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Panhandler carries sign of the times

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
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A Range Rover stops briefly at a green light in busy Shawsheen Square, and a woman in the passenger seat rolls down her window to hand Alex Emery several dollars.

"Thank you, ma'am," he responds. "God bless you."

The scene, which occurred April 3, has become a familiar one for those who travel the intersection of routes 28 and 133. That's where Emery, 32, has spent the last several weeks holding a cardboard sign that reads, "Jobless Please Help Feed 2 Kids."

Emery was given money from three

more people travelling through the square in the span of 15 minutes late that afternoon. One gave him several dollars, the others fist-fulls of change.

While stopped in traffic, another woman in the passenger seat of a small bus told Emery her company is hiring. She jotted down a phone number on a small piece of paper and handed it to him.

"Usually, I get a lot of job opportunities, too," said Emery. "I call them up and follow through. Hopefully, I'll get something soon."

While some are willing to offer cash to Emery, others, such as resident

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Alex Emery, who lives in southern New Hampshire, stands at the intersection of Routes 133 and 28 in Shawsheen Square, holding a sign looking for donations to feed his two kids.

► Andover schools

Layoff notices going out

Plans underway to avoid higher sports fees

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Layoff notices will be distributed to 55 people, the equivalent of 41 full-time employees, in the Andover schools next Tuesday, April 14.

■ **Former Superintendent Ken Seifert speaks in front of School Committee for first time in 17 years.**
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Superintendent Claudia Bach said she drafted the lay-off letters earlier this week, as one way to help close a \$3.2 million budget gap. The \$60.4 million school department budget is \$3.2 million short of being able to provide level services next year.

"It is very, very disheartening. The people we lay off, because it's done by seniority, are young people with families that bring a lot of skills to the job," said Bach. "This year, it was an agonizing budget to put together. We don't want to do any of these cuts. But we have nowhere else to go, after doing everything else we could do."

Bach and the School Committee will be pouring over Bach's proposed budget for next year, with discussion scheduled for April 14 and 28 meetings. At their meeting on Tuesday, April 7, the committee spent several hours discussing budget changes with the principals of Andover's three middle schools and high school.

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WHAT WOULD JUDAS DO?



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Don Nickerson, who will be playing Judas, has a fake beard applied to his face by Jan Peters during a rehearsal of the Living Last Supper to be performed by members of the West Parish Church tonight, Thursday, April 9.

West Parish congregants perform 'Living Last Supper'

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

It's almost Good Friday and most Christians are trying to become closer to Jesus. Don Nickerson is trying to be more like ... Judas?

Nickerson and 12 other members of West Parish Church will play Jesus, Judas and the other 11 apostles at the congregation's performance of "The Living Last Supper," tonight, Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. The performance looks into what each of the apostles might have been thinking once Jesus Christ says one of them will betray him.

"It just makes the disciples more human. They're everyday people with the same struggles everyday people have," said Jan Peters, chairwoman of the parish's Ministry of Worship. "The Living Last Supper allows people to take a step back in time and make the disciples come alive.

What were they thinking? What made them become disciples in the first place?"

In the Bible, Judas Iscariot was the apostle who identified Jesus to the authorities in exchange for 30 pieces of silver. Jesus was then crucified.

Was anyone else even interested in the part of Judas?

"I really don't know," said Nickerson, who has played Judas several times over the years, "but it's a part that I was really interested in. He was a conflicted individual and I thought it was a meaty part. Now, they might just be typecasting me."

Nickerson is the church treasurer.

However, playing the man who betrayed Jesus has never caused any problems for Nickerson. No little kids have ever kicked him in the shins after the play. People don't move away from him in the pews the next week.

"I have been told that during

the performance, if there are young kids there, that my part did scare them a bit," said Nickerson, whose Judas pounds the table. "I try to come across pretty strong, as an angry man."

Judas is portrayed as someone who believed Jesus would use his full power to overthrow the Romans if he was captured.

"The part has Judas as a pretty ambiguous character. I think that's part of the intention — not to make Judas a cartoon villain," said the Rev. Thomas McMillan. "Every one of them asks, could it be me that could do this terrible thing?"

West Parish first performed "The Living Last Supper" in 1995 and this will be its seventh production. Pat Pearson and Cheryl McKeough painted five 8-foot panels to look like the backdrop in Leonardo da Vinci's painting The Last Supper, and the apostles all take their famous positions at the table.

"It's a unique and very powerful presence when you see the table with the backdrop," said John Pearson. "It's a simple thing and a simple performance but we have found over the years that people are very affected by it."

John Pearson played Judas for the 1995 program, but then moved on, happy to play St. Peter in other years.

"I know I didn't volunteer for it [playing Judas]," Pearson said. "I do remember being a little shocked and not excited about the part — of course, I hadn't read the part yet."

"It's given me a little different insight into the whole Easter season and the 12 apostles as human beings, especially Judas," said Nickerson. Nickerson even wonders why Judas and St. Peter have such different reputations, since Peter denied knowing Jesus three times. When he watches movies

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Attack beaver dam, face up to \$25,000 fine

Town after person who destroyed Salem Street dam

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Someone apparently took a garden hoe or other tool and hacked away at two beaver dams on Salem Street recently.

The beavers quickly rebuilt their dams. If the person is caught, he or she could face up to a \$25,000 fine, according to the state's Division of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Local conservation and environmental officials notified state environmental police of "the unauthorized breaching of beaver dams," a violation of local, state and federal laws, said Andover Conservation Commissioner Robert Douglas. The problem is a common one.

Water levels tend to rise in early spring as snow melts and rain falls. These high water levels usually cause the beavers to build more dams, Douglas said. The dams can redirect water onto people's property, causing the frustration that leads people to attack the dams.

Douglas said he's concerned about high water levels and subsequent beaver dams "choking septic systems" around town. He's been on the hunt

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Shall we dance?



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Tom Baird and Erin Dubinski swing dance to the big band music during the Jazz at the Hall. See story, Page 8.

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Former superintendent Seifert offers advice

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Former Andover Superintendent Ken Seifert spoke at the April 7 School Committee meeting, his first time back in that second-floor meeting room in nearly 18 years.

He urged the committee to run the system like a business, streamline operations, not to be afraid of disagreement and stick to an action plan.

"In the high school, I see people with master's degrees watching kids eat in the cafeteria, and watching the hallways (as monitors)," said Seifert. "How much

do you think that activity costs?"

When looking over the budget, don't make "reductions that will hurt the least," Seifert urged the committee. Instead, be creative and start programs that collaborate, cost little and "raise hope," such as having staff peers review each other or have cooperative learning projects among students.

Seifert gave the example of the AIRS program, which was written by a group of Andover educators, and earned national recognition. Andover received a federal grant to distribute the AIRS model, after being named one of the top 10 language arts programs in the

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Ken Seifert, former superintendent

U.S. in 1975.

The committee should evaluate what is best and worst about the schools, staff, parents and community, and take action from there, said Seifert. To be effective, everyone has to try harder, tell the truth and have arguments. Only ideas that "make sense" will prevail, he said, and everyone

should still be friendly once the discussions are over.

"You have a chance to be the most effective School Committee in the history of our town," Seifert said.

Seifert, who is now retired and still lives on Ivy Lane in Andover, was superintendent of schools from 1969 to 1991. He opened

his presentation with a performance by Andover High School senior John Diodati, who played excerpts of Von Weber's Concertino for Clarinet, accompanied by AHS Band Director Joe Wright on piano keyboard.

The performance was dedicated to the School Committee's two newest members, Annie Gilbert and David Birnbach, said Seifert. Diodati, dressed smartly in a dress shirt and tie, played soft, melodic passages as well as fast, with fingers flying.

"The next time you hear him," said Seifert, motioning to Diodati, "it will cost you \$50 for a concert ticket."

Relay to raise money for fees

Supporters of Andover High School athletics will soon have a chance to walk the walk, as well as talk the talk.

The AHS Parent Advisory Council and athletic department has teamed with Andover Youth Services to organize an eight-hour relay to raise money to limit user fee increases proposed for AYS and AHS athletics in next year's budget.

The relay, planned for June 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will have teams of 10 people take turns walking or running one mile around the track at the AHS football field. Each team will collect a minimum of \$600, or \$60 per participant, to enter.

A group of parents have been meeting with Athletic Director Chris Bergeron for about six weeks, trying to think of ways to keep user fees down and not lose student participation in athletics, said Diane Costagliola, AHS PAC co-president.

More than 30 AHS students are helping organize the June 20th event, which will include a

festival with food, contests and activities for kids and families.

"We all understand that the budget's tight, and are upset about losing teachers. But there is a tremendous pressure on parents with the fee system, especially in this economy," said Costagliola.

Money raised through the relay for AHS athletics will reduce all user fees by the same amount.

"We're hoping to raise enough money, even if we're able to drop that fee by \$25," said Costagliola. "We're concerned that there will be a whole segment of the population that will forgo sports, (rather than) deal with increased fees or asking for a scholarship. We're not worried about the star athletes, we're worried about the kids who are practice players, or go out for no-cut sports — those are the ones we'll lose."

Superintendent Claudia Bach's proposed budget for next year has athletic fees doubling, from \$250 to \$500 per participant.

FEES: Athletics Dept. looks for alternatives

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To cover the budget gap, Bach's proposes eliminating \$2.4 million from the school department's payroll through layoffs, doubling the fee students pay to participate in high school athletics, cutting elementary health programs and other measures.

School officials have discussed privatizing the school's custodial duties.

Andover Athletic Director Chris Bergeron said athletic fees have not changed in about five years. Students this year pay \$250, no matter how many sports they play, with a cap of \$500 per family. Bergeron called Bach's proposed doubling of those fees a "worst-case scenario."

"I know there's going to be an increase in user fees, but we're trying to minimize that impact," said Bergeron. "We're trying to find alternate ways of raising funds, to defray costs."

Bergeron is one of the authors of a Town Meeting warrant article asking for \$100,000 from the town's stabilization fund to be transferred to the athletic

program's operating budget. Plans are also underway for a June relay fundraiser to combat fee increases.

Bergeron has looked at reducing team schedules, playing fewer games to save on transportation and referee costs, raising game ticket prices or switching to pay-as-you-go fees, paid per sport.

This year, 946 students participated in athletics at AHS, more than half the student body, said Bergeron.

"My concern is kids who aren't the best athlete on the team, who play just because they enjoy it and have friends on the team, might consider not participating," he said.

AHS Principal Peter Anderson agreed at the April 7 School Committee meeting, noting the athletics fee has gone from zero to the proposed \$500 in about six years.

"Every kid at the high school needs an identity, and if you're number 55 on the cross country team, then that's your identity. I'm not sure number 55 is going to want to pay \$500," said Anderson. "I'm most concerned about

losing those one-sport athletes."

It is up to the School Committee to make any changes and give final approval to the budget before Town Meeting at the end of May.

"The biggest piece is salaries. We're working with the unions to achieve some relief there, which would be a major help to the students and all the employees that work at the school department, (avoiding layoffs)," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein. "We have to look at strategic investment, and how we are going to transform our delivery of services to position our schools to continue to be successful over the next few years. It's going to be a long time before we get back to the kinds of revenue we've had (in recent years)."

Bach agreed, saying any concessions made through collective bargaining with employees would be a "huge way" to save jobs.

Andover is slated to get \$182,000 in stabilization money from the federal government, said Bach, but there are "all kinds of strings attached to what it is supposed to be used for."

The money will be coming in two separate sums, one of which cannot be used to hire back teachers.

"It's not enough to avoid the majority of our layoffs," said Bach of the stimulus money. "It's not enough to bail us out of this shortfall; it just won't."

"This is the most serious shortfall I've seen in my 11 years here. Programs and services to children will be less next year, no matter how it plays out," said Bach. "I am not at all being flippant when I say we have no extra people, every position is essential."

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships available, applications due April 13

The Andover Chapter of Dollars for Scholars announces that scholarship applications for the 2008-09 academic year are now available. Any Andover resident, including graduating seniors, returning students, or adults working toward an undergraduate degree, who has been accepted as a full-time student in a post-secondary program of education is eligible to apply. Applications are available at andoverma.gov/residents/adfs.php and at the guidance departments at Andover High School, Phillips Academy, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Andover Town Hall and Memorial Hall Library.

Submission of this one application permits candidates to be considered for any of up to 20 awards, ranging in value from \$250 to \$1,500, from over 10 individual scholarship funds. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2009.

Approximately 500 institutions have agreed not to adjust the students' financial aid packages to reflect Dollars for Scholars grants. Some will match the Dollars for Scholars awards. For more information on the Andover Dollars for Scholars Program, call Bob King at 978-475-5634.

Norah McCarthy Scholarship

Applications for the 2009 Norah McCarthy Scholarship, which is administered through the Andover Dollars for Scholars program, are available in the guidance departments of Andover High School, The Greater Lawrence Technical School, as well as Memorial Hall Library, Town Offices on Bartlet Street, the main office at Wood Hill Middle School, and online at www.aps1.net/whm/. Any Andover resident graduating from high school who attended Wood Hill Middle School during the period of 2001 until 2005, when McCarthy served as principal, is eligible to apply. Candidates must be accepted as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary program of education. Applications must be submitted to the main office at the Wood Hill Middle School no later than April 24, 2009.



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PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: In May, 1955 this 10-room, 80-ton house was moved from 3 Main Street Terrace (behind 84 Main St.) to 150 Main St., making way for a new bank.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: Present day Main Street, of the same area.

Call out for original plays for New Works Festival 2010

Already in the planning stages, the New Works Festival 2010 is calling for submissions of plays. The deadline is July 15 and playwrights will be permitted two submissions each. The "Guidelines for Submission" is posted to the Newburyport Firehouse Web site at www.firehouse.org. This year's festival attracted

many playwrights eager to accept feedback from a live audience. Andover resident Christopher Lockheart ("Not Funny," and "Blood and Menthol") said, "The Firehouse was a gracious host to both me and my work during their New Works Festival. Everyone involved glowed with enthusiasm and encouragement."

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



The library is at the center of this community. I hope that never changes.

- *Memorial Hall Library Director Jim Sutton, who has announced he will retire this summer. Story, page 4.*

We wanted to come up with something to connect families. And we chose the daytime instead of nighttime so parents wouldn't have to worry about bedtime.

- *Organizer Wendy deLemos on a family "Game Day" planned for residents. Story in Arts, page 7.*

While we were learning about the three dirtiest jobs in Andover, we realized that they were also some of the most unseen and under-appreciated jobs... The workers] should be very proud of what they do and know we appreciate it.

- *Andover High students Michelle Conway, Jules Konjoian and Gianna Miceli who were assigned to find the town's filthiest occupations. Column in Education, page 13.*



NEWS CALENDAR

Tax bills in the mail

The town of Andover has mailed the fourth quarter actual tax bills for fiscal year 2009. Payment is due Friday, May 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. The town offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with the blue Town of Andover seal in front of the offices at 36 Bartlet St. If you have not received a bill, call the tax collectors' offices at 978-623-8246, or send an e-mail to treasurer@andoverma.gov.

It is now possible to pay real-estate bills electronically or with a credit card with UniPay Online. Go to the Town of Andover Web site: andoverma.gov and click on the e-services along the top for instructions.

Dynamics Research Corp. awarded \$50B contract

Dynamics Research Corp., an Andover-based provider of management consulting, engineering and information technology services and solutions to federal and state governments, has been awarded a General Services Administration Alliant Government-Wide Acquisition Contract. Under the terms of the \$50 billion indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract, DRC will offer a broad range of information technology services and business solutions

to all federal agencies.

DRC was one of the initial 29 companies awarded the contract in 2007 to support the federal government's needs in its daily operations, its protection of infrastructure, the fight against terrorism and the development and marketing of emerging technologies. The contract has a five-year base performance period and one five-year option period.

"DRC is committed to providing an outstanding array of solutions to a wide range of customers across the federal sector with the agility, expertise and client service they need to meet their mission critical objectives," said James P. Regan, DRC's chairman and chief executive officer, in a release.

SAT/ACT practice test

The Princeton Review has scheduled free, SAT/ACT practice tests on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road in Andover, for all Andover High School students to help them with these exams and encourage them to create a timely and focused study plan.

Alzheimer's conference planned

The 21st Annual Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Conference - the largest Alzheimer's event north of Boston - is planned for Saturday, April 25, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel in Andover, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The educational conference, which is designed for family members and professionals caring for

people afflicted with Alzheimer's or dementia, is titled "Keys to Successful Caregiving in the 21st Century." and is co-sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and the Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Partnership.

Dr. Buck H. Woo, neuropsychologist and co-director of the Memory Disorders Clinic at Merrimack Medical Center in Haverhill, will give the keynote presentation, "It's Not Just Old Age." Woo will discuss the importance of thorough evaluations in accurately diagnosing Alzheimer's disease, or related dementia, appropriate treatment, and family unity dealing with the disease.

Joanne Koenig Coste, a nationally recognized expert on caring for someone with Alzheimer's and author of "Learning to Speak Alzheimer's," will give the closing address. Coste is also a consultant with the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association and has been awarded the National Health Heroes Award from Readers' Digest. She will offer insight into the challenges and joys of caring for an Alzheimer's patient.

The conference will also feature vendor displays of products and services that help and support Alzheimer's patients and caregivers. The conference is free to family caregivers and \$25 for professionals. Due to the popularity of this training, it's anticipated the conference will be over enrolled. With limited space, reservations are strongly recommended. To register in advance, or for more information, call Janice Boyd,

community educator for Elder Services, at 978-946-1321.

Annual dinner

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will be Wednesday, April 29, at DiBurro's Function Hall in Haverhill. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Scheduled events are the Ralph B. Wilkinson award presentation to Attorney George A. Stella of Stella Law Offices and community spirit co-award presentation to Greater Lawrence Technical School and Whittier Regional Technical High School. Guest speaker will be State Treasurer and Receiver General Timothy P. Cahill. The cost is \$95. Call 978-686-0900.

Andover receives e-Government Award

Common Cause Massachusetts presented its 2009 e-Government Award to Andover and another 117 cities and towns from across the Commonwealth. The award is part of Common Cause's on-going Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government, which annually reviews the Internet presence of all 351 cities and towns in the state.

May health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, May 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, May 18, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 and 27. No appointment is necessary.

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Adding volumes



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The Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy recently made a donation to Andover's Memorial Hall Library. Pictured are Brian Allen, right, the Mary Stripp & R. Crosby Kemper director of the Addison Gallery and Jim Sutton, Memorial Hall Library director, with several of the 28 donated volumes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Filing taxes? Andover Post Office accepts mail until midnight

While the number of people filing online has increased over the years, some Americans still prefer to mail their tax returns. Automated postal centers (APCs) with self-service reliability, such as exists at the Stevens Street Post Office in Andover will remain open until midnight April 15. To help accommodate last-minute tax filers, the U.S. Postal offers these tips: Apply sufficient postage. (Postage is 42-cents for the first ounce which is usually about four 8 x 11 sheets; add 17 cents postage for each additional ounce.) Always use a complete mailing and return address. Tax returns must be post-marked no later than April 15.

If mailing from a street collection box, check the last pick-up time to make sure your return will be collected later that day. For mailing tips and information on Delivery Confirmation, log onto www.usps.com.

Issue breakfast

Northeast Independent Living Program's 17th Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St. in Andover on Friday, April 17, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. State senators, representatives and local officials will join their colleagues in local and federal government and meet with constituents to discuss important issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and their families, according to organizer Jim Lyons. This year's theme is "2009: Supporting People with Disabilities in the Community."

Booking his retirement

Library Director Sutton will close chapter this summer

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

After 15 years at the helm, Memorial Hall Library's Director, Jim Sutton, is retiring. He will be leaving this summer and plans to help in the search for his replacement.

As avid book readers might say, a new life chapter awaits, and Sutton is ready to turn the page.

"My wife retired last year and we want to see our [four] grandchildren," said Sutton, who has spent the last 35 years of his professional life working in libraries.

His job has been posted and will pay between \$72,000 and \$98,000 to the qualified candidate. He plans to work with Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski to find a new library director.

Sutton came to Andover from Natick and worked at the Stoughton Public Library prior to that.

He said he will miss the staff at Memorial Hall Library but the time has simply come to move on. He and his wife, Vicky Sutton, live in town and plan to remain here.



TIM JEAN / Staff photo

Looking like a crooner, Library Director Jim Sutton addressed the crowd last Saturday night at a big band dance hosted by the Friends of the Library.

During his 15 years in the library become known for its computer services and

DVD collections as well as its books.

"That's been a huge change," he said of the growing number of patrons who go to the library for computer use only. "So many patrons use the computers."

He's also watched proudly as the library has grown into place for teens. The teen room is staffed with a librarian and runs many programs.

"Every day we have dozens of kids here from middle school and the high school," he said. "That's another change."

The reference desk and phone number now offers information to callers round the clock. Through the MHL website, users can connect to reference desks across the country, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, Sutton said.

"It's a cooperative for libraries and we're connected," he said.

But it's the central role the library plays in town that gets Sutton most excited when talking about Memorial Hall.

"The library is at the center of this community," he said. "I hope that never changes."

PANHANDLER: Allowed in Andover; police watch for safety

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Jackie Goreham, question why panhandling is allowed, believing it will cause problems in town. There are no restrictions on panhandling in Andover, according to Lt. James Hashem.

"The only thing we do restrict, for their own safety, is they're

not allowed to step into traffic," said Hashem. "They have to stay on the side of the road, just like a pedestrian."

"I'm very surprised that that would be allowed in Andover," said Goreham, a resident in town for four years. "Once this starts to happen, there's a slow degradation down."

Goreham, formerly of South

Boston, recalls traveling through Cambridge and seeing one panhandler grow into "a herd of people at every little light" holding signs and asking for money.

She noted the Andover Board of Health is looking to ban smoking in restaurants' outdoor seating areas. Goreham asked, "How is it possible you can't have a cup of coffee and a cigarette on the sidewalk, and this is allowed?"

Before coming to Shawsheen Square, Emery said, he held out the same sign in Medford. There he was heckled and called a scam artist, he said. Some threw coins and rocks at him.

Emery said he came to Andover for no reason in particular.

"I don't know," said Emery. "Different scenery. A lot nicer people ... There's a lot of good samaritans. A lot of words of encouragement."

Homeless for six years, Emery said he last held a job four years ago as a maintenance worker.

He said he's been sober for three and a half years after battling alcoholism.

Emery said his two children, ages 6 and 8, live with his estranged wife's parents in Merrimack, N.H. He said he has not seen them in years but gives money he collects to their grandfather.

"They're safe," said Emery. "I just give them food. That's pretty much my story."

Emery said he receives money from as many as 20 people each day.

"I get a little bit, not a lot," said Emery. "Roughly 30 bucks a day."

Emery said he is driven to Shawsheen Square from New Hampshire every day by his girlfriend.

A woman has frequented the intersection recently, holding two small signs that read, "Jobless, Soon to be Homeless ... Please Help Feed Family, God Bless, Thanks."

She declined to speak with a photographer.

BEAVERS: Don't mess with dams

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for beaver dams to keep potential problems under control.

Conflicts between beavers and people have gone on for years. In fact, the Massachusetts Legislature now gives local Boards of Health authority to issue emergency permits to trap beavers during certain times of the year.

But Douglas suggests another way for Andover to solve water problems caused by beavers is for his department to seek state approval for a device known as a "beaver deceiver." The device allows water to flow through a dam, without alerting the beavers to any change and causing them to rebuild dams.

Local environmentalists and trails enthusiasts are well

BENEFITS OF BEAVERS

While many homeowners think about beavers only when their dams are causing problems, environmentalists say beaver dams have beneficial aspects.

Beaver dams create wetlands. These wetlands provide habitat for a diversity of plants and wildlife, such as deer, bats, otter, herons, waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, salamanders, turtles, frogs and fish.

Wetlands control downstream flooding by storing and slowly releasing floodwater. They also improve water quality by removing or transforming excess nutrients and sediment, trapping silt, and binding and removing toxic chemicals.

Source: MassWildlife Web site.

aware of the rising water levels caused by beavers, Douglas said.

In fact, the Andover Village Improvement Society has been forced to raise a boardwalk on one trail in an AVIS reservation because the trail became under water, he said.

The AVIS problem may soon be resolved as Douglas expects the state's Department of Public Health to allow Andover to install a beaver deceiver system that keeps water moving.

"I'll get the permit for AVIS to install it," Douglas said. "The beauty of it is that there is no sound as it lowers the water."

Without the rush of water, beavers sense no reason to build a dam.

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School of Law hosts third annual Animal Rights Day

A full slate of topical animal issues presented by animal rights experts, combined with animal tricks and demonstrations, will highlight the Massachusetts School of Law's third annual Animal Rights Day on Saturday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 500 Federal St., Andover. The event is free and open to the public.

Legal issues related to animal rights and animal cruelty will be addressed by legal experts in the field of animal rights law. A police-dog demonstration by the Essex County Sheriff's Department and pet tricks will be part of the day. Kids' activities will be available, and an Easter egg hunt with the Easter bunny will be held. There will also be an agility demonstration by New England Doglift, a non-profit organization formed for the sole purpose of uniting dogs with permanent loving homes.

Copies of the new book, "Please Can We Keep the Donkey?" written by MSL professors Diane Sullivan and Holly Vietzke, will be on sale. All proceeds from book sales will benefit the Shadow Fund, established by MSL to assist animals with medical needs, according to the school. The fund was the outgrowth of donations collected by the school to help a local Vietnam Veteran named Robert Burke whose dog, Shadow, required surgery that Burke was unable to afford.

A continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. is included. Programs follow at 8:50 a.m.

MSL organizers request an e-mail from anyone interested in attending. The e-mail should be sent to animallaw@mslaw.edu. Put "Plan to Attend" in the subject line.

For more information call MSL at 978-681-0800.

Town Meeting will vote on sports fees - but not trash fees

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting voters will not see an effort to create trash-disposal fees, but will decide more issues than originally thought, including whether to use emergency money to avoid higher school sports fees and make it more difficult to build cellular phone towers in town.

The Town Meeting warrant was reopened in early February after selectmen voted to delay Town Meeting until May 26. This provided residents with another opportunity to request that Town Meeting vote on specific requests. The warrant closed for the second time this spring on Friday, March 3.

Four new private warrant

articles were submitted by Andover citizens, none of which involved the controversial SMART (Saves Money and Reduces Trash) program.

Proponents of SMART, which would charge residents for trash they put to the curb beyond one bag or what can fit in one barrel, had discussed writing a warrant article after selectmen declined to vote on the measure at their March 30 meeting.

The four new private Town Meeting warrant articles are:

■ An appropriation for high school athletics, written by Lincoln Circle East resident David Geaslen and Andover Athletics Director Chris Bergeron. They want \$100,000 to be moved from

the town's stabilization account, an emergency account, to the school-department operating budget to help Andover High School athletics. Bergeron said his department will receive \$170,000 less in funding next year.

Superintendent Claudia Bach's proposed budget for next year has athletic fees doubling, from \$250 to \$500 per student.

"We're trying to find alternative ways of raising funds, to defray costs and reduce user fees a little more (for next year)," said Bergeron. "We understand times are difficult for everyone... This is something we threw out there, that hasn't been tried before."

Geaslen, the article's coauthor,

was involved with the Andover Turf Committee, a group of private citizens that raised \$675,000 for artificial turf fields in 2007.

■ An amendment to town zoning bylaws regarding wireless communication facilities, written by Prospect Road resident Pamela Dunn.

Dunn's warrant article would amend Andover zoning bylaws, requiring communications companies looking to build towers in Andover to submit an engineer's report proving a gap in cell phone coverage and proof there is no alternative site for a cell tower.

Dunn has spent the last year fighting a proposed cell phone tower that could be built 186 feet from her children's bedrooms

near Route 125 and Prospect Road by Omnipoint Communications, a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA.

■ A request for \$850,000 to extend a sewer line to Chester Street, Mitton Circle, Oak Street and parts of Tewksbury Street, written by Chester Street residents Cristen Farrel, Jeff Nowak and Karen Swenson. Sewer bet-terments would be assessed by the selectmen, and residents would pay the town through bonds.

■ A request for \$24,000 to reconstruct the sidewalks on Sherbourne Street from Ayer Road to William Street by Sherbourne Street resident Michael Rivet.

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 1 — At 12:23 a.m., Dan H. Howell, 25, of 5 Bay Ave., Barrington, R.I., was arrested and charged on three warrants for driving with a suspended license and one for driving without a license.

Thursday, April 2 — At 10:05 a.m., Luis Medina, 32, of 282 Grove St., Brockton, was arrested and charged with speeding, driving with a revoked license, reckless operation and a tinted glass violation.

At 10:56 p.m., police received a call about a domestic incident. Detective Patrick Keefe, Patrolman Timothy Hagerty and Sergeant Edward Guy responded, and one person was transported to the hospital for an eye injury. At 11:07 p.m., Thomas P. Curran, 35, of 125 Oak St., Wakefield, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Friday, April 3 — At 8:12 p.m., Matthew Eriksen, 18, of 1 Prides Circle North was arrested and charged with speeding, being a person under 21 in possession of liquor and having an open container of liquor in his vehicle.

At 9:57 p.m., Freddy Abreu Jr., 18, of 917 Essex St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, operating to endanger and being a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Saturday, April 4 — At 12:10

a.m., Luis Albert Gonzalez Jr., 23, of 50 River Road, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and possession of a class B drug (cocaine). Gonzalez was also given a citation for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

At 2:50 a.m., Stanley O. Mathurin, 22, of 14 Rockwell Ave., Medford, was arrested and charged on warrants for assault and battery, unarmed robbery, breaking and entering to a motor vehicle nighttime for a felony, receiving stolen property and possession of class D (marijuana).

At 11:11 a.m., Nicholas Bowman, 20, of 6 Arthur Road was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

At 10:49 p.m., Luis A. Claudio, 46, of 15 Crosby St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, April 6 — At 12:49 a.m., Derek D. Scanlon, 19, of 5 Richard Circle was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250 and receiving stolen property over \$250.

At 1:11 p.m., Nora Comparcola, 19, of 290 South Main St., was arrested and charged on three warrants.

At 2:22 p.m., police responded to a sale of class A drugs on Lowell Street. Two cars were towed and three arrests were made: At 2:47 p.m., Anthony M. DiRubbo, 42, of 32 Jefferson Street, second-floor

apartment, Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of class A drugs; also on a warrant for class A possession. At 3:10 p.m., Erick R. Santiago-Then, 27, of 393 Lowell St., Apt. 3. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with distribution of class A drugs. At 3:27 p.m., Charles A. O'Neill Jr., 40, of 7 Palm St., Apt. 13L, Nashua, N.H. was arrested and charged with possession of class A drugs.

At 4 p.m., Francis D. Fantini Jr. of 1287 Bridge Str., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, subsequent offense, and driving with a revoked registration.

THEFTS

Wednesday, April 1 — At 2:20, 2:24 and 4:31 p.m., residents reported cases of identity theft and fraud to the police.

Friday, April 3 — At 6:14 p.m., a wallet was reported stolen at Brickstone Square.

Saturday, April 4 — At 9:29 a.m., the theft of a computer from a Main Street office reported, with no sign of a break in.

At 12:25 p.m., a license plate was reported stolen off a car on Greybirch Road.

At 3:53 p.m., a phone was reported stolen from Buxton Court.

At 7:41 p.m. some medication was reported stolen from the Chateau, River Road.

Monday, April 6 — At 5:31 a Cross Street resident reported

her daughter's cell phone had been stolen at school. The thief was now making phone calls pretending to be the daughter.

BREAKS

Sunday, April 5 — At 6:37 p.m., a Central Street resident returned home to find three men running out of their home. The resident found food, alcohol and cigarettes all over his house, and some bottles of liquor missing. At 7:41 p.m., the same resident called 911 after finding a female hiding in the home. No arrests were made.

Monday, April 6 — At 10:29 p.m., a caller from the YMCA on Haverhill Street said they just witnessed someone smashing a car window in the parking lot.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 1 — At 8:42 a.m., a South Main Street resident called police because a vehicle had driven over their lawn overnight.

Thursday, April 2 — At 9:41 p.m., police received a report of two males fighting on Colonial Drive. A responding officer did not find any fight.

At 10:26 p.m., a cleaner at RiverBank, North Main Street, found a rock had been thrown through the bank's window, breaking it.

Friday, April 3 — At 9:15 p.m., police were called to an unauthorized house party on Lowell Street. Responding officers towed two cars, contacted the home

owner and issued a summons for "keeping a disorderly house."

Sunday, April 5 — At 12:08 a.m., police were called about a male who had attempted suicide by taking pills. The person was taken to the hospital.

At 12:31 p.m., police were called about a brown pickup truck that dumped a couch on Abbot Street.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 31 — At 7:31 a.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on Argilla Road, with a single car hitting a telephone pole.

Wednesday, April 1 — At 10:40 a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Lowell Street.

At 10:45 a.m., a crash, with personal injury, was reported on Haverhill Street, with one person taken to the hospital.

Friday, April 3 — At 3:38 p.m., a crash with no injuries was reported on Holt Road. One car crashed into a telephone pole, deploying its airbags and splitting the pole in half.

At 4:44 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported in the parking lot of CVS, Main Street.

Sunday, April 5 — At 9:23 p.m., a crash, with personal injury, was reported on Chandler Road. A car knocked a tree down, hit a telephone pole and people were trapped inside the vehicle.

Monday, April 6 — At 2:43 p.m., a hit-and-run was reported on Riverina Road.

— Compiled by Bethany Bray

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Obituaries

Bernard Gofstein, 85

ANDOVER — Bernard “Bernie” Gofstein, 85, of Andover and formerly of Haverhill died Friday at the Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born in Haverhill, Nov. 23, 1923, son of the late Max H. and Rose (Weiner) Gofstein, was educated in the Haverhill Public Schools and was a 1941 graduate of Haverhill High School. Bernie later earned his degree in Accounting from Bentley College in 1957.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he worked in local machine shops and later was employed for 29 years as the Assistant Treasurer at Family Mutual Bank, now Bank North until his retirement in 1983.

Bernie was a member of Temple Emanu-El, a former member of the Merrimack Lodge F&AM, and served many years as the Treasurer for the Children of Israel Cemetery Association.

His survivors include his wife Charlotte P. Patkin) Gofstein of Andover, two daughters Kathy J and her husband Carl Madore, of Portland, Ore. Lori E and her husband Lee Rosoff of Taunton, a son Dr. Arnold G. Gofstein and his wife Norma of Lexington, five grandchildren, Benjamin D. Girard, and Cole Madore, Riley Madore Seth, and Melissa Rosoff, and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral was Monday at 11 a.m. at the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, Haverhill. Burial was in the Children of Israel Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Children of Israel Cemetery Association, Middle Road., Haverhill MA 01830, or the charity of the Donors choice. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes Haverhill/Bradford. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Virginia I. Thomes, 85

ANDOVER — Virginia I. (Tinsch) Thomes, 85, of Andover died at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover on Sunday, March 29, 2009.

Born in Lawrence on Nov. 15, 1923 at the Stratton Hospital, she was the daughter of Frederick L. and Irma M. Tinsch. She was educated in the Methuen Public School system and graduated from The Edward F. Searles High School, Class of 1941 and The McIntosh Business School.

She was a member of the Marsh Corner Community Church in Methuen where she was a member of the choir and the Senior Saints.

Virginia will be greatly missed by her daughter, Phyllis V. and her husband Peter B. DeMerchant of Methuen and her son, Frederick C. and wife Dianne M. of Dracut; four grandchildren, Eric P. and Robyn T.

DeMerchant of Methuen and Victoria J. and her husband Nicholas Rowe of Elizabethtown, Pa. and Lawrence F. Thomes and his wife Katie of Methuen; a brother, Donald F. Tinsch of Syracuse, N.Y. and several nieces and nephews. Virginia was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Philip E. Thomes, who died in 1988. They shared a full and wonderful life together.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, at 11 a.m. The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen. Family and friends called on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to The Marsh Corner Community Church, 317 Pelham St., Methuen, MA 01844 or The Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472. To send an online condolence, please visit, www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Joseph G. Duffy, 84



ANDOVER — Joseph G. Duffy, 84, died Friday, April 3, 2009 at the Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill.

Mr. Duffy was born in Methuen the son of Joseph T. and Elizabeth I. (Morache) Duffy. A graduate of the Edward F. Searles High School in Methuen, Class of 1942, he received his B.S. in textile engineering at Lowell Tech in 1949.

Joseph was the president and owner of Merrimack Textile Fibers in Lowell, JD Yarns in Lawrence, and the co-owner of BLDG 350-M in Lawrence.

During World War II Joseph served his country in the United States Army Air Corps., where he flew several missions over Germany, and was the recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and the Good Conduct Medal before being honorably discharged with the rank of 2nd Lt. at war's end.

He was a member of Andover Country Club, and an original member of Indian Ridge Country Club. He served on numerous boards and committees at the club and never passed up a good game of 45s.

Joseph is survived by his children, Gordon J. and his wife Mara Duffy of Atkinson, N.H., Stephen and his wife Nancy Duffy of Haverhill, Jay T. Duffy and Mary Ann Shaughnessy of Rye Beach, N.H., Thomas E. Duffy of Lawrence; two grandchildren, Kerry Duffy of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Kyle Duffy of Atkinson; and one great-grandchild, McKenzie Flottum of Scottsdale.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will take place today, Thursday at 9 a.m. from the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen with burial to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery of Lawrence. Friends paid their respects on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Please send online condolences to pollardfuneralhome.com.

Beverly J. Ritzer, 75

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Beverly J. Ritzer, 75, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at Fletcher Allen Healthcare in Burlington, Vt.

She was born in Brookfield, Vt., on Oct. 15, 1933, the daughter of Howard and Belle (MacDougall) Knowles. She was a graduate of Northfield High School, Class of 1951.

She married Edward G. Ritzer May 22, 1954, at St. John The Evangelist Church in Northfield. Mr. Ritzer passed away on May 9, 1977.

Mrs. Ritzer had worked many years for the Northfield Trust Company and later for the Merchants Bank in Northfield, retiring in the mid 1990s after 20 years of service.

She was a member of St. John The Evangelist Church in Northfield, Catholic Daughters and Northfield Senior Citizens. She enjoyed knitting, cooking, especially, apple pies and spaghetti, Red Sox and being a Norwich University hockey fan, helping others and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include five

children, David Ritzer and his wife Penny of Northfield, Patricia Gordon and her husband Wayne of Concord, N.C., Thomas Ritzer and his wife Peggie of Andover, Susan Craig and her husband John of South Burlington, Vt., Kathleen Yacavoni and her husband John of Northfield; 11 grandchildren, Andrew, Matthew, Samantha Ritzer, Shane Gordon, Colleen, Daniel, Laura Ritzer, Jacqueline, Eric Craig, Molly and Mary Yacavoni; one great-grandchild, Kylie Gordon; special friend, Ruie DuBois; and one niece and nephew.

In addition to her husband Edward, she was predeceased by a daughter, Mary Ann Ritzer and sister, Barbara Buck.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the Kingston Funeral Home, 35 Slate Ave., Northfield Vt. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Wednesday, April 8, at St. John The Evangelist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. John the Evangelist Church, 206 Vine St., Northfield, VT 05663 or the American Heart Assoc., 434 Hurricane Lane, Williston, VT 05495.

Patricia F. Perry, 58



LAWRENCE — Patricia F. (Brouillard) Perry, 58, a long-time resident of Lawrence, died at her home on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

She was born in Lawrence, on March 29, 1951 to Arthur and Mary (Hart) Brouillard. She was educated in Andover local schools and she was a graduate of Andover High School.

Mrs. Perry worked for several years for Oomphies Shoe Company in Lawrence. According to her family, she was a loving mother, grandmother and housewife.

She also enjoyed swimming and scratch tickets. She attended St. Patrick Church in Lawrence.

She is survived by her loving husband, John W. Perry; also one daughter, Cheri A. Jordan

and her husband Gustavo of Lawrence, and one son, James McCormack of Lawrence; two stepsons, Michael and his wife Amy Perry of Barnstead, N.H. and Steven and his wife Donna Perry of Epsom, N.H.; and two grandchildren, Shawn and Shane Perry; one sister, Lois Griffith of Tittisville, Fla., and one brother, Ronald and his wife Ellen Brouillard of Braintree; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving grandson, Anthony Dietrich.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to a funeral service on Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 7 p.m. following the visitation hours. Family and friends may call on Sunday, April 5, 2009 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA 01841. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to: www.breenfuneralhome.com.

Jonathan Sandler, 41

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — Jonathan Sandler, 41, of The Villages, Fla., died at the Villages Regional Hospital on Monday, March 30,

2009.

He lived in Andover from 1969 to 1997 and graduated from high school in town. Born in Chicago, Mr. Sandler moved from Missouri to Florida one month ago. A builder, he was of Jewish faith.

Survivors include: mother Michael Fisher Sandler of The Villages, Fla.; father Richard Sandler of Arkansas; brother Peter Sandler of Brooklyn, N.Y.; daughter Erika Sandler of Queens, N.Y.

ARRANGEMENTS: Contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Central Florida Chapter, 279 Douglas Ave., Suite 1108, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. Arrangements by Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services-The Villages, The Villages, Fla., (352) 753-8353. Funeral Director: Frances M. Martin.

Loretta M. St. Louis, 79

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. — Loretta M. (Rollins) St. Louis, 79, Sun City West, Ariz. passed away on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 at Hospice of the Valley in Sun City West, surrounded by her family.

She was born April 24, 1931 in Boston and lived in Andover for over 50 years. She graduated from Punchard High School in 1949 and went on to College in Boston. She was a crossing guard in Andover for several years as well as working as a bookkeeper for Bernardin Insurance Agency, and eventually went on to own her own tavern business with her husband in Lawrence.

She is survived by her husband, Wilfred H. St. Louis, a daughter Deborah Casaubon of Reno, Nev. and her husband Robert, a son Richard St. Louis of Short Hills, N.J. and his wife Jennifer, a grandson James

Beaumier and his wife, Sotheyary and great-grandson Shane Riley Beaumier of Gilroy, Calif., a granddaughter Nicole St. Louis of Short Hills N.J., also brothers, Paul Rollins and his wife Toni, of Andover, David Rollins and his wife Andrea of Sun City West, sisters, Arlene Schroeder of Georgetown, and Fran Richmond and her husband Charles of Simi Valley, Calif., many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Graveside services will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover on April 11, 2009, at 10 a.m. Loretta will be most remembered for her never ending perseverance and the deep love of her family. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice in Loretta's name. Arrangements are being handled by the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, Andover. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozzi.com.

Jack E. Eddy, 78

LAWRENCE — Jack E. Eddy, 78, of Lawrence died on Wednesday April 1, 2009 at The Nevins Nursing Home, Methuen.

Jack was born in Andover and was raised in Lawrence.

He was a graduate of Essex Agricultural Institute and before his retirement, he worked as an operating engineer out of IOUE, Local 4 of Boston.

Jack loved working outdoors and enjoyed doing things around his home and loved woodworking.

His family members include his wife of 58 years, Lois (Clarkson) Eddy of Lawrence and his three sons, Lee and his wife, Nancy Eddy of Brookline, Leonard and his wife, Cynthia Eddy of Lawrence and David and his wife, Linda Eddy of Goffstown, N.H. and a daughter, Cynthia

Eddy of Spokane, Wash. Jack leaves his brother, Verne and his wife, Yvonne Eddy of Lawrence and 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Courtney Eddy and his brother, Walter Eddy and his sister, Ruth McCoubry.

His family wants to thank everyone at The Nevins Center for their kindness and care, with a special thank you to Dr. Letourneau and Dr Kidd.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Sunday, April 5, 2009 at The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, Methuen. Cremation will take place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Nevins Nursing Home, 10 Ingalls Court, Methuen, MA 01844. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 5-11, 2009

A tisket, a tasket, let's make a basket!

Spring is a sure sign that it is time for the Easter Bunny to hop around hiding eggs. Many Easter egg hunts will be held throughout the United States.

The White House will host its annual Easter Egg Roll on April 13 in Washington, D.C.

Do you need a basket for gathering up eggs or picking spring flowers?

The Kid thought it would be fun to make your own basket. So get out those newspapers and follow these instructions.

SUPPLIES

12 large sheets of newspaper
Stapler

1. Separate the newspaper into sheets.

2. Take a sheet of newspaper and fold the outside edges into the center crease. Keep folding in the outside edges until you have a strip about 3" wide. Fold the two sides together along the center crease so that the strip is about 1½ inches wide.

3. Make twelve of these strips.

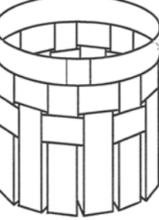
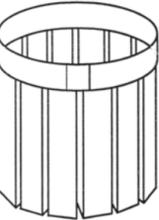
4. Form one strip into a ring. Slip one end inside the other end. Staple the ends together.

5. Insert the end of another strip inside the folds of the ring strip and staple. Insert the other end of that same strip into the opposite side of the ring and staple.

6. Repeat step 5 with five more strips, overlapping the strips at the bottom.

7. Starting just below the ring, weave a strip in and out around the basket. Bring the ends of the strip together and staple.

8. Weave about three more strips around the basket, fastening the ends with staples.



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Selectmen: Multi-day shutdown punishment enough for taxi company

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen hope a taxi company has learned its lesson about using unmarked vehicles.

A concerned citizen, surprised to be picked up in a private vehicle after calling for a taxi, tipped police off to a local taxi service operating without the proper insurance in mid-February.

The Andover Mega Airport Transportation Taxi & Private Car Livery Service, based at 1 Dundee Park, was given a cease and desist order from Feb. 17 to 20 and cited by police for seven different violations of town rules and regulations regarding vehicle for hire businesses.

Jose Javier, owner of Andover Mega, said a lapse in finances caused his taxi insurance to be cancelled, and he has since been reinsured and is back in business.

"Sometimes you're working as hard as you can, trying to be on time for everything. Times are tough right now, and I was trying to pay my rent, phone bill, everything at the same time," said Javier. "It was just timing. I chose to just park the cars and shut the business down for a week."

All of Andover Mega's taxi plates were reactivated on Feb. 20 and Javier's taxi cars have since passed inspections by the Andover Police. A letter of warning has been placed in Andover Mega's file in the town clerk's office following February's incident.

Andover Public Safety Officer Charles "Chuck" Edgerly said Javier has been "very cooperative."

After receiving an anonymous phone call, Edgerly asked Officer Joseph Davies to dress in plain clothes and call for a taxi from the Andover train station the afternoon of Feb. 17.

Andover Mega Taxi driver Felix Batista arrived in his personal vehicle, without taxi license plates, to pick up Davies. Davies got in, and asked Batista why he wasn't driving a taxi car.

Batista said the taxis were being painted.

Edgerly, in a marked cruiser, soon pulled over Batista and cited him with a town bylaw ticket for operating an unlicensed and uninspected taxi. Batista's taxi license had also expired the month before.

Edgerly spoke with Javier that day, giving him the cease and

desist order.

Javier went before the Board of Selectmen for a hearing on March 30, and members decided to take no additional action against Javier.

"It was a mistake and I'm sorry," Javier said to selectmen. "I have to blame myself for what I did. It was something I just did for that weekend. I wasn't trying to get around the system ... They (drivers) did have private insurance, just not the proper kind of insurance."

The board agreed that Javier's days out of business in February was "time served."

"The protection of the citizens of Andover is foremost, and the actions that were taken are inexcusable," said Selectman Brian Major. "That being said, one of the actions I adhere to is being able to take responsibility for your actions."

In business in Andover since 2004, Javier said he has about 30 taxis and 60 drivers. The business handles all types of calls, is open 24/7 and does about 100 trips to the airport each week. Javier said the Andover police have been "very understanding."

Arts & Entertainment



Howard and Diania Kassler of Andover swing dance to the big band music during the Jazz at the Hall featuring The Beantown Swing Orchestra, with special guest singer-songwriter Erin McKeown. The event was held at the Andover Town House.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Stepping into the big-band era

Residents got in the swing of Memorial Hall Library's spring theme on Saturday, dancing to the big band style of the 1930s and '40s.

Jazz at the Hall featuring The Beantown Swing Orchestra kicked off a series of events related to the library's One Book/One Community program. The library is encouraging everyone in town to read "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan, a book about the Great Depression. It is also promoting a variety of events related to the culture of that time and the years immediately after.

Below are some of the events that will be offered. All events will be held at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, unless otherwise noted.

Historically-themed events

■ Mel Simons' "The Golden Days of Radio" on May 3 at 2 p.m. – Return to the thrilling days of radio in the '30s and '40s with anecdotes and the actual recorded voices of The Shadow, The Lone Ranger, and many other famous radio personalities.

■ Glamour & Despair: Fashion of the 1930s on May 5 at 7 p.m. – Learn about the glamorous and thrifty styles of the 1930s, including Hollywood starlets, period pieces from the Andover Historical Society's collection, and a fashion show featuring modern pieces with a 1930s flare from Andover boutiques and stores. Presented by the Andover Historical Society.

■ New Deal Photography at the



Scott and Marcia Reagan of Andover swing dance to the big band music.

Addison Gallery on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. – View a selection of original 1930s social documentary images from the Addison's collection by some of the most well-known New Deal photographers, such as Walker Evans and Dorothea Lange. Explore the photograph's multiple roles as historical document, persuasive tool, and work of art. Registration is required. Contact Anna Gesing at 978-749-4023 or agesing@andover.edu to register.

■ "Where 'Ya Been, Amelia" on May 13 at 7 p.m. – The Delvena Theatre Company will present an "edutainment production sharing creative scenarios as to what may have happened to Amelia

Earhart during her circumnavigational flight of the globe in 1937."

■ Weekly 1930s-era movies or discussions at the Senior Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. until May 12.

Environmentally-themed events

■ Friends of the Library Book Sale on April 16-19. Recycle, reuse, and read. Preview night, April 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Regular sale, April 17-18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and April 19, 1-4:30 p.m.

■ Earth Day with NECN's Meteorologist, Matt Noyes on April 22 at 7 p.m. – Learn about weather trends from the 1930s, 1940s, and today, and see the repeating pattern that shows

that our modern storms, droughts and floods aren't first-time events.

Kids and teens

These events kicked off Monday, April 6 with "Dust Bowling," a chance to try Wii and traditional bowling. Other events include:

■ Plant It on April 17 at 3:30 for grades 6-12 – Spring is in the air, so paint a flower pot, and plant some seeds in the Teen Room.

■ Teen Book Discussion of Out of the Dust on April 23 at 3 p.m. for grades 6-12.

Registration is required for the following children's events. Call 978-623-8401, ext. 39, to register:

■ Be a Reader on April 21 at 3:45 p.m. for grades K-1 – Developing readers are encouraged to join us for stories and activities.

■ Wagons Ho! on April 9, 16, and 23 at 3:45 p.m. for ages 6-8. Young pioneers are invited on a three-week exploration of books and activities about the West.

■ Afterschool Authors on April 14 and 28 at 3:45 p.m. for ages 6-9. Explore authors through books, activities, and crafts related to the environment.

■ Book Talkers on April 30 at 3:45 p.m. for ages 9-11 – Learn about books written about the Great Depression.

■ Family Movie presenting Kit Kittredge - April 30 at 7 p.m. and May 16 at 2:30 p.m. for children ages 7 and up.

■ Family Book Discussion of Out of the Dust on May 14 at 3:45 p.m. for parents and students, grades 5 and up.

Beating school vacation blues with games

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Got kids? If the answer is yes, than you know this line: if it ain't fun, it won't get done.

Organizers of an upcoming Game Day say the fun potential is crucial when parents try to do things with their kids. The Gamewright Game Day is for families of all ages and set for the first day of spring school vacation, Saturday, April 18. Gamewright is best known for its unusual and educational games, say organizers.

So if Candyland, Monopoly and Sorry are leaving you worn out, this promises to be a chance to try some fun new games with your kids. "Their games are clever and

FAMILY GAME DAY

- Saturday, April 18
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- \$10 per family
- Ballard Vale United Church, Clark Road
- Hosted by Ballard Vale United Church, town Department of Community Services
- Families can register by calling Andover DCS at 978-623-8274 and signing up for class# E03. Parents can check out the types of games to be played at www.Gamewright.com.

different and great to play with your kids," said organizer Wendy deLemos of Cuba Street.

As the mom of four kids ranging in age from 7 to 16, she and her husband have bought lots of Gamewright games over the years.

Her church, Ballard Vale United Church, is teaming up with the Department of Community Services to host Game Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$10 per family.

There will be about 25 games on hand, and deLemos said youth group members at the church will escort peoples from table to table to play games and to review the rules of each game. Tables will be set up according to ages. There will also be puzzles, face painting, temporary tattoos and refreshments. Games will be for sale with the

church earning up to 50 percent of the profits. Money raised will help fund the church's upcoming mission trip to Nicaragua deLemos said.

"We wanted to come up with something to connect families," deLemos said. "And we chose the daytime instead of nighttime so parents wouldn't have to worry about bedtime."

DCS Director Mary Donohue said her department jumped in when asked to be involved.

"We see this event as something that fits in well with our healthy lifestyles promotion," Donohue said. "It's great when parents have a chance to have fun with their kids."

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

AUTHOR READING, with Andover author Mary McGarry Morris and her new book, "The Last Secret," a compelling novel about the loss of love, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

AVIS WORK PARTY, 9 a.m. to noon, Keck Reservation to clear the edges of the new meadow Park at Goldsmith Reservation, 491 S. Main St.; David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

LIVE FOLK MUSIC, with Catie Curtis, Crossroads Coffeehouse, The North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of North Andover, 7:30 p.m., 3 Great Pond Road, second floor. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org and also at the door; 978-687-3960 or www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

JOB SEARCH TALK, Flint Memorial Library, 12:30 p.m. Active job seekers will share their experiences and offer advice. Participants are asked to bring lunch. The Friends of the Library will provide beverages. Free and open to the public; 978-664-4942.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL, with The Celtics, comprised of members of the New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America, play teams of Merrimack College faculty, staff and students, 7 to 9 p.m., Volpe Athletic Complex, Merrimack College; Elaine DiVincenzo, ADA Academic Advisor at Merrimack College at 978-837-5140 or elaine.divincenzo@merrimack.edu.

BEEBLE TALK, Environmental writer Peter Alsop will present his talk "Invasion of the Longhorns" Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy, 7:30 p.m. Talk will focus on an invasive species of beetle in Worcester, free, open to the public; amorris@andover.edu, 978-749-4293.

DYSLEXIA ALLIANCE, of Merrimack Valley in conjunction with Family TIES of Massachusetts will be holding its "Let's Get Organized" workshop, 6:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

ARTIST DISCUSSION, on Insecta Poetica now on exhibit through May 1, features various insects in a wide range of complementary styles and mediums by five distinguished artists, 5-7 p.m., The Essex Art Center, 56 Island St. in Lawrence; 978-685-2343; www.essexartcenter.com.

EXHIBIT'S OPENING RECEPTION, Frank Lloyd Wright: An American Master, Endicott College in Beverly, 5-7 p.m., with Victor Sidy, dean of the Frank Wright School of Architecture, free, open to the public. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Exhibit runs through July 2.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT, toys, clothes, books at NVMOM's spring sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St. in Chelmsford. Admission is \$1, children under age 14 free. Cash only. Sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, a non-profit organization. Visit www.nashobavalleymom.org or call 978-376-2939.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY, PRO-Active Networking Club of Haverhill and Children's Hospital of Boston host, noon to 4 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill, with numerous activities such as fun crafts for kids, shopping the vendor circle, and a cooking demonstration by Executive Chef Bill Bailey from Stella Blu Restaurant in Nashua, N.H.; www.everythinghip.vpweb.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

ISLES OF SHOALS DISCUSSION, with Dr. Nathan Hamilton, The Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, associate professor of Archaeology at the University of Southern Maine. "An Off Shore Fishing Station: Historic Archaeology of the Isle of Shoals," 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served; amorris@andover.edu, 978-749-4293.

AUTHOR READING, Nancy Bailey Miller will read from her new book of poems, Risking Rallentando, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

POETRY READING, poems about Insecta Poetica now on exhibit through May 1, features various interpretations of insects in a wide range of complementary styles and mediums by five distinguished artists, 5-7 p.m., The Essex Art Center, 56 Island St. in Lawrence; 978-685-2343; www.essexartcenter.com.

LATINO FILM INFLUENCE, Maria Agui Carter, founder of Iguana Films, will discuss her latest films focusing on Latinos' contributions to U.S. culture and history during a White Fund presentation at Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence, 12:30 p.m., 78-82 Amesbury St., Lawrence; 978-738-7403.

LIVE JAZZ, Endicott College's Jazz Band, Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly, on Thursday, 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$5 and Endicott ID holders are free; bfitzpat@endicott.edu Call 978-232-2190.

LIVE THEATER, Eugene O'Neill's American classic, A Moon for the Misbegotten, opens, 8 p.m., runs through May 17, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; box office 978.654.4MRT (4678)

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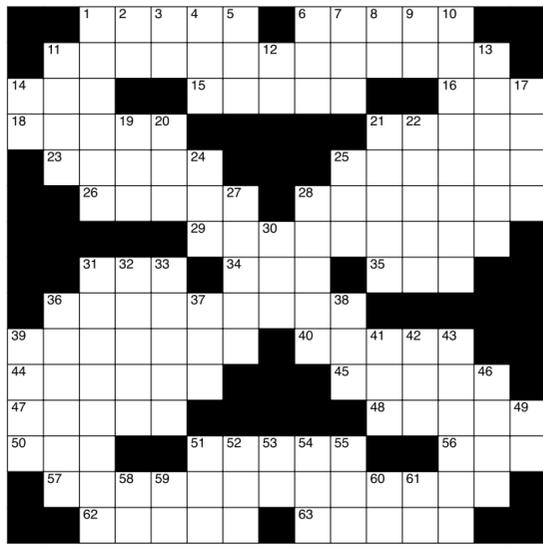
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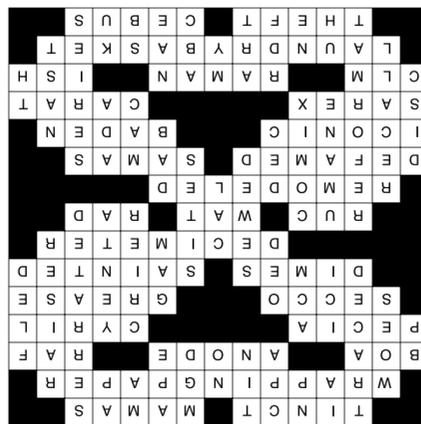
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21. Broadway's Hook, Ritchard
23. Lime painting on dry plaster
25. Machinery lubricant
26. Smallest U.S. coins
28. Resembling an angel in goodness
29. Metric linear unit
31. ____kus: commotion
34. Angkor ____, temple
35. Radioactivity unit
36. Rebuilt
39. Slandered
40. Pla ____; blood parts
44. Classic style or image
45. 1/2 of a German spa
47. Search and rescue exercise (acr.)
48. Weight unit
50. Claim (abbr.)
51. Soup noodles
56. Similar (suffix)
57. Washing receptacle
62. Larceny
63. Ringtail monkey genus

- speaker initials
4. Licensed bean counter
5. Atomic #50, SN
6. Million gallons per day (abbr.)
7. A non-human primate
8. Mom
9. Associated Press
10. Bread knife edge
11. Sufferings
12. Yes opposite
13. Grower
14. Int'l. fuel co.
17. In a way, left
19. ____ i: cake topping
20. ____e: apex
21. One who weeps
22. Yiddish gossip
24. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
25. Leg (slang)
27. Stitched
28. Lots
30. Iron Man Ripkin
31. Change pagination

32. Inh ____; cruel
33. Funny books
36. Revoke
37. Last month (abbr.)
38. Pat lightly
39. Phonograph record
41. A waterproof raincoat
42. Dentist group
43. A set of TV programs
46. "Conde _ Traveler" magazine
49. Atomic #90
51. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
52. Honeymooner actor
53. Belonging to me
54. Basics
55. No (Scottish)
58. Expression of uncertainty
59. Point midway between N and E
60. Atomic #51
61. S ____ store barcode

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1. Drew an outline
 2. Farm state (abbr.)
 3. House

Mark your calendars: Crafts in the Park set for May 9

The 34th annual Andover Crafts in the Park will take place on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at The Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, one block East of Andover Center. The show is sponsored annually by the Andover Chapter of AFS International, an exchange program for high school age students.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Hundreds of people stroll from booth to booth during the Andover Crafts in the Park at Central Park last year. The annual event will be held May 9.

Crafts in the Park, which is juried to assure a variety of finely made hand crafts without imports, will feature 125 booth of pottery, jewelry, women's and children's clothing, leather goods, stained glass, and much more, according to organizers.

This year, Andover residents featured in the show include:
 ■ Yolanda Mendez, who crafts gemstone and silver jewelry,
 ■ Pam Newman, known as The Bead Lady, with her popular jewelry, and

also had a geranium sale," reports Kelly O'Connor, who makes women's and children's clothing. "Last year, for the first time, we

Pat O'Neil, one of the show's co-chairs. "This was such a well

received venture that we are bringing it back this year, with a larger selection of colors. We have also expanded our selection of international foods, including Thai and Taiwanese, as well as baked goods and good old American hot dogs."

Chairing Crafts in the Park along with O'Neil are fellow AFS volunteers Francis O'Neil and Kay Grace. Committee members include volunteers Petra Rollins, Cherie and Vahe Apelian, Ron Hilbink, Lynn Landry, Michele Maldari and Sue Wahr.

Andover AFS is a nonprofit organization. All proceeds are used to provide foreign exchange scholarships for Andover students and to assist foreign students attending Andover High School.

For further information, go to www.craftsinthepark.com or e-mail an_cip@craftsinthepark.com or call 978-475-7074.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, MAY 9

BIKE BANK, North Andover Rotary Club's will hold its fifth annual collection of new or used bicycles in good condition at Camelot Knights of Columbus Lodge parking lot in North Andover (near Lawrence Municipal Airport), 9 a.m. to noon.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

19TH ANNUAL ST. AUGUSTINE SR. MARY ROSALIE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, will

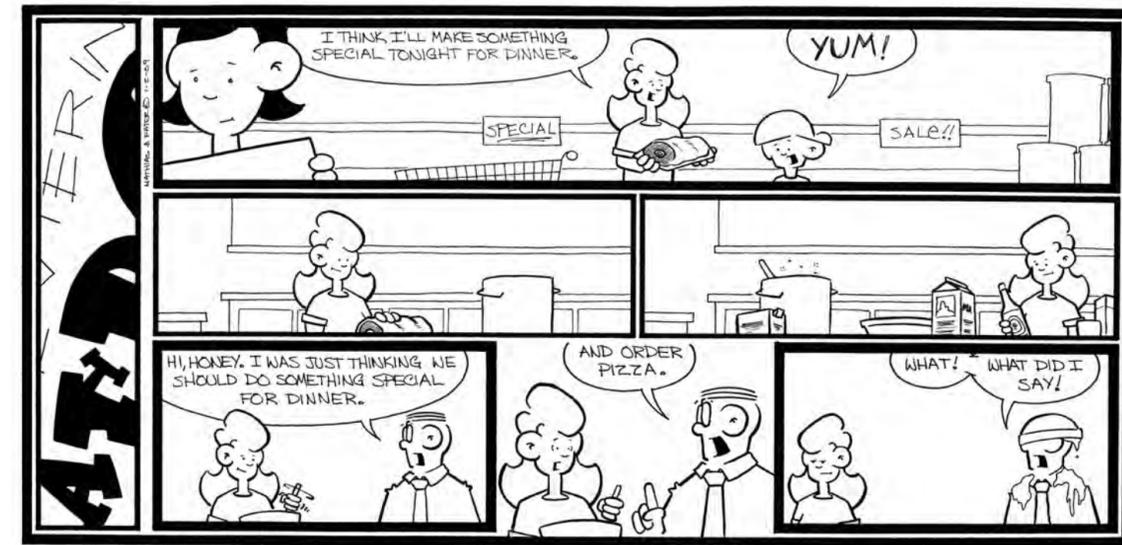
SATURDAY, JUNE 6

VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEGUN TO ORGANIZE NEW PAINT, Essex Art Center's annual auction

and fundraiser that will be held at Jackson Lumber and Millwork in Lawrence. New Paint is a community event in which local artists spend the day painting a scene in Greater Lawrence. At the end of the day the pieces of art are brought back to Jackson Lumber and Millwork to be auctioned. This year Billy Costa of New England Cable News' TV Diner will be the auctioneer. The proceeds are split between the artists and Essex Art Center. In addition, there are 100 pieces of art that can be bid on in a silent auction. Two Chefs will cater the dinner and White Street Band will provide entertainment. Committee members working to make the event a success include: Al Torrisi, Alan

Bull, Andrew Bjornson, April Lyskowsky, Bria Suprenant, Chet Sidell, David Meehan, Dennis Hart, Dick Purinton, Flynn Costello, Jennifer Hart, Jess Andors, Jurg Siegenthaler, Kevin Herlihy, Leslie Hopkins, Linda Siegenthaler, Lisa Torrisi, Lori Gress, Patrick Guerrero, Ramsay Bahrawy, Robin Sung, Ted Rademacher, and Thea Shapiro. The committee is soliciting corporate sponsorships. There are levels available from \$250 to \$5,000. Money raised from New Paint is used to support the after school art programming offered at Essex Art Center. Visit <http://www.essexartcenter.com/hotnews.html> to purchase tickets.

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Dr. Christopher R. Condon received his Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from the world's largest chiropractic school, Life University in Marietta, Georgia. Dr. Condon was an active member of the school's study club, Chiropractic Biophysics (CBP) and was an author of several articles on healthcare. Dr. Condon was the Editor-in-Chief of the university's school newspaper, The Elan Vital. While editor, Dr. Condon authored dozens of articles covering topics ranging from the study of various techniques to nutrition and

exercise. Furthermore, also while a student, Dr. Condon used his experiences in patient education to publish an instructional manual for his fellow classmates in examining methods for better practice management and communication techniques. Due to clinical excellence, he was able to complete his clinical rounds while still in school, one year ahead of schedule.

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Opinion

Smaller raises one answer to crisis

We've written before in this space about the strange public-sector language of Budgetese, and pledged to point it out when it makes an appearance. It's time for a new installment.

Andover officials have used the term "pay cut" - and the Townsman has reported it - to describe a decision made by eight department heads, the assistant town manager and 154 members of the Andover Independent Employees Association regarding their salary next year, fiscal year 2010.

Andover taxpayers may assume this means a cut or reduction from what the employees are making this year. Let's be clear. No Andover employee will see their pay decrease from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2010. The "1 percent pay cut" means the employees will accept less of a raise next year than they had been expecting. This comment is not meant to dismiss the financial sacrifice these workers have made by stepping forward and accepting the smaller raises. Their willingness to accept less of a raise to save coworkers' jobs deserves praise and support. But Andover residents should be clear about what type and level of sacrifice has been made - and what type of sacrifice many other employees have been unwilling to consider so far.

Town officials have said if all Andover unions agreed to such smaller raises, it would go a long way to preventing any employee layoffs. Even with a 1-percent reduction, all town-side employees would receive a raise because they are all under signed contracts with cost-of-living increases. Teachers also have a contract guaranteeing them raises, even with a 1-percent reduction. On top of their cost-of-living increase, many Andover employees will receive additional step and longevity raises, raises for continuing their education or for working another year. They will continue to receive a superlative health-care plan, promise of a pension, and other benefits.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate reached 7.8 percent and was climbing in February. Andover residents have lost jobs, are being told to take unpaid days and see nothing being put toward their retirement while 401Ks has been decimated. While some parents are planning an all-day fund-raising relay as a way to keep high school sports fees from doubling to \$500, some Andover unions have expressed no willingness to even consider accepting less of a raise in FY10.

Residents might be interested to know this: If all town and school employees simply retained the same pay and benefits next year, there would be no need layoffs and very little if any reduction in services, according to town leaders.

"If we did that, we wouldn't have a budget problem going into next year," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. "We wouldn't be in this situation at all."

Andover's taxpayers and leaders should remember that the current budget crisis is a result of the contracts approved over the years and ensure that sustainable contracts are agreed to in the future.

WEB QUESTION

Drug bust not a shock

On Wednesday, March 25, Andover police and federal agents raided an alleged methamphetamine lab in a home on Lowell Street. Most residents said they were not surprised something like that exists in suburban Andover.

With 32 responses, the top reaction was "I'm not surprised. Drug use is everywhere," which received 59.4 percent of votes. The option "I'm surprised that something like this happened in Andover" received 40.6 percent.

This week's question: What's the answer on beavers?

A beaver dam on Salem Street was recently destroyed - a crime with a punishment of up to a \$25,000 fine, according to the state's Division of Wildlife and Fisheries. "The

unauthorized breaching of beaver dams" is a violation of local, state and federal laws. What do you think? Is \$25,000 too harsh?

■ Existing fines are appropriate. Beavers are protected wildlife and are part of a delicate ecosystem.

■ \$25,000 is way over the top, but some fine is appropriate.

■ There shouldn't be any restrictions on removing dams flooding homes and property.

■ There are other ways to solve the problem besides destroying the beaver dam.

■ Other.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

350 YEARS OF ANDOVER HISTORY



Margie Ballour, center, of Andover is one of the visitors to the Andover Historical Society Sunday, to view the a new exhibit there that highlights life in Andover over the last 350 years.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tossed needles show drug problem in 'burbs

Editor, Townsman:

If you asked me the question a few weeks ago about being shocked by Andover having a meth lab, I would have replied that I am shocked. Sadly, my eyes have recently been opened to the fact that illegal drugs are all around us and are hitting too close to home.

A couple of weeks ago, my 8- and 10-year-old children were playing on the island in the cul-de-sac at the end of my street with other young neighborhood children. Let me just state that I live in a neighborhood of about 24 houses, which are all valued over \$600,000 - "the 'hood" it ain't. So imagine my shock when my children came home and told me they found some "shots" on the island.

I went to look at these "shots" and found that they were used syringes; one with the needle still in it, the other needle missing. ("Oh," said my 10-year-old, "it fell off when we picked it up.")

After bagging the needles and having a long discussion about drugs-a discussion I didn't think I would have until they were older- I called Andover Police. The officer who arrived couldn't have acted more cursory about it. He literally sai, "We find these all over Andover. People shoot up in their cars then throw the needles out the car window so they don't get caught with anything."

Well, since that initial call, my kids have found more needles on two other occasions on the island. How sad is it that last spring I was concerned about people letting their dogs defecate all over the island and my kids stepping in it; and now I have to worry about my kids stepping on a needle?

KATHLEEN SCHUCK
4 Nicoll Drive

Not focused on right thing, recycling

Editor, Townsman:

Those pushing the trash restrictions are missing the boat and focusing on the wrong thing.

I support the concept that less trash and more recycling is a good thing and should be supported. However, limiting families to one trash barrel doesn't seem realistic. Anyone who has a baby knows that a week's worth of diapers can fill up half a barrel, just as cleaning up after a dog, you already have met your weekly quota.

The real focus should be on recycling. I have six recycling bins and they are generally all full within two weeks. If we want people to recycle more, we need to improve the process.

1. The recycling containers should have wheels. If I am away on business over a recycling day, my wife (bad back) can't lift the containers and neither can my children. As a practical matter, the containers are too big and bulky and not very functional, so people will avoid using them or not use them as much as they should. What about the elderly?

2. The recycling containers should have covers. Without lids, the contents can blow away or fall out of the bins. In

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addition, they attract animals. Many people don't have room for containers that size in a garage or don't have a garage period. They have to keep them outside with their covered barrels, but they are limited in how much they can really use them because they have no covers.

3. We should consider weekly recycling pick up. Perhaps the cost of weekly pickup is prohibitive, I don't know. However, I do know I have a lot more recycling than trash and my recycling isn't getting picked up as frequently. I fill six containers every two weeks and I know I can do better. If we had weekly pickup, people could use fewer containers and manage them more effectively. In summary, if we focus on improving the recycling program, the net result will be a significant reduction in trash.

JONATHAN BRODY
5 Southridge Circle

Main Street dig: Isn't progress grand?

Editor, Townsman:

As is the case with the crocus, spring brings the renewing of the Main Street project. Here are some ideas:

The colorful chains in front of Park Street Village are there to protect walkers from stepping off into the abyss, now that the walk has sunk a few inches. That's helpful, but how about installing an elevator! This novel installation would also provide a badly needed revenue stream for the town coffers. A quarter into the elevator could take you right down to sidewalk level.

Then there is the dig at the corner of Main and Central streets in front of Kaps. We are told that this is to provide a right-turn lane. The lane is ridiculous and unneeded, but not to worry. The dig can inspire a downtown organic garden. Harvesting the veggies will make us all feel a part of the good earth and in keeping with the alabaster bears across the street.

Traffic calming has gotten an amazing, and unanticipated boost with the widening of the sidewalks in front of the Mobil station. Cars turning into the gas station now completely stop traffic thus exciting tempers but calming the flow.

How about the "catch basin" due to be installed at Chestnut and Main. Water needs to be caught, so we're told. There has never been water there, since it flows downhill and away from the area, but that should not deter

uncommon sense.

There are other surprises, such as reversing the direction of traffic on Post Office Avenue. Traffic needs to be turned around now and then just to confuse the natives.

Isn't progress terrific!

LARRY LARSEN
28 Andover St.

Outgoing School Committee member proud of schools

Editor, Townsman:

I feel privileged to have served as an Andover School Committee member over the last six years. I am proud of the accomplishments of our students and schools and still believe that fiscal responsibility and quality education can go hand-in-hand.

Congratulations to both Ann Gilbert and David Burnbach for being elected. Congratulations to Paula Colby-Clements and Diane McCarron for caring enough about our town to run for office.

I would like to acknowledge those of you who supported me as I served as a member and as chairman. A special heartfelt thanks to the dedicated individuals and family members who worked tirelessly in support of my candidacy. And lastly, I would like to thank our faculty, staff, administrators, parents and students for making the Andover Schools the excellent system which it is.

Even though I came up short during my bid for a third term, I leave feeling proud of our system and encourage all to rally around the new team as they face some of the toughest decisions a School Committee must address.

ARTHUR H. BARBER, ED.D.
Sparta Way

Don't cut music for young

Editor, Townsman:

I strongly discourage school leaders from solving the budget crisis in the Andover Public School System by cutting the music program in the elementary schools.

I began playing the violin with Julie Diehl in the third grade, and received all of the advantages that every child deserves. I was introduced to various music programs outside of Andover, including ASTA with NSOA summer string program, New England Music Camp, New England Conservatory Prep Program, Junior and Senior District opportunities, and most importantly, my current college career.

Without a doubt, the music program in Andover has brought me to where I am, as a music history major at Bard College with an emphasis on the sociological impact of music on society.

It would be absolutely detrimental to our community if leaders dismantled the program at such an early stage. Young adults need to the opportunity to learn about music when they are young. Not only will they find a community with the music department, their experiences and minds will expand vastly.

During my last two years in high school I worked with the elementary-school orchestras, and taught a student in the middle school orchestra. These

children really do want to learn about music. They are in love with it, as am I.

Eliminating the elementary schools music program would do kids a great disservice. It is an impossibility to expect these students to pick up an instrument in high school and continue it throughout their lives. As much as I would abhor to see no music program in the high school, the only option would be to cut it at the higher level. At least by this age students have been exposed to outside opportunities such as music camps and youth orchestras and may continue on their own.

If it had not been for our music program, I would not be who I am today. Do not cut the program in the elementary schools; you will be taking away another student's opportunity to discover a beautiful community such as mine. I sincerely hope Andover finds another way to create funds for the schools.

LINDSAY STANLEY
Bard College
Annandale-On-Hudson, N.Y.
Andover High class of 2008

People give at time when it's easy not to

Editor, Townsman:

We would just like to acknowledge the dedicated people who helped organize and run the Saturday, April 4 "Sail Away with South School" fundraiser at Salvatore's in Lawrence.

Auction Chairwoman Kelle Sutliff and her "crew" of more than 30 put together a fantastic night - from the auction prizes all the way down to the food and music. It was heartening to see so many people give so much of themselves, especially nowadays when it's so easy to just focus on one's own day-to-day hurdles.

Kudos to physical education teacher David Giribaldi for his spirited auctioneer performance. He kept things moving as promised, but also kept us in stitches.

ED AND LORALIE BRENNEN
4 Orchard Crossing

Police returned her engagement ring

Editor, Townsman:

I am so grateful for the fine work of the Andover Police Department. I was the victim of a robbery after hiring a company to clean my home.

To be 'safe', I stayed home the entire time the team was cleaning my home. After they left, I began noticing that a number of items were missing, including my wedding and engagement rings and my iPod. I filed a report with the Officer Chad Cooper and less than a week later, the police found my iPod while questioning one of the employees of the cleaner. A few days later, I met Det. Patrick Keefe at a pawn shop where my engagement ring was found. We hope that the other items will be recovered soon. I was very impressed with how responsive and intelligent the team of officers were, and feel lucky to have them protecting Andover.

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TOWN TALK

DCS leader at home with new sitcom

There's a new NBC sitcom called "Parks and Recreation" and nobody is more thrilled than the Andover version of the starring role. Funny girl and Burlington native Amy Poehler, who once had voice lessons with Marie Stoltz of Andover, plays the lead. The show premieres tonight at 8:30.

Mary Donohue, director of Andover's Department of Community Services, said she's excited because the show promises to inform the public about jobs like hers.

Ads for the show feature park personnel and finding unusual and funny items in parks.

"I once found a dollar," Donohue said. "But the best item I found was a washed up Richardson's Farm milk bottle."

- Judy Wakefield

GLTS needs your vote for a new scoreboard

Greater Lawrence Technical High School on River Road is in the running to win a new scoreboard, courtesy of the union IBEW 103 and the nonprofit organization Good Sports.

Eighteen vocational high schools within IBEW's footprint are eligible for the online contest, which is being promoted on the

WEEI Sports Radio network.

To cast a vote, visit www.score-withlocal103.com. For every 103 votes cast for each school, that school will receive one entry into the final drawing. The winning school will be chosen in mid-June and the scoreboard will be installed during the summer.

Local 103, I.B.E.W. is based in Dorchester. Boston-based Good Sports is a nonprofit that distributes sports equipment donated by sporting goods manufacturers, retailers and the general public to community-based athletic programs serving disadvantaged youth.

- Bethany Bray

New I-93 interchange Web site

The state has set up a Web site about the Interstate-93 interchange project. Go to www.i93tritolwnterchange.mhd.state.ma.us for project updates, meeting dates and times, background and detailed information about the project.

The project, which would build new ramps off Interstate 93 into southern Andover, has been discussed for more than two years between Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington. If completed, the new ramps would open up more than 700 acres to development in the three towns.

- Bethany Bray



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Cast members rehearse for the Living Last Supper, to be performed by members of the West Parish Church on Thursday, April 9.

SUPPER: Nickerson doesn't mind playing Judas

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now, he said, "I sometimes have a little more inquisitiveness about why the villain is the way he is."

West Parish Church is at 129 Reservation Road, near the

intersection of Shawsheen Road and Route 133.

The body and blood of Christ served at the Living Last Supper will be pita bread and Welch's grape juice, "although they were

asking for Burgundy, those apostles," laughs Peters.

McMillan, as Jesus, and members of the congregation playing apostles James the lesser, Thaddeus and Simon the zealot will

serve the Eucharist at the end of the program. Judas will not. Who would choose his line?

"Probably the line for Jesus is longer," admitted Peters.

How Andover congregations celebrate Easter week, Passover

Good Friday Prayer Walk

All Andover residents invited to join others on the annual Good Friday Prayer Walk tomorrow, Friday, April 10, starting outside St Augustine Church at 43 Essex St., Andover. Coffee and hot cross buns will be served beginning at 8:15 a.m.

The route for the approximately 1.5-mile walk is from St Augustine Church to West Middle School on Shawsheen Road, along Stevens Street to the Post Office, up Main Street to the town center including the Town Offices on Bartlet Street and then back to St Augustine Church at around 10:30 a.m. Clergy from St. Augustine, Free Christian, Ballardvale United, Andover Baptist and South churches will read from the gospel accounts of the crucifixion and lead prayers for different aspects of the life of the town at eight stations along the way.

Past prayer walks have attracted up to 200 people of all ages and people are welcome to participate for as much of the walk as they can manage. For further information, call Roselle Heckendorn at 978-470-2651.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Caylen Bryant, 13, left, walks with Barrien Myers, 13, as he carries the wooden cross as they leads the Good Friday Prayer Walk along Shawsheen Road last year. They will repeat the walk this year.

EASTER SERVICES

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Christ Church
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in the Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and reservation of the Sacrament. Vigil continues in the Moses Chapel until midnight.
Good Friday: 7:30 p.m. Liturgy with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Holy Saturday: 9 a.m. Holy Saturday liturgy in the North Chapel
Easter Eve: 8 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil
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Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with procession and adoration, 10 p.m. Compline (Night Prayer), Driscoll Hall
Good Friday: 9 a.m. morning prayer; 3 p.m. celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death, with Children Liturgy of the Word; 7 p.m. Tenebrae
Holy Saturday: 9 a.m. morning prayer, blessing of Easter food baskets; 8 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil, followed by reception in Driscoll Hall
Easter Sunday: 9 and 11 a.m. Easter morning Masses

St. Augustine Parish

43 Essex St.
978-475-0050
Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; Vigil at the Altar of Repose following the Mass at Parish Center until midnight.
Good Friday: 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
Holy Saturday: 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil
There is no daily Mass at 8 a.m. or at noon during the Triduum of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
Easter Sunday Schedule:
8 a.m. St. Augustine Church
8:05 a.m. St. Rita's Hall (downstairs)
9:30 a.m. St. Augustine
9:35 a.m. St. Rita's Hall
10 a.m. St. Joseph Church, Ballardvale
11 a.m. St. Augustine
11:05 a.m. St. Rita's Hall
12 p.m. St. Joseph
12:30 p.m. St. Augustine
There is no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

South Church

41 Central St.
978-475-0321
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. worship
Good Friday: 6 a.m. to midnight, chapel vigil
Easter Sunday: 6 a.m. worship at Missionary Rock-Phillips; 9 and 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary.

West Parish Church

129 Reservation Road
978-475-3528
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Living Last Supper, family-friendly communion service and reenactment of Jesus' last meal with disciples
Easter Sunday: 10 a.m. Service, intergenerational, nursery care provided.

Greek Orthodox

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
71 Chandler Road
978-470-0919
Holy Thursday, April 16: 9 a.m. Vespers Liturgy, 7 p.m. Holy Passion Service
Holy Friday, April 17: 9 a.m. Royal Hours, 11 a.m. Youth Retreat, 3 p.m. Vespers, 7 p.m. Lamentation Service
Holy Saturday, April 18: 9 a.m. Vespers Liturgy, 11 p.m. Resurrection
Easter Sunday, April 19: 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. Agape Service,

PASSOVER SERVICES

Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley
501 S. Main St.
978-474-0540
Thursday, April 9: 9:30 a.m. First Day Services; 6:45 p.m. Second Night Community Seder
Friday, April 10: 9:30 a.m. Second Day Services
Saturday, April 11: 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Chol HaMoed Services and USY Shabbat
Wednesday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. Seventh Day Services
Thursday, April 16: 9:30 a.m. Eighth Day Services, including Yizkor
Temple Emanuel
7 Haggetts Pond Road
978-470-1356
Thursday, April 9: beginning 10 a.m. Passover Service in the chapel
Tuesday, April 14: beginning at 6 p.m. Passover Yiskor Service in the chapel
Wednesday, April 15: beginning at 10:30 a.m. Passover Yiskor Service in the chapel

STONE WALL Real Estate Corner
by Bill Buck, Broker/Owner
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Townspeople

High school Turkey — and other nicknames

By Bill Dalton



Robert Stefani sent me nicknames he remembers from the 1940s and '50s. He identified the people attached to them, but I'll see if any of you old Townies remember to whom they belonged.

Here are some of the names Robert mentioned: Quack, Squeek, Stink, Emo, Yogi, Snuffy and Fish.

To start, I'll mention that "Fish" was Charles "Fish" Dwyer, who was, as Robert says, "A legendary basketball player and football quarterback." Fish Dwyer was one of my heroes growing up. In the late '40s, he threw the football with such accuracy and distance on the old Playstead field that he was sought after by many colleges. Besides which, he always took some time to say "Hi" to the little kids who idolized him.

My brother, Buck, hands in some additional names: Boots, Tiger, Scoop, Shadow, Turkey and Scrunge.

If you recognize any of these names or if they belong to you, feel free to respond. (I do not want to hear from your lawyer.) I'll add nicknames to the list, including your own, if you send them in. You can be anonymous.

In the interest of fairness, I admit that, on occasion, I was called "Animal" in High School.

Last week, I received a kind e-mail from Megan Murphy Flood of Maple Street.

It contains compliments to me, and I'm a tad uncomfortable printing them. However, the e-mail was so good and gracious that I'm going to show it to you anyway, with some light edits.

Dear Bill,

I must tell you how much your [column], "Uncle Bill and the First Robin of Spring," touched me. My grandfather, who passed away four and a half years ago, would give a dollar to the person who saw the first robin of spring. It was a family tradition. Of course, it had to be witnessed to be rewarded!

As a young child, I would be elated at the sight of the first robin. And sometimes disappointed when it went unwitnessed. I now teach my children about the first robin sighting. In fact, my father recently mailed a letter to my daughter with a newspaper clipping about birds, asking if she had seen the first robin of spring in our yard yet. Last year, I photographed the first robin I saw, to put in the mail to my dad to collect my dollar!

My grandfather, Bert Murphy, wrote for the local newspaper where [we were both] raised - the "Holyoke Transcript Telegram," in Holyoke, Mass. When my husband and I first moved to Andover, three and a half years ago, it was nearly one year to the day after my grandfather passed away. We subscribed to the Andover Townsman, and I quickly became a fan of your articles. They reminded me of my grandfather, and made me feel at home in a town nearly two hours from where I always called "home." I remember telephoning my dad, who still resides in Holyoke, to tell him of this man, Bill Dalton, who wrote [columns] for the local paper, who reminded me of Grandpa, his father. After sharing some of your stories, he agreed that you and Bert were very similar!

You mentioned in your recent article, that when you see the first robin of spring, you think of your Uncle Bill. I think of my grandpa. I also think of grandpa when I read your articles. This particular article especially.

Thank you for bringing me a piece of my grandpa each week. I have always thought of your articles as Grandpa's way to stay in my thoughts; after reading this article I am certain. As I write, there is a robin sitting on a tree outside the window. I like to think Grandpa is stopping by to say hello!

Take care and enjoy the spring's beauty.

Gratefully,
Megan Murphy Flood
Megan, thank you.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman, and he would like you to contact him at billdalton@andovertownie.com.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Wood Hill Middle School "Spelltics" team members, Karen Donato, left, and Thyra Sherman compete in The Andover Fund for Education's 12th annual Andover Spelling Bee held Friday night at Wood Hill Middle School. Other team members were Norma Villarreal and Kristen Mitchell.



Former Sanborn School student Michael Webber, left, barks at Sanborn School supporters to cheer while dressed as the school's mascot, The Bulldogs. Webber is a sixth-grader at West Middle School.



Sanborn School fourth-graders Bruce Waters, left, and Daniel Gemmell cheer for their team during The Andover Fund for Education's Spelling Bee.

Spelling educational success

The buzz: Adult bee a good time, good cause



West Elementary School students Katherine Hu, left, a second-grader, and Paige Tubinis, a first-grader, prepare the signs they will use to cheer for their team at The Andover Fund for Education's 12th annual Andover Spelling Bee held Friday night at Wood Hill Middle School.

Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson will resign and leave the high school in June, but not before he receives a few parting gifts.

The Andover Fund for Education presented him with one of the first, an engraved toy bee at last Friday night's annual adult spelling bee held at Wood Hill Middle School. Anderson has served as the event's emcee for years. And, in a fitting tribute, his favorite team won his last bee.

The Andover High School Word Warriors, a team of Laurie Francis-Wright, John Kosartes, Kristen McMahon and Patricia Whalen, correctly spelled "babblative" to claim its crown. Not to go on about it, but babblative is an adjective that means "tending to babble, prattle; loquacious," according to Webster's New Millennium Dictionary of English.

"Everyone else was knocked out on that word but they spelled it correctly," said AFE president Donna Lynch.

It was a night of fun and academics as every public school in town and Phillips Academy fielded a team or two of spellers. Community groups also joined in with these teams: Andover Historical Society, Andover Rotary Spellbinders (two teams), AVIS



The Andover Historical Society team, from left, Jim Redmond, Lynn Smiledge and Doug Mitchell, high-five each other after winning the first round in The Andover Fund for Education's 12th annual Andover Spelling Bee Friday night.

Treesaurus, Ironstone Farm, Memorial Hall Library Spellers, Phillips Academy Non Si-Bees and the Quotarians. Teams of four pay \$200 to compete.

It was the 12th year for the AFE Bee, which is the biggest fundraiser for the

group. AFE is best known for its grants program for teachers.

Sanborn Elementary School was given the Spirit Award, for having the most energetic fans.

— Judy Wakefield

Garden to bloom for those affected by breast cancer

Brittney Nash, a seventh-grader at Wood Hill Middle School organized a school dance on March 27 to raise money for breast-cancer research as part of her bat mitzvah project. More than 100 students attended, and through the admission price and generous donations she was able to raise \$1,200 for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

Brittney was chosen to be one of the 20 members of the Kids Crew team that will cheer on walkers, give out snacks and help in other ways at the New York City Walk taking place Oct. 10 and 11. Her mom Denise will be walking the 36-mile event with several other women from Andover.

"Breast cancer runs in my mom's family and it's terrible to see family members and thousands of others suffer," said Brittney, in a release. "I'm hoping that by raising money they are able to find a cure one day."

In addition to the dance, Brittney will raise

money through a "hope garden" she will create behind the school. She is going to sell pink flowers and plant them in honor or memory of someone who was affected by the disease. The garden will be in the shape of a Breast Cancer Ribbon.

During the dance, music played all night thanks to Andover resident and DJ Ari Goldstein, a sophomore at Gan Academy, and Ron Kramer, a sophomore at Andover High School. The two, who run Rockstar Productions, donated their services.

Ari and Ron started their DJ business about a year ago.

"It's great to help out and provide entertainment to help raise money for really good causes," said Ari. "We have helped out at several non-profit events and have DJ'd school dances and other types of parties. It's a blast to see kids and people of all ages dance and enjoy the music."



COURTESY PHOTO

Brittney Nash, a Wood Hill Middle School seventh-grader, poses with Ari Goldstein, who was the DJ for a school dance Nash organized. More than 100 students attended, and through the admission price and donations she raised \$1,200 for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

■ **ENGAGEMENT**



Lisa Tisbert and David Rodger

Stephen and Diana Tisbert of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Tisbert, to David Rodger, the son of Iain and Barbara Rodger of Ayr, Scotland and Pepperell.

Miss Tisbert is a graduate of Andover High School and received her bachelor of science degree in information design and corporate communication from Bentley University. She is employed as an applications manager at Quincy Medical Center in Quincy.

Mr. Rodger is a graduate of Acton-Boxboro Regional High School, and received his bachelor of science degree in business management from Quinnipiac University. He is employed as a sales representative for RSA, the Security Division of EMC2 in Bedford.

The couple became engaged in Paris, France on Feb. 28, 2008.

A July 2009 wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Andover.

■ **SENIOR NOTES**

Research Project: Andover Senior Center and UMass/Boston: The senior center is partnering with the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston for an upcoming research study regarding residential choices made by older people. Andover residents interested in participating need travel no further than the senior center. The research team, headed by Dr. Frank Caro, is interested in learning about ways in which older people approach residential issues. Volunteers will be asked to watch brief video presentations on a computer and answer a few questions about what they have seen. Contact Pat Becker at the senior center if you would be interested in participating.

Amazon basin. After the movie we'll head over to Cheers where "everyone knows your name" for lunch (your cost).

Birding Group: Our bird walks with the Retelles will start up again on Friday, April 24. We'll plan to meet at the center at 8 a.m. and we'll car pool from here to explore some of the local conservation areas. Just give the center a call so we'll know to expect you.

Movie Matinee: Monday, April 13; 1 p.m.; no charge; "The Women": This recent release is an adaptation of Clare Boothe Luce's play, and the all female cast includes Meg Ryan, Annette Benning, Jada Pinkett Smith, Debra Messing, Candice Bergen, Bette Midler, Cloris Leachman and Carrie Fisher.

Outdoor Adventures For Women: Thursday, April 16; 9:30 a.m.; pre-registration necessary; Join us for the first hike of the spring season when we'll meet at the center and head over to the bird sanctuary at Phillips Academy. This is an easy walk suitable for all regular outdoor walkers. We'll enjoy coffee and muffins back at the center following the excursion.

Men's Breakfast: Friday, April 17; 8:30 a.m.; \$4; advance reservations only; "The Phoenix Mission To Mars": Our speaker, NASA scientist, Professor Suzanne M.M. Young of Tufts University helped design the most complex instrument to fly to Mars. She also served as the tactical "Science Plan Integrator" at Mission Control during the entire operation. Come hear about Suzanne's fascinating work and learn about the intriguing discoveries that were made on Mars as a result of this project. Everyone welcome.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop will be open for business from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13. The volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small household item in need of repair. Cost is \$4 plus parts for seniors and \$10 plus parts for non-seniors and non-residents.

Pain Management Support Group: Our pain management support group will hold their monthly meeting at the center on Monday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Boston Pops Trip: Thursday, May 21; 8 p.m. performance; \$75 ticket and transportation. Reservations are being accepted from Andover residents for an upcoming trip to the Boston Pops. "Baseball Night" is the theme for this year's concert and songs like Fenway's favorite, Sweet Caroline and all the baseball classics including Casey At The Bat, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, and the Star Spangled Banner" will be performed.

Nordic Walking Class: Nordic Walking uses specially designed poles to activate both the upper and lower body increasing the effectiveness of a walking program which can result in as much as a 46 percent increase in oxygen consumption and caloric expenditure. Other benefits include an aerobic workout, and increase in upper body strength and release of shoulder and neck tension. The six-week spring semester will start Tuesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 16, at the same time frame. Cost of the six weeks session is \$21 for one day a week and \$42 for two days a week and includes an instructor and equipment.

April Trip: IMAX Virtual Cruise and Lunch at "Cheers" on Wednesday, April 15; \$30. This trip will be to the Museum of Science's IMAX Theater where the Academy Award nominated documentary, "The Amazon" will be shown. This is a fascinating 4,000 mile trip from the river's source in the Andes, through the rain forest and into the majestic

■ **BOOMERVENTURE OFFERINGS**

■ **Boomer Book Club:** Every third Thursday at 7:15 p.m. All programs are held Thursday evenings at the BoomerVenture Campus, 30 Whittier Court in Andover. Register now and see the schedule by visiting www.boomerventure.com or call Karen at 978-623-8321.

■ **Energize With Exercise:** Held on Thursdays until April 30, and May 7 through June 25, 6 to 7 p.m., \$50 for eight weeks

■ **Serenity Yoga two levels:** Relaxing beginner and moderate yoga. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Held on Thursdays until April 30, and May 7 through June 25, beginner: 6 to 7 p.m., moderate: 7:15 to 8:15

p.m., \$50 for eight weeks

■ **Nordic Walking** underway with two new programs: Explore AVIS trails with off-road Nordic suitable for intermediate. Enjoy the town with in-town Nordic suitable for beginners.; \$40 for six weeks. A demonstration and information evening was held March 30.

■ **BoomerBridge** underway, four weeks remain: Building on the fundamentals beginner's class. Led by Terry Kay Bargar, accredited bridge instructor, on April 16, 23, 30, May 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost was \$110 for six weeks.

■ **Mind over memory:** Delve into the mind

boggling issue of memory. What is normal? How do lifestyles and stress affect memory? Lecture and exercises. Thursdays, April 16, 23 and 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m.. \$40 for three weeks.

■ **Coping with Care Giving:** Local resources and support for those involved in senior caregiving on May 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., \$5 donation per night.

■ For more information, call 978 623-8321, or visit www.boomerventure.com to get the BoomerVenture online registration form.

■ All classes are held at 30 Whittier Court, Andover.

Andover Peewees are state champions



Courtesy photo

The Andover Peewee 3s won the Tier IV state tournament in Milton on March 13-15. Keys to going 5-0 in the tourney were: 1) huge goalie saves by Dan "Stonewall" MacDonald, 2) smothering defense led by Chris Gerrior, Andrew Plourde, Michael McDonough, Brendan Slattery, and Nathan Hamer, and 3) well executed offense and relentless forechecking/backchecking led by Ethan Pope, Sam Mack, Van Shrestinian, Veronica Alois, Patrick Ritchie, and Michael Moheban (game winner in the final). Front row from left: Chris Gerrior, Patrick Ritchie, Veronica Alois, Michael Moheban, Sam Mack, Andrew Plourde, Jake Barry foreground. Back row: Coach Chris Plourde, Coach Chip MacDonald, Dan MacDonald, Brendan Slattery tournament captain, Ethan Pope, Michael McDonough, Van Shrestinian, Nathan Hamer, Head Coach Paul Hamer. Missing from photo: Marcus Pelletier, Coach Steve Moheban.

■ **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Locals running for cancer research

Boston Marathon runners raise money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. On April 20, runners Chris Mann and Amy Troncoso of Andover, will be running in the 113th Boston Marathon to save lives as participants in the 20th running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. These Andover residents, along with DFMC teammates from across the United States as well as other countries, will run Massachusetts historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise \$4.85 million for cancer research. By raising a minimum of \$3,000 each to receive an invitational entry to this prestigious race, DFMC runners are funding the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Since the DFMC's inception in 1989, the runners have raised more than \$39 million for the Barr Program. The program was founded in 1987 by Dana-Farber trustees and Jacksonville Jaguars principal owners Wayne and Delores Weaver to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier. In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be given official marathon numbers by the Boston Athletic Association. This year, 21 charities benefit from the BAA's charity program. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge features training guidance from Jack Fultz, the 1976

Boston Marathon men's champion, plus team training runs, extensive fundraising support, and volunteer opportunities for non-runners. To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, go online to www.RunDFMC.org or contact the DFMC office at 617-632-1970 or dfci.harvard.edu

Crane receives highest Scout honor

Christopher Crane, formerly of Andover, has received the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Badge during a Court of Honor Ceremony at South Church.

He joined an elite group of Eagle Scouts who have completed a demanding community service project with the help of fellow Scouts and other volunteers. Only 5 percent, or 1.7 million of all Boy Scouts, have made it to Eagle rank since 1912, according to the Boy Scouts of America.

At the Eagle ceremony, Crane was presented with a letter of congratulations from US Senator Edward M. Kennedy, and a certificate of special recognition from US Representative of the Fifth Congressional District, Niki Tsongas.

Crane attended Andover public schools through eighth grade and is now a senior at Westford Academy. He has been accepted into the School of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and will be playing his violin on a summer European Tour through Austria, Italy and



Eagle Scout Christopher Crane of Andover Troop 73

Germany with American Music Abroad, an organizer of concert tours for music groups.

Crane reached Eagle two weeks before his 18th birthday in October, after a review board of adult leaders approved his 138-hour project, and determined he had demonstrated scout spirit, service and leadership.

He was mentored by Troop 73 Eagle Advisor Rob Graham of Andover, Scoutmaster Jim Shepard of North Andover, Westford Historical Society member, James Bogue of Westford, and Stephen Hinds of Andover, who is Troop 73's Advancement Chairman and was Crane's Scoutmaster from 2002 to 2005.

Crane completed his Eagle project by digitally recording the oral histories of eight war veterans who live in Westford, where Crane now resides. He presented the recordings and a short video chronicling their stories to the Westford Museum as part of an ongoing historic

preservation effort. The veterans represented World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. In their recorded interviews, they recalled battles and combat action across Europe, the physical and emotional hardships of war, and the transition to civilian life.

"By recording a piece of history for my hometown," said Crane, "I permanently preserved the first-person accounts of significant war experiences and battles that could never be reconstructed once those who lived through them are gone."

One of the veterans was a prisoner in German territory during World War II. Another marched triumphantly into Rome as a combat engineer with the Fifth U.S. army, having seen World War II action all the way up the boot of Italy. A third observed the invasion of Normandy from a B-26 bomber as a meteorologist in the U.S. Air Corps, the forerunner to the Air Force. All returned from war to lead exemplary civilian lives, said Crane.

"It was a deeply humbling experience," he said of the time he spent interviewing the veterans.

Crane joined Troop 73 in 2002 as a sixth-grader at Andover's Doherty Middle School. In 2004, he received leadership training through a Brownsea Leadership Program, and in 2007, he was awarded the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. He served in various leadership roles in his troop over the past six years, including patrol leader and troop guide.

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Education



Three students in Andover High's Developing Leadership class learned about the town workers who clean the town's catch basins, catch beavers and pump sewage.

Leaving no manhole cover unturned, students find Andover's dirtiest jobs

By MICHELLE CONWAY, JULES KONJOIAN AND GIANNA MICCELI ANDOVER HIGH STUDENTS

Editor's note: *The following column, edited by the Townsman, was written by three Andover High students and is meant to show the type of work done in an unusual program called Developing Leadership taught by Principal Peter Anderson.*

When we signed up for Developing Leadership, we had no idea we would immediately be thrown into bizarre situations with little guidance or instruction. For our project, we were told to tune into the popular television show entitled "Dirty Jobs." After we watched the show, our task was to determine the three dirtiest jobs in Andover.

We began our search by speaking with the human resource department. Once we were

pointed in the right direction, we had a much easier time narrowing down the potential dirtiest jobs. Our first interview was with Bruce Hale, the head plumber of the water department, but as soon as we described our project to him, he informed us that his job wasn't dirty. Naturally, we were a little disappointed and nervous, thinking "What now?"

Fortunately, Hale was kind enough to connect us to Kurt Kefferstan, who works for the water department and is in charge of some of Andover's "dirtiest jobs." Kefferstan explained to us that working for the water department entails handling several outdoor projects.

The first job Kefferstan showed us was beaver-catching. This year-round job is exceedingly dirty, as it requires walking through muddy swamps in

poor weather conditions. It also requires handling dead or alive-and-angry beavers. Beaver-catching is also very dangerous. There are two different traps that can be used, and both are hazardous. They require a special license to even touch.

Kefferstan also brought us to a manhole site, which the water department must inspect regularly. This is another one of the dirtiest jobs in Andover, because there are dangerous methane gases and filthy materials involved. This job can get particularly dirty when people flush foreign objects, such as baby wipes and hand towels. Kefferstan also talked about inspecting the town leaf-catching basins. Twice a year, water-department employees use a clam-shell vacuum cleaner to clean out the basins, which contain everything that

washes off our town streets.

The next site we visited was a lift station, which is used to pump sewage or wastewater uphill from a low-lying neighborhood to a collection system of pipes. This job can become dirty when sewage pipes get clogged and have complications. Clogs can be prevented if people do not flush foreign objects down the toilet. While we were learning about the three dirtiest jobs in Andover, we realized that they were also some of the most unseen and under-appreciated jobs. Kefferstan and his fellow public works employees allow residents to live more simplistic, hassle-free lives and we should not take what they do for granted. Every person we met was enthusiastic, pleasant and reliable. They should be very proud of what they do and know we appreciate it.

Dad used a unique lie detector

By Ken Seifert



A family with seven kids, living in close quarters, can get into all kinds of issues. At the Seifert household where I was raised, domestic larceny - or finding each others toys before they were lost - was a given. Late night refrigerator raids was another. Occasionally, a bedroom would be raided and someone would take out a short term loan without a withdrawal slip.

We all believed in community property - except for the assets you possessed.

One bathroom for nine delicate people also was a source of compromise and cooperation. Dirty towels, empty toilet paper rolls, and other inhuman circumstances, had to be investigated.

And that was where my dad's lie detector helped. Mom had to hold the gang together while dad worked for Ford on the production line. She was a good Christian and believed that the truth shall set thee free. But, when we could not live in truth and cooperation, the facts in the case would be discovered at the supper table. Mom would have already told dad about the investigation that had been conducted before he took over. He would try his interrogation methods, and many times that was sufficient.

There were rare occasions when the magnificent seven would stonewall and my dad would grasp the Fork of Truth. He would take his fork with the tines facing the center of

the table. He usually held it shoulder high so all could see it. He would then go around the table and point the fork at each sibling. With the first pass, each child saw the fork of truth aimed in his direction. The next pass was more deliberate. As my dad pointed the utensil, he would vibrate the fork as if mystical powers were guiding its action. Sometimes a sister would cry "I didn't do it!" Usually the boys were the culprits.

My dad would then say, "Wait, the fork is moving. The truth is not yet known." After a few more passes and before the food got cold, he would thrust the champion of truth directly at the person he felt was the villain.

There were times when an innocent suspect was accused by the high court. At such times the true perpetrator might admit the truth so the innocent would not be convicted. We would all laugh and eat our supper.

For more serious crimes, my dad would arrange a time when he would take you aside and give you a chance to come clean before the inquisition. As the years went by, we would all play the Fork of Truth and wield the mighty sword of justice.

As to telling the truth, it was best to admit it up front, you could never fool dad. More than that, the thing he disliked most was lying.

I finally figured out his method. While we were watching the fork, he was observing each of us to see who did the most squirming.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident and a former Andover superintendent of school who writes about education and raising children.

ON CAMPUS

Andover residents who were named to Bentley University's dean's list for outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2008 semester are:

Vlad C. Antohi, a sophomore majoring in marketing; Jennifer Rachel Berger, a sophomore majoring in accountancy; David LeCompte Boudreau, a freshman majoring in undecided business; Aron Hillel Finkelstein, a sophomore majoring in economics-finance; Zachary George Gostanian, a senior majoring in marketing; Meghan Joanna Thomann, a freshman majoring in undecided business; Matthew Aaron Jacobs, a senior majoring in economics-finance; Reena Patel, a senior majoring in accountancy;

Christopher Robert Sartori, a freshman majoring in undecided business; and Michael Andrew Stroch, a senior majoring in corporate finance and accounting.

To be named to the dean's list, a full-time student must have a grade-point average of 3.3 or higher with no course grade below 2.0 during the term.

Northeastern University announces the students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following Andover residents were named to the university's dean's list for the fall semester 2008, ending December 2008:

Ashley Benenati, majoring in B.A. non-concentration; Brittany Carey, majoring in biology; Andrew M. Vye, majoring in business provisional; Rebecca A. Ginsburg, majoring in business administration; Lucy A. Properzio, majoring in communication studies; Victoria A. Reilly, majoring in criminal justice; Vasilis Katsikis, majoring in finance and insurance; Shaun Hannigan, majoring in finance and insurance; Nele Groosman, who is majoring in international affairs and anthropology;

Michael Devine, majoring in journalism; Arti D. Tewari, majoring in liberal arts and science; Alexandra Avila, majoring in marketing; Connie Cheng, majoring in pharmacy;

David M. Geohagan, majoring in political science and international affairs; Michael D. Reed, majoring in psychology; and Laurel Ridge, majoring in sociology.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality-point average of 3.25 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

John Edward Nugent, of Andover,

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Twenty-two students at Pingree School earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program Exams.

Eleven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams, with grade of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Cara Lemire, John Nugent and Gregory Pennington of Andover.

St. John's Preparatory School announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2008-09 school year. Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students from Andover were named to the headmaster's list for the first

quarter 2008-09:
 ■ Timothy Lynch, Class of 2010
 ■ Sejong Oh, Class of 2012
 ■ Varun Vadlapatla, Class of 2011

The following students from Andover were named to the principal's list for the first quarter 2008-09:

■ Christopher Brock-Fisher, Class of 2009
 ■ Daniel McKeon, Class of 2009
 ■ Christopher Sullivan, Class of 2009

The following students from Andover were named to the honor roll for the first quarter 2008-09:

■ James Bradley, Class of 2009
 ■ Matthew Broderick, Class of 2012
 ■ Michael Chan, Class of 2009
 ■ John Corbett, Class of 2010
 ■ Rory Johnson, Class of 2011
 ■ Eric Struhl, Class of 2010
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has been named to the dean's list at Wake Forest University for the 2008 fall semester. Students who achieve a 3.4 and no grade below a C were named to the list. He is also a member of the Wake Forest University crew team and volunteers as a bilingual tutor at El Buen Pastor School in their after-school program for children. John is a 2008 graduate of Pingree School in South Hamilton and is the son of John and Kathleen Nugent of Andover.

Lauren Barber of Andover was named to the chancellor's list at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. She was among a small number of students who earned a 3.8 GPA for the fall 2008 semester. Lauren is the daughter of Arthur and Connie Barber.

Stonehill College named the following Andover residents to its dean's list for the fall 2008 semester:

JonLars Carlson, Class of 2012; **Deana D'Ambrosio**, Class of 2012; **Lisa D'Ambrosio**, Class of 2009; **Kasey O'Dea**, Class of 2011.

To qualify for the dean's list at Stonehill, students must have a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

The following Andover students received faculty honors at Trinity College for the 2008 fall semester: **Joseph Malarney**, **Elizabeth**

McPartland, and **Kristina Yu**.

To earn this honor, a student must have achieved a grade-point average of at least a 3.667 with no individual letter grade below B-minus.

Andrea Ruth Coravos, daughter of Evan and Dee Dee Coravos of Andover, was named to the dean's list with distinction at Duke University for the fall 2008 semester.

To make the arts and sciences dean's list, students must rank in the top third of their college, for dean's list with distinction, the top 10th of their college. At the Pratt School of Engineering, students must rank in the top third within their academic class to make the dean's list and for dean's list with distinction, the top 10th within their academic class.

Springfield College has named the following Andover residents to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2008 term: **Katie Anderson**, **Kerry Haugh**, **Allison Navarro**, and **Jessica Prencipe**

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is known as the birthplace of basketball and for its guiding philosophy of humanities education of the whole person in spirit, mind and body for leadership in service to others. Offering 40 undergraduate and 15 graduate major areas of study, the college educates leaders for the health sciences, human and social services, sports and movement studies, education, and the arts and sciences.

Cameron K. Lownie, Class of 2012, of Andover has been selected for inclusion on the dean's list for

academic achievement during the fall semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. To be eligible for the dean's list at St. Lawrence University, a student is required to have completed at least four semester units and have an academic average of 3.6 (based on a perfect 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Lownie graduated from Andover High School. St. Lawrence, the oldest continuously degree-granting coeducational college in New York, is a residential, liberal arts institution of 2,000 students.

Fairfield University, a comprehensive Jesuit university founded in 1942 in Fairfield, Conn., announces the names of the students from this area who qualified for the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester. To be selected, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5, of a possible 4.0.

Jillian L. Himmer a resident of Andover and daughter of Brenda Barron-Himmer was named to the dean's list. She is majoring in or intends to major in nursing at Fairfield University.

Joe Rusckowski of Andover, is a recipient of the dean's award for academic excellence during the fall 2008 semester at Colgate University, where he is a member of the Class of 2009. To be eligible for the dean's award, a Colgate

student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

A 2005 graduate of Andover High School, **Rusckowski** is concentrating in economics at Colgate.

Endicott College has announced its dean's list students for fall 2008. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must obtain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C" and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Kelly Frances Morrissey, the daughter of Richard and Jane Morrissey of Andover, was named to the list. She is a senior majoring in interior design.

Located in Beverly, **Endicott College** has about 2,200 undergraduate and more than 1,800 adult and graduate students.

The following Andover students received bachelor's degrees from the University of Connecticut on Dec. 14 during the University's sixth-annual mid-term commencement exercises at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion:

Patricia A. Collins, liberal arts and sciences; **Meghan E. Currier**, ACES; **Michael A. Gianopoulos**, liberal arts and sciences; **Lauren M. Grobicki**, liberal arts and sciences; **Alysa N. Perry**, liberal arts and sciences; and **Matt C. Turiano**, engineering.

Joshua Samuel Jacobs of Andover and a student at Wake Forest University has been named to the dean's list for fall semester, 2008. Students who achieve a 3.4 and no grade below a C were named to the list.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools, April 13-17:

Elementary schools

Monday: Pancakes and sausage, ham and cheese on croissant, hash browns, strawberry cups and whipped cream and juice.

Tuesday: Roast pork dinner, oven-fried chicken, manager's sandwich choice, whipped potatoes, warm applesauce and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup and sandwich, cheese ravioli with marinara sauce and garlic bread, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Bosco sticks and marinara sauce, quiche, garden salad, chilled fruit cup and juice.

Friday: Plain or pepperoni max pizza, crunchy fish sticks with lemon wedge and cole slaw, french fries, fresh fruit and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: Macaroni and cheese with roll, chicken nuggets, roll, garden salad, chilled fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Calzone with pepperoni or veggies, BLT roll up, burger bar with all the toppings, macaroni salad, broccoli and dip, fresh melon and juice.

Wednesday: Pasta with marinara sauce and meatballs, teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf and Italian bread, string beans,

fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Max sticks and marinara sauce, meatball sub, roasted red bliss potatoes and fresh fruit cup.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, American sub, sun chips, broccoli salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: Tortilla wrap, Spanish rice, black bean salad, Mexican corn and chilled fruit.

Tuesday: Crispy chicken with lettuce, tomato and bacon, french fries, broccoli salad and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken parmesan with pasta, bread stick, Caesar salad and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Roast pork dinner with mashed potatoes, seasoned veggies, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Friday: Manager's choice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100-percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk. At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

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Paula Colby Clements, in back, director of admissions at Massachusetts School of Law, presented a donation from the Massachusetts School of Law to the Esperanza Academy. Pictured are left to right, Paolo Burgos and Jazmine Rodriguez, holding check, Abigail De La Rosa, Gensis Duran, Nicole Bautista, Stephanie Rojas, Nuryelis Herrera and Scarlett Martinez. All of the girls are fifth-graders at the school.

Massachusetts School of Law donates to Esperanza Academy

Massachusetts School of Law made a significant donation to the Esperanza Academy, School of Hope, which provides a private middle school education for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds in Lawrence.

Circles of Wisdom to host series of astrology talks

Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover will host a series of talks by an acclaimed astrologer. Gahl Eden Sasson will speak about his new book *Cosmic Navigator Design Your Destiny with Astrology and Kabbalah*. Gahl presents a new outlook at the ancient wisdom of the stars, separating astrology from its fortune telling context and connecting it to its mystical and philosophical origins.

The schedule is:
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Massachusetts School of Law program wins prestigious Gracie Award

The Massachusetts School of Law Educational Forum: Women in Government has been recognized as a winner of the esteemed Gracie Award, presented by the American Women in Radio and Television. The show, which originally aired on Nov. 30, 2008, and was co-hosted by Massachusetts School of Law professors Diane M. Sullivan and Constance Rudnick, was the top choice in the "Outstanding Talk Show" category.

The Gracies are presented by the Foundation of AWRT, the philanthropic arm of AWRT, which supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit

the public. Established in 1975, the Gracie Awards "honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and Web-based media, including news, drama, comedy, commercials, public service, documentary and sports."

The winning entry featured a number of prominent women in local government positions, including Martha Coakley, the first female Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Katherine Clark, state representative from Melrose and Wakefield, Kim Driscoll, the first female mayor of Salem, Eleanor Holmes Norton, congresswoman, District of Columbia and Doctor Caroline Heldman, an assistant professor at Occidental College in Los Angeles and co-author of the book, *Rethinking Madame President: Are we ready for a Woman in the White House?*

The Massachusetts School of Law Education Forum is regularly broadcast on Comcast CN8 on Sunday at 11 a.m. in New England and 9 a.m. in the mid-atlantic states. This program was produced by MSL professor and associate dean Michael L. Coyne. Lawrence R. Velvel served as executive producer, and M. Kathryn Villare assisted with production, direction and editing.

Winners will be recognized at a luncheon in Thursday, June 4, at Tavern on the Green, one of New York City's landmark restaurants.

American Women in Radio and Television announced the local market, public and student winners of the annual Gracie Awards.

Little Sprouts' founder on MVCOC board of directors

Susan Leger-Ferraro, founder and president of Little Sprouts' early education schools has been asked by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce to sit on its Board of Directors. Little Sprouts has been a member of the chamber since 1999 and has been actively involved in the various events and mixers the chamber hosts. "It is a great honor to be invited to be part of one of the most successful chambers in the Commonwealth," Leger-Ferraro said in a release.

75 years of sparkle downtown

By WILL ENGLISH
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

One of Andover's longest running businesses, Grecoe Jewelers recently celebrated its 75th year in business.

The mom-and-pop store is owned and operated by Barry and Nancy Grecoe and their daughter Dawn Cote.

Barry Grecoe jokingly insists that he's been working there "too long" and that he "should have been out long ago" when asked

how long he's been working at the store. In reality, he's worked there since 1947.

The store was opened by Barry Grecoe's father, John, at its first location in 1934, on the second floor of the building where Banknorth is now. The store front was "no bigger than a doorway," said Barry Grecoe.

The store has had three different downtown locations during its 75 years and has been found at 26 Park St. since 1970.

Grecoe has seen the downtown

grow from a small area with small businesses to a much larger and more commercial area.

"There are too many banks and insurance companies downtown now, and too many jewelers as well," he said with a laugh.

With the Internet and large department stores becoming more popular, there is much more competition between large online and commercial stores and smaller, family-run businesses like Grecoe, he said. New

jewelers when he started were all trained in jewelry, watchmaking, repairs and engraving, whereas most department stores and online shops do not offer this type of care for their products.

"We specialize in jewelry clocks, watches and engravings," said Grecoe, "but service work has been what has kept us open over the years.

"We're still holding our own, and I'll be here as long as I'm feeling good," he said.

Consigning kids clothes a big hit

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

She'll be back. That's what the woman behind last week's Drop & Shop traveling consignment event for kids clothes said. Andover was a great location for her.

Stacey Liai of Children's Drop & Shop said she met a great group of consignors and friendly customers. Total sales numbers

are still being tallied but a similar event already is planned for the fall.

"We'll just get more space," said Liai who rented the vacant retail space at 26 Chestnut St. for eight days. The space formerly housed Andover Cycle.

"I just felt terrible for shoppers waiting in the rain," she said.

She started setting up on March 31 and the event opened to the public last Friday, April

3 at 10 a.m. The rain fell as several stroller-pushing customers started forming a line about 30 minutes before the opening. They eventually waited inside and Liai acknowledged there was not much room in the 2,000-square-foot retail space.

"Next time, we'll have about 10,000 to 15,000-square-feet," she said.

Leftover kids clothes were delivered to Lazarus House on

Tuesday afternoon. A truck was rented for that delivery as 15 to 18 bags of unsold kids clothes were delivered along with unsold baby furniture. Liai said consignors have a choice. They can either pick up their unsold items or donate them.

"I was also impressed that so many consignors in Andover chose to donate items," Liai said. "Lazarus House was very excited."

Rotary Club of Andover honors 'Citizens Who Care'



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Senator Susan Tucker, center, addresses the "Citizens Who Care" Recipients and guest at a reception held at Butler Bank in Andover. Members of the Rotary Club of Andover select the recipients who live or work in Andover and exemplify the highest standards of community service. Clockwise from left: recipients, Peg Campbell and Thyra Sherman, Senator Tucker; recipients, Tina Girdwood, Steve Knapp and Dr. Harohalli Vijayakumar. Missing from photo are recipients: Nancy and Tom Maher, Priscilla Bartle, Diane Caraviello, Maragret and Bob Pustell, Melissa Wiegund and John Hess.

In these times, one job secure: bankruptcy lawyer

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Even the big Boston law firms are not exempt from this economic downturn. Lawyers are facing layoffs, too.

But, locally, a young lawyer has found his niche because his specialty is much-needed these days. Andover resident Jesse Redlener of Andover is a bankruptcy lawyer. In addition to years of training to learn bankruptcy codes, he is developing a creditor's rights practice group at his new firm, Dalton & Finegold, in Andover.

"It's busier than ever," he said of his new job. "Bankruptcy is a practice area that demands an intimate understanding of the code and rules."

It's also an emotional job for this young lawyer, who went to Brookline High School with Theo Epstein of the Boston Red Sox



Jesse Redlener of Andover.

management team.

"I look for anything positive I can find," said the 35-year-old. "There is no better feeling than helping a client position himself to get their life back on track."

Timing plays a key role, said Redlener, who tries to be proactive.

"Understanding the landscape ... can make all the difference for a company doing business with a financially troubled entity," said Redlener who was named a "Massachusetts Rising Star" by Super Lawyers in 2007 and 2008.

For commercial clients, it's all about recognizing signs of money trouble in customers. "It can mean the difference between getting paid in full and getting a fraction of your receivable in a bankruptcy," he said.

State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) is a managing partner at Redlener's firm and said Redlener's hiring was important given the financial times.

"Giving people options to work through their financial difficulties is critical," Finegold said. "Having someone with his talent

is an asset."

Finegold laughed when he said Redlener would not miss his former commute to Newton. Redlener said it took about two hours each way, which meant a lot of time away from his wife Kari and three children under 6. Now, he can walk his daughter to South Elementary School each school morning before heading to work. The family has lived in town since 2002.

When not working, Redlener helps high school teens increase their financial understanding through the Mary Ellen Carpenter Literacy Program.

"I talk about loans for cars, how to budget, and credit cards," said the UMass and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law graduate.

Ironically, those lessons are meant to prevent the teens from meeting a bankruptcy lawyer like Redlener later in life.

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Sports

SPRING WARRIORS, PART 3

► Baseball preview

Carlson wows scouts, frustrates hitters

By DAVID WILLIS
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ANDOVER — At the mention of Andover pitcher Shawn Carlson, catcher Dan Gusovsky described the fireballer in three words.

"Carlson brings heat," said Gusovsky with a smile.

A low-90s fastball is just one of the traits that has Carlson primed for one of the most dominant seasons of any pitcher in the state this year. Along with John Farrell and Robin Lowe, Carlson is part of the trio of aces that lead the Golden Warriors baseball team, which was scheduled to open play on Tuesday by hosting Cambridge.

Over the winter, he also signed on to pitch in college for a team future Hall of Famer Roger Clemens once took the hill for.

"I'm really excited," said Carlson. "We lost a lot last year, but we have the talent to step up and have a great season."

There was plenty of pressure on Carlson a season ago. He and his fellow hurlers were asked to replace All-Scholastic Dan Godefroi and Eagle-Tribune All-Star Kevin Calabro.

"Last year was big for us," he said.

"It was really tough to replace Godo and Calabro."

But Carlson was more than up to the task. The junior finished 4-2 with a 3.43 earned run average and 42 strikeouts, all of which were second on the team to Farrell. Carlson continued his stellar work on Andover's powerhouse American Legion team, recording a win and two saves. In 25 2/3 innings, he allowed just one run and struck out 29.

He was at his best at the end of the summer. At the elite Lynn Invitational, Carlson shared outstanding pitcher honors with teammate Farrell in front of a group of professional and college scouts.

"It was so exciting to perform with all of the scouts behind the backstop," he said. "I got to talk to a lot of them."

One of the professional scouts recommended Carlson look into San Jacinto (Texas) Junior College. He made a visit to the school in the offseason, and committed over the winter.

San Jacinto has won a whopping five National Junior College Athletic Association national titles, and sports a stunning group of alumni including legendary Red Sox ace Clemens and current Yankees lefty Andy Pettitte.

"They eat, sleep and drink baseball," said Carlson. "That's all they think about there. A lot of scouts visit the school, and a lot of players either get drafted or move on to big four-year colleges. It's right outside of Houston, so there is plenty to do."

One of the hardest throwers in the state, Carlson is usually between 89-91 MPH with his fastball, topping out at 93. But he called his slider his out pitch.

"I usually throw it in the mid 80s," he said. "I throw it in the dirt, so a lot of people will swing over it. I am also working on a 12-to-6 curveball. That takes a lot of work, but it's a good third pitch."

To prepare for the season, Carlson and teammates spent the winter throwing bullpen sessions, throwing long toss and lifting weights at Extra Innings in Tewksbury. He has plenty of motivation to work, with a friendly competition with Farrell that has been going since they entered high school.

"We've been competing with each other since freshman year," said Farrell. "It can be anything. We push each other. I want to be No. 1, and he wants to be No. 1. The competition has

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FILE PHOTO

With a fastball that has topped out at 93 and a nasty slider, Andover's Shawn Carlson is one of the most feared pitchers in the state. He is ready to dominate as a senior.

► Tennis preview

Heath, Warriors set for success

By DAVID WILLIS
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With his final high school season just underway, Andover's Eric Heath has one major goal — to enjoy even the small moments.

"I am never going to be part of a high school team again," said Heath. "I am trying to savor the practices and the bus rides. I want to enjoy everything. We have fun. I am definitely focused on doing well my senior season."

Heath is a co-captain and senior on the Golden Warriors boys tennis team that opened its season on Friday with a 4-1 win over Boston Latin.

He began tennis lessons when he was just 3 years old. Once he entered high school, he earned a spot on the Golden Warriors' powerhouse varsity tennis team. He continued his success as a sophomore, earning All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors.

It was as a junior that he delivered his breakout season. Splitting time between



Eric Heath, Andover standout

No. 1 and No. 2 singles, Heath lost just once the entire year (11-1) on his way to being named an Eagle-Tribune All-Star and all-MVC for the second straight season. His victory led the Golden Warriors

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► Boys lacrosse preview



FILE PHOTO

Andover's Joe Lamagna, left, checks a Newton South opponent off the ball last season. His physical play and rocket shot have made him a four-year mainstay on the Golden Warriors varsity team.

Lamagna looks to end career in style

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

After four years, Joe Lamagna can hardly comprehend that in a few months he will no longer be suiting up in the Blue and Gold of Andover.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "I feel like just yesterday I was trying out for the team as a freshman. But it's really the last season, and I am excited. I really want to finish off my career with a memorable season."

Now, Lamagna is a co-captain and one of the most dangerous scorers on the Golden Warriors team that opened its season with an 11-3 win over Haverhill. But, three years ago, he was just a freshman trying to make a name for himself.

Lacrosse had long been a love of Lamagna. He began playing when he was just 7-years-old. Once high school arrived, he went out for the varsity lacrosse team and impressed enough during tryouts to be selected to the squad.

"Being on the varsity team as a freshman was such a privilege," he said. "I was able to see and experience so much that a lot of people my age don't get to. I got to play the game at a different level. And the 2006 team was a very special team. I learned so much from that group that I have brought to the next three teams."

One teammate Lamagna was excited to play with was his brother Mike, who was a captain and top player on the 2006 squad.

"I had been playing lacrosse with my brother in the backyard my whole life," he said. "It was the first time we were actually on the same team. It really inspired me to be the type of player and leader he is. It was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my high school career."

As a freshman, Joe Lamagna quickly began to follow in his brother's footsteps, tallying four goals.

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A season later, his playing time increased and he notched 12 goals and seven assists.

Last year was Lamagna's real breakout season. He scored a team-high 34 goals, one better than teammate Brendan Hughes. He added 20 assists for the Golden Warriors that went 14-6 and advanced to the Division 1 East quarterfinals.

In the winter he played his final season as a forward on the hockey team, scoring three goals.

"They are similarly physical sports," he said. "Both are hard-hitting, action-packed sports. Playing another sport at the varsity level is a lot of help. Using that competitiveness in a different arena gives you a new perspective. But my job is a lot different. In hockey, I wasn't much of a goal-scorer, and in lacrosse it's my job."

Lamagna credited his shot as his key to scoring.

"My biggest strength is my shot," he said. "I do a lot of outside shooting for my goals. I see an opportunity to be in the right place and get a shot off. Especially in my junior year, I relied on my shot."

This season, he will have the opportunity to once again work with his brother. Mike is working as an assistant coach for Andover

this year while having to sit out the season after transferring from Quinipiac to Merrimack.

"It's great to have him back," Joe said. "He is a JV assistant, but takes an active part in practice. He's someone that can push me to the level that few others can get me to play."

BOYS LACROSSE

2008 record: 14-6, lost in EMass Division 1 quarterfinals

Returning starters (2): Joe Lamagna, Sr., attack; Matt Eriksen, Sr., attack

Returning lettermen: Christian Benedict, Sr., attack; Nick Binder, Sr., defense; Andrew Carroll, Sr., midfield; Vinny Christiano, Sr., defense; Jake Gostanian, Sr., goalie; Jake Mattison, Sr., midfield; Gavin McIver, Sr., midfield; Tom McQuillan, Sr., midfield; Matt Murray, Sr., defense; Matt Newman, Sr., defenseman; Matt Newton, Sr., midfield; Cam Smith, Sr., attack; Josh Torres, Sr., midfield; Jimmy Johnson, Jr., defense; John Fiorentino, Jr., midfield

Newcomers: Joe Kuta, Jr., attack; Craig Hornung, Jr., midfield; Conor Gaffney, Soph., attack; Crosby Nicholson, Soph., goalie/midfield; Ben Cook, Soph., defense

Candidates in all grades: 95
Captains: Joe Lamagna, Matt Eriksen

Returning leaders: Joe Lamagna 39-20-59; Matt Eriksen 19-7-26

Returning honorees: Joe Lamagna, All-MVC; Matt Eriksen, Gavin McIver and Josh Torres, MVC All-Stars

Head coach: Wayne Puglisi (10th year, 110-58)
Assistants: Leo Lafond, Matt James, Mike Lamagna, Ed Brandt, JV; Doug Chernovetz, Frosh.

■ BASEBALL

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always been good between us."

The 6-foot-1, 18-year-old Carlson is now ready to deliver one more memorable season for the Golden Warriors.

"I am ready for this season," he said. "I have an excellent defense behind me, and Farrell, Lowe and I are all ready to go. This is a very important year."

BASEBALL

2008 record: 17-5, lost in Division 1 North quarterfinals

Returning starters (4): John Hennessy, Jr., SS; John Farrell, Sr., P; Shawn Carlson, Sr., P; Robin Lowe, Sr., P

Returning lettermen: Erik Geffken, Sr., OF; Dan Gusovsky, Sr., C; Steve LaFortune, Sr., 1B/DH; C.J. Leary, Jr., C/1B; Alex Patti, Jr., 3B/OF

Newcomers: Andrew Ruiz-Henriquez, Sr., 3B; Jake Ponti, Jr., P/OF; Christian Lightner, Jr., 2B; Kris Riemer, Jr., 1B/DH; Bryan McNiff, Jr., P; Vince Bellino, Jr., C/OF; Dan Colombo, Jr., SS; Akira Sembomatsu, Jr., OF; Bennett Deady, Soph., P/3B; Ned Deane, Soph., P/3B; Alex Driscoll, Soph., 2B/SS; Nick Kenyon, Frosh., OF; Andrew Johnian, Frosh., SS/P

Candidates in all grades: 150
Captains: John Farrell, John Hennessy

Returning leaders: John Farrell 6-1, 53 1/3 innings, 2.36 ERA, 71 K's; Shawn Carlson 4-2, 34 2/3 innings, 3.43 ERA, 42 K's; Robin Lowe 2-0; John Hennessy 462, 29 runs, 27 RBIs

Returning honorees: John Hennessy, Eagle-Tribune All-Star; John Farrell, MVC All-Star

Head Coach: Ken Maglio (17th year, 240-121)

Assistants: Kevin Rourke, varsity assistant; Kevin Shepard, pitching coach; Dan Grams, JV; Rich Robinson, Frosh.

Opener: April 7, hosts Cambridge

■ TENNIS

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to a 3-2 victory over Lexington in the North semifinals.

"He has very good ground strokes," said Andover tennis coach Mike Wartman. "He is able to pick up on his opponent's weaknesses. He has improved every aspect of his game, especially volleying and serves. He also has excellent game instincts."

In the fall, Heath again starred for Wartman as a standout defenseman on the Andover soccer team that was a greatly-improved 8-7-4 and advanced to the Division 1 North tournament.

Heath entered the tennis season with plenty of momentum after an outstanding final skiing season. The senior placed third overall in the league, leading Andover to its first undefeated regular season (10-0) and North

Shore Ski League title since 1994. He finished off the year by placing 18th in the slalom at Division 1 states.

"I get a lot of my speed and agility from soccer," he said. "You also need a lot of endurance. Skiing is all about leg strength. I improved my upper and lower body strength a lot."

During ski season he spent time running and lifting weights to prepare for his final tennis season. When possible, he also hit the ball with his father, Greg.

With the season now underway, Heath is prepared to test himself against the best in the league. After all, he will rarely face an opponent as tough as his teammate and fellow All-MVC and Eagle-Tribune All-Star selection, Bjorn Merinder.

"Me and Bjorn have some great games," he said. "We have some really intense matches,

and I can hit shots against him that I cannot hit against anyone else. We hit together every day in practice, and play full matches about three times a season. Playing against each other definitely makes us better."

Heath opened his season in style, winning No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-4 against Boston Latin. And his coach is confident he will finish with authority.

"He's very supportive of the team," said Wartman. "In soccer, he has great quickness and field vision. He brings those same qualities to tennis. He has done an excellent job leading the team."

BOYS TENNIS

Returning Starters: Eric Heath, Sr.; Bjorn Merinder, Jr.; Shane Huggins, Jr.; Nitin Mahesh, Jr.

Returning Lettermen: Andrew Mack, Jr.; In Joong Yoon, Jr.; Evan Birenbaum, Soph.; Christian Waters, Soph.; Randy Sartor, Jr.

Newcomers: Zach DeLuca, Jr.; Andrew Gray, Jr.; Josh Holzman, Jr.; Leo Chu, Frosh.; Graham Johnson, Soph.; Cam McCarthy, Frosh.; Tim Huntley, Sr.; Alex Kutchin, Soph.; Jeff Birenbaum, Jr.

Candidates in all grades: 33
Captains: Eric Heath, Bjorn Merinder

Head coach: Mike Wartman (24th year)

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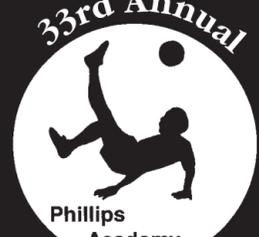
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Andona members such as Jenn Priest Inero, Caroline Grady, Debbie Goldstein, Lynne Blech, Carolyn Hill Page, Amy Cook and Leslie Burte help put together community events such as Clowntown. Andona is accepting new members.

Selectmen won't even ask

Selectmen again unanimously rejected a nearly annual request by Public Works Director Jack Petkus to buy some kind of sewer-line maintenance truck, this one for \$250,000. They decided Monday, 5-0, that they would not bring the request to Town Meeting.

Instead, Andover will take a small step toward sharing services with a neighboring town this summer. Rather than buy a new vehicle, selectmen want the town to borrow a truck from North Andover when one is needed. They will allow up to \$50,000 to be spent on such rentals.

"This time next year we'll be able to assess what the use was," said

Selectman Alex Vispoli. "We haven't had this type of vehicle in our fleet."

— Neil Fater

Andona seeks new members

The Andona Society will host a "New Member Extravaganza" on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Dylan's Restaurant on Park Street. Residents can stop by to meet current Andona members, ask questions and find out more about the nonprofit society.

Andona raises money for school programs, funds camp and college scholarships and organizes the popular annual Clowntown carnival event every spring.

For more information, visit www.andonasociety.org.

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— Bethany Bray

Trees tagged, coming soon

Two tree experts were scheduled to visit a Dartmouth nursery yesterday, April 8, and tag the 89 trees that will be planted later this month downtown as part of the Main Street redesign. Judy Wright, a Main Street Committee member and owner of Wright Spaces, an Andover landscape design company, and Randy Pickersgill, superintendent of Parks and Grounds for Andover, were scheduled to select the trees, according to Lisa Schwarz, town planner in charge of the Main Street project.

— Judy Wakefield

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