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Hundreds already signed up for race for Krit Kearins

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

About 400 runners competed in the first Feaster Five Road Race, the event that has turned into a Merrimack Valley Thanksgiving tradition for thousands. More than 500 people already have registered for the first "Krit Classic," a 5-kilometer run and walk that is still more than two weeks away.

Organizers say the early interest is a sign of just how

many people were touched by the special energy of Kristin "Krit" Kearins, a former standout Andover High athlete, diving instructor and aspiring nurse at Children's Hospital. Kearins died in a September 2008 bike accident at age 26.

"Her presence, her smile, her face is probably what would impact people first," said Marilyn Fitzgerald, her former Andover High swim and dive team coach. "You either wanted

to hug her and you sure as heck wanted a hug from her. I don't think anyone who ever met her was not impacted."

Kearins was captain of state championship Andover High School gymnastics and swim-and-dive teams. She enjoyed spending time with children as a babysitter, and later as a diving coach at Indian Ridge Country Club who helped feed Fitzgerald talented divers. Kearins earned a degree in early childhood

education and was working as a nurse's assistant at Children's Hospital when she died.

Kearins' mom, Pam Sheehy, said that after the scholarship was created she received a phone call from someone her daughter used to baby-sit for. "She said, 'My children, they really miss Krit and they want to meet Krit's mom,'" said Sheehy. They came over and gave a donation to a scholarship fund in Kearins' name.

The Krit Classic is meant to further beef up the new Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the winner of the first scholarship will be announced at the race.

The first Krit Classic will be Sunday, June 7, at 9 a.m., the day after what would have been Krit's 27th birthday.

"I know most people organize a golf tournament," said Kasie



Kristen Kearins will be remembered in the first 'Krit Classic' 5K race on June 7.

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Leno's last Tonight Show May 29

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

How many crime shows can a person sit through every week? "Really, how many of those shows do you want to watch?"



Jay Leno

asked Elaine Clements, executive director of Andover Historical Society.

It's crime scene overload on television these days and that's why

she thinks Andover native Jay Leno's new show will go over well this fall. His last Tonight Show is Friday, May 29 and he'll be back on television in September with a new show in the 10 p.m. time slot often reserved for shows like CSI: and Law and Order. Another funny man with Massachusetts roots - Conan O'Brien who grew up in Brookline - takes over The Tonight Show on June 1.

"I think it will be something new and different, more like the variety shows I grew up with. It won't be a drama," Clements said.

NBC is saluting Leno's temporary network departure with a week-long tribute on The Today Show that kicks off with a segment about growing up in Andover. Clements said the network called her in late April about coming to town. Today Show host Meredith Vieira had interviewed the car-collecting Leno in his famed garage and he spoke fondly about growing up in Andover. As a result, the network decided to include a hometown piece in the Leno tribute, Clements said.

"They asked for help locating some of the people and places Leno mentioned in the interview," Clements said.

Leno's good friend, Nancy Haggerty Varnum now of North Andover, was happy to take NBC producer Curtis Vogel on tour. Leno's friend Lew Trumbore joined them.

She said filming highlights include South Elementary School because Leno's family moved to Andover when he was in fourth grade. Vogel also filmed where Leno's house used to be on Clark Road, West Middle School (the former high school) and Andover High

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ANDOVER ON TV

- What you'll see during a segment about Jay Leno's years in Andover:
- Clark Road (the Lenos lived here)
- South School (Leno was in fourth grade when his family came to town)
- West Middle School (formerly the high school)
- Andover High School (Leno's class entered in January, 1968, and was the first to graduate from the new high school)
- McDonald's (Leno worked there)
- interview with Leno's chums Nancy Haggerty Varnum and Lew Trumbore

2009 TOWN MEETING PREVIEW



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Sean Diehl, 8, warms up before the annual Andover Public Schools All Strings Concert at the Collins Center last week.

Music cuts will play out at elementary level

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The Collins Center was alive with music May 13 as 500 students, ranging from third-grade through high school, performed in the district's all-strings concert.

Grouped into ensembles of players from multiple grade levels and schools, the young musicians played Bach, Mozart and Holst before a packed audience.

The concert's grand finale, the orchestral premier of a suite of folk songs by

composer Lauren Bernofsky, was played by the all-town orchestra, accompanied by fourth- and fifth-grade folk dancers from South Elementary School.

"Every child has a song in their heart, and it's good to bring it out," said Julie Diehl, who teaches strings in nine schools, every Andover schoolhouse except for Shawsheen primary. "There are thinking skills that come from playing any kind of instrument that are hard to replicate in other ways - multi-tasking, incredible focus and learning the idea of aural beauty. It spills over into other facets of life. They'll be better consumers of

music, recognize it as an important part of our culture. It's a lifelong activity."

The successful concert comes on the heels of budget decisions that could potentially end Andover's instrumental music program at the elementary level. Superintendent Claudia Bach's 2010 budget cuts 1.3 elementary music teaching positions, which eliminates beginner strings, band and recorder programs taught during the school day.

The elementary music cuts affect close to 750 students in third- and fourth-

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Duo make call for change on cell-tower rules

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Pam Dunn and Aileen Peters didn't just do the seemingly impossible and beat city hall. They beat Town Offices, state bureaucracies and a telecommunications giant from which most town lawyers run.

After months of six-hours-a-day research, they found enough information to convince the state that a private cell-phone tower

should not be built on Mass. Highway land about 185 feet from Dunn's Prospect Road home.

Next up for the dragon slayers is Town Meeting, where the two are looking to pass new rules they believe will better protect all Andover residents from unnecessary cell-phone towers and surprise agreements to build them. While the Andover zoning board had originally rejected

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Aileen Peters, left, and Pam Dunn managed to derail a cell phone tower had been approved to be built on land next to Dunn's home at 12 Prospect Road, about 185 feet from the bedroom of her children.

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Still no consensus on budget

Position cuts, increased school fees still seen

Selectmen, school and finance officials had yet to cobble together a budget agreement as of Tuesday night, one week before the start of Town Meeting on May 26.

The School Committee is recommending a School Department budget of \$60.4 million next year. Selectmen will ask Town Meeting to fund Andover's schools at \$59.9 million.

"At the end of the day, there's a \$500,000 discrepancy," said Selectman Alex Vispoli. "It all centers around the use of [the rainy day fund called] Free Cash."

Officials are still hopeful a compromise can be reached before Town Meeting. But even with a budget agreement changes to local revenue and state aid later this year could significantly alter any decisions Andover residents make next week.

"There's a lot of moving parts," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Teichert. "The numbers could change where we'll need a fall Town Meeting."

"Everything, really, is in a great state of flux," said School Committee Chairwoman Deb Silberstein. "We're going to continue to see changes through the fall."

Superintendent Claudia Bach built her school budget request under the assumption that \$60.4 million would be needed to both preserve service levels and cover a deficit for out-of-district special education created during last year's budget planning.

Even at \$60.4 million, school officials say \$3.2 million in cuts to staff and services will be needed next year. At the \$59.9 million level recommended by selectmen, Silberstein said school officials will have to come up with \$3.7 million worth of budget reductions.

"I think when parents see what we're talking about, they're going to be and they should be outraged," said Silberstein.

Until very recently, the three boards had agreed to cover a \$787,000 out-of-district special education deficit using Free Cash.

But late last week, selectmen and members of the Finance Committee learned Andover will receive \$453,000 in additional state special education aid.

The Extraordinary Relief Circuit Breaker funding must be used to cover expenses incurred from sending certain special education students

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TOWN MEETING BASICS

Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26 and May 27 at the Andover High School Collins Field House and, if needed, May 28 at the J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. The meetings will start at 7 each evening.

The Finance Committee Report has been mailed to people's homes. For more information, call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

More stories about Town Meeting appear on pages 6-9 in this week's Townsman and online at www.andovertownsman.com.

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Articles 59 and 60 - Bancroft Elementary School feasibility study

Town Meeting voters will see two warrant articles seeking money for studies surrounding the aging Bancroft Elementary School. Bancroft was built in 1969 in an open classroom style, and now has structural problems.

Article 60 asks for \$320,000 to conduct a feasibility study and schematic design to replace only Bancroft. Article 59 asks for \$735,000 for a feasibility study for Bancroft and to study overcrowding at Shawsheen, a magnet K-2 school that does not meet Americans with Disability Act requirements.

Article 59 will be amended on the floor of Town Meeting, said Mark Johnson, School Building Committee chairman.

"We've been going over the numbers, and our intent is to decrease the figure from \$735,000 to \$525,000," said Johnson. "We've been meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and we think we can include the Bancroft feasibility study, and include the issue of overcrowding at Shawsheen for less."

If article 59 passes at Town Meeting, the building committee would withdraw article 60, said Johnson.

After much debate this spring, the School Committee has voted to recommend approval of both articles.

The Andover School Building Committee has been meeting for

more than a year to brainstorm ideas after the 2008 Town Meeting approved a \$300,000 feasibility study for fixing or replacing Bancroft. The study was to examine structural deficiencies and potential solutions for the school.

If passed, the left over money from this year's feasibility study will be put toward article 59 or 60's feasibility study.

Tearing down and replacing Bancroft, building a new school at a different location and combining students from Shawsheen primary and Bancroft Elementary schools into a new school built on Bancroft's existing site have been considered, among other ideas.

The School Building Committee estimates that a building project for Bancroft alone would run around \$28 million, and a project combining Shawsheen and Bancroft could be \$34 million.

The state would reimburse the town for 40 or 50 percent of those building costs.

The wording for the \$320,000 article for this year's Town Meeting is identical to the \$300,000 article passed last year by Town Meeting voters for a Bancroft feasibility study. The difference this time around is the state is requiring a schematic design — a specific model of what the finished school would look like, including square footage and number of students, said Johnson.



Courtesy photo

Hometown friends Lew Trumbore and Nancy Haggerty Varnum recently took NBC producer Curtis Vogel, left, on a tour of town for an upcoming segment on Leno's growing up years.

LENO: Crews film in Andover

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School as Leno's class of 1968 moved there in January, 1968. His was the first class to graduate from the new school.

McDonald's was also filmed because Leno used to work there.

Haggerty Varnum, who

graduated with Leno in 1968, is not the least bit worried about Leno succeeding in his new time slot. She said fans will tune in wherever he is.

"He's a fantastic, talented comedian," she said. "The new show is just another opportunity for him...Anytime we can see him, we'll watch."

Happy to help fight hunger



Courtesy photo

Despite walking 20 miles, Andover residents, Michelle Easton, Carly Therkelson and Megan Willis have no trouble smiling. The girls joined 46,000 walkers and volunteers who raised \$3.8 million for 400 emergency food programs across the state. The funds will buy food for families in need next winter.

KRIT: Still time to register for 5K walk and run

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Kearins Sullivan, one of Krit Kearins' sisters. "A thousand people don't sign up for a golf tournament. This was just a better way to get everyone together. It's nice that it starts and ends at the high school and (the race) also goes by the home we grew up in."

Registrations continue to come in for the event.

Sullivan says "her college roommates meet one a week to train for the race."

"Someone's coming in from Texas, someone's coming in from North Carolina and they are all doing it because it's Krit," said Sheehy.

Music at the race will come from the playlist that was on Krit's ipod. Green balloons will be released because green was her favorite color. The poster

for the road race shows Krit's smiling face placed on a simple, cheery two-dimensional drawing of a runner's body.

"That's what she would like. She wouldn't want this memorial, sad poster. She would like this bobblehead runner," laughed Sullivan.

Fitzgerald said the scholarship is "probably the most generous that's ever been offered" at Andover High and

the support for the first-time race is phenomenal.

"It hasn't been easy," said Sullivan. "But I can't imagine not having it. Just having something every year to celebrate for her is so important. It's a reason for everyone to get together."

The race costs \$20 and people can register by visiting www.kritkearinsclassic.com.

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STONE WALL Real Estate Corner

by Bill Buck, Broker/Owner
KITCHEN-CENTERED HOMES

A recent meeting of builders and designers gives some indication of what they expect will appeal most to new-home buyers. Home sellers may want to use this information to make their properties more appealing. As consumers find themselves pulling back, focus in the home centers on kitchens, where most family meals are prepared and cooked. As eating in replaces eating out at restaurants, kitchens are being outfitted with multiple refrigerators, including under-the-counter models and island types. As for cost-effective updates, countertops of mixed materials, creative tile backsplashes and accents, and upscale hardware are quite in vogue. "Green" materials for floors and countertops are also increasingly making their way into kitchens. Sellers can benefit by updating with these ideas in mind.

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HINT: Full-fledged laundry rooms on the same level as the kitchen are gaining in popularity with buyers.

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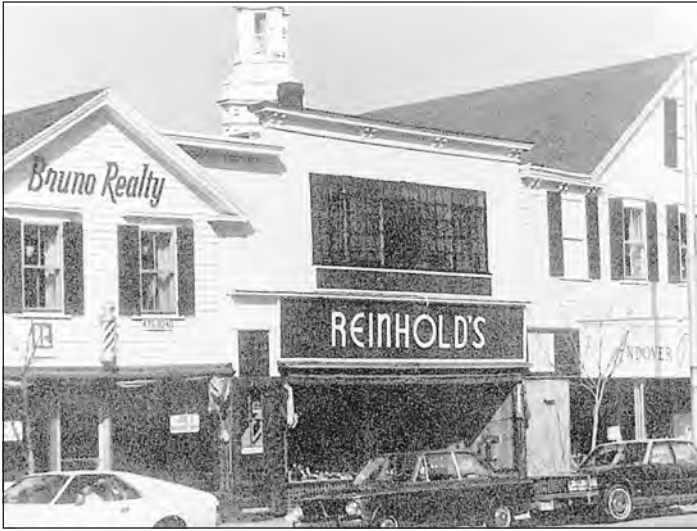
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Main Street in 1980's with some shops at the time pictured, from left, Joe Mazza's Barbershop, Bruno Realty, on top, William Reinhold's shoe store, and the Andover Gift House.



NOW: Main Street today features business from left, Andover Barbershop, Native Sun and Strawberry Tree gift shop.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, PARADE IS MONDAY, MAY 25

Andover's Memorial Day observance will be on Monday, May 25. Services will be at Memorial Circle, West Parish Cemetery at 7 a.m.; Memorial Flagpole, St. Augustine Cemetery at 7:30 a.m.; and the American Legion lot, Spring Grove Cemetery at 8 a.m. The parade at 10 a.m. will start at Elm and Florence streets, and

move to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue, to Bartlet Street, ending at the Park. The cannon unveiling and Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m. There will be lunch for all participants from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria.

Boomerventure's Caregiving expo next Thursday, May 28

The Andover Senior Center's BoomerVenture program is offering a free senior Caregiving Expo on Thursday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at 30 Whittier Court in Andover.

The Expo style event at the Andover Senior Center will feature over two dozen organizations which provide senior care including area assisted living and nursing home facilities, in-home services, first alert, hospice care and more.

"The Andover Senior Center provides valuable information and services to seniors and those who are senior caregivers and need a place to turn for advice, support and resources." "The Caregiving Expo is a one-stop-shop for people who need elder services information," said Karen Payne-Taylor, coordinator, BoomerVenture, Andover's program for area baby boomers.

For more information go to: www.boomerventure.com, or call 978-623-8321.

Can you drive an elder?

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is looking for volunteers to be companions, shoppers or medical advocates who will drive elders to medical appointments throughout the Merrimack Valley and, on occasion to Boston. Volunteers receive a two-hour training, ongoing support and mileage reimbursement.

Training is offered at Elder Services, 360 Merrimack St., building 5, Lawrence. For information about dates and times of trainings, call Gerry Proulx of Elder Services at 978-946-1445.

Spencer is 2009 Andover Heritage Award honoree

The Andover Historical Society will honor Mark Spencer on Thursday, June 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, Haggitt's Pond Road, Andover, with the annual Andover Heritage Award. Tickets for the event are \$35.

A buffet dinner will be served and a cash bar will be available. Catering is provided and underwritten by Dana Wilson, Raspberries Catering. Tickets can be purchased through the society's office at 97 Main St., Andover, through the Web site, www.andoverhistorical.org, or by calling the office at 978-475-2236.

The Andover Heritage Award, inaugurated in 2006, honors extraordinary people who have contributed outstanding service over an extended period to the society and to the community, have promoted interest in the history and heritage of Andover and have encouraged others to do the same. Past honorees include Diane and Ray Hender, Jim Doherty, and Norma Gammon.

Mark Spencer will be acknowledged for:

Supporting the mission and work of the Andover Historical Society.

Demonstrating excellence in community stewardship through his personal, business, and volunteer connections and work.

Collaborating with the Andover Business Center Association to promote an active and vibrant business community.

Promoting the arts in our community as a member of Andover Cultural Council and Friends of

Memorial Hall Library.

Leading, for thirteen years, the Rotary Club of Andover's annual Citizens Who Care project.

"Mark Spencer's community service with the Historical Society and the Cultural Council has contributed to Andover's cultural, historical, and economic life, and his work with Habitat for Humanity supports a broader community need," said Historical Society President Donald Robb, "Mark's work exemplifies excellence in community stewardship and encourages and inspires others to do the same." "Encouraging and promoting community stewardship is the heart and soul of the Historical Society's mission," added Executive Director Elaine Clements, "We are delighted to have this opportunity to celebrate Mark's work and the work of so many other community volunteers."

A keepsake tribute booklet will be published for the event. Tributes and congratulatory messages can be purchased for \$25, \$50, and \$100 through the society's website or through the office. Tributes and messages must be received by May 31, in order to be included in the booklet.

May health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer senior clinics 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. No appointment is necessary.

Cyclists raise money for Jimmy Fund

Register to ride in the 30th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge by logging on to www.pmc.org. Open to 5,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held Aug. 1 and 2.

The PMC raises millions for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The ride offers seven routes that range from 47 to 190 miles.

Support services, meals and overnight accommodations will be provided. Spaces go quickly, so register early. For more information, or to register, visit www.pmc.org, or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

Free 'Choosing Hospice' booklets

"Choosing Hospice," a guide to specialized care for the terminally ill, is available for free from VNA Care Network and Hospice, a nonprofit agency that provides physical, emotional, practical and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their families in Eastern and Central Massachusetts. The booklet answers common questions about hospice and gives a list of resources. To receive a free copy of the guide, call VNA Care Network and Hospice at 800-728-1862 or e-mail info@vnaacarenetwork.org. Visit www.vnaacarenetwork.org.

Elder Services needs SHINE counselors

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is looking for volunteers to become certified SHINE counselors. Counselors provide no-cost health care information, assistance and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages. Individuals are required to complete the 50-hour certification program. Contact Gerry Proulx of Elder Services at 978-946-1445 for dates and times of the trainings.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Housing Authority, Frye Circle, 256 North Main St., 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Andover High School Town Meeting, 6 p.m. Town Meeting, Andover High

School field house, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Andover High School Town Meeting, 6 p.m. Town Meeting, Andover High School field house, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m. Town Meeting (third night if needed), Andover High School Collins Center, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

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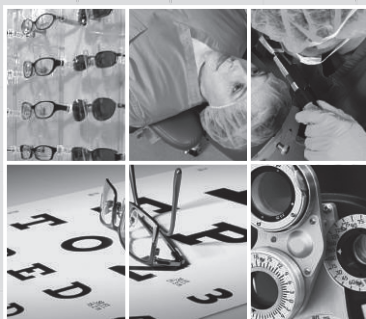
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Margaret McKibben, 86

ANDOVER — Margaret "Rita" (Hornung) McKibben, 86, of Andover, died Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital. Mrs. McKibben was born in Kent, Ohio the daughter of the late Charles and Gladys (Caldwell) Hornung.

Wife of the late William R. McKibben she is survived by her children, William R. McKibben Jr. and his wife Stephanie of Bradford, Cathleen Eddy and her husband Robert of North Andover, and Constance Jeffreys and her husband Michael of Lighthouse Point, Fla. She is also survived by her grandchildren, John and Timothy Kane, William III and Darren McKibben, Robert, Benjamin, Jonathan and Nicholas Eddy and Mer-

edith Cafua; as well as 10 great-grandchildren and her sisters, Jean Hornung of Lighthouse Point, Fla. and Nancy Villandry of St. Petersburg, Fla.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009 at St. Michael's Church in North Andover. A burial will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Garden in West Peabody. Family and friends may call on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 122 East 42nd St., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10168. To leave on-line condolences or for directions to the funeral home please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Raymond J. Richard, 85



ANDOVER — Raymond J. Richard, 85, died on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Academy Manor Nursing Home, Andover.

He was born in Lawrence, the son of the late Arthur and Matilda Richard. He attended Sacred Heart School and later moved to Andover.

His family members include his wife, Claire with whom he shared

50 years of marriage, and his sister, Theresa DiPietro, and several nieces and nephews, as well as one great-aunt.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours. A private graveside service will be held in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover. Arrangements are by The Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhurstfuneral.com.

Barbara L. Tucker, 79

NORTH ANDOVER — Barbara L. Tucker, 79, of North Andover, formerly of Wakefield, passed away at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington, Monday, May 11, 2009.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on June 17, 1929, she was the daughter of the late John G. and Dorothy (Parks) Lowery. Mrs. Tucker was raised in Melrose and was a graduate of Melrose High School, and later graduated from Westbrook College of Portland, Maine.

She was longtime resident of Wakefield and retired from the American Mutual Insurance Company of Wakefield as an underwriter. Barbara had also been a member of the Second Congregational Church of West

Boxford. Mrs. Tucker was the wife of the late Robert D. Tucker. She was the mother of Dr. Randall D. Tucker and his wife Sheila of Andover, Ellen Tucker and her husband Ted VanValey of Sudbury, Amy T. Sargent and her husband Fred of Bath, Maine, and Sarah T. Paine and her husband Rick of Boxford. She is also survived by eight grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service was held at the 2nd Congregational Church of Boxford, 173 Washington St., West Boxford, Monday, May 18, at 10 a.m. There are no visiting hours. Interment will be at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. Arrangements in the care of the McDonald Funeral Home, Wakefield.

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Marjorie W. Swenson, 95

ANDOVER — Marjorie W. (Horne) Swenson, 95, of Andover, passed away peacefully in her garden on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

For 53 years, Marge was the loving wife of the late Albert Swenson. She was the mother of Jon D. Swenson and his wife Janice of Collegeville, Pa., and Karen J. Burns and her husband George of Andover. She was also the grandmother of Kristen (Swenson) Young and her husband Steve of Skippack, Pa., Eric Swenson and his wife Kim of Reading, Pa., Ted Ratyna of Andover, Robin Pike of Warwick, R.I., Lauren Salsman of Lynn, and Donna Rice of Marblehead. She was the great-grandmother of eight, and she had several special nieces, nephews and cousins. She was lovingly known by friends and neighbors as everyone's "Nana."

Born in Lawrence to Adelbert and Eva (Borneman) Horne, Marge was raised and educated in Andover where she was a lifelong resident. She graduated as

a Registered Nurse in 1937 from the Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She spent her life as a nurse with the Andover Red Cross, Merrimack Valley VNA, local hospitals, and home nursing. She retired at the age of 80 from Prescott House in North Andover.

Marge was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Andover and was on the board of the former Andover Home for the Aged. She was a talented artist; painting, drawing and creating one of a kind sculptured dolls for her family and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Contributions may be made in her memory to the Salvation Army, Box 352, Lawrence, MA 01842 or Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810, or Dana-Farber Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Fl, Brookline, MA 02445-7226. A service celebrating her life will be held at the Christ Church in Andover on Saturday, May 30, at 11 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. To leave online condolences, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

June health clinics offered on Mondays, Wednesdays

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, June 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, June 22, from

1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24. No appointment is necessary.

Swine flu case at High Plain is second in Andover school

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Two cases of the H1N1 "swine" flu have been confirmed, one at Andover High School and one at High Plain Elementary.

"I don't know of any connection between the two cases," said Rita Casper, director of nursing for the Andover Public Schools. "We will be monitoring both of them closely, and are interested to see if there's a connection."

Due to patient confidentiality, Casper could only say the elementary case is "a member of the High Plain community," and not specify if the person is a student or staff. The individual

is recovering at home and is "expected to return back to their normal routine very shortly," said Casper.

Superintendent Claudia Bach confirmed the AHS case was a student, who has recovered fully and is back in school. Bach said she does not plan on closing any schools. "The Centers for Disease Control is not recommending closure of schools," said Casper. "This is more like the seasonal flu, there is no need to take any additional precautions at this time. It's turning out to be relatively easy to treat."

The High Plain and AHS patients are not related in any way, said Casper. It is unknown how they caught the virus.

"It's difficult to try and identify what the source might be," said

Casper. "At the student level, there are so many inter-school sports and arenas where families are in contact with other families. It's also graduation time, and there lots of family and life celebrations taking place. There is plenty of opportunity for people to be interacting at any age level with other people from out of town."

The AHS student's positive test was done "around May 4," said Tom Carbone, Andover's director of public health. Flu patients are contagious 24 hours before they start exhibiting symptoms, until they're feeling better, he said.

Casper said the High Plain Elementary case tested positive during the middle of last week.

Any student or adult with flu-like symptoms, including fever,

monitor it," said Gerraughty.

The new gate does not change any policy for the compost site, she said, and it is still open to walk-in traffic.

"It's still business as usual," said Gerraughty. "As far as I know, nothing has changed."

Leaves and grass clippings can be dumped at the site by Andover residents only. Brush and branches are not allowed and illegal dumping is subject to a fine. Commercial businesses, such as landscaping companies, can pay a fee and apply for a special permit from the town to dump at the site as well.

Piantedosi said his department has discussed the idea of expanding the site's hours and requiring a \$25 permit to have residents dump at the compost site, which would "reduce the high costs of maintaining (staffing) that facility."

The \$25 permit idea is yet to be presented to or approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The compost site is run by the plant and facilities department, which can be reached at 978-623-8280.

For more information about what can be dumped at the site or put out to the curb with trash, read Andover's trash guide (effective through June 30, 2009), at www.andoverma.gov/dpw and scroll down to "solid waste and recycling."

lethargy, cough, sore throat or runny nose, is urged to stay home, refrain from extra-curriculars and contact their doctor. Casper is urging ill people to stay home for at least seven days.

As with any illness, frequent hand washing is a key defense against transmission, she said.

"We do expect to hear about more cases, but at some point that will diminish. I am not surprised that Andover has cases, and nationwide the numbers are climbing," said Casper.

The difference between H1N1 and a seasonal flu virus is "this is a novel virus, new to our bodies," said Carbone. "No one has seen it before, and no one is immune. We're all susceptible. It's not any more serious than the normal seasonal flu."

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Andover will wait on becoming part of regional 911 center

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

After a regional 911 emergency call center is built next year in Middleton, Andover dispatchers might join the facility. But first, Andover leaders want to see how successfully the center operates.

Twelve other Essex County towns have expressed interest in consolidating their dispatch centers into an 8,000 square foot facility to be built on state-owned land in Middleton, near the Essex County Correctional Facility. Slated to be built in 2010, the project is being overseen by the Essex County Sheriff's department.

For several months, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Police Chief Brian Pattullo and Fire Chief Mike Mansfield have been

discussing joining the call center once it's up and running.

"We've had a consolidated 911 center (between police and fire) for 30 years anyway," said Stapczynski. "We're always looking at ways we can regionalize, and participate in larger coordinated groups. I'm in favor, it's a good idea, but we're still looking at the numbers."

Pattullo said Andover will watch as the center's initial 12 communities get the site up and running, and learn from how they handle the transition.

"Right now, we're in the analytical stage," said Pattullo, who sits on the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Agency Council, or NERAC, which paid for the first feasibility study for the regional 911 center. "We're evaluating the

costs, and whether we would still have to have a dispatch center here in our public safety center... We're going with the flow and watching as it progresses."

Joining the regional center requires a 10-year commitment, said Pattullo.

Right now, Andover has a staff of 10 dispatchers and one dispatch supervisor, two of which are always on duty, said Pattullo. They handle all the police, fire and medical emergency calls, as well as non-emergency calls that come through on the business line.

"Some of them are lifelong employees of the town, and have worked here 25-plus years. We'd have to figure out who would stay, and who would go," said Pattullo. "There are a lot of questions that have to be answered ... We can't

just sever union contracts, and we'd also have their retirement benefits to figure out, and whether they'd be paid for by Andover or the sheriff's department."

Even if Andover joined the regional facility and sent its dispatch personnel to Middleton, someone would still need to answer the non-emergency business calls, said Pattullo.

At the center, proposed to be built in 2010, 14 dispatch positions would serve an estimated population of 200,000. This spring, the state Executive Office of Public Safety awarded \$4.9 million toward the cost of building and equipping the regional center, and committed to covering the rest of the nearly \$7 million project.

North Andover officials have expressed interest in joining the

dispatch facility, but no article asking for voter support for the measure made it to the North Andover Town Meeting warrant this month.

Pattullo and Mansfield agreed that a benefit to keeping Andover's dispatchers in town is that they know Andover, it's layout, emergency personnel and residents very well. Also, it remains to be seen if the center would save the town any money.

Benefits of joining the center could be increased efficiency, and knowing what's going on throughout the entire county, said Mansfield.

"With regionalization, there's no duplication of services, and effectiveness comes right behind that," said Mansfield. "There would be one dispatch center

knowing what resources are available at any time during day or night."

"If it proves to be more effective and more efficient, and the pros outweigh the cons, then I'm certainly for it. We're always looking for ways to increase efficiency and effectiveness, and I'm looking to keep our options open," said Mansfield. "There are other parts of the country that have been doing this for years and have been extremely successful. We have to weigh the pluses and minuses and see what and how Andover's going to benefit from this kind of project. From what I've seen and been told, it would be benefit to the town."

For more information about the regional call center, visit www.ecrec.com

■ POLICE LOG

Suspension for boy who shot BB gun

On Monday, May 18, an 11-year-old male student brought a BB pistol to High Plain Elementary and shot four students with it, according to police.

The four students had minor bruises but nothing that required medical treatment or a trip to the hospital, police Lt. James Hashem said. The student victims ranged in age from 9 to 11 years old.

The student had purchased the BB gun at a flea market in New Hampshire, police said, without his parents knowledge or permission.

The boy showed the gun around on the bus and at school, Hashem said.

"The BB gun was discharged at the bus stop and on the bus," wrote High Plain Principal Brenda O'Brien in a letter home to parents. "This did not result in serious injury to any of our students."

School officials called police at 9:17 a.m. to report the incident.

The boy has been suspended from school for 10 days, Hashem said.

He will receive a summons to appear in Lawrence Juvenile Court, where he will be charged with possession of a dangerous weapon on school grounds, and four counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

- Bethany Bray

ARRESTS

Wednesday, May 13 - At 11:24 a.m., Kevin C. Cotreau, 49, of 91 Webster St. Apt. 1, Haverhill, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving with a suspended license; also on warrants for larceny of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, and two warrants for driving with a suspended license.

Thursday, May 14 - At 8:31 a.m., Antonio Curet-Laureano, 18, of 15 Dorchester St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Saturday, May 16 - At 7:28 a.m., two 911 calls were received from High Plain Road; the callers both said they witnessed two males steal bicycles from a home. At 8:02 a.m., Carlos R. Santos, 18, of 159 Carleton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering daytime for a felony and larceny over \$250. At Juan Melendez, 17, of 15 Garfield St. Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering daytime for a felony,

larceny over \$250, giving a false name during booking and misleading a police officer.

At 9:42 p.m., nine officers responded to the LaQuinta hotel, River Road for a drug arrest. At 10:14 p.m., Alan Joseph Cote, 51, of 28 Nesmith St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance. At 10:32 p.m., Thomas Michael Azar, 46, of 28 Midland Street, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of class B substance.

Sunday, May 17 - At 12:44 a.m., Kenneth E. Hoff, 50, of 100 Washington Park Drive, Apt. 1, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 2 a.m., after a traffic stop on South Main Street, police arrested a person wanted by the Belmont police. At 2:35 a.m., Albert Michael Daley, 18, of 205 Chandler St. Apt. 1, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with rape and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

On Sunday, May 17, several residents called police reporting a person attempting to sell them magazines. At 7:20 p.m., a Stonebrook Circle resident reported the person had stolen money out of her purse while she was distracted. At 8:33 p.m., Abdul L. Williams, 33, of 12637 Loomis Avenue, Calumet Park, Ill., was arrested and charged with driving without a license. At 9:20 p.m., Laora Donshelle Hairston, 21, of 918 Childress Drive, Martinsville, Va., was arrested and charged with a peddling door-to-door violation and larceny from a person.

Monday, May 18 - At 11:09 a.m., Rola A. Ayoub, 18, of 20 Mariana Road, Salem N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for trespassing.

At 3:50 p.m., Edward Fonah, 27, of 14 Mount Washington St., Apt. 8, Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving uninsured.

On Monday evening, Andover narcotics officers investigated suspicious activity, where the operator of a vehicle fled, almost striking several officers. At 7:06 p.m., Det. Michael Lane had the subject under arrest at the police station; Christopher J. Hayes, 25, of 2 North River Street, Epping, N.H., was arrested and charged with assault to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, operating to endanger and possession of a class A

substance.

THEFTS

Tuesday, May 12 - At 1:31 p.m., bank fraud was reported from Railroad Street. At 3 p.m., fraud was reported from Brickstone Square.

Wednesday, May 13 - At 7:35 a.m., a report of a missing wedding band was called in from

Andover Street. The caller said they believed a coworker may have taken it.

At 12:35 p.m., bank fraud was reported on Main Street.

Thursday, May 14 - At 3:31 p.m., a High Plain Road resident reported the theft of baseball equipment from a garage.

Friday, May 15 - At 7:29 a.m., a Beacon Street resident reported

the theft of two bicycles from their yard. At 7:57 a.m., a different Beacon Street resident called because they found a bicycle on their property that was not theirs.

At 3:17 p.m., a North Main Street business reported a shoplifter took a bottle of scotch and a bottle of whisky.

At 6:51 p.m., CVS, Main Street,

reported a teenage male subject was caught shoplifting.

At 9:31 p.m. a North Main Street caller reported her purse was stolen at Market Basket earlier today.

Monday, May 18 - At 9:46 a.m., a Larchmont Circle resident reported a bicycle stolen from the yard.

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Voters asked to study replacement of horse-and-buggy era fire station

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Built a century ago, the Ballardvale Fire Station was originally constructed to house horse-drawn fire fighting equipment. Today, the town has to special order a fire engine small enough to fit in the building at the intersection of Andover Street and Clark Road.

Town Meeting voters will decide whether to fund the engineering and design of a replacement for the Ballardvale fire station, a need that has existed since 1983, said Dan Casper, member of the Ballardvale fire station replacement committee.

"It's a 113 year-old station, made for horses, and it protects hundreds of millions of dollars of real

estate and thousands of people," said Casper, who lives on Andover Street.

Warrant article 34, originally written as asking for \$200,000, will be decreased to \$100,000, said Casper.

"There is a possibility for outside funding, from the state or stimulus money, as early as this summer. We will probably never be able to get this work or get the building done any cheaper," said Casper to selectmen at their May 18 meeting.

Selectmen ultimately voted unanimously to recommend approval of article 34. Selectman Mary Lyman requested the study look at multiple options to replacing the station, including moving its location.

The Ballardvale station can hold only one special size fire truck, said

Fire Chief Mike Mansfield. Ambulances attending to medical calls in that part of town have to drive from one of Andover's other two fire stations on North Main Street or Greenwood Road.

"We cannot adequately cover that area of town because of the response time and the (Ballardvale) facility," said Mansfield.

Richard Howe, Finance Committee member, questioned whether the town needs three fire stations. Because of the economy, town budgets will be tight for the next few years, just as a Ballardvale station building project need money for construction.

"There is no question that it is needed," said Howe to selectmen on Monday. "But serious (budget)

cuts need to be considered as well. Consider the possibility of response time with two well-located fire stations instead of three."

Selectman Brian Major suggested the possibility of a regional fire station at the proposed development in Lowell Junction. Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington have been working with the state and federal governments to plan a new highway exit off Interstate 93 and to develop hundreds of acres of land.

Casper said the Ballardvale fire station is an immediate problem, and the Lowell Junction project is years from being built.

Mansfield and Casper both agreed a shared facility in Lowell Junction would not serve as a proper replacement for the Ballardvale station.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Lt. Scott Gibson has to duck to get around the basement of the Ballardvale Fire Station. The building was initially built to house horses and horse-pulled fire wagons.

\$1.5M spread for building repairs and upgrades

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A combined \$1.5 million is needed for town and school building projects that just can't wait, says Joe Piantedosi, director of plant and facilities.

Warrant article 55 asks for \$650,000 in fixes to town buildings, including Memorial Hall Library, and article 56 asks for \$850,000 for repairs to schools, including West and Doherty middle schools and Andover High.

Only urgent of repairs made the lists, said Piantedosi. At West Middle School, one of two aging boilers has failed and at the library, bits of slate are falling from the 100-year-old roof, he said.

"The good news is that getting them done now will result in much better bid prices than we'll see in

the future. Market conditions are very favorable (for low-cost repair work). Our roof projects have been coming in very low, compared to previous years," said Piantedosi. "Also, these are all bonded articles, and will be paid for (by taxpayers) over a 10-year period."

Both articles need a two-thirds majority vote. Selectmen and the Finance Committee have recommended approval of Piantedosi's two articles; the School Committee also voted in favor of the school building article.

Article 55: \$650,000 for town buildings

\$500,000 will go to replace the slate roof section of Memorial Hall Library.

\$50,000 to fix the roofs of several smaller town buildings,

including facilities at Poms Pond, Recreation Park and Lower Shawsheen.

\$100,000 to replace aging single-pane windows on the first floor of the library, facing Essex Street.

"They're old and drafty, and leak," said Piantedosi. Replacing the windows would save the town money on energy costs.

Article 56: \$850,000 for schools

\$490,000 will continue replacing the roof at Doherty Middle School, which would save the town money in energy costs, said Piantedosi.

"It's in pretty rough shape," he said. "We've already gone out to bid on (the project), and we can award the bid upon Town Meeting approval."

\$160,000 to replace boilers at West Middle School with a natural gas burning system.

"Both boilers at West Middle School are very old, and have both failed in the past. We've spent money to rebuild them, but the second one has failed again and is leaking. They're at the point where their reliability is questionable," said Piantedosi. "New boilers would allow the school to transition to natural gas, and allow for energy savings."

\$100,000 to add another line to the drainage system at Andover High School.

"Drainage at the high school is a serious problem. During severe rains, the field house floods because the roof drainage system cannot handle it. During heavy

rainstorms, the system backs up and floods."

"If we don't do it, it could ultimately flood the field house," he said. "To replace that floor would be \$450,000."

\$100,000 for school energy conservation projects. Several ideas for school energy savings were identified in a recent townwide audit of the school buildings, including energy efficient lighting and HVAC controls. Between 30 and 70 percent of these projects could be paid for by a grant program of National Grid and the State Division of Energy Resources, said Piantedosi.

One lighting project already completed through this grant program is saving the schools \$90,000 per year on energy costs, said Piantedosi.

Voters to decide on Punchard trustees

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When Andover's Benjamin Punchard died in April, 1850, he left a will and specific plans for managing \$50,000 that he wanted to be used to create Andover's first free school.

Punchard requested that the Board of Trustees of the Punchard Free School manage the money. There would be eight of them representing three churches in town.

Times have change and 159 years later, today's group of Punchard trustees is looking to change Punchard's will just a bit. Article 12 asks to cut the number of trustees from eight to five and to allow any town resident from any religious affiliation to sit on the committee.

"But it's still a legal change in his will and we have to do this," explained Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

If approved, the next step would take place at the Statehouse as special legislation is required to enact the changes, Hanson said.

The Board of Selectmen recommends people support Article 12.

MUSIC: School budget includes cuts in elementary-level program

Continued from Page 1

grades, say music specialists Diane Waddell and Julie Diehl, and eliminates the feeder system that leads students into middle and high school band and orchestra.

"(Instrumental music) is the one and only regular experience in elementary school where kids work across grades," said Diehl.

"Those 1.3 full-time positions meet the needs of those 750 kids," said Waddell. "We're really proud of the program we've been able to create."

Diehl and Waddell both have professional status, teaching in the district for more than three years, so they will not be laid off. But the music cuts will affect the classes they teach.

Facing a grim economic picture, the school budget includes staff layoffs, fee increases and reductions to the elementary music, health and technology programs.

Waddell and Diehl said they appreciate the lengths the superintendent, school principals and School Committee went through this spring to minimize cuts, and understand that music is not the

only program affected.

"The light on the horizon is that the principals have come up with a plan for possible stimulus money, and they've said that their first priority is to reinstate music," said Diehl. "They understand the value of it, and the number of kids involved."

School Committee member Annie Gilbert confirmed music is at the top of the list of things to be reinstated.

"Music is the No. 1 thing the elementary principals have put in line to be brought back," said Gilbert. "I am hopeful that it will be brought back, if it works out for stimulus

money."

Diehl said there was no mention of the budget cuts at the May 13 concert because "we wanted it to be about the kids and the music."

Elementary music teaches so much more than the notes on the page, agreed Waddell and Diehl.

"I love seeing kids, who may not be terribly successful academically, but in instrumental music, they can shine and be on par with other students," said Waddell, who teaches general music in three Andover elementary schools. "It's a wonderful place where they can be something bigger than themselves. We like to say 'in music, you

never sit on the bench.' Everyone gets to play."

Andover does have a townwide after school band and orchestra open to elementary students, which will continue next year.

But once instrumental music is cut from the school day, Diehl said she anticipates a drop in participation, because students must pay a fee to play in the after-school ensembles, plus arrange transportation.

Next year, all elementary students will continue to have general music classes once a week for 45 minutes.

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With approval, water bills would pay for new roof

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It's one of the most costly items on this year's Town Meeting warrant. But the good news for taxpayers is that paying \$750,000 for a new roof at the Water Treatment Plant on Lowell Street will not come out of homeowner taxes. Rather, the money will come from a water department revenue account set up through the Department of Public Works. And the money is there from previous payments by those on town water.

"So, I feel good that this will pass," said DPW Director Jack Petkus. "It's not (being paid with) taxes. It's water revenue ... and we really need a new roof here." Petkus said the roof is the

original roof on the building and is about 30 years old.

Plastic covers much of the building's office space to deal with all the water dripping, according to Petkus. The leaks are damaging walls, ceiling and carpet, and have prompted workers to cover motor controls and a 6,000-volt switch with plastic so the equipment doesn't get damaged, Petkus said.

Residents will not see their water bills go up this fiscal year, he said. Last year's increase to \$2.65-per-100 cubic feet was the first in 15 years, he said, and the rate will stay in place through 2010. Selectmen and the Board of Finance are recommending that voters approve the new roof, which is Article 65.



STAFF FILE PHOTO
The Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant on Lowell Street, Route 133, needs roof repairs, according to current DPW Director Jack Petkus.

PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS \$750,000 FOR WATER WORKS

ARTICLE 29

The neighborhood of Burton Farm Road, Westwind Road and Tanglewood Way located off Elm Street comes to mind when Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus thinks of aging water pipes in town. Work was done in that neighborhood this year to fix the water pipes.

Article 29 asks for \$500,000 to pay for routine maintenance of additional aging water pipes. Petkus said with water pipes dating as far back as the late 1800s and early 1900s are located in the town's older neighborhoods. The pipes must be serviced to make sure clean water gets into homes. "They need cleaning and lining to maintain water quality," he said.

Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend voters approve Article 29.

ARTICLE 30

The town of Andover uses 2.5 billion pounds of water each year and Article 30 would help it pump and store water properly, said Petkus. This article focuses on the town's water storage tanks and pumps located at Fish Brook Station. Petkus said DPW is looking for \$250,000 to maintain the storage tanks and keep them clean. Plus, money approved could be used to replace any broken pump parts. Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend approval.

- Judy Wakefield

BUDGET: Leaders consider how to use rainy-day fund

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outside of the school district.

After learning of the additional funding, both selectmen and the Finance Committee voted to recommend reducing the amount of Free Cash used to cover the special education deficit from \$787,000 to \$334,000, reflecting the \$453,000 in additional state aid.

"We've promised and we've said all along that we would support funding to cover the net out-of-district SPED deficit," said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

Marden said Andover officials must now decide whether they will recommend funding next year's school budget with Free Cash at Town Meeting.

One option is to fund the school budget at \$60.4 million using \$453,000 in Free Cash. Other proposals include funding the budget at \$59.9 million without dipping into Free Cash.

As another alternative, Marden said Town Meeting could approve a \$60.4 million School Department budget but choose not to appropriate any Free Cash to fund it. The fulfillment of the school budget appropriation would then depend on variables like state aid and federal stimulus money, or require changes at a Special Town Meeting.

All together, the budget recommended by the Finance Committee is \$138,691,849.

Non-school departments

Stapczynski is working to close an \$874,000 shortfall for town departments next year by eliminating the equivalent of 8.5 positions, six of them vacant, and by reducing overtime expenses, clerical workers' hours, and through a 1-percent rollback in town employee salaries.

Of the seven municipal-side employee unions, only the 154-member Andover Independent Employees Association and eight department heads have

agreed to the salary rollback, along with Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

The other unions are under contract to receive 3.5 percent cost-of-living raises next year.

Stapczynski plans to eliminate the following positions: two full-time equipment operators, a full-time carpenter, a full-time reference librarian and part-time circulation assistant at Memorial Hall Library, a part-time employee for a town after-school program, and the equivalent of 2.5 clerical workers.

Other anticipated changes to town services next year include reduced street sweeping, street lighting, lawn care at town-owned properties and custodial services. Memorial Hall Library will also close early on Thursdays.

"Every department is going to have some level of service reduction," said Stapczynski.

School department

Silberstein said the equivalent of 40 full-time positions will be eliminated under Bach's \$60.4 million budget proposal. Such cuts will impact 55 employees, she said.

Among the changes to school staff and services are, at Andover High School: higher class sizes, fewer electives, more study halls, the elimination of one applied

technology/business teaching position, a reduction in physical education classes, and a small reduction in guidance services.

At the three middle schools: core academic teaching positions will be preserved, but positions will be eliminated affecting three media specialists, one reading teacher, one foreign language teacher, one special education teacher, one guidance counselor, three guidance secretaries and one drama teacher.

At the six elementary schools: class size will be maintained, but there will be cuts to the instrumental music program, and the equivalent of 11 instructional assistant positions will be eliminated. With the elimination of 4.6 health, 1.3 instrumental music and 4.8 technology positions, an integrated wellness program to be incorporated into physical education and science curriculums. Bach previously proposed the elimination of elementary health education.

Other School Department reductions include: the elimination of administrative positions and 11 custodians, which will result in an "every other day cleaning" schedule.

Bach has also proposed a number of fee increases. Under her recommended

budget, the cost of playing high-school sports next year will increase \$100 to \$350 per student with a \$700 family cap; the cost of a student parking spot at the high school will increase \$100 to \$200; and the cost of participating in middle school extracurricular activities will increase \$25 to \$100. The fee for riding the school bus will remain at \$300 per student with a \$600 family cap.

Pre-school tuition will increase 15 percent to \$3,622, and tuition for all-day kindergarten will increase 5 percent to \$4,400 next year.

The Finance Committee and School Committee each have meetings scheduled Wednesday night, May 20.

Although selectmen do not have another meeting scheduled before Town Meeting, Selectman Jerry Stable was confident a budget compromise can be reached.

"I have a high degree of certainty that before going into Town Meeting next week, the three boards or committees will be in agreement on one of the options," said Stable.

"There's still some dialogue we can have," said Teichert. "We have until, what, Tuesday at 7 o'clock, so it's hard to say."

Negotiations continue on mystery land ConsCom hopes to add open space

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

An effort to add more conservation land in town is coming down to wire.

With Town Meeting just five days away, negotiations are still underway regarding the purchase of open space. The Conservation Commission wants \$800,000 to buy two parcels of land for conservation use near Foster's Pond in the southern part of Andover.

The exact location of the land has not been released as the commission is still negotiating with the land's owner on the price for the land. If a deal is worked out before Town Meeting, the article will be presented and the land named, according to the commission. If not, the article will be withdrawn.

"The negotiations are continuing," said commission member Howard Kassler. "That's all I can say."

Conservation Director Bob Douglas said, he is also waiting to hear more.

"It's always a good idea to get conservation land that will be used for recreation," he said.

In these tough fiscal times, the Conservation Commission has said being specific with the exact address of conservation land will help their chances of Town Meeting approval. They have been negotiating for months in hopes of acquiring these two land parcels.

Selectmen and the Finance Committee will make their recommendation on Article 62 at Town Meeting.

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Pokress's Taxpayers Bill of Rights will be heard

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Articles 40 through 44

Cherrywood Circle resident Bob Pokress has written five private warrant articles, aiming to improve communication and change town practices he believes just don't make sense and cost taxpayers money.

"They are intended to provide for more transparency in town financial matters," said Pokress, CEO of a technology company. "Also several of my private articles are intended to give citizens in town much more of a say in the approval of the big-ticket contracts that represent close to 80 percent of each year's operating budget."

After meeting with the Finance Committee and selectmen this spring, Pokress says he plans to modify the wording of his articles on the floor of Town Meeting, making them easier to execute.

Article 40 would change town bylaws to require that every resident be notified of the exact dollar amount their property taxes would increase or decrease for each article on the Town Meeting warrant. Notice would have to be provided at least 10 days before the Annual Town Meeting and seven days before a Special Town Meeting.

Similarly, article 41 would require each resident to be given a five-year projection of town budget expenditures.

Article 42 would prohibit the town from entering multi-year employment contracts beyond what voters have approved to fund. This practice causes funding crises, says Pokress.

Articles 43 and 44 would keep town employees from rolling over unused sick days from year to year and from taking it with them when they retire. Sick time should not be accumulated and used as "surrogate vacation" time, or as a "golden parachute" when a town employee retires, paid a lump sum for all the sick time they accumulated but didn't take, he said.

If the articles are passed, no town or school department could enter into contracts that

Article 10 to be withdrawn: \$350,000 for the accumulated employee benefit account

Warrant article 10, which asks for \$350,000 for the town's accumulated employee benefit account, will be withdrawn, said Town Accountant Rodney Smith.

Instead, the Finance Committee has included a sum of \$225,000 into the FY2010 operating budget to pay for the unused leave of retiring town employees. The figure can be found under the general government line item, said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden. Town contract guarantee some employees will be paid a portion of the accumulated unused leave - such as sick days - when they retire. Resident Bob Pokress has spoken out against this practice and penned a private warrant article that would prohibit the town from guaranteeing sick day buyback in employment contracts in the future.

"Last year, there was a lot of discussion on a similar article. There were a number of people that felt if they (town employees) are going to get these benefits, it should come from a different revenue stream, and be taken from town departmental operating budgets," said Marden.

For roughly 10 years, the town has written a warrant article asking Town Meeting to transfer money from a "rainy day" savings account, toward benefit paybacks for retirees. Once transferred, the money

stays in the accumulated employee benefit account - if it wasn't used up in one year, it could be used the next.

This year, if any of the \$225,000 put into the operating budget is not used for employee payouts, it will be rolled back into the rainy day fund, said Marden. It cannot carry over year to year.

Initially, town committees had discussed phasing the accumulated employee benefit account into the operating budget slowly, over several years, said Marden. It became necessary to do it immediately this year, she said, because of the economic downturn and the selectmen's goal of having \$1.5 million left in the rainy day Free Cash after Town Meeting.

The amount needed for the accumulated employee benefit account fluctuates each year, depending on how many people retire, said Smith. It usually falls between \$300,000 and \$400,000, he said.

It also fluctuates from employee to employee, said Marden. Some retire having taken most of their sick days, and collect very little, others retire with a lot to collect.

This year's figure of \$225,000 is the "absolute minimum" needed to fund the account, said Smith.

"It's cyclical because different numbers (of employees) retire each year," said Smith.

guarantee payment of unused sick time. For those existing contracts grandfathered in before the bylaw, payment of accumulated sick time must be submitted as part of the overall operating budget voted upon at Town Meeting, and not as a separate article, according to Pokress' warrant.

Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen have recommended disapproval of all five of Pokress' articles, saying they would violate state collective bargaining laws or require giving residents information that would be impossible or complicated to calculate.

"Numerous members of those bodies indicated their support of the articles, even though some of the language made them

technically problematic," said Pokress.

Pokress said his suggestions about financial transparency have been taken to heart, because this year's Town Meeting Finance Committee Report contains details and expense breakdowns that haven't been included before.

"I am delighted that a couple of the items reflected in these (articles) have already been adopted by the Finance Committee and selectmen. They've implemented some of the things we're asking for in this year's warrant, including transparency in financial matters," said Pokress, who has lived in Andover for 24 years. "(Selectmen and Finance Committee) were definitely listening, and have taken action already."

Article 57: Going to bat for sports fields



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

From left, Drew Farris, 12, Len Farris, Andover Little League president, Chris Nichols, 12, and Adam Enxing, 12, stand at the edge of Blanchard Street land. Voters at Town Meeting will be asked to approve up to \$425,000 to design how to turn the former farm land into sports fields to replace fields lost with the recapping of the town landfill. The entire project is estimated to cost \$1.8 million.

TOWER: Article 64 would review cell laws

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Omnipoint's cell-tower request in a public meeting, it later settled out of court with the subsidiary of T-Mobile, allowing the tower to be built. Abutters such as Dunn were not informed of the change of heart by the town.

Dunn's suggested bylaw agreement, one of the last of the Town Meeting at Article 64, would require:

- the town to inform abutters of out-of-court settlements allowing towers to be built in their neighborhood;

- communication companies to do aesthetic tests using a balloon or crane, to give an idea of the visual effect of a tower; and

- companies to prove they have analyzed whether alternative sites are available or alternative technology can be used.

Dunn only found out that Andover had reversed itself and given the communication company a special permit when she ran into state Rep. Barbara L'Italien and asked her if the tower effort was officially dead. L'Italien looked into it, learned of the settlement and figured there was little anyone could do to stop the tower.

For months, Dunn and Peters thought they had no chance to stop the tower, too. They say they are not anti-cell tower - "I live on my cell phone," laughs Peters - but felt the neighborhood should have been involved. The town zoning board is a quasi-judicial board, and members declined to speak with Dunn and Peters, including when the neighborhood came to a meeting, they said. Peters' husband, a lawyer, gave his wife long odds at succeeding, and another lawyer said people had a better chance of taking

away the Patriots' Super Bowl trophies than they did of reversing the cell-tower decision.

But Peters and Dunn researched, studied meeting minutes, learned about federal laws and raised a total of about \$7,000 from 40 or 50 neighbors and spent about \$1,700 on a study.

"We were pretty passionate about this - that we were right and this was wrong," said Dunn. "Sometime in November I called Pam with the 'smoking gun' moment," said Peters.

T-Mobile had told the town early in the process that a Distributed Antenna System - boxes on utility poles that can provide coverage and reduce the need for towers - was "neither commercially feasible nor would deploying an outdoor DAS system resolve the coverage gap." But Dunn and Peters learned from town documents that T-Mobile was already using an outdoor DAS in the vicinity of the proposed tower.

"We found Omnipoint was not forthright in some of their representations," said Peters. "They never told our town officials this (DAS) existed, that they already had coverage in the area."

L'Italien set up a meeting with the state Inspector General Gregory Sullivan. Sullivan sits on the state's Asset Management Board, which had agreed to let Mass Highway waive its rules and lease land for towers - provided the cell companies followed local zoning and did not have neighborhood opposition. Jack McCarthy, senior assistant inspector general, said that after meeting with Peters and Dunn, Sullivan believed the tower should not have been allowed because of the clear neighborhood opposition.

Sullivan then met with the state

Division of Capital Asset Management, which was looking to lease the state land to T-Mobile. The lease to build the tower on state land next to Dunn's property was later terminated.

As for the DAS information, "I would suggest that's why they [T-Mobile] didn't fight Mass Highway's decision to rescind the contract," said Jack McCarthy, senior assistant inspector general.

The reason given in a letter from the state was that the communications company had not acquired all government approvals necessary by Dec. 29, said Kevin Flanigan, a deputy director at DCAM.

"They were so armed with knowledge when we went to see the IG. Neither of them are lawyers and they knew this information cold," said L'Italien. "It's a pretty incredible story about what they did on a personal level."

"It's not our goal to point fingers," said Dunn, "but it was definitely a series of events that happened and didn't need to happen. If it wasn't for us, and the research we did, they'd be building the tower right now."

Dunn and Peters were able to knock down the tower plans with the help of about 45 neighbors, L'Italien and the state inspector general, they said. "We got a lot of nods and a lot of 'This shouldn't have happened.' But [L'Italien and the IG] were the only two officials who stood up and looked for a way to right what was wrong," said Dunn.

"You probably don't get a lot of contracts rescinded. But they had a compelling story," said McCarthy. "Those two women really did their homework. I think everyone deserves some credit: the representative, the IG - but especially those two women."

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Message to be delivered on Old Town Hall lease

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

What can \$1 per month get you? A lease in a prime downtown location, if you're the U.S. Post Office.

Town Meeting voters will decide if they would like to continue the Post Office's lease of a first-floor retail space in Old Town Hall, which it currently pays \$1 per month for, plus several thousand dollars in utilities.

The Post Office's 10-year lease ends in June 2010, and warrant article 47 grants selectmen and Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski the power to renegotiate the lease for up to a 10-year period.

In addition to its main location on Stevens Street, and small offices near the Ballardvale train stop and north of Shawsheen Square, the U.S. Post Office operates a full-service location on the first floor of Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, in the heart of downtown, at 20 Main St.



Christy Bensley of Andover sends a birthday present package to her sister, with help from Michele Kelley a sales and service associate in the Old Town Hall Post Office.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

At a meeting earlier this month, several selectmen expressed interest in shortening the lease to less than 10 years in the next round of negotiations.

What's on the agenda at Town Meeting

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Article 22 - \$100,000 for Andover High School athletics

Andover Athletic Director Chris Bergeron and Lincoln Circle East resident David Geaslen have authored a Town Meeting warrant article asking for \$100,000 from the town's stabilization fund, an emergency or "rainy day" account, to help Andover High School athletics.

As Geaslen and Bergeron wrote the article, Superintendent Claudia Bach had proposed doubling sports participation fees as a way to help close the school's budget deficit. After months of budget revisions and discussions by the superintendent and principals, the School Committee eventually approved an \$100 increase per athlete.

Bergeron said he will be talking with Geaslen and parents this week to decide whether they will go through with article 22 at Town Meeting.

"A decision hasn't been made yet," said Bergeron. "Our original intent was to offset the increase in user fees, and minimize impact for our parents. We've been able to do that with some other means, but I'm not sure if (the warrant article) is coming off the table. At this point, our intention is to go forward, but we're still deciding."

Bergeron says athletic fees have not changed in about five years, and students currently pay \$250, no matter how many sports they play, with a cap of \$500 per family. Next year, the proposed budget will have students pay \$350 each, with a cap of \$700 per family.

At the May 5 School Committee meeting, Bergeron presented several ideas to help keep the user fee from doubling, which the committee still has to vote to approve. Increasing game ticket prices by \$1 next year would create \$13,000 in new revenue, said Bergeron. Also, Bergeron found \$45,000 in transportation savings and proposed increasing rental fees for outside groups that rent fields and athletic facilities from the

high school. Geaslen, the article's co-author, was involved with the Andover Turf Committee, a group of private citizens that raised \$675,000 for artificial turf fields in 2007.

Article 21 - \$2 million for schools supporter says he'll withdraw article

Clark Road resident Bill Pennington has authored a Town Meeting warrant article asking for \$2 million from the town's stabilization fund, an emergency or "rainy day" account, to put towards the schools operating budget.

This week, Pennington said he has decided to withdraw his warrant article.

The outlook for local and state revenues is not promising, said Pennington. Most of all, the Andover Education Association, the town's largest union of school employees, has refused the School Committee's request to reopen its contract or consider taking less of a raise next year.

"I have watched with dismay the behavior of the president of the teachers union and his leadership group," wrote Pennington in a letter to the editor. "They have refused to meet with the School Committee to discuss ways to avoid teacher layoffs, suggesting instead that reducing our reserves to dangerously low levels is the answer to these economic challenges. People throughout the nation and this commonwealth have responded to President Obama's plea to accept some small sacrifice to save their colleagues jobs."

"It is clear to me that a wage freeze across the board is the only way to address the problem, and I know that many teachers are willing to do so, but the union leadership has refused to bring the question to a vote."

Last year, Pennington proposed a similar warrant to transfer \$1.25 million from the stabilization fund to the school budget. The warrant was eventually withdrawn and not voted on at 2008 Town Meeting.

Lawyer wants town to sell land on Essex Street

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever driven into Dundee Park off Essex Street, you've crossed over town-owned property - and probably didn't even know it.

The town of Andover owns a 0.18 acre patch of land at 58 Essex St., and Dundee Park has an easement that allows for their entrance to run over the parcel.

The small parcel of land on Essex Street is the subject of warrant article 31. Town Meeting voters will decide whether the parcel has municipal use and give Selectmen the power to sell the 0.18 acres.

Right now, the town makes no revenue from the parcel, which has an assessed value of \$120,000.

Attorney Mark Johnson has drafted warrant article 31, and feels the sale of the parcel would benefit the town.

"The sale will not change the easement that benefits Dundee Park," said Johnson. "At this

point (the parcel) does not serve a public purpose. There is an opportunity to build a nicer building adjacent to it, which will generate additional tax revenue, as well as bring in the sale price, which we certainly expect would be at least \$120,000."

Selectmen voted 3-2 to recommend approval of article 31 at their May 18 meeting, with members Mary Lyman and Alex Vispoli voting against the measure. Lyman expressed reservations about how the board could be sure the parcel had no municipal use.

If article 31 passes at Town Meeting, the parcel is sure to be sold, said Lyman.

A client of Johnson's, Miami Stuart Realty LLC, owns the abutting property to the 0.18 acre parcel. A vacant residential home sits on the abutting property, but it is zoned for commercial use.

If approved at Town Meeting, selectmen would control the terms and conditions of the sale of the parcel, which would go to the highest bidder.

If Johnson's client, Miami

Stuart Realty, LLC, were the highest bidder and were able to purchase the property, they hope to tear down the vacant house next door and build a mixed use building, with retail space and apartments, he said.

"If Town Meeting authorizes the sale, and the abutter ends up purchasing it, that would allow for larger development there, and that whole area becomes improved," said Johnson.

Miami Stuart Realty's plans, which may include a three-story building with six one-bedroom apartments, said Johnson, have yet to be reviewed or approved by the Planning Board.

A sale of the parcel would also mean the new building on the abutting land could build a driveway onto the Dundee Park entrance, and would alleviate traffic coming and going from the building onto Essex Street, said Johnson.

Hooks Johnston, chairman of the Town Yard Task Force, expressed support of the sale of the parcel in a letter sent to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski,

selectmen and the Planning Board.

Selling the property, wrote Johnson, would help stimulate "new targeted economic growth, increase Andover's tax base, create new job opportunities, provide much needed services to the Essex Street corridor, receipt of financial payment for underutilized parcel of town owned land, while facilitating new development opportunities within the mixed use district."

ARTICLE 32 - Essex Street easement

Warrant article 32 asks to grant an easement for parking and utility access for the same 0.18 acre parcel of land in article 31.

Article 32 would grant selectmen the power to grant parking and utility rights to abutters to the parcel.

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Obituaries

Lauren E. Ciampa, 21

ANDOVER — Lauren E. Ciampa, 21, of Andover, passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Children's Hospital in Boston surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. She was determined, courageous and an inspiration to all.

Lauren loved her family and friends. She played field hockey, softball and enjoyed skiing. She was an avid fan of the Red Sox. Lauren was a graduate of Andover High School, class of 2006. She attended the School of Business at Villanova University, Pa.

Lauren, the beloved daughter of Francis A. and Sheila F. Ciampa of Andover was also survived by her two sisters, Adrienne M. Ciampa of Methuen and Carolyn A. Ciampa of Andover. Grandparents are Robert and Mary Ciampa of Ar-

lington and the late Thomas and Jacqueline Kiley of Belmont. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. The family would also like to thank the staffs of the Jimmy Fund Clinic, the Children's Hospital of Boston and Philadelphia.

ARRANGMENTS: Family and friends called on Sunday, May 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 18, at St. Augustine's Church, Andover.

Memorial donations may be made in Lauren's memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Jimmy Fund Clinic or Sarcoma Research, 10 Brookline Place West, Floor 6 Brookline, MA 02445-9924. For directions and condolences, please visit our online website at www.cataudellafh.com.



Hugh J. Davey, 63

SAN DIEGO — Hugh J. "Buddy" Davey, 63, of San Diego, died Wednesday, May 6, 2009 after collapsing at work in San Diego.

He was born in Lawrence, grew up in Andover, and attended St. Augustine's Grammar School and graduated from Lawrence High School. He was a resident of San Diego for the past 25 years, formerly of Lawrence.

Buddy worked in Shipping and Receiving for Home Depot in San Diego, where he worked for 22 years. He was a US Air Force veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. He later joined the US Navy. He was a former member of St. Augustine's Church in Andover. He loved cribbage, 45's, poker and crossword puzzles. He was also

very proud to be an organ donor. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was the beloved son of the late Hugh H. & Margaret T. (McCarthy) Davey. He is survived by two sisters Margaret Tedder of Salem, N.H., Theresa Dow of Derry, N.H., brother-in-law and best friend: Jack Tedder of Salem, N.H., five nieces and nephews Tracey Wilder, Wendy McCormack, Nolan Dow, Brian Dow, and Jason Dow, and many loving cousins and friends.

ARRANGMENTS: A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Burial followed in St. Augustine's Cemetery, Andover. Calling hours will be held Monday, May 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

Florence Beulah Dennison, 94

NORTH ANDOVER — Florence Beulah Dennison, 94, of North Andover died on Monday, May 11, 2009 at The Berkeley Nursing Center, Lawrence.

Florence was born in Digby, Nova Scotia on Dec. 5, 1914 and arrived in Andover, July of 1923. She was educated in Andover Public Schools and was a 1933 graduate of Pynchard High School.

Before retirement, she worked as a telephone operator for New England Telephone in Andover and Lowell.

Florence was a member of Fellowship Bible Church, Methuen where she was a member of the church choir and taught Sunday school. She also served as church

secretary for 20 years.

Her family members include her sisters, Ruth Cvetan of California and Marion Moore of Wisconsin and her brother, Kenneth Dennison of Maine. She also leaves her nieces, Cynthia Cromer, Joyce Marble and Susan Cameron and was predeceased by her parents, Harry and Florence Dennison and her brother, Richard Dennison.

ARRANGMENTS: Calling hours were on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Funeral services were on Friday, May 15 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Bible Church, 1 Fellowship Way, Methuen. The burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Robert B. Cronin, Sr.

ANDOVER — Robert Brennan Cronin, Sr., beloved husband of Helen (Pasho) Cronin, died on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born in North Andover on April 17, 1925, he was the beloved son of the late Patrick and Margaret (Brennan) Cronin. Robert was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, Lawrence, and Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla. He was also an Army Air Corps veteran, entering the service on July 13, 1943 and receiving his honorable discharge on March 9, 1946. While serving in the military, he attained the rank of Private First Class and worked as an Airplane and Engine Mechanic serving on B-24 s. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the American Theater Campaign Ribbon for his service. He was also a Sharpshooter of the rifle and pistol.

Bob retired from Delta Airlines with 34 years of service as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman in Boston. He was a longtime member of the North Andover Knights

of Columbus and the St. Patrick's Mens' Guild. He was also the Commodore of the Merrimack River Boat Club and the New England Inboard Racing Association. Bob was also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association at the Lawrence Airport.

Besides his beloved wife, Helen, he will be sorely missed by one son and daughter-in-law; Robert B., Jr. and his wife Yvonne M. Cronin, son-in-law; Richard Palmer, eight grandchildren; Patrick and Brian Lemieux, Daniel Palmer, Jessika McDonald, Johnathan and Matthew Palmer, Kateri Maddern and Nathan Palmer. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Bob was also the father of the late Susan M. Palmer.

ARRANGMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, 114 South Broadway, Lawrence, Tuesday, May 19, at 11 a.m. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Monday, May 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, North Andover. For additional information, please visit www.burkemaglioizzi.com.

Eleanor M. Twickler, 89

NORTH ANDOVER — Eleanor Martha (Evans) Twickler, 89, of North Andover, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Twickler was born and raised in Akron, Ohio the daughter of the late Albert and Vera (Randall) Evans. She attended Akron University where she met and married her husband of 65 years, George Twickler, who died in 2007.

The Twicklers raised their family, two boys and one girl, in Wooster, Ohio for over a decade before moving to the Boston area (Needham) in 1962. In the early 70's, Mrs. Twickler relocated to Hartford, Conn. and managed the office for the couple's small business until their retirement in the mid 80's. After retirement the Twicklers returned to the Boston area (North Andover), halfway between families of children and grandchildren upon whom they doted for two decades.

While living in North Andover,

Eleanor was an active member of the North Parish Church, serving as an usher and contributing her own hand-made ceramics and handicrafts to the Christmas fair.

Eleanor is survived by her children, Eric G. Twickler and his wife Cecily of Worcester, Bruce A. Twickler and his wife Janet Holian of Andover and Stephanie Meegan and her husband Richard of Boxford; as well as four grandchildren, Sarah, Jennifer, Peter and Laura. She is also survived by her brother, David Evans and his wife Kay of Akron, Ohio.

ARRANGMENTS: A funeral service was on Friday 11 a.m. at the North Parish Church in North Andover. Family and friends called on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016. To leave online condolences or for directions please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.



William O. Mueller, 87

HAVERHILL — William O. Mueller, 87, of Haverhill and formerly of Andover and North Andover, died Wednesday evening, May 13, 2009 at Penacook

Place in Haverhill.

Born in Cumberland, W.V. and raised in Baltimore, he attended Johns Hopkins University and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Mueller retired as a salesman from Avnet Auto Parts which was formerly Mechanics' Choice and was also previously employed at Swift and Company.

He was a member of the VFW of North Andover, the Andover Council on Aging and the Knight of Columbus of Andover and a former member of St. Augustine's Parish of Andover and St. Michael's Parish of North Andover.

An avid golfer who achieved a hole-in-one at Garrison Golf Course in Haverhill in 1996, he also enjoyed baseball.

The husband of the late Mary

Alice (McGuigan) Mueller, who died in 1993, he is survived by his wife of six years, Jean (Murphy) (Oppel) Mueller of Haverhill, a son and daughter —in-law, William O., Jr. and Pamela Mueller of Contoocook, N.H., a daughter and son-in-law, Sarasue and Alan Dick of Haverhill, six grandchildren, Thomas A. Dick, of Haverhill Katelyn Winship and her husband Kevin of Haverhill, U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Andrew M. Dick of Haverhill, Eric P. Mueller of Boston, Kimberly S. Mueller of Penacook, N.H., and Kristin L. Mueller of Brighton, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister Alma Kreidler.

ARRANGMENTS: Relatives and friends called on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Berube-Comeau Funeral Home, 47 Broadway, Haverhill. A funeral Mass of Christian burial was offered on Sunday at 1 p.m. in All Saints Church, Blaisdell St., Haverhill. Burial will take place at a later date in the U.S. National Cemetery in Bourne. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, Merrimack St., Lawrence.

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FOR WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2009

Each year we honor our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day. The World War II Memorial was dedicated five years ago in Washington, DC. It is on the National Mall. Its stone, water, bronze and words are framed by the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument. The WW II Memorial honors 16 million uniformed American men and women. It pays tribute to the 405,399 who gave their lives to protect our nation. There are 24 bronze sculptures called bas-reliefs. Each tells about one part of the war. The sculptures fill two huge walls. One is devoted to the war in the Pacific theater. The other describes the war in Europe. The sculptures describe major battles. They show the planes, tanks and ships. They explain how Americans bought bonds to pay for the war. One explains the big changes the war caused for American women. Over 6 million women took factory jobs once filled by men. The phrase "Rosie the Riveter" was created to describe them. Another shows what new military jobs women could fill. One sculpture shows how fighting overseas created a huge need for food. American farms that had been hurt by the Great Depression became the world's breadbasket. Only one battle hit America directly. Japan attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941. (Hawaii was not yet a state). Yet the war changed the lives of every American. America's actions during and after the War saved the world. For 50 years there was no national monument to those achievements. When the World War II Memorial was dedicated, the young-

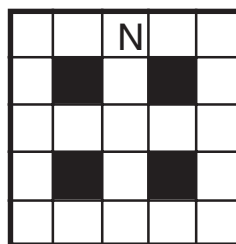


est soldiers who had served were in their 60s. Many were much older. Today only 2.3 million of those veterans are still alive. One thousand die each day. That means almost all will be gone within the next 10 years. Many of the living veterans are too frail or cannot afford to visit the Memorial alone. That's why Honor Flight Network was created in May 2005. It flies WW II veterans to the Memorial for free. Earl Morse created the group. Morse is a retired Air Force Captain. He worked as a physician's assistant at an Illinois Veteran's clinic. When the Memorial was dedicated his WW II patients wanted to visit it. The group flew 137 veterans to the memorial in 2005. Last year, it took 11,137. This year it plans to fly 25,000. Sometimes young people accompany the veterans. They provide physical help and hear first hand about one of the world's most historic events. For Memorial Day you could see if you can help a veteran. You could visit www.honorflight.org. Or you could ask an adult if there is a nearby veteran's retirement home or hospital where you could volunteer. And be sure to see the World War II Memorial if you visit Washington.

Cross Five

Use logic to place the six given words in the grid to complete the crossword.

ALIVE - ELECT
RAISE - SCENT
SERVE - STARS



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Opinion

Your pocketbook, your services are on the line

At Town Meeting, Andover residents have an unusual amount of power.

Town Meeting starts next Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center Field House on the left side of Andover High, 80 Shawsheen Road and will continue May 27, and then May 28 at its auditorium, if necessary. All registered voters can take part.

Those who do vote determine which services are pared or eliminated and which are left relatively untouched. They will hear Bob Pokress' self-described "Andover Taxpayer Bill of Rights," which will provide a platform, at a minimum, for residents to voice what they think of the contracts town, school and union leaders have negotiated, and whether residents feel they receive enough information. They will determine whether Andover will push ahead with important efforts such as moving the town yard, and replacing Bancroft and/or Shawsheen School, the Ballardvale Fire Station and the field space lost by the pending recapping of the landfill - or whether the times dictate different approaches. They will decide quality-of-life issues, such as bylaws regarding cell-phone towers and business signs.

Residents would be wise to avoid tapping heavily into one-time reserves that may be needed later in the year, and there was sound thinking this week displayed by resident Bill Pennington who says he plans to withdraw his article to move \$2 million from reserves into the school budget. Using reserves for operating budget items puts the town in a deeper hole the following year.

Residents may want to keep an eye on the final article of Town Meeting - just in case. Residents will have the choice of whether to increase the tax that must be paid to stay in an Andover hotel or eat in a restaurant. While town officials expect to withdraw the article, the state Senate Tuesday night did approve a municipal aid package that allows towns to choose to raise taxes on meals and hotel rooms. If this movement is somehow swept into law in the next week, residents on each side of the issue - those who enjoy eating out and worry about the effect on local eateries, and those who believe Andover is in desperate need of whatever revenue it can get - will have more reason than usual to stick around to the end of Town Meeting.

AHS seniors: Have fun, but be careful

We hope Andover High seniors enjoyed their prom last week. Its arrival usually marks the arrival of several things: widespread senior slide, and the fun of senior week among them. The next few weeks are the stuff that memories are made of, culminating in graduation ceremonies for which you have worked so hard.

We at the Townsman feel as though we know many of you. We've seen you experience new wonders in the classroom, play sports, and perform in plays and concerts.

We are proud of your accomplishments and are honored to have had the opportunity to chronicle your successes.

We will be here to write about your endeavors at college, or in the military or in your chosen professions; your engagements and weddings, perhaps the births of your children.

Please be careful during these next few weeks of celebrations. We want everything we write about you to be good news.

WEB QUESTION

Are you worried about swine flu?

Last week's question: trash talk

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and the department of public works have suggested several changes to Andover's trash policy, including reducing the maximum amount you're allowed to put to the curb and making recycling mandatory. A public forum was held about the proposed changes on May 20, and selectmen will vote on the changes sometime in June. With 33 responses, you said:

"Recycling is a good thing, but should be an individual choice and not a rule" with 45.45 percent of votes

"I'm all in favor of the changes because it will increase recycling and decrease trash," 24.24 percent

"Three trash barrels and a recycling bin is a reasonable goal," 12.12 percent

"I feel like Andover does a great job at recycling already," 9.09 percent

The options "This is just another reincarnation of the SMART program," "I'm in favor of the changes because they will save the town money" and "Other" all received 3.03 percent.

Swine flu: menace, hype or both?
This week, Andover's

department of public health has confirmed two cases of the H1N1 "swine" flu in town, one at Andover High School and one at High Plain Elementary. Are you worried about catching the swine flu?

■ Yes. Things will get worse before they get better.

■ Yes. I have children in the public schools and am worried about transmission.

■ No. I have children in the public schools and feel they are handling the situation well.

■ No. There's too much hype. This is no more severe than the regular flu.

■ No. Common sense measures, like washing your hands, are defense enough.

■ The flu outbreak has certainly made me think twice about touching doorknobs, store counters and other public surfaces.

■ There is more than enough information about flu prevention on the internet and in the news that I feel accurately prepared.

■ Other.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or more lengthier answers, e-mail nfater@andovertownsmen.com.

By Bob Pokress

How can you tell if a culture of entitlement has infected town and school department operations? When department leaders automatically incorporate tax increases in their budget every year up to the max allowed under Prop 2 1/2 as the starting point, even when town residents are living under the crushing weight of the worst economic meltdown since the Great Depression; and when both union members and officials refer to town employees getting smaller pay raises as "cuts in pay." Andover passes both tests with flying colors.

So our annual Town Meeting next week represents a watershed moment: we voters can continue to sit back and allow town leaders to feed this entitlement monster with ever fatter contracts, or we can put our foot down and say the days of rubber stamping these budget-busting contracts are over.

The proposed budget shows that despite residents' lost jobs, real pay cuts, wiped out life

savings and significant drops in home values, out-of-touch department managers are looking to dig further into our pockets to fund employee pay raises above what they already would get from their automatic annual step increases (and the many other ways they have to boost their pay and taxpayer-funded pensions). They conveniently ignore that annual tax increases are pay cuts to us.

The most recent contract with the teachers union is a perfect example of this entitlement monster in action. Numerous people, including selectmen and Finance Committee members, publicly urged the School Committee to keep a lid on pay scales since we were already nine months into the current Great Recession and town revenues were forecast to be grossly insufficient. The School Committee ignored the warnings and signed off on a new round of pay raises for the largest number of town employees. As a result of turning a deaf ear to the financial storm warnings and to keep its budget from spiraling further out of control, the School

Department now has to lay off our youngest teachers to insure it has enough money to put those even bigger pay raises into the pockets of teachers with seniority (who, not surprisingly, control the teachers union), irrespective of their job performance.

Had we voters been provided the right to review the budget and tax consequences of this contract and vote on it before it could take effect, this self-inflicted financial crisis could have been averted. Because of the conflicts of interest of two members on the School Committee at the time this contract was approved, only three people out of the entire population of Andover voted to approve a contract committing a roughly \$150 million compensation and benefits package for senior teachers at the expense of Andover now having to lay off the newly hired teachers we rely upon to bring fresh ideas, fresh thinking and exuberance for learning.

To strengthen our oversight on taxes, there are two things we can do: amend town bylaws to require town officials to provide greater transparency into their

near and long-term financial and budget planning; and most importantly, amend town bylaws to give us the right to review and vote on contracts with the unions so we are not presented with guns-to-our-temples, out-of-control contracts. The five warrant articles under my name at this year's Town Meeting may not be perfect, but they are intended to start giving us more control of big ticket items by providing us with up or down authority over major contracts (equivalent to the right union members have to vote on contracts before they get signed by union leaders). We can also begin eliminating excesses that exist in contracts, such as an egregious sick leave provision that enables town employees to get paid a bonus just for coming to work.

It's time to kill this entitlement monster before it consumes us.

■■■
Bob Pokress is a resident of Andover and has submitted five Town Meeting articles regarding transparency on budget and tax matters and curbing contract excesses.

Andover employees face 'double tax' if they forego raises

Editor, Townsman:

The current economic crisis provides a generous platform for political opportunism in municipal governments. From Michael Bloomberg in New York City to Thomas Menino in Boston to our School Committee in Andover, elected officials are pulling no punches in pressuring municipal employees to renegotiate hard won contracts. All teachers in their probationary period of employment have been pink-slipped, despite the fact that the direst predictions of the School Committee indicate only a fraction of those positions may be cut. Politicians also continue to mislead the taxpaying citizens by creating a false adversarial position between town and school finances. All of this political maneuvering is calculated to turn employees against each other, and to leave community members in disbelief and dissatisfaction with what they seem to be paying for.

The goal is shifting the responsibility of funding town institutions onto the employees who work to make them successful. Double taxation results, since teachers or police officers who live in Andover, and pay their appropriate taxes will also subsidize the town services and prevent the taxes of other citizens from going up. Additionally, employees who live and pay taxes in different towns will also pay - in lost wages - taxes to Andover. Even parents will be double taxed if fees continue to go up for the cost of services that were once shared by the entire community - the community that enjoys the direct economic advantages the schools, police and fire provide. These unfair policies could be avoided if the politicians followed their charter and moved some of the \$7.7 million in town reserves to the proper budgets rather than use crisis as an opportunity to shift costs onto those who already contribute so much.

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Need to do something about Bancroft

Editor, Townsman:

At Town Meeting, Andover voters have the opportunity to weigh in on two articles concerning Bancroft Elementary School. After \$300,000 was appropriated for the Bancroft Feasibility Study last year, the Massachusetts School Building Authority changed its policy, now requiring schematic design as part of the study.

Article 60 will provide the funds necessary to complete the feasibility study for Bancroft only. Article 59 provides additional funds to look into options that will alleviate overcrowding at Shawsheen Primary School. Regardless of your feelings about including Shawsheen in this study, I urge you to support at least one of these articles. The MSBA has agreed to fund at least 41 percent of the cost of the Bancroft project. However, if the town does not agree to fund the feasibility study, our participation in the program will be canceled.

There are many reasons to support the additional spending now, even in this difficult economic climate:

■ Bancroft is expensive to operate. Andover has spent more than \$1.6 million in structural repairs since 2005, the bulk of which went to fund a stop-gap stabilization project that was expected to "work" for about five years. Building maintenance costs draw badly needed funds from an already stressed district budget. The cost per square foot averages \$7.89 for Bancroft. High Plain, Andover's newest school, averages only \$1.83 per square foot. Ongoing spending is also required to ensure student safety. This includes frequent visual inspections, monitoring of gauges that measure cracks in the support beams, and roof snow removal. During this school year alone, almost \$13,000 was spent on snow removal from the Bancroft school roof!

■ Bancroft is overcrowded.

At minimum, Bancroft is 15,000 square feet shy of state guidelines for the current student population.

■ The "open plan" design is outdated. This design fell out of favor with educators in the 1970s and many schools with this construction were rebuilt decades ago. An enormous effort has been made by the town and the Bancroft community to reduce the problems created by the open concept, but children are still subject to distractions and interruptions created by the lack of walls.

CHRISTA DINAPOLI
16 Robandy Road

League of Women voters takes its stands

Editor, Townsman:

The League of Women Voters supports the following articles at the upcoming Town Meeting:

Article 16, Town Yard Master Plan; **Article 17**, 5 Campanelli Drive; and **Article 18**, New Town Yard Site Evaluation: The conditions at the current town yard include rotting structural beams, no facilities to wash salt from town trucks, cracked buildings, and flooding that contributes to suboptimal working conditions for employees. Attempts to establish satellite facilities around town have consistently met with neighborhood opposition. The Town owns expensive equipment that is aging prematurely because of inadequate storage. Our continuing failure to address this problem has significant costs. With ongoing oversight provided by the Town Yard Task Force, it is prudent to appropriate planning funds to make relocation a reality. In addition, the opportunity to redevelop the current town yard gives Andover the potential to increase affordable housing, expand retail and office space, and encourage smart growth near transportation and other services.

Article 34, Ballardvale Fire Station Replacement: The current fire station is more than 100 years old. Its inadequacies result in increasingly unacceptable

response times for fire and rescue services for a quarter of the Town's residents. The current economic climate offers the perfect opportunity to plan for future Town projects such as this.

Because they fall within the League's positions on natural resources, recreation, education, and planning and land use, the League also supports:

■ **Article 35**, Watershed Protection Overlay District Zoning Amendment

■ **Article 57**, New Ballfields - Blanchard Street

■ **Article 59**, Feasibility Study/Schematic Design including Bancroft Elementary with Shawsheen; and

■ **Article 62**, Open Space Land Acquisition.

The articles seeking funds to maintain and improve town and school buildings address the essential need to maintain the physical assets of the town, and increase our state funding reimbursement rate for projects such as new schools. Constantly deferring maintenance is unwise and costly.

Finally, the League believes the town's Stabilization Funds should not be used for operating expenses.

We encourage citizens to attend Town Meeting, which starts on Tuesday, May 26 at the Collins Field House.

STEFANI TRAINA GOLDSHEIN, PRESIDENT
League of Women Voters of Andover/
North Andover
6 Rouleston Circle

Time to be part of solution on energy

Editor, Townsman:

Here in Andover and in the Commonwealth, we're reaching an exciting turning point. We both have taken a lead role in finding solutions to the defining issue of our day - energy. As a town:

■ We have reduced our electricity consumption and costs over the past two years, winning MassDEP's Leading By Example award (2007) and a Northeast

his leadership group. They have refused to meet with the School Committee to discuss ways to avoid teacher layoffs, suggesting instead that reducing our reserves to dangerously low levels is the answer to these economic challenges. People throughout the nation and this commonwealth have responded to President Barack Obama's plea to accept some small sacrifice to save their colleagues' jobs. Here in Andover, parents are being asked to, yet again, pay increased fees, and the school administrators have agreed to a wage freeze.

It is clear to me that a wage freeze across the board is the only way to address the problem. I know that many teachers are willing to do so, but the union leadership has refused to bring the question to a vote. It is time for them to exhibit real leadership and accept a wage freeze to save the jobs of many of their young colleagues, and maintain the quality of our schools for our students.

I have carefully considered all of these issues, and concluded that I will withdraw my warrant article at Town Meeting.

BILL PENNINGTON
Clark Road

Energy Efficiency Partnership award (2009);

■ There are green activities happening in each school, in the new Andover Green Advisory Board, in scouts, churches and temples, the League of Women Voters, Garden Clubs, Recycling Committee, and more;

■ We have an award-winning engineering program in our middle schools that allows students to evaluate alternative energy and hopes to install a photovoltaic array soon.

As a state, we have:

■ Signed the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative with 10 other states;

■ Passed legislation (the Global Warming Solutions Act) that sets in motion policies, grant programs and fees to get us all moving in the right direction;

■ Set a legislative target of 10- to 25-percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2020 and more later;

■ Established a grant program for "green" communities (the Green Communities Act) with \$10 million/year funded by the sale of carbon offsets.

What can we do at the personal level? Let's share ideas on how to shrink electric bills and reduce consumption of fuel for heating and driving. The parents and children I saw on a "walk-to-school" day encouraged me and reminded me I could walk and bike more.

Despite our awards, becoming a "green" community is still a stretch for us. How do we support planning policies that support efficient use of land, water and energy? How can we help ensure that all building repairs, renovations and replacements use the newest technology rather than making do with the "old"?

Living in the suburbs in single-family homes, with two or more cars, and often a long commute, we face an even greater challenge and have more to do if we want to be part of the solution. Thank to all who are helping Andover lead the way.

CANDY DANN
4 Rock O'Dundee Road

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 21

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, part of Butler Bank's reaching out to downtown businesses project, 6 to 8 p.m., at Carina & Co., 3 Barnard St., light refreshments, free makeovers, colors and accessorizing advice; Rosemary Radulski at Butler Bank, 972-623-8000

FRIDAY, MAY 22

PASTE PAPER WORKSHOP, the Museum of Printing, North Andover, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Frequently referred to as "finger painting for adults," the process of making paste paper is playful and spontaneous. Workshop includes making up to eight sheets of large paper, paste recipes, and directions. All skill levels welcome. Limited to 10 people, bring lunch and work clothes, \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. Registration at www.museumofprinting.org.

COCKTAIL HOUR, with Ginny Cahill, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL SOCCER, The Boston Aztec vs. the Boston Breakers, Amesbury Sports Park in Amesbury, 7 p.m.; \$5; ericslack@neaztec.com, WWW.NEAZTEC.COM.

HEALTHY TREE DISCUSSION, The Village Garden Club of Andover presents "Growing Healthy Trees and Shrubs," with arborist John Feeney of the Bartlett Tree Service, free, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover; Nan James 978-475-2895.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

CHILDREN'S BOOK PARTY, The Andover Bookstore will be celebrating Abigail Spells new picture book by Anna Alter for children, ages 3-7, 11 a.m., free, with a scavenger hunt, snacks, surprises and prizes. Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

TAP DANCING, with Ted Powers the Tap Dancer, and Irish Music with Kevin Farley, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

REFUGE KAYAK TOUR, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., adults and children older than 12, accompanied by an adult. Join deputy refuge manager Frank Drazuszewski on an informative kayak/canoe paddle through the Plum Island salt eat marshes. Bring your own kayak or canoe and personal flotation device. Registration is required, 978-465-5753. Meet at refuge Parking Lot 1.

LIVE JAZZ, with Stan Strickland, vocalist/instrumentalist. Also performing is the Academy Jazz Band and ensembles, 4 p.m., free and open to the public, Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

MONDAY, MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY, parade through downtown at 10 a.m., cannon unveiling in Park at 10:45. See page 3 for additional ceremonies.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

TOWN MEETING BEGINS, 7 p.m., Andover High School Field House.

GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sr. Mary Rosalie Memorial Golf Tournament, Andover Country Club. Registration and lunch for the 18-hole scramble tournament is at 11:30 a.m.; the Shotgun Start at 1 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Registration is \$195 for each golfer, forms are available at the office of St. Augustine Parish and at the school. Proceeds benefit St. Augustine School Endowment Fund.

LIVE MUSIC, vocalist Allana Manning, with The Jack Senior Trio, 7:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Sahara Restaurant & Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, part of Butler Bank's reaching out to downtown businesses, 6-8 p.m., at Carina & Co., 3 Barnard St., light refreshments, FREE Makeovers, "Colors" & Accessorizing Advice; Rosemary Radulski at Butler Bank, 972-623-8000

FRIDAY, MAY 29

FASHION SHOW, West Middle School's "Best Dressed at West," 7 to 9 p.m., in the auditorium. All proceeds will be used to buy picnic tables for the school; 978-623-8700.

COCKTAIL HOUR, with Eddie Maranado (Accordian), 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

INTRODUCTION TO CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP, the Museum of Printing, North Andover, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., students will be introduced to the basics of using a calligraphy marker and dip pen nib for creating letters of the PETRARCH alphabet, \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers plus materials fee: \$8 per student. Registration at www.museumofprinting.org.

LIVE MUSIC, with The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, free and open to the public; 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

LIVE JAZZ MUSIC AMONG FLOWERS, Friday Night Music in the Garden opens, free, 5 to 7 p.m., the public is invited to bring picnic suppers and listen to music while enjoying their suppers on the covered deck overlooking the gardens, general admission to the garden; \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and students with identification; \$4 youth, ages 3 to 18.

OPENING RECEPTION, for Andover resident and artist Lynn Loscutoff, "Color and Line Personified," 6 to 8 p.m., North Shore Art Association, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

FREE KAYAK CLINICS, Plum Island Kayak is Partnering with Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition to provide two free kayak clinics at 38R Merrimack St in Newburyport from 3 to 6 p.m. The clinic is geared toward beginners but all level paddlers are welcome. The expected paddle is 2 1/2 hours; www.mbcc.org/swim, to register call 339-927-4275.

NATURE FESTIVAL, Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Topsfield, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$12 a car. A highlight is the live owl presentations and lots of activities for adults and families including nature walks, ponding, and exhibits to learn about birds, beavers, butterflies and more; 978-887-9264, www.Massaudubon.Org/ipswichriver.

PAINTING DEMONSTRATION, by Andover resident and artist Lynn Loscutoff, 4 p.m., North Shore Art Association, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT, hosted by The Friends of Merrimack College, Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. The tournament hosts golfers and business sponsors, with all proceeds going to support student scholarships. Morning and afternoon tee times; player prizes for top four in each division; closest to the pin; hole-in-one; and a grand raffle; Joanne Mermelstein 978-837-5117 or joanne.mermelstein@merrimack.edu.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

NEW MEMBER COFFEE, hosted by Newcomers Club of The Andovers at Panera Bread in North Andover; 10 a.m. All residents of Andover and North Andover are welcome. RSVP to Stephanie Gutowsky at 978-655-4560.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

AUTHOR HALLIE EPHRON, will talk about her new thriller, "Never Tell a Lie," on Thursday, June 4, at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147

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Andona Society's ClownTown



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The Andona Society's annual ClownTown carnival was held last weekend. The event attracted large crowds on Friday night and during the day on Saturday.



Gary Taylor of North Andover gives his son, Logan, 2 a lesson in blowing his horn.



Kaylee Ryan, 4 of Andover enjoys a tall ice cream cone.



Andona Society member Darlene Ohlenbusch wears a colorful "mad hatter" hat while painting a kitten on the face of Ashley Burnett, 5.



From left: Alexis Piskadlo, 3, and her sister Alissa, 4, go for a ride. They were attending ClownTown with their great-aunt, Janice Haselton of Andover.

Drawing interest in the downtown

AHS students' illustrations displayed at Citbank's 'Folk Tales'



Julia Shapiro illustrated 3 Billy Goats Gruff.



Ashley Coffey illustrated Alladin's Lamp.

Student art was celebrated in the downtown last week with the opening of a fine arts exhibit called "Folk Tales."

Students, parents and faculty came to the Thursday opening of the Andover High School exhibit at Citibank in Elm Square. Students whose illustrations are featured in the exhibit are Sam Schreiber, Jenny Lee, Alexandra Streck, Deborah Koo, Olivia Li, Abby McDermitt, Emma Gendlerman Skye Schirmer, Ashley Coffey, Sandra Levis, Tom Deschene, Paige Oldaker, Julia Shapiro, Harrison Ganem, Abbey Pettruto, Amanda Jamieson, Joanne Ho, Sarah Thiele, Vanessa Kelly and Colleen Stewart.

The exhibit is open to the public and will be on display at Citibank until the end of May.

The student illustrations on display are the results of an assignment from the illustration course within the Andover High fine arts curriculum. Students in the course read folk tales from a variety of cultures, researched various artistic expressions within those cultures, developed characters and costumes, and then, with pen, ink and watercolor, illustrated a scene from their chosen story, according to faculty member Ed Parker.

"It concentrates on teaching the student artist to be able to understand and interpret the written word as an essential skill of great importance. [It helps] further the artist's ability to translate the



ED PARKER PHOTOS

Illustration students Skye Schirmer and Paige Oldaker are among those whose work is displayed as part of the "Folk Tales" exhibit.

written word into a visual image, and through that image enhance or give greater understanding to a written source.

"This mode of artistic expression has a long tradition in human creative expression, from ancient story images on cave walls, the carved images and stories in stained glass in Gothic cathedrals to modern children's books and graphic novels," according to Parker.

Student projects in this class draw from a variety of possible sources such as fables, folk tales, short stories, political commentary, advertising and music

lyrics, he said. By discussing, interpreting and discovering the essential points of stories, verse, editorial comments or other sources, and with creative skill and imagination, using a variety of mediums, students are asked to create illustrations that complement and enhance the written source.

The opening and exhibit was presented and organized by Citibank Vice President Matthew Perry and Customer Service representative Helen Nicolopoulos as part of Citbank's commitment to and support of the Arts in Education.

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Loscutoff offers journey, through art

An exhibition of an Andover artist who has traveled and painted much of the world will be held at the North Shore Art Association from May 26 through June 12.

For this show, Lynn Loscutoff will be exhibiting work painted on location in many countries during a 45-year career — from Monet's Garden the Great Wall of China to Naples, Fla.

The exhibition is titled "Color and Line Personified," as often she captures moments with permanent ink and paints, and captures her subjects from moving vehicles.

Loscutoff taught painting on the Maiden voyage of the Queen Mary 2, and believes the approach is the same whether painting on a ship or a canoe.

She has maintained a studio in Gloucester, Mass., for the past 25 years and often paints one of her favorite subjects, a garden nearby called "Bobbie's Garden."

Loscutoff has written three books about painting "Art to Go: A Traveler's Guide to Painting with Watercolor," "Art to Go: A Traveler's Guide to Painting with Oil" and "Painter's Wild Workshop."

Her works will include the original onsite sketches as well as the finished paintings.

The exhibition will be held at the North Shore Art Association at 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester.

An opening reception will be held May 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

She will demonstrate her technique on Yupo watercolor paper on Sunday, May 31, at 4 p.m.

The public is invited. Loscutoff's Web site, www.lynnloscutoff.com, illustrates some of her work.



Pair of paddlers



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover residents Frank Perdicaro of Dale Street and Alice Friedensen of Bellevue Road were two of 10 people who participated in the Shawsheen River Watershed Association's May public paddle from the Knights of Columbus in Tewksbury to the Ballardvale Dam in Andover. In addition to fresh air and exercise, they used the trip as an opportunity to identify release points for the beetles that will mitigate Purple Loosestrife, an invasive plant. The SRWA's next Public Paddle will be on Saturday, June 6, from Dale Street to the Horn Bridge in Andover, with a side trip through Poms Pond. Anyone wanting to join the event and who needs to borrow gear should send a e-mail message to ShawsheenRiver@comcast.net or call 978-851-9505 before Tuesday, June 2, according to organizer Jack Brady.

Phillips offers concerts to public

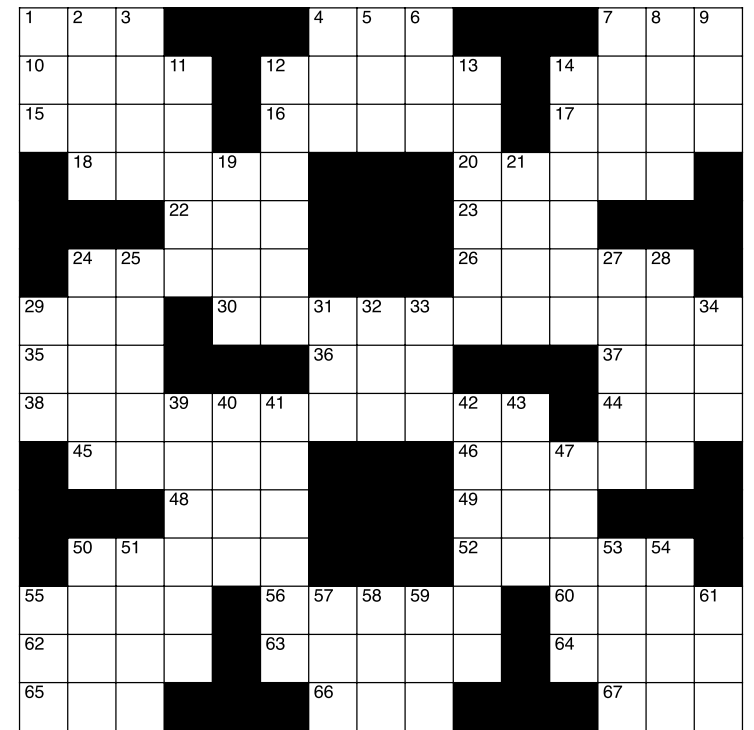
The night of Friday, May 29, won't be just any night, thanks to a musical program including folksongs and selections from "West Side Story." At 7:30 p.m., the Phillips Academy Music Department will present a concert with the Academy Chorus and Fidelio Society under the direction of faculty member Christopher Walter. Also performing is the

Phillips Academy a capella group Azure. This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. On Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present another performance, this one by the Phillips Academy Chamber

Music Society comprised of faculty and students. This free, public concert will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible. The program will include movements of chamber music by Kodaly, Mozart, Debussy, Brahms, Bartók, Dohnanyi, Glinka, Beethoven,

Schumann, Haydn, Poulenc and Shostakovich. The co-presidents of the Chamber Music Society are Clare Monfredo, Katherine Elgin and Katie von Braun. The faculty advisor is Holly Barnes. For information about performances at Phillips Academy contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Parts per billion (abbr.)
4. Lauper song "She ___"
7. A small drink of liquor
10. Mold cheeses
12. Proto or ecto ___
14. Hyperbolic cosecant
15. ___ Connery, 007
16. Open courtyards
17. Army surgeon Walter
18. Kind of pipe
20. Relating to laymen
22. Denotes three
23. Used in fighting or hunting
24. Clock housings
26. 6th Fleet's homeport
29. Water barrier
30. Leucanthemum superbum
35. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
36. Early movie studio
37. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
38. Boxing division
44. Of he
45. The March King
46. Green regions of desert
48. Billfish
49. Revolutions per minute

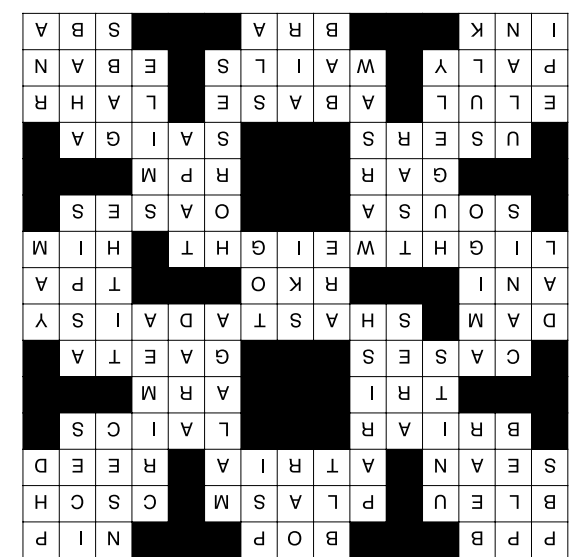
CLUES DOWN

1. Non-commercial TV
2. One of the common people
3. Produce fruit
4. Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
5. Paddle
6. 23rd Greek letter
7. Nanosecond
8. Frosts
9. Doctor of Philosophy
11. Combat groups
12. Subdivision of a diocese
13. Spanish province
14. Ukrainian peninsula

CLUES ACROSS

19. Square measures
21. W. Romanian city
24. Dog genus
25. Spanish friend
27. Donate income regularly
28. Horned vipers
29. Dekaliter
31. 100 square meters
32. Glide on snow
33. Apparel or garb
34. An edible tuberous root
39. In a giant way
40. Czar (alt.)
41. Polish capital
42. Chess knights
43. Pipturus bark
47. Facial expression
50. M. ___: Disney heroine
51. Pout
53. Talks profusely
54. Whale ship captain
55. Indicates near
57. ___el: Biblical tower
58. What we breathe
59. Patty Hearst's captors
61. A nucleic acid

Solution



EVENTS CALENDAR

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Park St., North Reading.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

NEW PAINT, Essex Art Center's annual auction and fundraiser, held at Jackson Lumber and Millwork in Lawrence, 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 by Billy Costa of New England Cable News' TV Diner. For more information, call www.essexartcenter.com/hotnews.html to

purchase tickets.

ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE, 9 a.m. to noon, Old Town House, 20 Main St., Andover, free admission; contact Judy Wright at 978-337-7942 or at wrightspaces@comcast.net.

FAMILY FESTIVAL, Windrush Farm's Family Festival in North Andover/Boxford from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain or shine (indoor activities available.) Activities include pony rides, face painting, arts and crafts, live music, hay rides, and food. Parking is \$5 and many activities are free. All proceeds benefit disabled riders. Visit online at www.windrushfarm.org.

ANDOVER FUNDRAISER, The Women of

Northern Essex Community College will hold their 13th annual fundraising event at the Andover home of Peter and Mary Tyrrell. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a light dinner buffet, and desserts will be served, \$60 per person, 7 p.m. Call Lori Smerdon, NECC Institutional Advancement Office, lsmardon@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3789.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

RUN/WALK BENEFIT, The Krit Classic 5K Run/Walk for the Krit Kearns Memorial Scholarship Fund. Krit captained the swimming/diving and gymnastics teams at Andover High School.

She died in a bike accident last year at the age of 26. Race starts at 9 a.m., Andover High School, www.KritClassic.com to register.

CHILI COOKOFF, Lawrence Rotary Club's "Heroes of Lawrence Chili Cookoff and Music Festival," Pemberton Park on the Merrimack River, with live music by The B Street Bombers, Wicked Automatic, salsa dancing and more.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

MISS JR. TEEN MASS, Kendall Wipff of Andover, visits Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, at 2:30 p.m. For more information,

call 978-475-4225 x110.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

GOLF TOURNAMENT, benefits Northeast Independent Living Program
20 BALLARD ROAD, Lawrence, 8 A.M. shotgun, \$150, Georgetown Club, 258 Andover St., Georgetown. Call Kevin or Nanette 978-687-428, Kfarrell@nilip.org. Register by May 29.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

A SHORT HISTORY OF TYPE, the Museum of Printing, North Andover, 2-4 p.m. Presented by

Frank Romano, Professor Emeritus, RIT School of Print Media. Free to Museum of Printing member; \$10 for nonmembers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

CHALLENGE KIDS, Wilmington Bike Ride hosts ride for the fourth year. Children are encouraged to raise as much money for cancer research as possible by requesting contributions. Young cyclists are often funded for each mile they ride, or for the total distance of the route. Registration fee is \$10. Contact Sue Hendee at shendee@WILMINGTON.K12.MA.US

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Townspeople



Veterans Services Director Michael Burke smiles as the cannon is unloaded into its traditional spot in the northwest corner of the Park last Thursday.

COURTESY PHOTO BY BARBARA INNES

Iconic cannon returns to Park

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Gulla seemed excited to receive a sneak peak last Thursday of the refurbished cannon, one of Andover's icons.

Gulla, a child-care provider, happened to stroll through the Park with five children in her care while town workers were reinstalling the World War I field piece. The piece was then shrouded in a blue tarp in preparation for its official unveiling on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

"We come to the Park to see the children climbing on it. I think the children missed it [while it was gone]. Right, Eddie?" Gulla said to one of her charges.

"Yeah," said Eddie Santella, 3, staring wide-eyed at the cannon.

The so-called cannon, actually a German 105mm howitzer captured at the battles of Ypres and Lys in Belgium and brought back to America by an Ohio unit, has been a staple in the Park at the corner of Barlet and Chestnut streets since May 30, 1932. A howitzer is more effective for soldiers than a cannon because it can fire at a higher trajectory, allowing it to hit targets on slopes and in trenches, where most of the World War I fighting took place, said Patriotic Holiday Committee member Jim Bedford. After World War I, communities could request



COURTESY PHOTO

The wheels of the cannon were in terrible shape before the repairs. For more photos of the cannon's return see the Townsman Web site.

war trophies, and this field piece was sent to Andover, though prior to 1932 it had no ties to this town.

The New England weather did a number on the cannon's wooden wheels and seats

CANNON FODDER

- Actually a howitzer used in World War I
- Original design by Krupp, the company that today sells higher-end coffee machines
- Carriage has 1918 date and barrel itself has a stamp of 1910
- Captured and brought to the United States by the American 37th Division (Ohio National Guard), which was attached to the XXX French Army Corps.
- Dedicated in Andover in 1932 as a war trophy
- Wheels restored by wheelwright Lee Sawyer of Jaffrey, N.H.
- Teachers Thomas Hatem and Chris Burke and auto/body shop students at the Greater Lawrence Technical School did most of the other work

over the decades. One of the wheels had eight of its 12 spokes either detached from the outer rim or missing. Before Memorial Day 2008, the town decided it was time to give the cannon a facelift. So popular is the 1.25-ton cannon that its removal was noticed immediately.

"The day it was gone, there were a flurry of phone calls: 'Where is it?'" said Michael Burke, veterans services director. Patriotic Holiday Committee member Cal

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Olympic sport of skeet shooting invented here

Bill Dalton



The Grand Marshall of our Memorial Day Parade, Dave MacDonald, has sent me a bit of Andover history. He said that a fellow by the name of William Foster, who lived at 71 Chestnut St., wrote and illustrated the book "New England Grouse Shooting" and did several covers for "Field and Stream" magazine.

I looked up William Foster and there is a lot about him. Much of the information comes from Purina, which gives the William Harnden Foster annual award to the top dog in grouse and woodcock trials. Various booksellers have additional information.

Foster was born in Andover on July 22, 1886. After graduating from Pynchard High, he studied at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. He illustrated and wrote three major pieces for Scribner's Magazine on the subjects of trains, the Panama Canal, and "aero planes."

Foster became an enthusiastic bird hunter and worked for the National Sportsman Magazine.

Mr. Foster is best known for perfecting the invention of "skeet" shooting and turning it into a national sport. (The word "skeet" is a made-up word derived from the Scandinavian word "shoot.") It is now an Olympic sport, and Foster is in the Skeet Hall of Fame.

As kids, Dave MacDonald and his half brother John Murray (who used to own the gas station on Main and Chestnut streets) launched clay pigeons for the Andover Skeet Club, where Mr. Foster spent a lot of time. Dave says Foster raised English Pointers that were famous in hunting circles.

While judging bird dog trials in 1942, Mr. Foster died of a heart attack. He'd just finished the manuscript and illustrations that became the classic book of its genre: "New England Grouse Shooting" (Charles Scribner, 1942). His original paintings and illustrations fetch dear prices. The book has been reprinted at least twice, and you might be able to find a copy.

Andover was famous for its grouse hunting not too many years ago, probably because of Mr. Foster.

Dave MacDonald has added nicknames to our Andover Nickname List: Ralph "Bunny" Manning (born on Easter), Kenneth "Limey" Lewis (parents were Brits), Teresa "Tedda" Walen, Arthur "Bo" Beer. One other was Bob "Porkie" Burnham, but Dave says you probably wouldn't call him that to his face.

Bob Burnham was one of the best baseball players in the area's history. He was a big man, not at all fat, and he had a huge voice. Burnham was an ambidextrous pitcher - an extremely rare quality - who played professionally in the Yankee organization. Dave MacDonald says, "Bob Burnham played every game full tilt. I played with him one Fourth of July double-header. He pitched both games - one righty, the other lefty - and won both games."

Mr. Burnham taught me a lot about baseball, and he was a good man. In addition to helping out in Little League, he umpired in the old Andover Twilight League. Every once in a while we'd ask him to pitch. He was middle-aged and would take it easy but could still throw well.

I wrote about Ramcat Hill and said I didn't know the origin of the name and couldn't find "ramcat" in the dictionary. A knowledgeable, anonymous gentleman wrote that a ramcat is a male cat that acts the way male cats generally do around female cats in heat. He says that in some historical novels the term refers to a lusty man.

We hope the hill was named after cats. If you look up from the Playstead, Ramcat Hill is on the north side of Morton Street with the street being near the top. It's been called that at least since the early Twentieth Century, but I suspect the name is dying out.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and invites your emails at billdalton@andovetownie.com.

Tap-dance organizers named shining stars for seniors

In 2005, the Andover Council on Aging created a new award, the Shining Star Award, to recognize extraordinary service on behalf of Andover's seniors. At the recent volunteer appreciation reception at Old Town Hall, Jo-Ann Deso and Nancy Mulvey, co-chairwomen of the Council, announced the honorees for 2009: Audrey and George Nason.

The Nasons were nominated for their involvement with the Sunset Tappers, the tap-dance group based at the Senior Center.

Audrey Nason was the impetus behind the organization of the group, and has given many years of service as the leader and director of tap-dancing lessons and performances. Her nomination noted especially that

she is a gifted and giving volunteer who inspires and encourages her students. George Nason was cited for providing all the logistical support, from transporting and setting up sound and videotaping systems, to facilitating whatever is necessary to assure that performances can happen.

The names of the Nasons will be added to the Shining Star Award plaque at the Senior Center, joining those of previous winners.

"The Council on Aging thanks all those who participated in the nomination process, and looks forward to having a difficult decision each year because of the number of worthy nominees," according to a release from Mulvey.



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George and Audrey Nason received the 2009 Council on Aging Shining Star Award at the Andover senior volunteer appreciation reception.

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■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Feldman-Wood article appears in magazine

Florence Feldman-Wood's article, "Eye on Antiques: Spinning Wheels," appears in the June 2009 edition of Early American Life magazine. As editor and publisher of the quarterly newsletter, The Spinning Wheel Sleuth, she has been writing about textile tools for 20 years. Spinning wheels, used to turn raw wool, cotton, or flax fiber into thread or yarn for weaving or knitting, were an important household tool in early America. The article describes a variety of 18th- and early 19th century spinning wheels that would be of interest to collectors and modern spinners.

Although the majority of antique spinning wheels are anonymous, a few have names and initials stamped into the wood making it possible to trace the historical records of the men who built them more than 200 years ago. "When they asked me to write the article, I saw an opportunity to present some of the research that I, along with the numerous contributors to my newsletter, have collected about these wheel makers," noted Feldman-Wood.

Formerly Feldman-Wood worked at the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, cataloging their large collection of spinning wheels. The museum's curators were happy to provide images of spinning wheels for the article. The museum, which is closed for renovations, will be reopening in May.

Deborah DiFruscia speaks at Austin Preparatory School

Earlier this spring, students at Austin Preparatory School took advantage of the opportunity to explore their prospective career paths as part of the eighth annual Career Day. Alumni, parents, and friends of the school from more than 30 different fields, including technology, education, politics, law, finance, arts and many others spoke to students in three classroom sessions selected according to their career interests.

Deborah DiFruscia of Andover was a presenter at this year's Career Day. She is the director of music, art and drama at Austin Preparatory School. Kicking off this year's Career Day event was a keynote presentation by Michael McCready of Beverly Hills, Calif. McCready, an alumnus of Austin Preparatory School, is president of McCready and Associates, a financial services firm in Beverly Hills. In his address, he told students not to be afraid of a stagnant economy, as some of the best business ideas were born in times of uncertainty. "It is times like these that people are going to be looking for new ideas and fresh talent," he said.



Deborah DiFruscia

Station to station



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In the photo, from left, are Juliet Adams, Devon Goldberg, Delilah Kaufmann-LaDuc, Caroline Bergeron, Julia Perry, Emily Cardin Back Row: Maureen Tyner, Joanna Olson, Romeo from KISS 108, Jaclyn Long, Carly Drooff, Emily Schwartz and Elizabeth Bambury. The Scouts also visited 94.5FM.

Girl Scouts see Romeo meet a Juliet at KISS108

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 61011 toured the KISS 108 studio as one of their badge requirements working towards their Silver Award. Their tour guide, Angie, showed them the room where Matty in the Morning, Billy Costa, Lisa, and Jim sit when they are on the air. They saw all the technology that it takes to

have three people on the air at the same time.

They also visited the Jammin 94.5 station in the same building. They saw the Green Room where all the stars are recorded and have their pictures taken. There were green curtains along the back wall and lots of fancy cameras and technology. Next, they met the

people who were responsible for editing the Web site and saw how it was all done.

Then out of his office came Joe Public, an announcer on KISS 108. He was really nice and funny, and he introduced them to the coordinator of the Walk for Hunger, according to the Scouts. They went back to

the main radio studio, and who should be waiting there but Romeo, the popular afternoon DJ for KISS 108. He was a real charmer, and, being Romeo, he gave a special high five to the troop's own Juliet, Juliet Adams.

The girls said they had a fantastic time fulfilling one of their badge requirements.

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**CANNON: Official unveiling at Memorial Day ceremonies**

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Deyermund used to climb on the cannon as a child, just as he sees kids do nowadays. He understands its attraction.

"I use to live close to here. I remember when a brook ran through the Park," he said. "I'm 62 now - there's a lot of people after me who have climbed all over that cannon."

The cannon has not only received new ash-wood wheels and seats, but features and inscriptions in the metal have

been accented with black paint. Many longtime resident may notice things about the cannon they never had before. Among the inscriptions is one in Latin used by Kaiser Wilhelm II that means "The king's final answer."

In other words, says Bedford, "We can't do it at the bargaining table, we're going to do it here," on the battlefield.

"I played on [the cannon]. My father played on it. My kids have played on it. That's three generations - and I never remember seeing those inscriptions," said Burke.



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Students at the Greater Lawrence Technical School helped give the cannon its new look, which will be unveiled on Memorial Day, Monday.

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■ BUSINESS NEWS IN BRIEF

**Home Transition Resource celebrates National Senior Move Managers Week**

The National Association of Senior Move Managers declared May 10-16, National Senior Move Managers Week. The theme of this third annual celebration was, "More Than Just a Move." During this recognition week, NASMM members around the country are promoting the value of senior move management and senior move managers' commitment to assisting older adults and their families, not only with the actual moving experience, but with the emotional and physical aspects of sorting through and downsizing a lifetime of possessions and memories in the relocation process.

"Most older adults making a transition have not moved in 30, 40 even 50 years and need to downsize considerably," said Kate Grondin, founder of Home Transition Resource in Andover. The organizational and physical tasks associated with planning and implementing such a move can be overwhelming. It's so much more than just a move when you are helping older

adults transition to the next phase of their lives. We work to reduce the emotional and physical stress and trauma that can accompany a later-life transition.

Adults, age 85 and older, are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. At the same time, social changes such as more women working full time have made it increasingly difficult for family caregivers to provide all of the support needed for these transitions.

According to Mary Kay Buysse, executive director of NASMM, "Family and friends often want to help, but there may be barriers. Adult children may be sandwiched between their parents, their careers and their own family obligations. For family members living far away, the barriers may be geographic. Some seniors have no surviving children, or their children are seniors themselves. If illness or death precipitated the move, the family may already be drained both emotionally and physically. Senior Move Management has emerged to fill the gaps and to make transitions easier for everyone involved."

Home Transition Resource, a member of NASMM, provides their families with complimentary

in-home consultations and can help to formulate and execute a move plan, including downsizing, liquidating, home sale preparation services, and unpacking. For many families, this service is invaluable. Visit online at [www.hometr.net](http://www.hometr.net).

Founded in 2002, NASMM strives to facilitate the physical and emotional aspects of relocation for older adults by increasing industry awareness, establishing a national referral network of senior move managers, enhancing the professional competence of members, and promoting the delivery of senior move management services with compassion and integrity. There are nearly 500 NASMM members around the country. For more information on senior move managers or NASMM, visit [www.nasmm.org](http://www.nasmm.org) or contact NASMM directly at 877-606-2766.

**Second Wind Inc. names new VP of Sales Growing Wind Energy Company**

Second Wind Inc., a leading provider of advanced software and instrumentation for the wind energy industry, has hired Peter Gibson as vice president of sales.

Gibson's main efforts will be focused on developing the global market for Second Wind's leading-edge wind resource assessment systems. Second Wind's newest product, the Triton sonic wind profiler, uses advanced sodar technology for wind resource assessment, eliminating some of the limitations of earlier sodar systems and allowing wind developers to capture accurate wind data at up to 200 meters in real time.

"Triton is changing the way wind assessment is done," Second Wind President Walter Sass said. "It provides more data and allows the technology to be deployed and redeployed at multiple wind sites. This newly created position fits with our plans to communicate the value of Triton and its advanced technology to a global wind industry."

"Second Wind has a track record of innovation combined with strict quality standards and excellent support," Sass said. "As the industry embraces our new technology, we are attracting experienced executives and talent. I am confident that Gibson's background and skills will help to drive sales and productivity to

new heights," said Sass.

Gibson comes to Second Wind with over 20 years of experience in the energy industry. With a wide understanding of both conventional and renewable technologies, he has built and led sales teams in North America, Europe, and Southeast Asia, with globally recognized companies including Rolls-Royce, GEC Alstom, and DTE Energy.

"I'm passionate about sustainable, clean, renewable energy resources and the benefits both environmental and economic that they'll bring to our nation, our communities, and to future generations," Gibson says. "Wind has already demonstrated that it can compete with traditional fossil fired power generation resources, and with the additional costs facing carbon emitters, wind's future looks even more enticing. Triton's technology has already been successfully validated in the field with established players in the wind industry, and I am looking forward to seeing it become the standard in wind resource assessment technology."

■ SENIOR NOTES

**Exercise Registration:** Registration for the summer semester of exercise classes is taking place this week. Classes offered will be men and women in motion, low impact aerobics, strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, water workout, tap dancing and Nordic walking. The 12-week summer semester will run from June 1 through Aug. 21.

**"Dr. Fix-It":** Friday, June 5, 9:30 a.m., no charge, advance reservations, please join us for a continental breakfast and a most informative program. Statistics show that 90 percent of us want to stay in our own homes as we age. Bob Bakst, owner of "Dr. Fix-It", will explain how existing homes can be modified to safely achieve this goal. Designated as a certified Aging In Place Specialist by the National Association of Home Builders, Bob has been trained to provide supportive home improvement services that promote independent living for seniors. Come learn about modification solutions

that promote independent living with comfort, safety and dignity.

**"The Survey Of Western Architecture":** Monday, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1:30 p.m., \$25; pre-registration necessary. This five-session course is a collaboration with the Explorers Lifelong Learning Institute at Salem State College. Come learn how Western architecture began with innovative solutions to structural problems. This fascinating survey course will begin with the Egyptians, continue to examine changes through different historical periods as culture and society demanded adornment and generated thousands of examples including Trinity Church in Boston, and end with examples of modern architecture. Instructor: Monty Morris.

**Steak Night:** Come join us on Wednesday, June 10 at 6 p.m. for steak night. \$10 advance tickets only. Our dinner menu will be fresh fruit cup, salad, rolls, steak tips, baked potato, fresh grilled veggies and beverages. After dinner, stay and watch the Red Sox take on the

Yankees on our new large screen tv. Coffee and desserts will be available during the game. If you're not into sports then bring your game boards or a deck of cards and enjoy a night out.

**Positive Eating:** This two session class will meet on Thursday, June 4 and 11 at 1:30 p.m.; Cost is \$10; Diets are out and healthy eating is in. Learn to eat for both pleasure & health while choosing the best foods for your mind and body. Come learn how to stop the diet cycle! Instructor: Deborah Malone.

**Tai Chi:** Four session class meeting on Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, \$16; Tai chi is a low impact, mind-body exercise practiced for health by millions of people of all ages. Because consistent practice has been recognized to have positive effects on several physical ailments, including balance issues, it has been recommended as a beneficial exercise system for seniors. This introductory course combines gentle warm-up and relaxation

techniques with the slow flowing postures of Yang style tai chi to actively engage body and mind for better balance, increased flexibility and more energy.

**Joint Replacement Forum:** Friday, June 12, 9:30 a.m., pre-registration appreciated; Our presenter will be Neil Washington, a physical therapist from Northeast Rehab. The focus of Neil's talk will be how improved fitness and education prior to replacement, as well as appropriate rehab following surgery, can greatly improve outcomes. If there's a joint replacement in your future, then come hear how this total approach can help you better prepare for and recover from joint replacement surgery.

**Sleep Well Workshop:** Say Goodnight To Insomnia": Tuesday, June 2 and 9; pre-registration necessary; \$10. Nearly 50 million Americans suffer from sleep problems. The focus of this two part workshop will be to learn some interesting and proven

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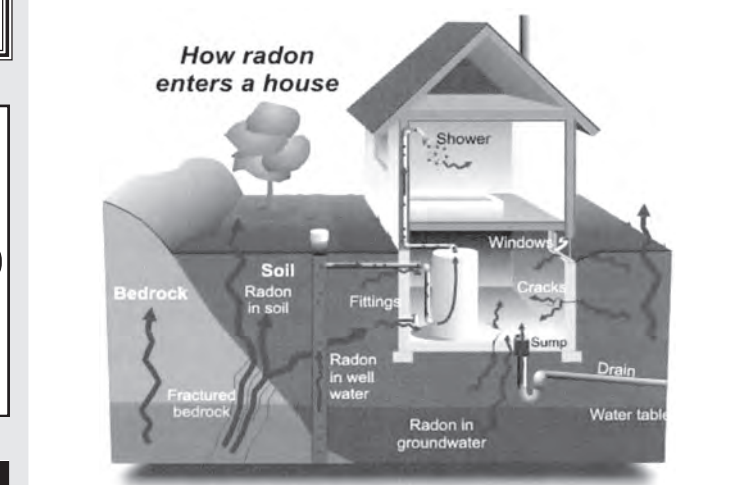
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# Education

## Three finalists for High Plain elementary leader

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The High Plain Elementary School community should know who its new principal will be before the last week of school. Three finalists have been named, and Superintendent Claudia Bach says she hopes to have someone hired by the second

week of June. The new hire will start July 1, taking over for retiring principal Brenda O'Brien.

The three finalists, chosen by a committee of High Plain staff and parents, include: Tara Rossi, an assistant principal at the North Hampton School in North Hampton, N.H.; Barbara McKinley, an early childhood director and out-of-district coordinator for

the Pentucket Regional School District, West Newbury; and Pamela Lathrop, principal of Franklin Elementary School in North Andover.

"Overall, the search committee felt very good about these finalists, and that they were bringing me three very fine candidates. At this point, I agree," said Bach. "I am going to try and wrap this up

in the next two weeks for sure."

Bach has met with all three for one-on-one interviews, and will conduct site visits at the three candidates' current schools. Next week, the three women will visit High Plain Elementary for "meet the candidate" nights.

"The receptions are very important, and I read all of the reader sheets that come back

to me (filled out by parents and staff). The feedback gives me great insights," said Bach. "Also, the site visits can be the most single important thing we do. We can see how they are regarded by parents, staff, students ... I try and keep my mind open through the whole process, and then have a heart-to-heart talk with myself."

O'Brien, a 30-year veteran of the Andover school district and much-beloved principal, announced her intention to retire at the beginning of April. With O'Brien and Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson leaving at the end of this year, seven of the town's 10 principals will be replaced in the past two years.

## In their own words: principal finalists talk about why Andover

### Barbara McKinley

"I am extremely pleased to have been selected as a final candidate for principal of High Plain Elementary School," said McKinley, an early childhood director and out-of-district coordinator for the Pentucket Regional School District in West Newbury. "I will bring to High Plain my dedication to ensure that all students academically and emotionally achieve to their potential. Andover is a community with exceptionally high expectations for student

achievement. I applied for the principal position at High Plain because of Andover's reputation as a high performing, forward-thinking school district."

### Pamela Lathrop

"Some of the High Plain initiatives I've seen are things I believe in. Their approach to literacy, curriculum development and overall tone of the school fits my general philosophy. Also, there seems to be a lot of parent involvement, and that really attracted me to High Plain," said Lathrop. "They seem to really put

kids first.

"I love the idea that their school is attached to a middle school. There is the opportunity for interaction (between elementary and middle school students) and some chance to work on the transition from fifth- to sixth-grade." Franklin Elementary in North Andover is the only school at which Lathrop has ever worked. She student-taught there, was a first-, second- and fifth-grade classroom teacher and has been principal for seven years.

"It's been great, I've been able to watch Franklin grow," said Lathrop. "(Applying at High Plain) wasn't a decision I made lightly. I know the importance of commitment."

### Tara Rossi

Growing up in Methuen, Tara Rossi spent a lot of time in Andover, especially at the library. "It just felt natural for me to apply (at High Plain), having grown up in the area and knowing the positive reputation Andover schools have," said Rossi. "It

matches my philosophy of students coming first, and I knew it would be a nice place to work.

"After meeting with the search committee, just by talking with them for a short time, I could feel their passion for educating students. It just reiterated that (High Plain) would be a match for me. I base everything on students coming first, and view everything through that lens."

Rossi has been in education for 17 years, starting her career in the at-risk

department at Greater Lawrence Technical High School in Andover. She has also worked at a charter school in Boston, teaching kindergarten, first- and second-grades, as a elementary and middle school reading facilitator in Lawrence and is an assistant principal at a pre-school through eighth-grade school in North Hampton, N.H. She has a master's degree in education and a certificate of advanced graduate study in school leadership.

## On a string



ABOVE AND BELOW: Students follow the lead of director Julie Diehl during the annual Andover Public Schools All Strings Concert at the Collins Center Wednesday evening.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

ABOVE: Andover High School senior Nick Binder, 18, warms up backstage before performing in the annual Andover Public Schools All Strings Concert at the Collins Center last Wednesday evening. "I think it's an awful idea," Binder, who started in the music program in third grade, said about the idea of cutting funding for the program. "This is what started opening up other opportunities for me." Binder plans to major in architecture next year in college.



Thomas Galligani, left, Evan Paige, and Nick Bradshaw, all 10-years-old, wait to take the stage.



Fourth graders line-up before taking the stage

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# Phillips Academy winter term honor roll

Phillips Academy has announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the winter term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5 point grade average on a 6 point scale.

Below is a list of Andover students who made the honor roll:

## CLASS OF 2009

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Conrad J. Bastable  
Robert J. Buka  
Zachary S. Burdeau  
Eliza R. Campbell  
Salena I. Casha  
Caroline M. Colombo  
Alexander J. Cope  
Janelle M. Driscoll  
Scott B. Dzialo  
Jessica E. Frey  
Ryan M. Furlong  
Emma T. Goldstein  
Eli B. Grober  
Hanna R. Gully  
Ryan B. Heavey  
Julie E. Ingram  
Carl T. Jackson  
Marianna D. Jordan  
Michael E. Kaluzny  
Theodore Lederfine Paskal  
Yiwei Li  
Auden M. Lincoln-Vogel  
David T. Lowenstein  
James C. Merrill  
Ryan F. Morris  
Victoria L. Norris  
Alina P. Pechacek  
Nicholas M. Poland  
Bowen Oiu  
Marion C. Rountree  
Brian M. Russell  
Erica R. Segall  
Sophia E. Shimer  
Katie E. von Braun  
Parker H. Washburn  
Samuel M. Weiss  
W. Henry Wilkin  
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Ian M. Wollman  
Patrick L. Woolsey  
Stephanie B. Xu  
Andi C. Zhou  
Peter Ly  
Brianna M. McCarthy  
Elizabeth Patino

## CLASS OF 2010

David R. Barry  
Zahra S. Bhaiwala  
Shane R. Bouchard  
David J. Dlesk  
Zainab M. Doctor  
Elizabeth A. Gilbert  
Alexandra E. Hall  
Gregory M. Hanafin  
Julie C. Helmers  
Mathew Kelley  
Kelsey S. Lim

## W CAMPUS

Allison DiSalvo was named to the dean's list at Bates College as a result of her scholastic standing during the fall semester of the 2008-09 academic year. DiSalvo is a biology major and graduate of Andover High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Nancy DiSalvo.

Christine Marie Vispoli of Andover has been named to the dean's and chancellor's lists for the fall

Joseph P. Liotta  
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Mari A. Miyachi  
Ramya L. Prathuri  
Benjamin R. Prawdzik  
Anne I. Rao  
Carly I. Rauh  
Jacob R. Shack  
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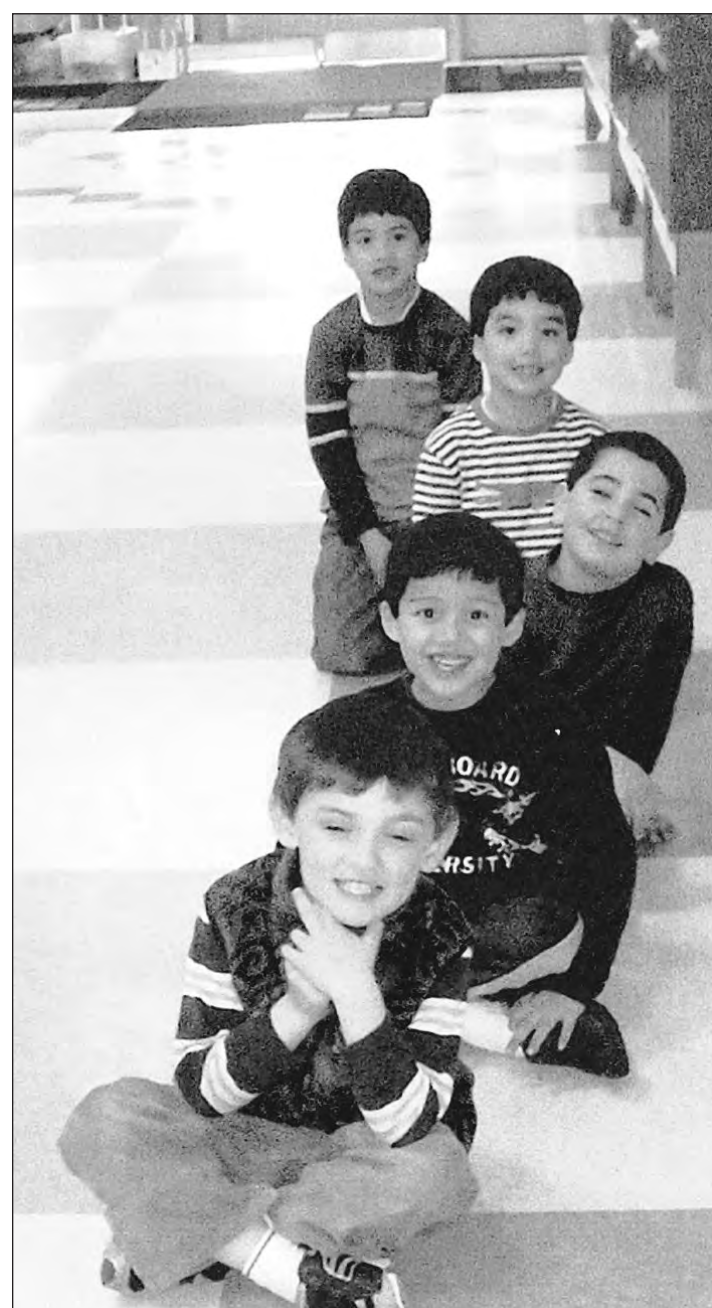
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Tory J. Lenzo  
Rachel K. Margolese  
Austin Y. Mei  
Emily N. Pond  
Nicola M. Shen  
Jonathan J. DeLeon  
Luz M. Lopez  
Lorenzo J. Conte

2008 semester at the University of North Carolina Asheville. The dean's list is made up of full-time students who have achieved between 3.5 and 3.99 grade-point average. The chancellor's list is made up of full-time students who have achieved a 4.0 grade point-average. The University of North Carolina Asheville is a four-year public liberal arts university. UNC Asheville has an undergraduate enrollment of 3,500 students.

# Peace, grace, courtesy for all



COURTESY PHOTO

The banners that line the driveway at the Andover School of Montessori declare the words; peace, grace and courtesy. To contribute to Maria Montessori's dream of a more peaceful world, students at the school, from front to back, students Caleb Bircham, Nicolaes Anderberg, Alexander Michelin, Aidan Burt and Kyle Garcia-Rogers, become involved in the Pennies for Peace Program this spring. The author of Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson, founded this program. It raises money to help local communities fund the building of schools in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. It also teaches children in the United States about the value of a penny in other countries. In Afghanistan and Pakistan a penny buys a pencil. ASM kindergarteners were given the responsibility of counting and rolling a total of 16,500 pennies that were collected from our students. A check for \$165.00 was sent to the Central Asia Institute to support their cause.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here is what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, May 25-29:

**Elementary schools**  
Monday: No School —Memorial Day

Tuesday: Twin hamburger sliders, turkey bacon wrap with lettuce, tomato and ranch dressing, crispy taco salad, veggies with dip, side of nachos with cheese sauce, blueberry shortcake with whipped cream.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce and Italian bread, chicken popcorn with side of pasta and garlic bread, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, seasoned veggies, pudding and topping and juice.

Thursday: Stuffed rigatoni with bread stick, American harvest salad with bread stick, manager's

choice, steamed squash, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Assorted pizza, turkey stir fry served over brown rice, manager's choice, garden salad, ice cream sandwich and juice.

**Middle schools**  
Monday: No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday: Pizza burger on a roll, french toast with strawberries and whipped cream, manager's choice, baked potato wedges, kiwi and juice.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce and italian bread, fish sticks with lemon wedge, cole slaw, tartar sauce, taco salad, garden salad, chilled fruit and juice.

Thursday: Pepperoni or veggie personal size pizza tuna salad pocket with chips and pickle,

# The guessing game

By Ken Seifert



Ken Seifert

Every community has an ongoing guessing game and Andover is no exception. Some communities are better than others in making assumptions of the future and planning on those eventualities. Of course, as the assumptions change, the plans do also.

What is Andover assuming about the future? How will we pay for the future? How much is too much? Not enough? Compared to what?

Who is the average taxpayer in Andover, a widow on a reduced pension, a president of a venture capital firm, a policeman, a preacher, a small businessman? How do you balance the quality — of life needs of young married couples and the AARP crowd?

What kind of community do the people of Andover want? What are they willing to pay? How well have the town officials answered the guessing game? Is the guessing game fair to the town officials?

Let me offer a few observations. A town is willing to pay only so much for public services. Some people would like to spend more but it is financially difficult, if not impossible. Some people are financially fortunate and have choices. Some people just do not want to spend for anything that is not a direct service to them. Some people don't have a clue on how they should spend money or if they have money to spend. The range of opinions and perspectives are a challenge to address.

Do the officials propose the very best possibilities in such a mixture of wants and needs? Do they suggest business as usual with some modifications? How about somewhere in the middle? It takes time to prepare proposals and to assure that the citizens will understand the choices.

Bill Doherty, a former School Committee member, used to parade into my office and say, you propose and let the town dispose.

Don't shortcut future possibilities! Sometimes I did and sometimes I didn't.

The other evening the School Committee wrestled with a new building proposal and at the same time examined raising users' fees.

There is something wrong with this picture. I am pleased to hear the school officials plan to look at where the schools have been, where we are today, and where we should be headed.

It should result in some beneficial dialogue and provide the best we can with what we have or are willing to spend.

In the May 14, 2009 edition of the Eagle Tribune, there were two separate news items. Page 1 had an article about how Andover officials are going to save \$77,000 by turning off selected streetlights.

On page 4, an article reports Andover officials propose \$425,000 for new sports fields. An official then says it will be the best field in Andover when we get done. If you were a widow on a reduced pension, what would be your vote on acquiring land for new ball fields? It would not mean she is against sports if she were to vote no. She probably thinks, "We have the best fields around, why do we need another?"

Much has happened in our town as well as the country.

I also agree it is time we examine the past, where we are today, and what our tomorrow should be. I don't think it is entirely the responsibility of town officials. No one group or person has a monopoly on good ideas or assumptions of the future.

The collective thinking and action of an entire community produces the best results. I'm guessing I am not alone in such a thought.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident and former superintendent of the Andover schools.

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# Sports

## Back with a bang Nagging ankle problems can't stop Zarkar

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Andover tennis standout Satin Zarkar admits she isn't the most low-key competitor on the court. "I'm a very temperamental player," Zarkar said with a laugh. "I used to throw my racket all the time. But now I've learned that it costs a lot when I break one. I'll lose my temper at myself when I know I should be playing better. But I just scream now."

But, this season, it has not been her performance on the court that has frustrated Zarkar. Instead, it has been the time she had to spend off the court as a result of a nagging ankle injury.

"It was so upsetting for her," said Golden Warriors coach Jen Griffin. "She had a great year last year, but she has continued to have trouble with her ankles."

Last year was a breakout season for Zarkar. After playing doubles as a sophomore, the junior earned the No. 2 singles position. She responded by delivering a stellar 9-1 record in the regular season for the Warriors that finished 14-2. For her efforts she earned All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors.

But, while playing in the MIAA team tennis tournament, trouble struck.

"I was in a really tight match," she remembered. "I went for the ball and my left ankle just went out. It hurt really bad and really swelled up."

Zarkar was diagnosed with a badly sprained left ankle. It was an injury she was familiar with, having sprained her right ankle during her junior season on the Andover varsity soccer team. But this was not a simple sprain. The damage was serious enough she had to sit out the entire summer tennis season, and it lingered into soccer.

"It was really bad," she said. "I had to sit out the whole summer while undergoing physical therapy. And it really affected my soccer season. Senior (soccer) season I just wasn't the same player. I wasn't scoring as many goals."



Andover's Satin Zarkar has become known for her intensity on the court. She used that intensity to return to tennis after a string of ankle injuries.

She did manage the game-winning goal in a win over Billerica. And when the Golden Warriors needed a goalie late in the season, she filled in and delivered an upset win over Masconomet and a victory over Somerville in the state tournament.

Once the spring arrived, Zarkar felt prepared for a standout final tennis season. But, those dreams

were soon put on hold. During a workout in the preseason, she again felt a sharp pain. This time, it was a first-degree sprain of her right ankle.

"It was so frustrating," she said. "All I could really do was try to work with it and hope for the best. I was just fed up with all of it, all the ankle trouble."

Attempting to keep a positive

outlook, Zarkar made the best of her time on the sidelines.

"It was fun to cheer on the underclassmen," she said. "Most had not played varsity before, so it was cool to see them come together. It was sad to not be out there, but I was looking forward to coming back and helping the team."

Zarkar soon found herself back

in physical therapy. She began with work to strengthen the muscles, such as bouncing on her toes. She soon progressed to running and more strenuous work.

"Once I knew I could turn again without too much pain I knew I could play again," she said.

When she was ready to return to practice, the team elected to make a chance. Instead of

### THE SATIN ZARKAR FILE

Age: 18

Sport: Tennis

**On the court:** Through Monday, was 5-0 at No. 1 doubles with best friend Rachel Trotta. Was 9-1 at No. 2 singles last season, earning All-MVC honors. Also played midfield and goalie for soccer team.

**Injury:** Missed first half of this season with ankle injury. Had also hurt her ankles in soccer and tennis last season.

**Odds and Ends:** Will attend UC Irvine next year. Parents Kaveh and Jamileh are natives of Iran. Sister Hannah was also a standout tennis player for Warriors, graduating in 2006.

playing singles, Zarkar returned as a member of the No. 1 doubles team with Rachel Trotta.

"It's fun to play doubles," she said. "It's a lot less pressure and I like having a partner. And Rachel has been my best friend since middle school. We play soccer together and work very well on the court."

After missing half the season, Zarkar finally returned to the court when the Golden Warriors faced Central Catholic, and she has been rolling ever since. In five matches since her comeback, the senior has teamed with Trotta to go 5-0 for the Golden Warriors that were 13-0 through Monday.

A stellar student, Zarkar has a goal of reaching the top 10 of her Andover High senior class before the school year ends. Next year, she will be attending University of California, Irvine.

She has family in the area, including sister and former Golden Warriors tennis star Hannah Zarkar, who attends University of California, Berkeley.

"I definitely go to her for advice," Satin said. "She was a great tennis player. She reminds me to stay positive and calm down while I'm on the court."

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### SPORTS ROUND UP

#### BASEBALL

John Hennessy, Alex Patti and Christian Lightner each had two hits and three RBIs as Andover exploded for 12 runs in the second inning on the way to pounding Methuen 17-0 on Friday. Jake Ponti scored three runs, Erik Geffken drove in a pair and C.J. Leary scored twice for the Golden Warriors. John Farrell allowed just three hits.

Jake Ponti had two hits and scored two runs as Andover cruised past Cape Ann League powerhouse Masconomet 7-2 last Tuesday. Dan Gusovsky drove in a pair of runs while Andover Ruiz-Henriquez and Vince Bellino each drove in one run and John Hennessy scored twice.

Andover fell to Central Catholic 2-1 in eight innings last Thursday. Christian Lightner had two hits and Alex Patti and Erik Geffken each had one single for the Warriors. Robin Lowe was the tough luck loser.

Despite two hits and an RBI

by Dan Gusovsky, Andover fell to Haverhill 6-4 last Wednesday. Vince Bellino added two hits and a run and John Hennessy drove in a pair for the Warriors.

#### BOYS TRACK

Warriors set record at relays Andover set a meet record in the pole vault relay (37-0) and earned first in the 4x400 relay (3:25.64) and 4x800 (8:11.03) at the MSTCA Division 1 Relays on Saturday. The Golden Warriors also took third in the 4x200, and placed fourth as a team.

Despite wins in the pole vault (12-0) and 200 by Mark Vetere, Andover fell to Central Catholic 78-67 last Wednesday. Rob Martin won the 400 (50.7), Nick Schumacher took the 2-mile and Simon Voorhees won the mile for the Warriors.

Jenn Caro's hat trick helped Andover cruise past Haverhill 12-1 last Monday. Heather Sullivan and Cat Gross each scored two goals and Emily Shields was one of

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Sullivan, Warriors earn close win

Heather Sullivan hauled in a turnover and fired home a goal with under 30 seconds left as Andover edged Chelmsford 13-12 on Friday. Sullivan finished with seven goals, while Cat Gross and Meghan Morris (two assists) each had two goals for the winners.

Playing the field for the first time in her varsity career, goalie Jules Konjoan scored a goal as Andover drubbed Lowell 15-5 last Wednesday. Freshmen Anne Farnham and Ally Fazio (two assists) each scored two goals, Heather Sullivan added three goals and Cat Gross and Emily Shields each scored twice.

Jenn Caro's hat trick helped Andover cruise past Haverhill 12-1 last Monday. Heather Sullivan and Cat Gross each scored two goals and Emily Shields was one of

five players with one goal, and assisted on two others.

#### GIRLS TRACK

Warriors take two firsts

Andover won the 1,600 sprint medley with a 4:09.30 and the high jump relay with a 15-4 on the way to a fourth-place finish at the MSTCA Division 1 Relays on Saturday. The Golden Warriors added seconds in the 4x100 and 4x400 and was fifth in the shot put.

Moira Cronin won the high jump with a 5-5, but Andover lost to Central Catholic 81-64 last Wednesday. Adding wins for the Warriors were Kayla Baldwin (100), Maggie Mullens (mile), Colleen Shannon (800) and Melissa Knapp (200).

#### GIRLS TENNIS

Doubles save Andover

Andover needed wins from Kelsey Hodes and Philine Huizing at

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### A WEEK AHEAD

#### Baseball

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|--------|------------------------|--------|
| May 23 | at Lawrence tournament | 4 p.m. |
| May 24 | at Lawrence tournament | TBA    |

#### Softball

|        |                                                 |        |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| May 22 | at Methuen (Methuen Tourney)                    | 7 p.m. |
| May 23 | vs. Lawrence or North Andover (Methuen Tourney) | TBA    |

#### Boys Track

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| May 21 | at MVC Invitational (at Methuen) | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 23 | at MVC League Meet (at Lowell)   | 5 p.m.    |

#### Girls Track

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| May 20 | at MVC Invitational (at Lawrence) | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 23 | at MVC League Meet (at Lowell)    | 5 p.m.    |

#### Boys Lacrosse

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#### Girls Lacrosse

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#### Boys Tennis

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| May 22 | at Haverhill | 3 p.m. |
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# Puma Zircons take tournament title



The Andover Puma Zircons club team recently took the U12 New England Region Volleyball Association tournament title. Pictured are, front row from left, Clarissa Tucker, Molly Aumais, Lizzie Johnson and Colleen Mullins; back from from left, Coach Guy Tucker, Cece Root, Emma Kanell, Jillian Webber, Jessie Nason, Elena Primes and Coach Nancy Hartmann.

## SPORTS ROUND UP

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first doubles and **Melanie Zakin** and **Annesha Batachary** at second doubles to beat pesky Methuen 3-2 last Wednesday. **Kirsten Arvidson** added the other win, at third singles.

**Rachel Ochs** took No. 1 singles 6-1, 6-0 as Andover downed Lawrence 5-0 last Monday. **Jackie Collins** took No. 2 singles 6-0, 6-1 and **Kirsten Arvidson** swept No. 3 singles for the Golden Warriors.

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

**Warriors back on track**  
Led by 14 kills and eight aces by **Matt Washburn**, Andover bounced back with a 26-28, 25-14, 25-10, 25-22 win over Lowell on Friday. **Andrew Kanell** added nine blocks and **Mike Emmons** had 24 assists for the winners.

Andover suffered its second straight loss, falling to Chelmsford 34-32, 25-18, 25-17 last Wednesday. **Gary Hinds** tallied a team-high 13 kills and 15 service points while **Mike Emmons** had 27 assists and **Andrew Kanell** recorded nine blocks.

Despite 10 kills by **Matt Washburn**, Andover was upset by Lawrence 25-16, 25-20, 25-21.

### SOFTBALL

**Andover bats alive**  
**Alex Strock** had five hits, drove in five runs and scored three more as Andover cruised past Notre Dame 15-3 last Wednesday. **Meaghan McCarthy** added two hits, two runs and three RBIs and **Jeanette Doucette** contributed three hits and two RBIs.

**Jeanette Doucette** had two hits

and scored a run, but Andover fell to Methuen 5-2 last Monday. Freshman **Shannon Tully** also had a hit and scored the other run for the Golden Warriors.

### BOYS LACROSSE

**Gavin McIver** scored four goals, but Andover lost to Billerica 13-10 on Friday. **Matt Eriksen** scored twice and assisted on three others and **Josh Torres**, **Tom McQuillan**, **Conor Gaffney** and **Joe Lamagna** each scored once.

### Warriors take two firsts

Despite two goals and two assists by **Josh Torres**, Andover fell to New Hampshire powerhouse Bishop Guertin 13-10 last Tuesday. **Joe Lamagna** and **Joe Kuta** each scored two goals and **Matt Eriksen** had a goal and an assist for the Warriors.

## 1-10

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