Jeffery Wakelin, Jim Wilkinson, Allan Wood, Karen Wood, Christopher Zigmont and Katherine Zigmont. To donate, visit pmc.org.

In August 2005, Wait participated in the PMC, riding from Sturbridge to Bourne, which he said was an amazing experience. According to the PMC Web site, the Sturbridge to Bourne route is the original one-day ride, not to mention the longest and most difficult. Wait especially remembers riding through the town of Wrentham, and seeing crowds of cancer patients and survivors lining the route. He said the cheers were the best there and many of them were ringing cow bells. He noted one little girl in particular, who was holding a sign that read, "Thanks. I am alive because of the PMC."

Since the first ride 30 years ago,

The Pan-Mass Challenge has raised more than \$204 million for research. This year's goal is \$34 million. All of the money raised goes to Dana-Farber through the Jimmy Fund, helping patients much like the ones Wait met three years ago.

The riders have the choice of either riding one day or two and can choose one of seven routes where lengths ranges from 47 miles to 190. Like in 2005, this year Wait will be pedaling the 111-mile route from Sturbridge to Bourne on Saturday.

To catch a glimpse of John Wait and the other Andover residents riding in the challenge, tune into NECN starting on Friday at 8 p.m.

Opinion

Thumbs up on fresh ideas

Selectmen should not micro-manage the town manager or his department heads. Clearly, they should not be suggesting the hiring of specific people or becoming involved in the day-to-day operations of the town. But their role does not need to be limited to Caesar-like, up or down votes on proposals brought to them. Discussion of budget approaches and policy, such as the need to consolidate, should be welcome, with the town manager and department heads figuring out the best way to make the consolidation work.

On Monday selectmen were asked to fill two office positions, vacant since December, by town manager Buzz Stapczynski. (One of the reasons given by Stapczynski for a Department of Community Services office assistant is that "Youth Services will be moving to Pearson Street in late September/early October. DCS needs to be staffed properly to deal with citizens who are looking for AYS." In these economic times most businesses might make do with sheets on AYS programs listing contact information for the department.) While Selectman Mary Lyman suggested juggling support staff between departments as an alternative to the hirings, fellow Selectman Jerry Stabile thought the idea was an example of "micro-managing" that can frustrate town employees. Lyman defended the discussion as necessary because of the now annual worries about the town facing a multi-million dollar operating budget deficit.

Stapczynski says the only positions added on the so-called town side of Andover government since 2002 — as opposed to the school side — have been paid through grants and service fees. That shows some appreciation for the need to control spending, or at least the need to find a way other than a Proposition 2 1/2 override, to get more money.

However, a laissez-faire and rubber-stamp approach by selectmen to the practices surrounding hiring and contract negotiations has led the town to the point where it is struggling to afford the services it has. Many employees have benefits that most taxpayers would never dream possible — such as the ability to give themselves a 15 percent raise when they see fit.

If someone — a former human resources director like Lyman, an elected official, a concerned resident or a town employee — has an idea on how the town can save, by all means let's discuss it. It would be helpful if leaders such as the selectmen and School Committee are making it clear that they need to see money-saving alternatives to business-as-usual. In some cases, the town may be doing everything exactly right. But creative thinking and new approaches are needed — and should be welcome.

WEB QUESTION

Is there an ultramarathoner in you?

Last week's Web-site question did not capture much interest. It asked, "Is it a good idea to release beetles at Hussey's Pond to combat purple loosestrife, an invasive plant species?"

- Half of those few who responded said, "No, introducing the beetles will turn out to be a bad idea in the long run. What eats them?"
- Thirty percent said, "Yes, because the beetles are being released as part of a state-monitored biocontrol program."
- Twenty percent said, "No, let nature take its course."
- No one said, "Yes, purple loosestrife is out of control and negatively affects existing plants and wildlife."

This week's Web-site question is: **Resident Kevin Sullivan runs 100-mile races. Your reaction?**

- Amazing and inspiring. I plan follow his lead and reach high.
- Makes me realize what I can do, but within limits.
- Nice to read about — but no way I'm running 100 miles!
- My idea of a marathon? Several hours of my favorite TV reruns.
- Other.

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

HAVE SPOON, WILL TRAVEL



JARROD THOMPSON/Staff photo

Jim "Spoon Man" Cruise performed one afternoon last week for a crowd at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finegold's letter for Youth Services ironic

Editor, Townsman:

I found state Rep. Barry Finegold's letter objecting to Gov. Deval Patrick's cutting of Andover Youth Services' funding in the state budget for FY2009 amusing ("Rep.: Don't 'skimp' on youth services," Andover Townsman, July 24).

Finegold opposes axing AYS funding, but voted against legislation last October that would have sent \$450 million from the "rainy day" stabilization fund back to cities and towns for local aid. Andover's share of these funds — more than \$1 million — would have gone a long way toward offsetting cuts to vital programs and services, like AYS, that Finegold claims to support. I also find it ironic that Finegold, together with Rep. Barbara L'Italien, voted to approve a mammoth \$28 billion state budget, with all its earmarks and gifts to special interest groups, but voted against a comparatively small \$450 million local aid package, where the funds would be used more appropriately. How is

that watching out for taxpayers' and our town's priorities?

Many local papers in the commonwealth publish the voting record of their area state representatives and senators. Why not also do so in the Townsman for our legislative delegation? Perhaps then voters would re-examine why they continue to re-elect legislators who are great at political and moralistic grandstanding, but who do not always look out for our best interests.

Paul Adams
12 Berkeley Lane

No magic bullet for gasoline prices

Editor, Townsman:

Many Americans are demanding that Congress find a way to reduce the price of gasoline soon. With the congressional adjournment in August fast approaching, it is unlikely that any meaningful action will be taken that will solve the problem.

Some believe that by drilling for more oil in the United States, the price of gasoline will lessen dramatically. The president has lifted

the ban on drilling at the outer continental shelf and the Arctic National Wildlife Preserve and has urged Congress to do the same. But with over 50 million acres of leased property already available to the oil companies for drilling, why is there a need for more acreage right now?

There is no magic bullet that will solve the problem of high gasoline prices. But with Congress taking no meaningful action in the near future, what can we do?

We can do a lot, and we already have begun to take action. According to published reports, Americans are actually using less gasoline right now, compared to a few months ago. The reasons are twofold: We are actually driving fewer miles and we are buying fuel-efficient cars at an unprecedented rate. We are driving fewer miles because we are using public transportation more — trains, subways, light rail systems, buses — and taking vacations closer to home.

The high price of gasoline also has resulted from the declining value of our currency. What can we do about that? I say we can do

plenty. We can start by learning the value of being thrifty, saving our money, and reducing our reliance on credit cards. Every child should have a piggy bank, and use it to save money. More money in the bank means a more stable and valuable currency.

The high price of gasoline has been caused by the world demand for gasoline by emerging economic powers: China, India and others. What can we do about that? We have a golden opportunity to lead by example, to demonstrate that energy efficiency actually costs less. We have the technologies to lead the world toward energy self-sufficiency and a marked reduction in reliance on oil. We simply need the personal and political will to make it happen.

America must keep doing what it is doing already, and more. We know the way to the future. Of course, the president and Congress will need to do their part as well. But, if we have the courage to lead by example, then even our government will be compelled to follow.

John F. Zিপeto
14 Canterbury St.

■ ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago: July 1933

"Coal Freight Rates to Andover Slashed"

Lower rates on anthracite coal from the mines in Pennsylvania to New England points will become effective Aug. 11, it was announced yesterday by the Boston and Maine Railroad.

For some time the Boston and Maine has been endeavoring to secure lower rates on anthracite from the mine to New England points. Negotiations, it is announced, have now reached a successful conclusion so that effective Aug. 11, the rate from Pennsylvania to Andover will be reduced 91 cents per gross ton.

50 Years Ago: July 1958

"Historical Marker Is Hit By Car"

The historical marker erected at the Andover-North Andover line near Merrimack College by the Massachusetts Tercentenary Commission was broken by a hit and run motorist Sunday morning.

The broken piece of metal was flung nearly 60 feet by the impact. Police obtained a registration number and are awaiting a reply from the owner of the car.

The historical marker presented a short sketch of Andover's first settlement, which could be read by passing motorists.

25 Years Ago: July 1983

"Snow Removal In July?"

Even though the temperatures are little more comfortable, Andover selectmen apparently take some solace in discussing snow removal in mid-summer.

Selectman Donn Byrne Monday night informed his colleagues about some concerns about the town's snow-removal policies, suggesting that a review may be in order.

Byrne, who is the selectmen's liaison to the Finance Committee, said the FinCom had recently approved a transfer of funds to the snow-removal account, which was anticipated and predictable.

Currently the town carries out such operations from the public

safely center to Morton Street. Byrne said he agreed with FinCom thinking that possibly the policy should be revised to include only the area from Locke Street to the safety center, which would result in some savings.

He suggested the selectmen consider examining the policy and asked Town Manager Kenneth Mahoney to see if a determination could be made as to why the current operations extend as far as Morton Street.

Byrne said the matter could be discussed at a later date, adding, "summer is a nice time to talk about snow removal anyway."

10 Years Ago: July 1998

"Local Residents Get Hearing on the Cell Tower"

Andover neighbors of a Nextel Communications cellular phone tower erected in Lawrence will have their say about it at a Lawrence Zoning Board meeting next Thursday.

According to Patti and Kris Scarborough of Shepley Street, they should have had their say be-

fore the tower went up and before they paid \$250 to appeal it.

"It's a long shot, and we're not terribly optimistic" that the 100-foot tower will be removed, says Kris Scarborough, since he anticipates that Nextel will sue Lawrence if the city revokes the permit.

However, according to state law, the company that put up the tower is required to notify all residents within 300 feet of the proposed site, regardless of town lines, Kris Scarborough says.

The neighbors have collected more than 300 signatures in support of taking down the tower, he says and have contacted the state Attorney General's office.

Scarborough says he doesn't want to give the impression that Shepley Street residents are "anti-cellular phone."

"We opposed the fact that we were never notified," he says.

He is concerned that the tower has reduced his property's value by about 10 percent, or \$20,000, but won't consider moving if the tower doesn't.

— Compiled by Sarah Hallowell, contributor

■ THURSDAY FILE

"Rest not! Life is sweeping by; go dare before you die. Something mighty and sublime, leave behind to conquer time."
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"Creativity requires the courage to let go of certainties."
— Erich Fromm

"We are now at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet."
— Margaret Mead

"My father told me once, 'Don't ever be concerned that your children don't listen to you, because they watch everything you do.' I think of this often when dealing with my three children."
— Cheryl Carpenter, Houston, Texas

"The best advice from my father was these words of wisdom: Worry is a waste of time. If you can do something about it, don't worry | just do it. If you can't do anything about it, it's out of your control, and no amount of worrying can fix it. Being a natural worrier, I refer to his words nearly every day and try to enjoy life more."
— Janet Mehling, Greenwood, Ind.

"If you can embrace new ideas, you can embrace your future."
— Christopher Kennedy

"Love, like water, is clear, seeks its own level in each of us and is necessary for life."
— Mark A. Ross

"Only when the last river dries up ...
When the last tree is torn down ...

When the last animal is killed ...
Only then will you understand that money cannot be eaten."
— Creek prophecy

"Some people change when they see the light, others when they feel the heat."
— Caroline Schoeder

"The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers."
— M. Scott Peck

"If we habitually focus on how to improve things that are already great, can you see how this spirit can transform ourselves, our orga-

nizations, families and communities?"
— Tony Robbins

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SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Dynamic duo

2008 Massachusetts State Champions

Sisters Maddie and Mackenzie Gray of Andover each took first place in a number of events at their recent USAG State Championship meets. Maddie, 12 years old and a seventh-grader at the Pike School, is a Level 7 gymnast for Yellow Jackets Gymnastics Club in Middleton. At her state championship meet in Hopkinton, Maddie won first place on floor with a score of 9.8, first place on vault with a score of 9.45, sixth place on bars with a 9.1, and third place all-around with a score of 37.15 in the 12-year-old senior division. Maddie's floor score was the highest score of the entire meet, a season record for her gym and a personal best.

Mackenzie, 10 years old and a fifth-grader at the Pike School, is a Level 8 gymnast for Brestyans

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American Gymnastics Club in Burlington. At her state championship meet this spring on Cape Cod, Mackenzie took first place on vault for the 11-under division with a score of 9.525 — the second highest score of her level, all age divisions. Mackenzie also placed ninth on bars and ninth all-around, helping her team win the Level 8 State Team title. As a result of Mackenzie's performance at the state meet, she was select-

ed for the Region VI All Star Team which competed at the University of Rhode Island. Region VI is comprised of the top gymnasts from each of the New England states and New York. Again competing in the 11 and under age division, Mackenzie took fourth place on vault with a score of 9.45 and was the highest-placing all-around gymnast from Massachusetts in her division.

Dartmouth honors 10 student-athletes

The Dartmouth College Department of Athletics honored 10 student-athletes recently at its annual Celebration of Athletic Excellence, highlighted by the presentation of the Kenneth Archibald Prize to swimmer Liz Mancuso of Andover, a graduate of Andover

High School.

The Kenneth Archibald Prize is presented annually to "the member of the graduating class who has been four years in attendance, who has been the best all-around athlete, regard also being had to moral worth and high

standing in scholarship." During her time at Dartmouth, Mancuso overcame life-threatening cancer and went on to be one of the most successful swimmers in Big Green history. She broke 10 school records during her junior year and eight as a senior and is in the all-time top 10 in 12 events.

A psychology major with a 3.63 grade point average, Mancuso has been named Academic All-Ivy and served as team captain.

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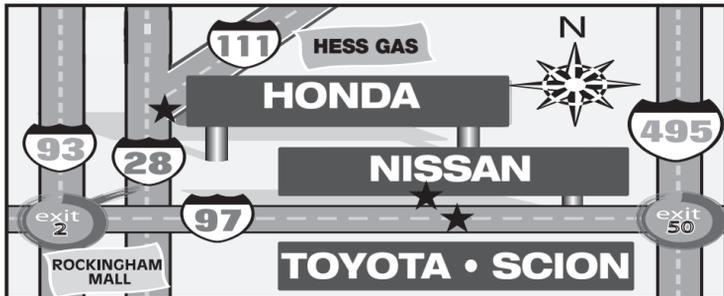
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Townspeople

Swapping cigarettes for sneakers

Man who started running to quit smoking runs 100-miler

By SARAH HALLOWELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Picture a map of Massachusetts. Andover is in the northeastern corner of the state, near the New Hampshire border. Pleasant Bay on the Cape is roughly 100 miles away by car.

Picture running there in one day, from Andover. Crazy to run 100 miles? Impossible?

Not for Andover resident Kevin Sullivan. He completed the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run on July 19.

"I felt a great sense of accomplishment," he said. "It was a long road to get to that point, not just the 100 but all the training and setbacks. In the end, I ran as well as I could have that day and it was a great result, even better than I expected."

For this run, Sullivan's goal was to run the route in 16 hours, 16 minutes. He actually beat his goal time by running 16:15:19.40 and was one of the race's top finishers. According to the Web site, many of the runners finish in about 24 hours. It also said that the best time was 11:48:19.40.

Sullivan has been running ultra marathons, he said, for the challenge.

Sullivan began running long distances more than 10 years ago. After graduating from law school, he needed to find a way to quit smoking, so he exchanged cigarettes for sneakers. He started out running a mile a day and then two years later ran his first marathon.

But he didn't stop there. He began running longer and longer races.

"I was motivated to push myself," said Sullivan.

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Courtesy photo

Kevin Sullivan completed the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run on July 19 in just over 16 hours.

Q&A with Kevin Sullivan

Q: When and how did you start running? A: I started running in 1996, just as I was graduating from law school down in D.C. (at Georgetown). I was a pack-a-day smoker and realized I needed to make a change as I headed into the professional world, so I started running. I started with a mile and then worked my way up. In 1998, I ran my first marathon. Funny thing is that I did not fully quit smoking until the month before my first marathon.

Q: How hard was making the jump from running marathons to running 100 miles?

A: I got into ultra running when I saw an ad by a local ultra running club in Topsfield (Gil's Athletic Club) for a nighttime run. It was a 25-mile run that started at 10 at night in the woods in Ipswich. I ran and was hooked. The GAC folks are extremely nice. That was back in spring 2006. Since then, I have raced five 50Ks, three 50 milers, a 100K and the Vermont 100-miler. The best way to describe it was that it was tough, but not as tough as people might think. By the time I started training for ultra marathons, I had run more than 10 marathons, including a personal best of 2:33 at the Philadelphia Marathon in 2005. I knew what it was like to work hard. Training for an ultra marathon is a lot like training for a marathon, but the long runs are just longer. It is simple in some ways.

Q: What does your family think of you running 100 miles?

A: I am very fortunate to have a very supportive wife and two great kids. They are all very proud of me and help me out, whether it is my kids sitting with me when I stretch or my wife who does everything from listening to me talk about my running, to helping me with my race planning and being my crew, like at the Vermont 100.

Q: The Vermont 100 mile race started at 4 a.m. Is this when you usually train, or do you train in the evening?

A: I do almost all of my training in the morning. I am a corporate attorney and a partner in a large law firm. I work a lot of hours and often get home late. I know that if I do not get my run done in the morning, I may not get out to run that night. So I usually get up between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. and get out for my runs. By the time I'm home, my kids are getting up and I am able to spend time with them before going to

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The Nossiff family of Andover is hosting Devon Drew, 15, of New York City as part of the Fresh Air Fund. Above, Gabrielle and John Nossiff's sons, Peter, 15, right, and Johnny, 12, center, hang out with Devon. At top, Devon poses with the Nossiff family and their dog, Sparkey.

By SARAH HALLOWELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Some kids take outdoor activities like swimming or biking for granted. But many youths in urban areas, including 15-year-old Devon Drew, have few if any places to ride a bike or go swimming.

That's where the Nossiffs of Cedar Road come in.

John, Gabrielle and sons Peter and Johnny have been hosting Devon for two weeks for the past four summers as part of the Fresh Air Fund.

The Fresh Air Fund gives children from New York City, who might not be otherwise able to, the chance to have a summer vacation outside the city.

Started in 1877 by a rural Pennsylvania minister, the Fresh Air Fund program pairs children with host families in the rural and suburban Northeast and Canada. According to a Fresh Air Fund fact sheet, more than 1.7 million children have been part of the program.

While growing up, Gabrielle Nossiff's family

Fund families share their different lives

participated in the program and years later, she and her husband wanted to be part of the same experience for another child.

"It's a way to give back," said John Nossiff.

When Devon comes to visit, the Nossiffs try to do as many outdoor activities as possible. They have ranged from just being in the Nossiffs' backyard, to riding go-carts, to an annual trip to Lake Winnepesaukee.

"It's more calm here than at home," he said.

Devon said boating is one of his favorite activities to do with the Nossiffs. At the start of Devon's first summer in Andover, he didn't know how to swim, but now he loves it, Gabrielle Nossiff said.

The Nossiffs have taken Devon into Boston, recently visiting Faneuil Hall.

Peter, 15, and Johnny, 12, look forward to the two weeks that Devon spends with them.

"He's like a permanent friend," said Peter.

Peter said he and Johnny have shown Devon their life in Andover and Devon, in turn, has told the boys all about his life in Brooklyn. They've learned more about the music he listens to and the food he eats, specifically, soul food. Gabrielle Nossiff said Devon once asked for grits for breakfast, and Peter and Johnny had no idea what he meant.

At home, Devon enjoys hanging out with his friends, watching movies or playing video games. In Andover, he has introduced the Nossiffs to different video games and movies.

"He's a real movie expert," said Gabrielle Nossiff.

It has been a great learning experience for both Devon and the Nossiff family, they say.

"We've introduced Devon to our life," said John Nossiff. "He talks about his life in Brooklyn."

Gabrielle believes it's been a wonderful experience for her sons.

"This has taught our children to see things through his (Devon's) eyes," she said. "It's a greater level of understanding."

Why Punchard High School lost its name

Bill Dalton



The name "Punchard" has a certain sound to it — a unique, somewhat aggressive sound. Locally, it is pronounced "punch-id or punch-ed" with the emphasis on "punch." When the

high school was called Punchard, the name carried respect, especially on the athletic field. But in spite of its aggressive sounding name, for many older Townies, the name brings back pleasant memories of their youth.

Growing up, I didn't know or care where the name came from, but I looked forward to being able to say, "I go to Punchard." For years, my dad and uncle had told me stories of the successful Punchard teams coached by the great "Pop" Lovely. I never missed a football game and saw as many basketball, baseball and track competitions as I could manage.

Throughout the state's athletic circles, everybody knew about Punchard High. Throughout New England's colleges and universities, everybody knew what Punchard was, because our school sent a lot of kids to their schools. There was an active Punchard Alumni Association, and every week someone from the Punchard

For photo of the Punchard schools, see page 3.

Press Club wrote a piece for the Townsman.

The name Punchard had a cachet to it, more perhaps than the town did. (Besides, it kept the high school from being confused with Andover Academy.) My family, like many others in town, had several people go to Punchard, and I was the first who didn't. Beginning with school year 1957-58, the name was changed to "Andover High School," when a new building was occupied on Shawsheen Road. (The building is now West Middle School.) I was still in junior high.

I've recently been asked why the name was dropped, and I was curious myself. Let's start with the history of the name and school.

According to a 1980 Andover Historical Society newsletter, before 1856 Andover's public schools were in a "primitive and chaotic state." Six years earlier, in 1850, Benjamin Hanover Punchard had bequeathed \$50,000 for the founding of a "Free School." Under his will, the money for the school was left in the hands of eight trustees. Although five were elected by the town, there were restrictions as to qualifications. Two each were to come from Christ and South Church and one from West Parish Church. Three additional trustees were not elected by the town and were Protestant clergy: the rector

of Christ Church and the ministers of the Congregational churches at South and West Parish.

Two other churches existed (in what is now Andover) when the trust was drafted, the Free Christian Church and the Baptist Church, but they were not represented. (As an aside, in 1851 the trust became a corporation; however, since it is most commonly called a trust, I will refer to it as such.)

Although the Lord's Prayer and the use of the Bible each day were spelled out in Punchard's will, he also stated there was to be no sectarian influence. The trustees set the qualifications for admission. A student had to be over 12; of good moral character; be knowledgeable in geography, grammar and arithmetic; and be able to read fluently and write neatly. The trustees had the right to admit girls, and they did.

The first Punchard School was called "Punchard Free School," and it was built in 1856 approximately where the eastern section of the municipal office now is. It was one of the first public schools built and operated with private funds, and its curriculum was better than most public schools.

According to the Andover Historical Society newsletter, Punchard became a model school to educators beyond Andover's borders. Due to Mr. Punchard's generosity, the state passed a law exempting the town from having to build and support a school from taxpayers' funds. Between the building

and operations of the school, Mr. Punchard (and later his wife, Martha, who contributed \$20,000) saved the town millions of dollars in today's money.

In 1868, the school burned down. In 1871, it was replaced by a new structure built to the west of the building that had been destroyed. Although the new Punchard Free School building was built from mostly town funds, the town turned the building over to the trustees to run the school. By 1901, expenses were evenly divided between the town and trustees.

According to a legal memorandum created in 1947 by George K. Gardner of the Harvard Law School, there was a "reorganization" in 1901-02. The town established "Punchard High School," under the direction of the School Committee. The trust operated "Punchard Free School." Both were to operate in the existing 1871 building. The town and the trust each paid three teachers. The principal was jointly selected and paid for. The Punchard High teachers gave literary and history instruction and the Punchard Free School teachers taught practical arts, science and mathematics. A graduating senior received a joint degree. The road to this transition of the control of Punchard may not have been completely smooth, as the impetus for the reorganization came from a superior court judge.

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■ **HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY**

Lila Grayce McClune



Lila Grayce McClune celebrated her first birthday on July 20. She is the daughter of Matt and Megan (Downsbrough) McClune of St. Romain, France. Lila's grandparents are Jim and Rosemary McClune, and other close relatives are her Aunt Pi Downsbrough, Uncle Charlie Heseltine, and cousins Charles and Courtney. Lila loves pushing her cart around, waving to everyone when she is out hiking and skipping her Nanny and Pappi.

(Editor's note: "Skyping" is making a phone call through the Internet.)

Paul Armand Botti



Paul Armand Botti turned 1 on July 27. Paul lives with his parents, Andrew and Lesa (Stramondo) Botti, and his big sister, Madeleine, 5 in Andover. His grandparents are Ernest and Rita Botti of Waltham, the late Anna Botti, and Salvatore and Nazarene Stramondo of Andover. Paul loves belly laughs with his sister, music, Cheerios and playing at the beach.

The Townsman usually publishes first birthday messages from families in the last paper of the month. Information about babies born in August 2007 should be sent by Aug. 21 for inclusion in the Aug. 28 or Sept. 4 paper.

100-MILER: Mental, physical challenge

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The Vermont 100 Mile Endurance run accepts 300 runners. Unlike the Boston Marathon, the route of the race takes runners on dirt roads and hiking trails. Little of it is flat. Sullivan said over the entire course, there was around 1,500 feet of climbing up and down.

To train for something as grueling as running 100 miles, Sullivan did his homework, reading different training manuals. He found that training for this endurance run was much like training for a marathon, which he describes as "tough, but not as tough as some people might think."

He also has 10 marathons, five 50Ks, three 50-milers and a 100K race under his belt.

In the weeks prior to the race, Sullivan logged 80 to 100 miles a week. About 80 percent of the miles he ran in training were on local trails such as through the bird sanctuary at Phillips Academy.

During his training sessions, he usually was out the door before 5 a.m. When he is not training or competing in races, Sullivan works long hours as a corporate attorney and partner at his firm.

There is no time for stop to catch your breath in the Vermont 100-miler; there is a time limit to complete the course. Runners must finish within 30 hours for their time to count. Sullivan said he ran consistently, but he walked through the 29 aid stations along the route. He also said few runners can actually run the entire course without slowing to a walk.

Running 100 miles would be a mental challenge as well as a physical one. Sullivan kept himself focused by playing mental games while running.

"I broke it (the route) down in little

pieces," he said.

Nutrition, says Sullivan, is extremely important for running 100 miles. Since he couldn't really stop for lunch or dinner, he literally had to "eat on the run." In addition to water, electrolyte drinks and energy bars, he said that during the race he ate two burritos, a banana, chips, watermelon and a cookie. He also ate pieces of crystallized ginger throughout the race, which he said settled his stomach while he was running.

Sullivan wasn't alone during the run. He said he is fortunate to have a very supportive wife and two kids (with a third on the way) who all help him out.

During the Vermont 100, each runner is allowed a crew of people who meet the runner at various aid stations and deliver fresh socks and other supplies. Sullivan said his crew included his wife, Jeannie, and a friend.

He also wasn't running alone. For the last 30 miles, each runner is allowed a "pacer" as a running partner. Sullivan said another friend was his pacer. At 89-mile mark, Sullivan said he was feeling pretty bad, but his pacer kept him going to finish the race.

There was also a horse race on the same day and the route of the horse race overlapped with the endurance route. Luckily, Sullivan said he didn't have to share the route with any four legged animals.

Sullivan has a sponsor, Inov-8, a United Kingdom trail shoe company. He said they approached him after he finished a marathon in Maine and he has been running on their sponsored team ever since.

"Inov-8 has been extremely supportive of my running and so I will continue to run with them," he said.

Q&A

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work. Same on the weekends, because I want to get back by the time my kids get up so that we can spend time together.

Q: You mentioned the crews who met the runners to give them things like clean pairs of socks. How many pairs did you think you went through?

A: Only two pairs. I usually don't change my socks or shoes, but it was a wet day and my feet were swelling from the terrible humidity, so I opted to change my socks at the 70-mile aid station. There was a huge thunderstorm 30 minutes later so the comfort didn't last long.

Q: How did you feel upon completion of the race?

A: I was just very happy. I felt a great sense of accomplishment. It was a long road to get

to that point, not just the 100 but all the training and setbacks. In the end, I ran as well as I could have that day and it was a great result, even better than I expected. Second place in my first 100-mile race is not too shabby.

Q: What's next for you?

A: First, I need to get some rest and recovery. I feel pretty good at this point, but my wife is due with our third child in two weeks so I will be spending a lot more time at home helping out. Then, more running and racing. There is a very popular, local ultra marathon in Topsfield in November — it is called the Stonecat 50 Miler. I've wanted to run it every year but something always comes up. I definitely want to run it and if I am in shape and the weather conditions are good, I am hoping to set a new course record. Next year, my focus will be on the Western States Endurance Run.

DALTON: Where is 'Punchard'?

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Although the trust and School Committee jointly operated the town's high school in 1902, as time went on and bigger facilities were needed, the town paid more of the costs.

In 1917, the town finished and occupied a wing to the west of the existing structure. In 1934, the old 1871 Punchard Free School building was demolished and replaced with an architectural twin of the western wing. The Memorial Hall Auditorium/Gymnasium was placed between them, and was paid for by town (70 percent) and federal (30 percent) funds.

By 1947, the trust's income was sufficient to pay only one teacher. Mr. Gardner's involvement that year was at the request of the trustees, who asked him for guidance as to what they should do with the trust's income. Gardner recommended the trust use the money to enrich the instruction offered to pupils. Although the trust's relative financial and management involvement was small by this time, the head of the trustees still was one of the signers of the diplomas.

One of Mr. Gardner's final observations was this: "Indeed, the Punchard Free School of 1856 and the Punchard High School of 1947 are the same school by every test which may determine the identity of an institution except for two which are essentially transient — the sources of money, and the method of electing the controlling board. No one doubts the identity of Harvard College ... yet the sources of funds and the method of choosing its Overseers have been altered more times and more vitally than have the methods of financing and governing the Punchard School."

Mr. Gardner added this to his memorandum to give the trustees a comfort level that they were properly spending the trust's money when they used it for the benefit of a publicly funded school, Punchard High School.

Ten years later, the School Committee would vote to change the name of the high school from Punchard to Andover High School.

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The second and final part of the story will be next week. To see a previous column about Benjamin Punchard, visit www.andovertownsman.com.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Live Dixieland music: The Original Shepherd's Pie Dixieland Band is a group of serious amateur musicians who enjoy playing Dixieland music together, with digressions into blues, swing, ragtime, and jazz. 7 p.m., free, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5367.

History talk: Northeastern University history professor William Fowler will speak about the history of the coasting trade in New England, the Merrimack Valley and Newburyport in "There She Scoons: New England Coasting Schooners." Talk is held at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Newburyport from 7 to 8 p.m. Program is free but advance registration is required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. For more information, visit <http://parkerriver.fws.gov>.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program kick-off: Less pain, more flexibility, and the sense of feeling better overall are what many people with arthritis gain from this free low-impact class designed specifically for those with arthritis. The program will now be available to the public locally through a six-week course at Ashland Farm at North Andover, located at 700 Chickering Road in North Andover. A kick-off event for the class will take place today at 9:30 a.m. and the exercise sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Class participants may register by calling 978-683-1300.

Evening of Psychic Readings from 6 to 9:30 p.m. inside the Winnekenni Castle in Haverhill. Cost is \$20 per 15-minute reading block. This month's readers will be castle regulars Judy Camasso, Valeria, Olga and guest reader Fay. Readings are booked at the door only.

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

Summer Theater Ensemble will perform "West Side Story" at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students and are available at Learning Express in Andover, at the box office before the show, and from cast members.

Russian American Kids Circus: Trained and produced by veterans of the world-famous Moscow Circus, these artists perform synchronized acrobatics, unicycling, expert juggling, aerial feats, and balancing acts. Shows are at the North Shore Music Theatre at 9:45 and 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$17 and \$12, ages 4 and up. For tickets, visit www.nsmto.org, call 978-232-7200, or purchase at the theater at 62 Dunham Rd. Beverly.

Audition: North Shore Music Theatre is holding auditions for its production of "42nd Street," which will be presented at the theater Oct. 28 through Nov. 23. All auditions will be held in NSMT's Theatre Arts and Education Building behind the theater at 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. Male and female adults 19 and older can audition for ensemble and principal parts by appointment only. AEA and non-AEA auditions will be held starting at 11:30 a.m. For information, visit www.nsmto.org.

Free community yoga at UnionStudio Yoga, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free weekly community class is a multi-level, form-based yoga synthesizing the styles of Iyengar, classical hatha and other influences. Beginners and drop-ins welcome. Instructor is Sarah Lopes. UnionStudio Yoga is at 305 N. Main St., Tactician Bld., Andover. Call 978-886-7944 for more information.

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association's annual "Shawsheen in Bloom" Paddle from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Ballardvale Dam and make the 10-minute shuttle to the put-in point. Anyone interested in the plants that grow along the river is invited. Canoes, equipment and logistics will be supplied. Preregistration required. For more information, call the association at 978-851-9505 or visit www.shawsheen.org.

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Krysta Youngs performs songs from her newly released "Stories" CD at the Yankee Homecoming Festival Waterfront State in Newburyport from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Concert is free. For more information, visit <http://www.yankeehomecoming.com>.

The Gerry Barrett Big Swing Band, a 16-piece dance band specializing in swing, jazz and standard songs of today

and yesteryear, at Maudslay Arts Center at 7 p.m. Maudslay Arts Center is located at 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport. Visit www.maudslayartscenter.org.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

Summer Theater Ensemble will perform "West Side Story" at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students and are available at Learning Express in Andover, at the box office before the show, and from cast members.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

Free Pranic Healing Clinic offers non-touch energy treatments at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Route 133, Andover from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Contact Miriam Smith at mgsenergy@comcast.net or 978-683-6129. Walk-ins welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

Free movie screening: "The Women," 6:30 p.m. commentary, 7 p.m. screening at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. An all-female cast sparks this adaptation of Clare Booth Luce's comedy about divorce and female friendship. For more information, call the Rogers Center box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 978-837-5355.

"Salut D'Amour": Julie Scolnik, flute, and Sophie Scolnik-Brower, piano, both of Andover, in a farewell collaboration before Scolnik-Brower goes off to college, 7 p.m., Phillips Exeter Academy, Class of 1945 Library, Exeter, N.H., free; www.andoverchambermusic.org.

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

Cafe Variety Show Night at 8 p.m. at Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill. Features comedy and comic tunes by Dan Margarita and a mix of comedy skits by the DNA Players in the style of "Saturday Night Live" and "Monty Python" with psychedelic music by Astro AI, songs from singer/songwriter Michael Bloom and folk music by Kattfish 4. The show will also feature songstress Karen Westphalen. Refreshments will be served. Call the castle at 978-521-1686 for more information and tickets. Tickets can be ordered online for \$10 pp plus ticket fees at www.winnekenni.com or at the door on the night of the performance for \$15.

The Firehouse Center for the Arts presents regional favorites Susan Poulin and Gordon Carlisle in "Spousal Deafness ... and Other Bones of Contention" at 8 p.m. Real-life husband and wife Carlisle and Poulin combine original songs, sketch comedy and wacky props for this return engagement at the Firehouse. Tickets for the performances are \$16 members, \$18 nonmembers and can be purchased by calling the box office at 978-462-7336 or online at www.firehouse.org. For more information on the show visit www.poolyle.com.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

Parker Gallery reception: For the show "Art Quilts at the Whistler IV," an exhibit running through Aug. 15. Reception 1-3 p.m. In conjunction with the Quilt Festival Weekend, "Art Quilts in Bloom" will be on exhibit as well. Gallery hours (valid today only): 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641 or www.whistlerhouse.org.

The Timothy P. Roberts "Reeling In a Dream" Foundation will host the fourth annual Tourney for Tim Wiffleball Tournament and Rockin for Roberts battle of the bands starting at 8 a.m. Both daylong events take place at North Andover Middle School.

Manami Morita performs as part of the Salem Jazz and Soul Festival "Berklee Summer Series" at Derby Square from 5 to 7 p.m. on Front Street in Salem, Mass. The concert is free and open to the public. This venue is within walking distance of the Salem stop on the Newburyport/Rockport line. For more information, visit www.salemjazzsoul.com or call 978-744-8258.

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FROM THE BEACH TO THE BOOKSTORE

Andover resident tackles subject of divorce in her first book

By SARAH HALLOWELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Carol Ekster had no intention of writing a book. She already had a wonderful full-time job teaching in the Derry, N.H., school system.

But at the beach one day, "something just came over me," she said.

She had the urge to write and ran to her car where all she could find were some pens and a stack of sticky notes.

"I wrote my first story on Post It notes," she said.

Six years later, Ekster is publishing her first book, a children's book called "Where am I Sleeping Tonight? A Story about Divorce." "Where am I Sleeping Tonight?" is told from the perspective of Mark, a fourth-grader whose parents are newly divorced. In the story, Mark talks about how the difficulties and confusion of divorce affect him and his younger brother, Evan. For example, at their dad's house, the boys can play video games as much as they want, while the rules at their mom's are a more strict one hour of video games.

The most difficult thing for Mark is when he is at one house and he forgets something at the other. When he is in school he often realizes that in moving from one house to another, he has forgotten his homework — again. Mark's teacher is constantly getting frustrated with him and Mark knows he needs to be better organized in this new situation.

Ekster got the idea for her story after seeing a request for a divorce story by Boulden Publishers on the Web site for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, she said. After sending her story, she received an answer six weeks later.

In the past six years, she has written 20 books, but this is the first to be published, she said. She wanted to write a story that shows divorce affects not just adults, but children as well.

"I wanted to show the pain of divorce," she said.

Ekster is speaking from some experience as a teacher. The



Carol Ekster of Andover has recently published a children's book.

CARL RUSSO
Staff photo

character of Mark is loosely based on a student she had several years ago, whose parents were going through a divorce. Like Mark, this student would forget things at his parents' homes. Like the teacher in the story, Ekster would also get frustrated, she said.

In fact, Mark's teacher's catch-phrase "fired, fired, fired" is the same phrase that Ekster tells her students when they forget their homework. She said she wants the students to learn that remembering homework is part of their job as students.

"I've been saying it before Donald Trump," she said.

Ekster keeps a diary of ideas, writing down things that inspire her. She also finds that she writes well on planes; it seems to be easier to focus.

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Late sculptor had early ties to town

Exhibit of McClellan's work in Gloucester

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Sixty-six years ago, a young man — the son of an artist in town — had his wood-carved sculpture on display at the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy.

As a result, sculptor James T. McClellan was on the front page of the Feb. 5, 1942, edition of the Andover Townsman. He posed for a photo with his mantel-sized gumwood carving of a bull that was chosen for a 10-day display at the Addison.

This weekend, McClellan's daughter, Anita D. "Andy" McClellan of Cambridge, is hosting an opening reception for another show featuring her father's works — this one in Gloucester. "I invite all McClellan family neighbors, friends, fellow artists, and interested parties to the show," Anita McClellan wrote in an e-mail. "This is a special exhibit."

McClellan grew up in Andover on Orchard Street with five siblings and his mother, artist Frances Packard McClellan, and father, Percy Webb McClellan.

An Andover native, he began sculpting at age 21 and went on to be quite a force on Gloucester's art scene. Works by McClellan, who died on Aug. 1, 2005, at 95, are part of

IF YOU GO

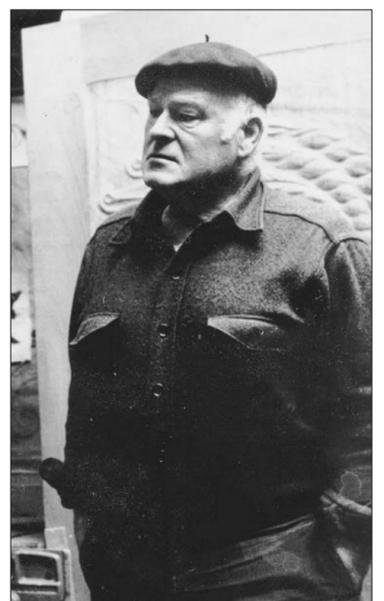
What: "The Sculpture of James T. McClellan (1910-2005)"
When: Aug. 2 to Oct. 19
Opening reception: Saturday, Aug. 2, 3 to 5 p.m.
Where: Cape Ann Museum, 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester
Info: Call 978-283-0455 or visit www.capeannmuseum.org/special/exhibits.htm.

Gloucester's Cape Ann Historical Museum's permanent collection.

The sculptor had moved to Ipswich by 1947, but continued to make a mark in his hometown. He decorated pipe organs for the Andover Organ Company, which fitted several churches throughout the Merrimack Valley and Boston.

McClellan carved both indoor and outdoor realistic installations in wood — including ebony, teak, antique mahogany, black walnut, cherry and apple — as well as iron, stone, lead, ceramic, brass, gold leafing and polychrome, according to his daughter. His subjects included people, mermaids, dragons, griffins, phoenixes, sea monsters, seahorses and birds of prey.

He was friends with many artists, including prize-winning children's book author-illustrator Virginia Lee Burton. In fact, McClellan was a model for characters in Burton's picture books, most notably as Mike in "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel," his daughter said.



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Works by the late sculptor James T. McClellan, who grew up in Andover, are featured in a new exhibit at a Gloucester museum.

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EKSTER: Offers advice to aspiring writers

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She appreciates feedback on her drafts, whether it be from a publisher or from another writer in a critique group to which she belongs. All her stories, including "Where am I Sleeping Tonight?" have gone through several revisions. Ekster said she has files and files of drafts at her home.

"I watch less TV than other people," she said.

Book writing has been a learning process for her and she said getting a book published is a lesson in patience. She heard back from Boulden Publishers after six weeks, but for some of her other manuscripts it has taken up to a year to hear back from a publisher. Some of her other books are awaiting publication,

she said.

Ekster's advice to other aspiring writers is to join a society like the SCBWI, which is where she saw the divorce story request. She also recommends researching publishing companies. She said writers need to know what kind of manuscripts publishers are looking for; otherwise the manuscript will just sit in a pile, unread.

Even after a publisher says yes to a manuscript, it might still be awhile before the author sees his or her book in a bookstore. Ekster had to wait two years before she held the final product of "Where am I Sleeping Tonight?" in her hands.

The illustrations for her book were drawn by Sue Rama. Ekster had a totally different vision of her book originally, but is very happy

with the outcome, she said.

"You have to trust the publisher," she said. To Ekster, publishing "Where am I Sleeping Tonight?" has been both "amazing and heart-wrenching."

Ekster hopes children, especially children from divorced families, will enjoy this story. She also wants kids whose parents are going through a divorce to see that they are not only ones in that situation.

"It's empowering to kids," Ekster said.

"Where am I Sleeping Tonight?" will be available at the Andover Bookstore, Barnes & Nobles and on Amazon.com. Ekster will be signing copies of her book at Barnes & Nobles in Manchester, N.H., on Aug. 21. For more information about Ekster and her book, check out www.carolgordonekster.com.

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ONGOING

Merrimack Valley Philharmonic's 2008-2009 season, conducted by George Monseur, will feature four performances at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College: Sunday, Nov. 9, Debussy, Ravel and Prokofiev; Sunday, Dec. 7, Family Holiday Concert with the Andover Choral Society, directed by Allen Combs; Sunday, March 1, 2009, Mendelssohn and Schubert; Sunday, May 3, 2009, Richard Rodgers, William Grant Still and George Gershwin. All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale in September. Subscriptions available. For information, call 978-685-3505 or visit www.mvpmusic.org.

Andover Chamber Music's 12th season opens on Sept. 13. Eight concerts are scheduled with five in the Andover/North Andover area, two in Cambridge and one in Lowell. Five-concert series season sub-

scriptions for the Andover-area concerts are \$140 and \$125. Single tickets to all concerts are \$30 and \$25, depending on location and seating. Student rush and group sales are available. For tickets and for more information, call 978-474-6222 or go to www.AndoverChamberMusic.org.

Trails and Sails: The Essex National Heritage Commission presents its seventh annual Trails and Sails: "A Weekend to GO! Experience Essex Heritage," Sept. 26-28. Designed to showcase the unique array of historic, cultural, and natural resources within the Essex National Heritage Area, the weekend includes more than 200 free events spread out over 135 locations throughout Essex County. Involving non-profit and community organizations, as well as recreation-based businesses, the weekend offers guided hikes, walks, sails, paddles, as well as historical tours and special art happenings for all ages, skill levels and interests. Visit www.trailsandsails.org or call 978-740-0444 for information.

Massachusetts Poetry Festival: A diverse group of partner organizations will

come together to present the first-ever Massachusetts Poetry Festival in various locations in Lowell, Oct. 10-12. The event will feature readings by well-known poets such as Robert Pinsky, Lucie Brock-Broido, Andre Dubus III, Martin Espada, Rhina Espaillat, Reggie Gibson and many more, as well as workshops for writers and educators, symposia, small press fair, teen poetry, literary heritage tours, children's programs and street poetry. Some events are free, and others have a nominal entrance fee. A complete lineup, with schedule and locations, will be available in the coming weeks. For more information, visit www.masspoetry.com/festival or call 978-275-1831.

The Lawrence Farmers' Market will be held every Wednesday through Oct. 29. The market will feature extended hours this season, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The market is located on Appleton Way between Essex and Common streets, near City Hall at 200 Common St.

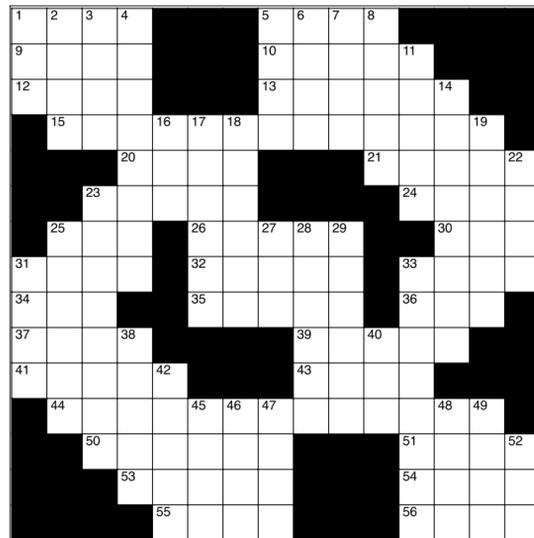
Serenity Yoga: Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:20 p.m. through Aug. 20. \$45 for 7 weeks. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow.

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Nordic walking: Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. through Aug. 19. \$45/session. No prior exercise experience required. Rain or shine; meet outside building. Space limited. Download registration form at www.boomerventure.com and mail to BoomerVenture, 36 Bartlet St., ASC, Andover, MA 01810, or call 978-623-8321. All classes held at 30 Whittier Court.

Crossword puzzle



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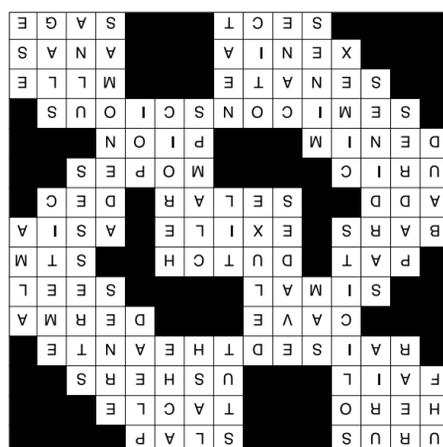
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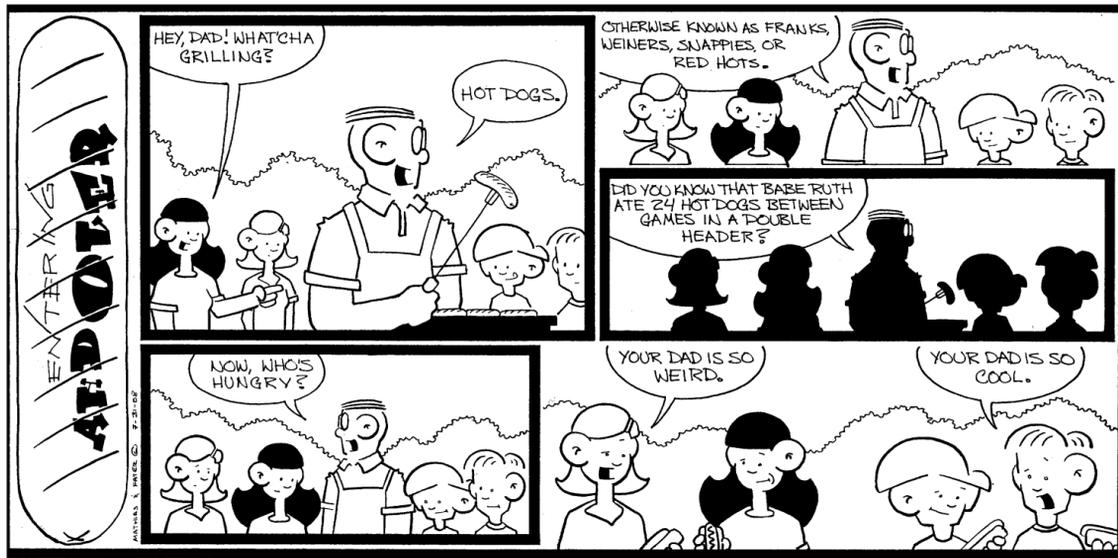
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- Sidesteps
- Opulent
- Induces vomiting
- ___ Mater, one's school
- Pilchards
- Fathers (Span.)
- ___ death do us part
- Devices to hold things together
- Brave and courageous
- Data transmission speed measure
- Benign tumors
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Sports



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Andover's Mike Yastrzemski lays down a perfect bunt during Post 8's 4-1 win in the first game of its series against Sudbury. Yastrzemski was 4 for 4 with an RBI and a run.

Yastrzemski, Farrell open playoffs with an impact

Note: Games played after July 28 were played after deadline.

Andover's ace and leading hitter started the American Legion playoffs in style.

Mike Yastrzemski delivered four hits, and John Farrell was once again nearly unhittable as Post 8 downed Sudbury 4-1 in the opening game of the best-of-3 playoff series on Friday. Sudbury eliminated Andover from the playoffs last season.

"Revenge is nice," said Farrell, who was on the Andover Junior Legion team a year ago. "The first inning, I was a little over-energetic. I saw a couple of scouts back there. I just settled down after those first-inning jitters and took command of the ball. I had both the changeup and the slider working, so I had them off balance."

Playing in front of a scout from Duke, Farrell allowed just one run on three hits over eight innings. He struck out nine and retired 16 of the last 19 batters he faced.

Post 8 responded with two runs in the bottom of the third. Dan Gusovsky (two hits) started the rally with a base hit, and with two down, scalding Mike Yas-

trzemski broke the ice with a triple to deep right-center to tie it. Dan Haugh gave Andover the lead with a ground-ball base hit through the hole.

Mike Taylor singled to start the sixth, stole second and moved to third on a groundout, trotting home on a wild pitch. Haugh's bases-loaded walk in the seventh padded the lead again.

Yastrzemski, who entered the series with a team-high .436 average, had half of Andover's hits in a 4 for 4 day.

Next up

After being rained out on Sunday, Andover was scheduled to play the second game of the series at Sudbury on Monday. A third game, if necessary, was set for Tuesday at Sudbury.

Andover Post 8 4, Sudbury Post 191 1

Sudbury (1): Berenzewicz c 3-0-1, Eric Watkins 2b 4-0-0, Mike Wilson ss 4-0-0, Sam Finn lf 4-0-1, Justin Roth 1b 4-0-0, Garrett Moore dh/c 2-0-0, Matt Tolkan rf 3-0-0, Jordan McCarthy 3b 3-0-0, James Camire c 2-1-1, James Tyler ph 1-0-0, Connor Buckley p 0-0-0, Totals 30-1-3

Andover (4): P.J. Farnham rf 4-0-0, Mike Yastrzemski cf 4-1-4, Dan Haugh ss 3-0-1, Mike Taylor dh 4-1-1, Zach Burdeau 3b 4-0-0, John Hennessy 2b 4-0-0, Kevin Calabro lf 4-0-0, Marc Crowley 1b 3-0-0, Sam Clark 1b 1-0-1, Dan Gusovsky c 3-2-2, John Farrell p 0-0-0, Tim Hoffman p 0-0-0, Totals 34-4-8
Sudbury (15-4): 001 000 000 — 1
Andover (14-2-1): 002 001 10x — 4
RBI: A — Yastrzemski, Haugh 2
WP: Farrell; LP: Buckley; S: Hoffman

"I believe that athletics should enhance the atmosphere of the school. We want to maintain what we have at Andover, and take steps forward and make adjustments as we see them to help us move forward."

Chris Bergeron, recently hired athletic director

BERGERON TO LEAD ANDOVER HIGH ATHLETICS

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Chris Bergeron saw the golden opportunity to concentrate on being an athletic director at Andover High, and he was able to prove he was the man for the job.

"We were looking for someone who had an understanding of where athletics fits into a student's life," said Andover Principal Peter Anderson. "We were looking for someone of high character and strong intelligence that was committed to young athletes and coaches, and Chris exemplifies that."

Bergeron, 36, was hired last week as the new athletic director at Andover High, replacing Dave Nichols, who announced his retirement in the spring.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity," said Bergeron. "Andover is an outstanding school with a great athletic tradition. I am looking forward to getting to know the coaching staffs and the school."

Bergeron spent the last seven years as the athletic director at Salem (N.H.) High School. He was also in charge of physical education and health for the high school and middle school.

"I was very happy at Salem," he said. "They have a great athletic program and a very supportive staff. I had not interviewed for another job in my time there. But it was very appealing to me to just be a high school athletic director."

Bergeron first heard of the Andover High opening during the spring, and decided to apply in June when the job opened. He was called back for an interview on July 2, and then had a finalist interview on July 9 before he received the word.

"On July 15, I got a phone call

asking me to meet with the (Andover) superintendent that day," he said. "That's when they told me I was their recommendation to the school committee."

According to Anderson, there were 20 applicants for the job, and Bergeron beat out eight finalists, although he declined to name any.

"Chris' recent experience (at Salem) is an excellent match for Andover, where athletics gets a lot of attention," said Anderson. "We wanted someone that was committed to a strong athletic program from the freshman level through varsity. Few people understand the amount of time it required to be an athletic director. It is a seven-days-a-week job. You really have to love high school sports, and Chris does."

Bergeron comes to the Golden Warriors with plenty of experience. He was a three-sport athlete at Exeter High, earning All-Class L honors in soccer. He attended the University of Richmond before earning his master's degree in physical education at the University of New Hampshire.

After a year as assistant athletic

director at Exeter, Bergeron served as interim athletic director at Portsmouth High in 1995-96. He then moved on to Bishop Guertin, serving as AD there from 1998 until 2001.

He took over at Salem High in 2001. He is now excited to have the opportunity to concentrate on the athletic program at Andover.

"This will allow me to focus on the coaching staffs and providing support for them," he said. "There were times at Salem when I wasn't available because of administrative meetings. It will allow me more access to the kids and provide for the program."

While Andover's enrollment is smaller than Salem's, 2,263 for the Blue Devils compared to 1,736 for the Golden Warriors, Bergeron believes it will offer many of the same challenges.

"Once you get to (Andover's) size they are about the same," he said. "We have a few more sports at Andover, so I will be going to a few more places and scheduling a few more buses. But it won't be too different."

Nichols, who spent 32 years in the Andover school system, was



MEET THE NEXT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Name: Chris Bergeron
Age: 36
Hometown: Manchester, N.H.
Current position: Athletic director of Salem, N.H., school district (since 2001)
Previous positions: Interim athletic director at Portsmouth 1995-96, athletic director at Bishop Guertin, 1998-2001
Education: Graduate of Exeter High School, University of Richmond (undergraduate) and University of New Hampshire (master's)
On the field: All-Class L soccer player

pleased with the selection.

"I have heard very good things about Chris, and Salem has had a very strong athletic program," said Nichols. "We at Andover feel very fortunate to have him in the fold. I am looking forward to talking with him. Brian and I had a very good relationship, but it was not typical."

Nichols had shared the athletic director duties with Brian McNally since the two took the job in 2003. But Bergeron said he will be the lone athletic director, with McNally becoming the head of physical education and health.

Bergeron expects to start his new job between Aug. 15 and 18 once he has finished at Salem. He hopes to meet with all of the Andover High coaches before the beginning of the high school season.

He plans to commute from his home in Manchester, N.H., at least in the short term.

"I believe that athletics should enhance the atmosphere of the school," he said. "We want to maintain what we have at Andover, and take steps forward and make adjustments as we see them to help us move forward."



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Winning season

The Andover Mite 1 Team finished the season with a perfect 45-0 record including winning the top division of the Valley League, the 25th Annual Scott Heseltine Tournament, the March Melt-down at Waterville Valley and the Merrimack Valley Cup. Pictured are, front row from left, Thomas Manty, Patrick Hughes, Nathan O'Neil, Scott Dalton, Stephen Serrao, Charlie Stahley, PJ Loretti; middle row from left, Nicolas Penta, Liam Burke, Kyle Getty, Thomas Mapstone, Michael Reilly, Cameron Schmitt, Matthew Belluche, Patrick Keefe; back row from left, assistant Steve Schmitt, coach Mike Reilly, assistant Scott Manty.

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, August 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Glenn D. Butler, 325 Winter St., Holliston, MA for a variance from Article VIII, §4.1.2 to demolish an existing dwelling and build a new single family dwelling that will not meet minimum setback requirements on a lot with insufficient area that lacks frontage on a way as defined by the Bylaw.
Premises affected are located at 8 Foster's Pond Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 122 as Lot 5.
STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
DATE OF ISSUE: July 24 & 31, 2008 AT - 7/24, 7/31/08

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93 General

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Today, July 31, is the last day for families to pay the \$300 per student Andover Public Schools bus fee. Those who miss the deadline will face a \$50 late fee.

Andover charges a \$300 bus fee, with a \$600 maximum charge per family.

As of Tuesday, 673 payments had been received, according to the school department. The town collected 1,290 school bus fee payments last year.

With a 55 percent hike in the cost of diesel gas during the last school year, numerous communities now charge a school bus fee. One of the most expensive school bus fees is in Lexington, where it costs \$550 per child and the family maximum is \$1,600. In Lawrence, the fee is \$1 a day to ride the bus to school.

The Andover fee applies to school bus riders in grades seven through 12, as state law prohibits communities from charging elementary school-aged children for their ride to school.

— Judy Wakefield

Staging Andover — again

Downtown is once again the stage for a new movie. Wild Beagle Productions, a small local production company in North Andover, return to town Saturday, Aug. 2, shooting scenes for its new movie, “27 Down.”

Production crews will film a courtroom scene at Massachusetts School of Law on Federal Street in the morning and then move to the downtown on Sun-

day, Aug. 3. Producer Judy Coleman said filming will take place at Mawby’s on Barnard Street and at Dylan’s Bar and Grille on Park Street throughout the day. The attractive brick backgrounds of the eateries are perfect for the movie, centered in a fictional Maine town, Coleman said. There’s a distinct New England style in Andover that’s a good fit, she said.

The movie filmed scenes in the Park earlier this year.

— Judy Wakefield

Walking uphill both ways

The Andover Senior Center and Andover Historical Society will present “Andover Schools: Now & Then,” a talk by local historian Jim Batchelder. All residents are welcome to join the “lively and fascinating discussion on school days of a bygone era” on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center. Call the senior center to sign up at 978-623-8321.

Selectmen approve changes to Bartlet Street

Selectmen unanimously passed changes to the Bartlet Street traffic pattern in front of Doherty Middle School on July 28.

The changes are designed to alleviate vehicle and pedestrian congestion in front of the school during morning and afternoon student drop-off hours. Bartlet

Street residents should also expect relief from having their driveways blocked by parents at the beginning and end of each school day, according to Andover Public Safety Officer Charles Edgerly.

Under the new traffic pattern, a portion of the yellow center line on Bartlet Street will be shifted closer to the residential side of the road to create a student drop-off lane in front of the middle school.

Parking will be restricted from a portion of the school side of the street between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days. On-street parking will also be eliminated altogether on the corresponding residential side of the street.

The changes were developed by Edgerly, Doherty Middle officials and Bartlet Street residents.

Edgerly said the solution approved by selectmen was first suggested by a Bartlet Street resident.

“We just took it and tweaked it to fit everybody’s needs,” said Edgerly.

— Brian Messenger

Coming up: State primary, town accountant review

The Board of Selectmen signed the warrant for the state primary election on July 28. The election is scheduled to be held Sept. 16. Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Mary Lyman also plan to present the board with a review of Town Accountant Rodney Smith at their first September meeting.

— Brian Messenger



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School bus fees are due today, July 31. Those who miss the deadline will pay a late fee.

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