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Downtown Bazaar Days returns next weekend

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Wondering when residents can reclaim downtown? After all, the ongoing \$3 million Main Street makeover has been going on for over a year.

Well, the reclamation starts next weekend — June 12 to 14 — as Bazaar Days is back. Main Street will be closed on Saturday, June 13, as downtown merchants roll and push tables outside to sell their wares at discounted prices. Andover's downtown's business group said merchants will have merchandise on sale for up to 75 percent off.

"Train rides" will be offered on Main Street on Saturday, and a few food vendors including hot-dog hawker Don Cowan will be selling food.

"I think people will be glad to come and reclaim their downtown, it's something to celebrate," said Merit Tukiainen, owner of Night & Day Lingerie on Park Street and an active member of the Andover Business Center Association.

She said the event will be similar to Bazaar Days of years past.

"ABCA, this year, is offering a stripped-down version of Bazaar Days from what it was known as in the years past," she said. "Although Main Street will be closed to car traffic on Saturday, the three-day event is billed as Andover Bazaar Clearance Sales and will be focused on that aspect."

While stores such as Culinary Concepts, Alpers Fine Art, Kaps Menswear, Stitch have been victims of the economy, the downtown group plans to remind shoppers of the numerous stores that remain.

"One of the goals of ABCA is to create events that give people reasons to make a trip downtown, enjoy the great variety of stores and restaurants there are, [and] meet their neighbors and friends as they peruse the great sales," Tukiainen said.

The event is a warm-up of sorts to the much bigger Andover Days event, happening downtown on Saturday, Sept.

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Aloha adulthood ...



Andover High School graduate Margot Ryan talks with classmates before the graduation ceremony held at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. See the special graduation section, page 13.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

... but first let's have some fun



Laura Massey, 18, competes in a game at the Andover High School Senior Safari all-night drug-free party following graduation.

BETH ADELSON/Staff photo

Flip on pancake vote

July 4 parade, pancake breakfast back on

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen have flipped their Fourth of July pancake-breakfast decision.

The annual Independence Day pancake breakfast and Horribles Parade will occur, along with all the entertainment that goes with it.

Longtime Andover resident Jerry Silverman will help raise the \$3,000 that was cut from the Department of Community Services budget, which he said he volunteered to do as soon as he heard the July 4 festivities were going to be cancelled.

"I feel it's a community tradition that I certainly don't want to see broken ... Everything is back on. We'll have the pancake breakfast with music, as usual. Despite bad (economic) times, the breakfast and parade will go on," said Silverman, who has raised money for the town's July 3 fireworks display for more than two decades. "I'm a great believer in tradition. I've been here for 48 years, and the only time we stopped the fireworks (was when we had an insurance concern)."

"Traditions are strong here in Andover, and it's fabulous that Jerry (Silverman) has stepped up to fund what was cut from the budget."

Mary Donohue,
DCS director

At their May 18 meeting, selectmen voted to support plans by the Department of Community Services to hold a hot-dog picnic on Friday, July 3 instead of the usual pancake breakfast and parade on July 4. The board reversed that decision and unanimously supported bringing the July 4 events back, with Silverman's help, at a May 27 meeting before the second night of Town Meeting, and after a story was reported in the Townsman.

"The board agreed to reconsider, and pancakes will be flipping as usual. I'm sure it will be as well attended as always. It's something kids and parents look to for every year," said Selectman Alex Vispoli.

Vispoli noted that four of the selectmen have four kids and one has three kids, making for 19 Horribles Parade participants.

"It's a celebration for our country," he said. "Andover's created a tradition which brings hundreds of people out. I don't know if you

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Voters say plan new school, fire house, fields, town yard

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Several new construction projects appear on the horizon for Andover, after voters spent more than 10 hours approving money for a variety of plans during 2009 Town Meeting on May 26, 27 and 28.

Voters approved the planning of a new fire station in the Ballardvale section of town; a replacement for Bancroft Elementary School, combining the project

with alleviating overcrowding at Shawshen Primary School; playing fields to be built on town-owned land on Blanchard Street; and a new town yard, looking to move the vehicle maintenance and refueling facility out of downtown Andover.

Voters also approved \$650,000 each for a new roof for the town's water treatment plant and repairs to Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School.

Although all five of Bob Pokress's private warrant articles

looking for greater control of and more information about town spending were defeated, support for Pokress's ideals was vocalized by many in attendance. Two of the five votes on Pokress's "taxpayers bill of rights" were close enough that voters had to stand and be counted.

The first night of Town Meeting, voters approved a \$60.4 million budget, giving the schools \$500,000 more than what the Finance Committee and selectmen recommended.

Ball fields at Blanchard Street

Town Meeting voters paved the way for a new sports complex in town, approving \$425,000 to create a plan for town-owned property on Blanchard Street.

The town is looking at a possible model with three baseball fields and one multi-use sports field. The \$425,000 study will firm up plans over this year, and 2010 Town Meeting voters could approve plans to begin building.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

From left, Drew Farris, 12, Chris Nicholas, 12, in back, Matt Nicholas, 9, and Adam Enxing, 12, throw baseballs to each other at a town-owned site on Blanchard Street. Soon there will be real fields on the land.

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Town votes to ease into easement decision

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER
Residents want any change to who owns the entrance to Dundee Park on Essex Street to be part of a bigger plan for the area.

That's the message from Town Meeting as the small acreage could have been sold most likely close to or above its assessed value which is over \$120,000. In these tough financial times that's good news, according to

supporters of Article 31. They asked the town to let the Board of Selectmen sell or lease the .18 acres of land (7,900 square feet), which is assessed at \$125,300.

But before local attorney Mark Johnson wrapped up the supporting position, seven residents lined up to speak against the article. Those against said plans

for the area should be part of the Master Plan for the soon-to-be developed Town Yard, which is located nearby. Each said the town should not rush this easement's fate. "We've got just one time to decide," said Selectman Alex Vispoli, who along with Mary

Lyman voted against the article. The other three selectmen were in favor.

An article to allow selectmen to grant parking and utility easements for the same small piece of land, was also defeated.

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12. Downtown's construction project is expected to be finished by then and Tukiainen said folks will really feel like celebrating.

"ABCA is concentrating our efforts and energies for a 'relaunch' of Andover Days,

when we'll invite not-for profits and businesses outside of downtown to join us in tents on Main Street, and celebrate the completion of the construction project," Tukiainen said. "And maybe we will be celebrating the end of recessionary times — we hope."

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could find many towns with that. It's a real testament to the sense of community that Andover has, which is special and has to be protected and enhanced. It's important to do these things and you find a way to do them."

Selectmen had agreed to cancel the parade and breakfast because DCS has a \$3,000 cut to its holiday celebration budget this year. DCS could not afford to hire the band that leads the parade or any of the activities and entertainment that usually accompanies the breakfast, said DCS Director Mary Donohue.

"Traditions are strong here in Andover, and it's fabulous that Jerry (Silverman) has stepped

up to fund what was cut from budget," said Donohue. "He has been Mr. Fourth of July in the town of Andover. We're very happy that Jerry is the hero, and I think people will be happy that things are back on track."

The hot-dog picnic, which would have been held before the Middlesex Concert Band performance on July 3, is "on the shelf for maybe a future year," said Donohue.

"I didn't get any calls (from residents upset). I think people would have been understanding of the change. I don't think it would have been a bad year to make a change," she said.

Donohue said the DCS will use feedback - and attendance numbers - of this year's July 4 festivities to form its budget for

next year.

"If you'd like to have something new or something different, we're very interested in hearing about it," said Donohue. "(The pancake breakfast and horribles parade) is out of the budget. It's only because of (Silverman's) generosity that it's back with donations he's collected over the years."

Selectman Mary Lyman said Silverman approached the board at the town's Memorial Day festivities on May 25 and offered to fundraise for the July 4 events. "It was an easy vote," said Lyman of the May 27 decision to bring back the pancakes and the parade, which dates back to the 1800s. "(The breakfast and parade) had been cut

for monetary reasons, not lack of interest, and we're excited to be able to do it again.

"I like the sense of community it brings. Gail Ralston and Terrie Reid wear their button collections, and come every year, and you see the kids decorating their bikes. It really is what gives Andover such a good community feeling and reputation."

At last week's Town Meeting, voters approved a warrant article pledging \$10,000 of town money towards the July fireworks display.

To make a private donation towards fireworks, pancake breakfast and parade, send a check to the fireworks fund, in care of BankNorth, 61 Main St., Andover, MA, 01810.

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OBITUARIES

Myrtle L. McCarthy

LOWELL — Myrtle Louise McCarthy, the loving sister of Mary Brent and Mildred Summers, and a lifelong resident of Lowell, passed away Wednesday evening, May 27, 2009 at the Wingate at Andover Nursing Home. She was 89 years old.

Myrtle was born in Lowell on March 21, 1920, a daughter of the late James and Anna (Hood) McCarthy. Myrtle was a graduate of the Butler Junior High School and Lowell High School, Class of 1938. Miss McCarthy was employed for many years at the Churchill Manufacturing Company, located on Thorndike Street in Lowell. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Lowell and was affiliated with the Girls' Friendly Society at St. John's.

Surviving Myrtle are her two sisters, Mary Brent of Andover and Mildred Summers of North Andover; her niece and nephew, Janyce Lynch and her husband Henry of Newbury, and James Brent and his wife Deborah of Andover; her great-niece and great-nephew, Andrew Brent and his wife Michelle of Franklin, and Sarah Johnson and her husband Joseph of Groton. Mildred was the sister of the late John McCarthy.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called at the Fay-McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore St., Lowell on Monday Miss McCarthy's funeral service followed at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Ramon Americh presiding. Burial will take place in the family lot in the Edson Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Myrtle's memory may be made to the Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843. Arrangements by funeral directors Edward I. McCabe & Son, 978-459-9222.

Pamela A. Read, 62

CONCORD, N.H. — Pamela Ann Read, 62, longtime Andover resident, died Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at her home.

Born in Lawrence, she was the daughter of Alexander and Edith (Bouchard) Renny of Andover. Mrs. Read was a 1964 graduate of Andover High School in Andover.

She worked for many years for the Professional Center for Handicapped Children in Andover. She also worked for several Lakes Region schools as a paraprofessional. Recently she was a sales associate at JC Penney in Concord.

In 1995 she moved to Moultonborough and then in 2004 she moved to Concord. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Heather Hardcastle and her husband Paul of Wear; her brother, Alan Renny and his wife Carla

of Salem, N.H.; her sister Karen Craig and her husband Scott of Bradford; her in-laws, Robert J. Read of Concord, Marc Read and his wife Pat of Gilford, Scott Read and his wife Kim of Balston Spa, N.Y.; two granddaughters, Alexandra and Teagan Hardcastle, both of Wear; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Robert Read in 2001.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held Friday, June 5, 2009 at 11 a.m. in the Church Street Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 209 N. Main St., Concord, N.H. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Memorial Giving Program, 2 Commercial Drive, Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110-5032.

William J. Wedge, 74

Haverhill — William J. "Bill" Wedge, 74, entered into eternal life with the Lord on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at Brigham & Women's Hospital after suffering injuries in a fall.

Born in Haverhill on March 21, 1935, he was the son of the late William Joseph and Irene Albina (Legare) Wedge.

He served with the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. Mr. Wedge retired following 33 years with AT&T Network Systems (Western Electric) in North Andover as a composite master toolmaker.

Bill leaves behind his devoted wife of 26 years Jean (Warren) Wedge; children, Deborah J. Charewicz and husband Michael of Andover, Mark H. Wedge of Oklahoma; grandsons, William H.

Wedge of Oklahoma, Jason and Brett Charewicz of Andover; step-grandsons, Sam, Bailey, James and Ben Watkins of Andover; friend and sister-in-law Joyce LeClair of Haverhill; sister, M. Claire Goudreau of North Carolina; brothers, D. George Wedge of Louisiana, James Wedge and wife Barbara of Arizona, and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: The funeral was Sunday at Dole, Childs & Shaw Funeral Home, 148 Main St., Haverhill. Interment at Lincoln Cemetery was private. Donations in his memory may be made to AMVETS Post 147, 576 Primrose St., Haverhill, MA 01832. Online condolences may be sent to www.dcsfuneralhome.com.



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In Brief



THEN: Prior to 1960, Sid White owned and operated Wild Rose Farm on Lowell Street, but in 1960 he moved his herd to land at Argilla Road and set up a dairy bar known as the Rose Glen Ice Cream on nearby Andover Street.



NOW: The former location of the Rose Glen dairy bar on Andover Street, across from Argilla Road.

Spencer to be honored June 11

Residents are invited to join the Andover Historical Society as it recognizes Andover Business Center Association member Mark Spencer at the fourth annual Andover Heritage Award on Thursday, June 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, Mass. The Andover Heritage Award "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 other to do the same." 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 work Collaborating with the Andover Business Center Association to promote and active and vibrant business community Promoting the arts in our community as a member of the Andover Cultural Council and Friends of Memorial Hall Library Leading, for 13 years, the Rotary Club of Andover's annual Citizens Who Care project

Tickets for the Heritage Award event, which includes a buffet dinner, are \$35 per person. Tributes and tickets can be purchased online through the society's Web site www.andoverhistorical.org. For more information, call Carrie Mudura at the Historical Society, 978-475-2236.



THE ONLY DOWNSIDE TO THIS IS that people will have to endure (Selectman) Brian Major's singing, but certain things can't be helped. It is tradition, you know.

— Selectman Alex Vispoli, joking about the decision to keep a pancake breakfast on July 4. For more on the story, see page 1.

WE CAN'T GIVE UP. WE CAN'T disappear into our Xboxes and alcohol and drugs. We have to keep fighting and keep organizing.

"Riot folk" musician, activist and Andover native Evan Greer. See story in Arts, page 8.



Interested in Phillips Academy? Try a summer interview

Phillips Academy is conducting interviews June 8 through Aug. 28 for local students planning to apply for admission to the 2010-11 school year. Each applicant to Phillips Academy is required to have a personal interview as part of the admission process. In response to an unprecedented demand last year for interviews, which resulted in an 18 percent increase in the number of applications received, the Office of Admission

is encouraging local families to take advantage of their proximity to Phillips Academy and schedule their interviews in the summer.

In addition to interviewing students who intend to apply for admission into the ninth grade, the school also welcomes interview requests from local students interested in applying for admission to grades 10, 11, and 12 or for a post-graduate year. Students residing in Andover

and North Andover must apply as day students.

Interviews and student-guided tours are being offered Monday through Friday, beginning June 8. These visits provide time to learn about the school and to speak with admission counselors and student tour guides. All summer tour guides are local students who are eager to share their perspectives and experiences, according to the school. The

Office of Admission also will host two open houses, on Nov. 8, 2009 and Jan. 9, 2010 so local families can visit while school is in session.

To schedule an interview and tour, call the Phillips Academy Office of Admission at 978-749-4050. For more information about the admission process, call or e-mail Vivien Mallick, associate dean of admission, at 978-749-4062 or vmallick@andover.edu.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Information Technology Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 4 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearings and deliberations, Memorial Hall Library conference room, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Bancroft School Improvement Council, Bancroft Elementary School media center, 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Zoning Board of Appeals deliberations, Memorial Hall Library conference room, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

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

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

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Plant and Facilities Department conference room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

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

Fish Brook Watershed Advisory Committee, 397 Lowell St., Water treatment Plant conference room, 7 to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., fire chief's conference room, third-floor, 7 p.m.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Giant Yard Sale

The Doherty Middle School PAC is having A Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lawn of Doherty School. The "GO Green Team" is having a bake table and making earth cookies to raise money. Lori Bokowy who is the health teacher at Doherty and is excited about the Yard sale and the "Go Green theme." She can be reached by e-mail at LBOKOWY@aps1.net or by calling the Doherty Middle

School phone number, 978-623-8750.

Network with other professionals June 10

Professional Networking open house at Temple Emanuel in Andover. Join us them for their second event on Wednesday, June 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This month's event will focus on two areas, How to Write a Resume that Gets You Noticed, and Dressing for

Success. You will also have the opportunity to spend time on structured networking as well as meet our sponsor for the evening. The evening will feature speakers, presentations and handouts. There will be a drawing for a free professional resume review during the evening. Remember to bring your resume with you. This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited please respond by Monday, June 8 to 978-470-1356.

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■ POLICE LOG

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ARRESTS

Tuesday, May 26 – At 12:22 a.m., several 911 calls were received from Quail Run residents, reporting hearing glass breaking and people talking at St. Clare Monastery, River Road. Six officers responded, but found no vehicles parked at the monastery. Officer Colin Radford saw several people run out of the door of the monastery and into the woods. At 1:39 a.m., Matthew J. Reese, 21, of 40 Cynthia Road, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with trespassing, malicious destruction of property over \$250, and breaking and entering nighttime for a felony. At 2:09 a.m., Jeffrey Fredriksen, 21, of 453 Main St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with trespassing, malicious destruction of property over \$250, operating under the influence of liquor and breaking and entering in the nighttime, a felony.

At 1:16 p.m., Susan G. Stottlar, 39, of 123 A Calais St., Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and possession of a class A substance.

At 12:35 p.m., six officers responded to a traffic stop on River Road. At 1:28 p.m., Kenneth Cora Gonzalez, 27, of 13 Wilder St., Nashua N.H., was arrested and charged with assault with a hypodermic syringe, resisting arrest and possession of a class A substance.

At 11:06 p.m., a person walked into the police station to turn themselves in for an outstanding warrant. At 11:05 p.m., Jacob T. Emery, 21, of 16 South Warren, Bradford, was arrested and charged on warrants for a stop sign violation, driving without a license and leaving the scene of a property damage incident.

Wednesday, May 27 – At 12:07 p.m., five officers responded to drug arrests on North Main Street. At 12:26 p.m., Alexander G. Grammas, 26, of 50 Burroughs Road,

North Reading, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance. At 12:37 p.m., Tura J. Purnell, 22, of 8 Junction Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 4:31 p.m., Reinaldo I. Rosa, 32, of 8 Whipple St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and a motor-vehicle-equipment violation; also on two warrants for driving without a license and one for a marked lanes violation.

Thursday, May 28 – At 10:52 p.m., Katie D. Gillis, 25, of 15 Palmer Way, Wilmington, was arrested and charged on warrants for a stop-sign violation, driving with no license in her possession and two warrants for driving with a suspended license.

Friday, May 29 – At 12:16 p.m., three officers responded to a disorderly person on River Road. Richard Gonzalez, 19, of 79 Springfield St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, disturbing a school and assault and battery.

At 2:41 p.m., Michael Boudreau, 20, of 241 Middlesex St., North Andover, was arrested and charged on a warrant for possession of a class D substance.

Saturday, May 30 – At 5:27 p.m., officers called for a tow truck and a drug-sniffing dog for a vehicle search on River Road. At 6:20 p.m., Timothy A. Dzenowagis, 28, of 8 School St. Apt. 1, Lebanon, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance. At 6:34 p.m., Christopher T. Newcomb, 26, also of 8 School St. Apt. 1, Lebanon N.H., was arrested and charged with selling or possessing an electric stun gun and possession of a class A substance, with intent to distribute.

Sunday, May 31 – At 12:03 a.m., Ottoniel Miranda, 40, of 522 South Union St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and driving with a suspended license.

At 5:02 a.m., Joseph A. Perez,

25, of 3 Reed St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, malicious destruction of property over \$250 and possession of a class D drug, with intent to distribute.

BREAKS

Tuesday, May 26 – At 6:12 a.m., the Indian Ridge Country Club, Lovejoy Road, reported an overnight break-in.

Sunday, May 31 – At 4:32 a.m., a Main Street resident called police because someone was banging on her front door, and then drove off at a high rate of speed. Responding officers found damage to the home's doorway.

THEFT

Thursday, May 28 – At 2:55 a resident called 911 to report they had been a victim of identity fraud through the Internet and would like to file a report. "The subject stated they would come to the station at a later time because they didn't know the address of where they were calling from," read the police log.

Saturday, May 30 – At 1:06 p.m., theft of a mailbox on Dascomb Road was reported.

Sunday, May 31 – At 4:08 p.m., a North Main Street caller reported the theft of "a box of items."

Monday, June 1 – At 4:32 p.m., a Spring Valley Drive resident reported that a bag left on the ground next to her vehicle was stolen.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, May 26 – At 9:09 a.m., a Rutgers Road resident called to report his neighbor's landscaping company was blowing grass clippings onto his lawn.

Wednesday, May 27 – At 6:48 a.m., Officer Stephen Neal reported an odor of gas in the area of Union Street. The gas company was notified.

Thursday, May 28 – At 9:18 a.m., the Athlete's Corner store on Main Street reported finding someone sleeping in a lower office.

Here is what 2009 Town Meeting voters decided:

- Article 1:** Town Election
- 2:** Election not required by ballot, approved
- 3:** Salaries of Elected Officials, approved
- 4:** Fiscal Year 2010 budget, approved, funding the schools at \$60.4 million, bringing the total budget to \$132,806,219
- 5:** Capital Projects Fund Appropriation, approved for \$1,332,000
- 6:** Budget Transfers, approved for \$1,128,000
- 7:** Supplemental Budget Appropriations, approved, transferring \$334,000 from free cash for current year out-of-district special education expenses
- 8:** Free Cash, withdrawn
- 9:** Unexpended Appropriations, approved, with the amount of \$232,352.84 rolling back into free cash. This figure is the total of unused money from several different town projects, dating back to 1987 Town Meeting
- 10:** Accumulated Employee Benefit Account, withdrawn; \$225,000 to pay for this year's accumulated employee benefits - money for unused sick time and vacation days paid to retiring workers - will be funded from the operating budget
- 11:** Procurement, approved
- 12:** Punchard Free School Trustee, approved, allowing Punchard Free School trustees to be any resident of town, regardless of church membership
- 13:** FAA Lease, approved
- 14:** Transfer from Overlay Surplus, withdrawn
- 15:** Insurance Recovery Transfer, approved for \$110,585
- Article 16:** Town Yard master plan: approved
- 17:** 5 Campanelli Drive right of first refusal and site evaluation: approved
- 18:** site evaluation for a new Town Yard: approved
- 19:** Medicare extension plans for new retirees: approved
- 20:** \$10,000 to fund 4th of July fireworks: approved, paid for with money not used in projects approved at 1997, 2000 and 2002 Town Meetings
- 21:** transfer of \$2 million from stabilization fund to school department: withdrawn
- 22:** \$100,000 for Andover High School athletics from the stabilization fund: failed
- 23A:** Grant Program Authorization: approved
- 23B:** Road Contracts: approved
- 23C:** Town Report: approved
- 23D:** Property Tax Exemptions: approved
- 23E:** Contracts in Excess of Three Years: approved
- 23F:** Accepting Easements: approved

TOWN MEETING: VOTE BY VOTE



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People cast votes on Article 31, which asked voters to sell or lease town land, during Andover Town Meeting. The article failed.

- 23G:** Rescinding of Bond Authorizations: approved
- 24:** Granting Easements: approved
- 25:** Unpaid Bills: withdrawn
- 26:** Chapter 90 Authorizations: approved
- 27:** Revolving Accounts: approved
- 28:** Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program: approved
- 29:** Water Main Construction/Reconstruction: approved
- 30:** Water System Supply Improvements: approved, to be paid for with money left over from a project approved at 2003 Town Meeting
- 31:** Sale/Lease of Town Land: fail
- 32:** Essex Street - Grant of Easement: fail
- 33:** Fire Rescue Ambulance: withdrawn
- 34:** Ballardvale Fire Station Replacement: approved, but reduced to the amount of \$100,000
- 35:** Watershed Protection Overlay District - ZBL Amendment: approved
- 36:** Sign Bylaw - ZBL Amendment: approved, with section 5.2.3.h, which dealt with MBTA signage, was removed
- 37:** Portable Signs - ZBL Amendment: approved
- 38:** Customary Home Occupation - ZBL Amendment: approved
- 39:** Additional Design Criteria - ZBL Amendment: approved
- 40:** Notification of Annual Property Taxes: fail
- 41:** Five Year Projection: fail (177 votes against and 87 votes in favor)
- 42:** Town and School Labor Contracts: failed
- 43:** Accumulated Leave Benefits: fail (144 votes against and 98 votes in favor)
- 44:** Payment of Sick Leave Benefits: failed
- 45:** stabilization fund for Greater Lawrence Technical School: approved
- 46:** Street Acceptances: approved
- 47:** United States Postal Service
- Lease at Town House: approved
- 48:** Parking Program: approved for \$23,891
- 49:** Sewer Extension for Chester St., Mitton Circle, Oak St.: withdrawn
- 50:** Sidewalk Reconstruction on Sherbourne Street: not approved
- 51:** Heffron Right-of-Way: approved
- 52:** Repairs to Private Ways: approved
- 53:** Paving Pine Tree Lane: withdrawn
- 54:** Repaving/Improve Foster Pond Road and Pomeroy Road: withdrawn
- 55:** Town Building Maintenance and Renovation: approved for \$650,000
- 56:** School Building Maintenance and Renovation: approved for \$850,000
- 57:** New Ballfields at Blanchard Street: approved for \$425,000
- 58:** War Memorial Auditorium Repairs/Renovation: approved for \$650,000
- 59:** Feasibility Study/Schematic Design for Bancroft and Shawsheen Schools: approved for \$525,000
- 60:** Feasibility Study/Schematic Design for Bancroft Elementary School: withdrawn
- 61:** Increase Demand for Delinquent Municipal Fees: Approved
- 62:** Open Space Acquisition: Withdrawn
- 63:** Wireless Communication Facilities Moratorium: Withdrawn
- 64:** Wireless Communication Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Approved
- 65:** Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement: Approved
- 66:** Priority Development Site: Approved
- 67:** Nation Flood Insurance Program - Zoning Bylaw: Approved
- 68:** Fun Flight Circle Street Acceptance and Taking: Approved
- 69:** Granli Drive Easements, Petition General Court: Approved
- 70:** West Hollow Street Acceptance and Taking: Approved
- 71:** Local Option Revenues: Withdrawn

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Vote a step toward replacing Ballardvale Fire Station

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Half of the originally estimated cost to hire an engineering firm for the planning, engineering and design for a Ballardvale Fire Station replacement disappeared like

smoke. Initially, supporters were expecting to need \$200,000 for the design review as a first step for the project. But on the second night of Town Meeting, the amount presented was shaved to \$100,000 - and it was approved.

Planning and designing a replacement for the Ballardvale station will cost taxpayers about \$1.50 of their tax bill in 2012. But supporters said it's well worth it. Andover is a 32-square-mile town and needs a well-functioning third fire station, they said. The

current fire station in Ballardvale, at Andover Street and Clark Road, is more than 100 years old and so small that regular-sized fire trucks have trouble parking there. Daniel Casper, who lives on Andover Street and chairs the Planning Board, presented

research done by the Ballardvale Fire Station Replacement Committee. With two highways in town and a population over 30,000, he said the fire station is much-needed. Fire Chief Mike Mansfield noted the town already has paid for two

studies on the issue of a new fire station and said both studies had the same conclusion - Andover needs a third fire station. "Response times are critical," he said, noting that those times would be affected if the third station was eliminated.

MEETING: Voters approve of the study of town yard, elementary school

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Representatives from Andover's Little League and youth soccer association stood up and pledged to raise more than half of the project's estimated eventual \$1.8 million total cost.

Somerset Drive resident Lori Dreyfus said the baseball league has \$350,000 saved to put towards the Blanchard Street project, and has plans for additional fundraising.

"If we don't start this now, we will have kids with nowhere to play ball," said Dreyfus, alluding to the imminent closure of the town's Deymond Field Little League complex.

Tewksbury Street resident Bob Willard urged voters to vote against the article.

"Spending half a million for baseball just doesn't seem to cut it," as the schools are facing layoffs and program cuts, he said.

Former school and finance committee member Don Robb agreed, saying he's afraid that once construction begins, fundraising could fall short.

"We're talking about almost \$1 million left to raise. I'm afraid of them coming back to Town Meeting (asking for more money)," said Robb. "We have to start spending wisely, and put off things that aren't essential."

Carl Grygiel, president of the Andover Soccer Association, argued there is no other site in town that is as ready for building as the Blanchard Street property. More than 1,800 kids play youth soccer each season, and without field space, they would be forced to cut back games and playing time.

Moving the town yard

On Wednesday night, voters approved three articles that set in motion plans to relocate town yard,

2009 TOWN MEETING ATTENDANCE

Tuesday, May 26: 1,089 voters
Wednesday, May 27: 467 voters
Thursday, May 28: 363 voters
Source: Andover town clerk's office

where the town stores road sand and salt and repairs its vehicles and equipment off Lewis Street downtown.

Over the next year, plans will be made for both a new town yard and redevelopment of the Lewis Street site. By next spring, the Town Yard Task Force hopes to bring a concrete plans for approval at 2010 Town Meeting.

The three articles passed last week will be paid for not with new taxes, but with monies unused during previous town projects.

Article 16 will create a master plan to redevelop the existing town yard site, paid for with \$30,000 unused from a project approved by 2004 Town Meeting.

The existing town yard is woefully small, and the buildings have structural deficiencies, said Hooks Johnston, a member of the Town Yard Task Force. The redevelopment plan would pave the way for business and residences to be built there, he said, bringing in approximately \$1 million per year of new tax revenue.

"The problem is the most valuable property we (the town) has in the heart of downtown," said Johnston. "At this moment, we're looking at \$100,000 to \$200,000 in repairs just to keep the structures from falling down."

Karen Herman, Preservation Commission member, stood up in support of moving town yard out of an area classified as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Whatever site we have will be better than what we've got," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

Article 17, which secures \$27,255 for a site evaluation and the first right of refusal for a property at 5 Campanelli Drive, will be paid for by monies unused by 2004 and 2005 Town Meeting projects.

The first right of refusal allows the town to be first in line to purchase the Campanelli Drive property, a possible site for a new town yard.

"It's an insurance policy, as simple as that," said Johnston.

Article 18, which will be paid for with money not used in the 2005 capital project fund, approved \$20,000 for a site evaluation - checking for wetlands and other features - of any other parcel of land that may present itself as a suitable site for town yard in the next year.

'Andover taxpayers' Bill of Rights'

Although all five of Cherrywood Circle resident Bob Pokress's five private warrant articles were defeated, the town has started to adopt several of the principles he championed. More detailed tax information was explained and printed in this year's Finance Committee Report for Town Meeting, Pokress noted.

Selectman Jerry Stable promised his board is "working very diligently to bring (labor) contracts into the 21st century."

The five articles aimed to improve communication and change town practices Pokress said just don't make financial sense, such as buying back scores of days of sick time from retiring town employees.

Article 40 would have required each resident to receive, in writing, how much their tax bill would increase or decrease with each

Town Meeting vote.

"Town Meeting is asking us to approve millions of dollars in budget items. This gives us a better idea of personal cost," said Pokress.

Although Selectman Brian Major said he agreed with Pokress's intent, he noted that not all Town Meeting articles immediately affect town tax bills, and some don't use all their allocated money.

"We need more ways of looking at things. Let's begin to get better information into the hands of the town," said resident Greg Rigby.

Article 41 would have required the Finance Committee Report to include a five-year projection of budget expenditures, something that many other towns in Massachusetts do already, said Pokress.

"The town manager and superintendent should be doing this as part of their jobs," he said.

Selectman Mary Lyman noted the article does not require a five-year projection of revenue, making the information incomplete.

Rigby, a financial advisor, supported the five-year plans, saying they are routine in the private sector.

Voters defeated Article 41, 177 to 87.

Article 42 would have prohibited the town from entering into labor contracts that exceeded current, voter-approved operating budgets. The way things work now, town citizens have no recourse for a labor contract they don't like, said Pokress.

"(Town employment) contracts are signed off by less than a handful of people, with no discussion amongst citizens. That process is broken," said Pokress. "Future expenses are being obligated, without our approval. This (warrant article) gives us the same rights that union leaders have in negotiating contracts for others."

"Contracts are hundreds of millions of dollars. This gives us a chance to discuss them, before the equivalent of a financial gun is put to our heads."

Town Meeting voters ultimately sided with Tom Urbelis, lawyer for the town, who said he felt the warrant article would violate state law and eliminate the "good faith" in which collective bargaining is done.

Article 43 would have eliminated the accumulation of sick leave in labor contracts, conforming to the norm in the private sector, said Pokress. Article 44 would have prohibited the town from paying employees back for unused sick days when they retire or resign.

"This is the most egregious abuse of the town's goodwill. Unused sick days are not surrogate vacation, or a bonus upon retirement ... This is the equivalent of getting paid for having an A in attendance," he said. "Maybe the law would be on our side, if we had the guts to challenge it."

Urbelis claimed Pokress's two articles dealing with sick time would have violated state law.

"Maybe it is a state law, but it needs to be changed and it needs to be looked at," said resident John Carlson. "It's time to wake up in this town."

River Road resident Chris Vrontas, who served as the ombudsman attorney for Town Meeting, stood up and said he was "not convinced it's a violation of state law."

Ultimately, Article 44 was defeated with a show of hands, and article 43 was defeated with a standing vote, 144 to 98.

Bancroft Elementary School

Help is on the way for the structurally unsound Bancroft Elementary School, after Town Meeting voters approved a \$525,000 for a feasibility study and schematic

design for the 40-year-old school's replacement. The approved warrant article provides for the study to address overcrowding at Shawsheen Primary School.

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

"We believe the current Bancroft site currently makes the most sense," said Mark Johnson, School Building Committee chairman. "Passage of Article 59 will not result in the closing of Shawsheen."

Following Town Meeting approval, the Bancroft/Shawsheen feasibility study will commence immediately, said Johnson.

The School Committee will vote on a final Bancroft model in "mid to late fall" 2009, said member Annie Gilbert, and Town Meeting voters could give the project a green light in spring 2010. After that, the school will tentatively take two years to construct, Johnson said.

The state will reimburse the town for a minimum of 41 percent of building costs, he said.


"This is our opportunity, this is our time," said Andover resident and state representative Barbara L'Italien. "Andover can't go back to the Massachusetts State Building Authority for 10 years (to build another school) if this is approved. If we don't want to do this, there are other communities that will."

Don Robb said he "has every reason to want to support (article 59). Bancroft has been a disaster for almost 30 years. But the overcrowding at Shawsheen can be fixed without spending a penny. The School Committee could vote to limit enrollment at this magnet school."

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Reality: 61 percent of 18-24 year olds and 25-34 year olds read a newspaper in an average week and 65 percent of them read a newspaper or visited a newspaper website in the past week.

3. Myth: Newspaper readership is tanking.

Reality: Average weekday newspaper readership declined a mere 1.8 percent between 2007 and 2008, and about 7 percent since its peak in 2002. Compare that to the 10 percent decline seen in the prime time TV audience in 2007 alone. Meanwhile, newspapers' Web audience has grown nearly 75 percent since 2004, to 73 million unique visitors a month.

4. Myth: Many newspapers are going out of business.

Reality: Newspapers, as individual businesses, by and large remain profitable enterprises – with operating margins that Wall Street analysts estimate will generally average in the low to mid teens during 2009. While that may be down from historical highs, such margins would be the envy of many other industries today. As consultant John Morton said in a recent *American Journalism Review* article, "Overall, the beleaguered newspaper industry's financial health has been weakened but remains healthy by most measures. In this environment, that is an achievement."

5. Myth: Newspaper advertising doesn't work.

Reality: Google's own research shows that 56 percent of consumers researched or purchased products they saw in a newspaper. Google also says that newspaper advertising reinforces online ads: 52 percent are more likely to buy products if they see it in the paper.

6. Myth: There are no creative options in newspapers.

Reality: Newspaper advertising options have exploded and now include shape and polybag ads, post-it notes, "we prints," shingle spadeas, scented ads, taste-it ads, glow-in-the-dark, belly bands and temporary tattoos, as well as event and database marketing, behavioral targeting, e-mail blasts, e-newsletters and more.

7. Myth: If newspapers close, you will still be able to get news from other sources.

Reality: Newspapers make a larger investment in journalism than any other medium. Most of the information you read from "aggregators" and other media originated with newspapers. No amount of effort from local bloggers, non-profit news entities or TV news sources could match the depth and breadth of newspaper-produced content.

This is not a portrait of a dying industry. It's illustrative of transformation. Newspapers are reinventing themselves to focus on serving distinct audiences with a variety of products, and delivering those audiences effectively to advertisers across media channels.

For more on the power of newspaper media, visit www.newspapermedia.com.

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Education

Summer assignment: What can parents do?

Ken Seifert



An Open Letter to the Andover School Committee: A few weeks ago I appeared before you. I urged you to be an effective committee, perhaps the best ever in our town. I also said I would do what I can to help you

reach that goal. I have found empowerment a critical tool to any successful endeavor. According to Webster, empower: to give authority to. You can empower a person or a group, sometimes with a charter. However you do it, the direction should be clear. At this year's Town Meeting, I was sincerely moved by what was said by Annie Gilbert, rookie school committee member. She said she has a goal to make the schools a better place

for children. I believe her. She also asked me, a retired educator, how can we, as parents, help our children make their dreams and our dreams come true? Peter Senge said, "A shared vision is not an idea...It is rather a force in people's hearts...at its simplest level a shared vision is the answer to the question 'What do we want to create?'" There is also a simple process. Appoint Annie Gilbert,

give her a charter. She has until mid-September to come up with ideas to answer the question: how can parents make their children's dreams come true at home and in the schoolhouse? Initially the answers would not make a long list. What do you expect in two months? It would be just a few creations the School Committee can use in all future educational specifications. It is intended for the new school, whatever it looks

like, and schoolhouses presently standing. While most people are enjoying the summer sun, Gilbert will need a nucleus of people who want to be the initial creators of ideas of a 21st century school with parents. You know, the life-long learners with children. Senior citizens would be welcome as old-time town parents. She will not ask for thousands of dollars for a feasibility study, just a few people, time to do a little dreaming and specifics

regarding possibilities for you to consider. Should she accept, give her more than five minutes for the presentation. I'm sure she will give anyone equal time if they answer the same questions. She knows no one has a monopoly on dreams with a road map. Annie Gilbert, please accept. ■■■ Ken Seifert is a 40-year Andover resident and former superintendent of Andover schools.

BOOK REVIEW OF 'LIFE OF PI'

Catch this tiger book by the tail

By HARRY WOOD
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

There are some books that you finish happily with a wide grin on your face. There are some that you finish feeling like you still want more, and weren't totally satisfied.

Then, there are some that you finish breathless, in total awe of what you just read. "Life of Pi," by Yann Martel, is one of these books.

"Life of Pi" tells the story of Piscine "Pi" Patel, a young boy and son of a zookeeper, living in Pondicherry, India. Pi spends his days getting acquainted with the zoo animals, and developing his religious beliefs. A deeply religious boy, he practices Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. Through his religious teachings and training at the zoo, he learns to be patient, faithful and intuitive. He puts all these traits to good use when his family must leave India and move the zoo to Canada. While on the boat to Canada, something on the ship explodes, sinking the boat and killing all people and animals on board except for Pi, a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan, and a tiger named Richard Parker, who manage to make it into a lifeboat. Soon, the tiger has eaten all the animals, leaving Pi in a boat alone with him.

Meanwhile, Pi must deal with many problems: Dealing with the crushing loss of his parents, learning how to live with a tiger, adapting to life on the ocean, convincing himself to eat meat against the rules of two of his religions, and of course finding a way back to land. At first, he holds out hope that his family is alive and that someone is coming to rescue him, yet as the days pass, he forces himself to accept that this may just not be true. He forces himself to create

a routine, and try to survive through this ordeal, and rejoice the human world.

This book is one of the most powerful, emotional stories I have ever had the fortune to read. Pi's struggle to stay alive through the hardships and depression of his situation resonate with the reader, and touched me deep inside. It is a story of survival, faith, love, and the power of belief in your own ability to persevere through adversity. It takes us on a journey through Pi's life, from his wonderful little zoo in the beginning, to his studies with his brilliant teachers, all the way through his challenges on the lifeboat.

It is also a true story, which I actually had some problems believing, because the entire novel and the stories inside are wonderfully fantastical. The way Martel manages to paint a colorful and precise picture of Pi's ordeal brings to mind fiction of the highest level, not a brilliantly told non-fiction story. But whether it is non-fiction or fantasy, it is still a brilliant tale, and one that I thoroughly enjoyed front to back.

The only part I found disappointing was the ending, as it seemed slightly anti-climactic to me, but I will reveal none of it here, because I don't want to discourage anyone from reading this book. "Life of Pi" in my mind cannot be praised enough, so all I can do is give it my ultimate honor, a 10 out of 10, which only barely begins to cover its brilliance. "Life of Pi" does have some blood and gore, so I would not recommend it for anyone under the age of 13. However, if you are over the age of 13, make this book a priority to read this summer.

■■■ Harry Wood is an Andover resident and student at the Pike School.

Top honors



Valedictorian Vinayta Ahuja of Andover receives her diploma at the UMass Lowell graduation Saturday afternoon.

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here is what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, June 8 to 12:

Elementary schools

Monday: Pancakes, strawberries and cream with mini yogurt, General Tso's chicken over rice, fruit cup, steamed broccoli and juice.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dips, dinner roll, jumbo pretzel with yogurt or cheese stick, baked fries, seasoned veggies and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: No Lunch - Early Release

Thursday: Chicken cacciatore and pasta, bagel with yogurt or string cheese, nachos grande with beef, veggies, cheese and salsa, green beans, chilled fruit and juice.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, American sub, Italian macaroni salad, broccoli and carrot sticks with dip and fresh melon.

Middle schools

Monday: Meatball sub topped with cheese, Italian sub with the works, veggie wrap with the works, Greek

pasta salad, carrot sticks and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Pepperoni or broccoli-and-cheese calzone with marinara sauce, crispy turkey burger with lettuce and tomato, oven wedges, steamed veggies and fruit cup.

Wednesday: Baked chicken, broccoli and ziti with garlic bread, oriental turkey salad, bread stick, fortune cookie, grilled cheese, side salad, seasoned green beans, jello with fruit and juice.

Thursday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, chicken tenders, corn on the cob, french fries, roll, fresh melon and juice.

Friday: Oven-baked chicken,

tuna pocket, sun chips, french toast with strawberries and whipped cream, roasted potatoes, seasonal veggies, dinner roll and chilled fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: Twin tacos with all the toppings, Mexican corn, black bean salad and chilled fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken wings with rice pilaf, cole slaw and chilled pineapple.

Wednesday: Chicken Parmesan, pasta, garlic bread, steamed fresh veggies and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Ravioli with sauce, bread stick, garden salad and

jello with topping. Friday: Manager's choice.

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

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

AUTHOR HALLIE EPHRON, will talk about her new thriller, "Never Tell a Lie," 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

ARTIST RECEPTION, for just-opened "Wandering Feet" exhibit, 6-9 p.m., The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Second floor of the A-Mill, show runs through June 21. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; www.theloadingdock-gallery.com or call Maxine Farkas at 978 349-8069.

CORO STELLA MARIS, "Medieval, Modern, Minimal" performance, 8 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 385 Essex St., Salem, Mass., \$15, \$10 students/seniors at the door; Barbara Boles, 617-625-1857, www.corostellamaris.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

YARD SALE, Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street, Andover, with a baked goods table; Lori Bokowy, LBOKOWY@aps1.net, 978-623-8750.

LECTURE, The Business of Acting, with acting coach Dani Super, of Super/Capes Casting, hosted by Tiny Tunes! of Andover, 93 Main St., Andover, for parents of children ages 5 through 12 who are members of Tiny Tunes! There are also limited spots open to the public, \$50 registration required; 978-475-3148.

FISHING DERBY, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., benefits the Timothy P. Roberts "Reeling in a Dream" fund for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Fish from the shore at Brooks School for \$10 per person or from a boat on Lake Cochichewick for \$25 per person. Boats can launch from Brooks School, or the hatch. Preregistration is encouraged at Treadwell's Ice Cream at Smolak Farms during regular business hours or online at www.reelingadream.org.

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; www.essexartcenter.com/hotnews.html to purchase tickets.

PLANT SALE, Andover Garden Club, 9 a.m. to noon, Old Town House, 20 Main St., Andover, free admission; contact Judy Wright, 978-337-7942 or 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; www.windrushfarm.org.

COLLEGE FUNDRAISER, The Women of Northern Essex Community College will hold their annual 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.; Lori Smerdon, NECC Institutional Advancement Office, lsmerdon@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.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

BENEFIT DINNER, concert, hosted by The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), kids welcome, with popular children's allergy singer Kyle Dine, face painting and a silent auction, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading. Andover residents Kim and Jay Sousa are helping organize the event. To register, e-mail Amanda Burke at aburke@foodallergy.org, call 703-563-3075 or Kim Sousa at ksousa@rdkengineers.com. Tickets cost \$50 per adult and \$20 per child and include dinner. (The children's meal will be completely free of the eight major allergens.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

TALK ON "GAMING THE SYSTEM", An Insider's Guide to Understanding the Public Pensions Scandal in Massachusetts, with Sean P. Murphy, award-winning veteran investigative reporter for the Boston Globe, hour-long presentation is followed by questions and answers on public pensions and their abuses, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St. at the corner of Main Street. (Route 38).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

AMERICAN DOLL TEA, with Julie, the newest American Girl Doll, 12:30-2 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, \$10 adults, \$15 children, games and crafts, ending with tea and yummy treats. Bring your favorite doll to join you at the tea table. Space is limited, 978-475-2236, education@andoverhistorical.org for reservations.

MISS MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR NATIONAL TEEN, Kendall Wipff of Andover visits, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

2009 HERITAGE AWARD CEREMONY, honoring Mark Spencer of Andover, hosted by Andover Historical Society, 6-8 p.m., Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road, Andover; 978-475-2236; andoverhistorical.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION, 2:30 p.m., with David Polanski Patriotic Tunes, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

FUNDRAISER REMEMBERS, as selected performances from "Big River, Willy Wonka" and more, hosted by ACTING OUT Theater Company

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MUSICAL RIOT

Andover's Greer mixes politics with song



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover native Evan Greer recently played a CD release party at the Community Church of Boston in Copley Square.

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

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Musician, activist and Andover native Evan Greer first picked up the acoustic guitar at age 16.

A lot has happened in the world since, including the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"That's what politicized me and got me involved with activism," said Greer, who in 2001 was still in high school at the Cambridge School of Weston. "I started writing songs very quickly."

Now 23, a lot has happened in Greer's world, too, since he began mixing music with politics.

A self-described "radical songwriter," Greer performs across North America and has shared a stage with folk legend Pete Seeger.

He also preaches lessons of tolerance to college and high school students through travelling workshops he helps facilitate.

"I see myself first and foremost as an organizer," said Greer. "I see my music as a tool for organizing and for social justice."

Greer defined social justice as a fight to liberate the poor, minorities, women, homosexuals and other groups from oppression. That struggle is documented on Greer's debut full-length album, "No Surrender."

"For this album, I really wanted to make something I was proud of," said Greer. "We can't give up. We can't disappear into our Xboxes and alcohol and drugs. We have to keep fighting and keep organizing."

Greer takes his message to heart. When not on tour, he lives

in Jamaica Plain and works as a community organizer, increasing public involvement in resources like health-care cooperatives and community gardens.

Greer dropped out of college several years ago to help form the Riot-Folk! Collective, a group of independent musicians and a promotional tool that helped them tour North America and Europe.

"Through that, we gained quite a following around the country, mostly in political circles," said Greer.

Throughout history, Greer said music and politics have found themselves intertwined.

"Music is always about elevating the voice of people who are struggling, but also to get people involved," said Greer. "I think folk music, especially, is a great tool for getting people together."

Greer recently completed a 1,600-mile, 40-show bicycle tour across Florida. He'll embark on a two-month tour across the country in a van fueled by vegetable oil in the fall.

Greer said his audiences vary in size from five to 500 people on any given night.

"That's just kind of the reality for working musicians who aren't using the support of a corporate record label," said Greer. "We really rely on the people who love our music and our message and the organizations that support us."

VYING TO BE CHILI CHAMPIONS



Andover residents, public safety workers join cookoff Sunday

COURTESY OF
CLAIRE MCCARTHY

One year ago, Andover resident, banker and community leader Len Wilson added another title to his C.V.: "amateur chilihead."

He will be one of many local residents participating in the second annual "Heroes of Lawrence Chili Cookoff, Music Festival & Car show" on Sunday June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Pemberton Park in downtown Lawrence. This event will benefit The Lawrence Rotary Foundation on behalf of Lawrence childhood education.

Entrusted years ago with a friend's secret award-winning chili recipe, Wilson was fired up to oversee its employment as he commanded a Sovereign Bank team in the Lawrence Rotary Club's first competitive chili cook-off last June.

"Everyone thinks their chili is the best," Wilson recently said. "A woman who worked for me in Springfield, Mass. gave me her niece's recipe that had won a Paul Newman recipe contest. I think it was a \$10,000 college prize for her. It's called 'Sockarooni Chili' because it uses Newman's Own Sockarooni Sauce." The Andover resident is accustomed to making home batches that serve six to eight people, but gearing up to deliver five gallons for the judges and last year's 800 visitors demanded a team effort. The night



Courtesy photo

Len Wilson (third from left) and his team at last year's competition.

before, he and his wife, along with team members, washed, chopped, diced and spiced the veggies that simmered in the special sauce in two 2.5-gallon crock-pots.

"It's a terrific event. We had lots of laughs, lots of fun. Everyone puts his or her heart and soul into each recipe. You help raise funds for schoolchildren and raise awareness of Lawrence as a wonderful city. You see people young and old, from Lawrence, or who used to live in Lawrence," said Wilson.

The Lawrence Rotary Club will award hundreds of dollars in prize money to local favorites this year;

all remaining proceeds benefit the Foundation. With the aim of attracting 2,000 visitors and dozens of teams, this year's cook-off effort could raise upwards of \$15,000, according to event organizer and Lawrence Rotary Club's incoming president Mark Engelberg. "If you have a killer chili recipe and want to compete, you are invited to bring three to five gallons of red or green, with meat or without, with or without beans, whatever. There's even a salsa competition!" Engelberg said. "While drop-ins are welcome, we'd really appreciate people registering on-line before the day of the event at www.LawrenceChiliCookoff.org."

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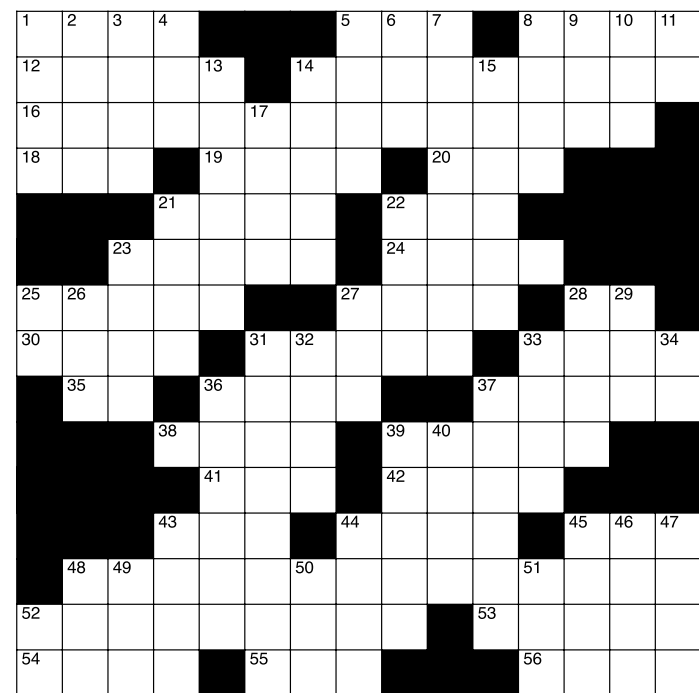
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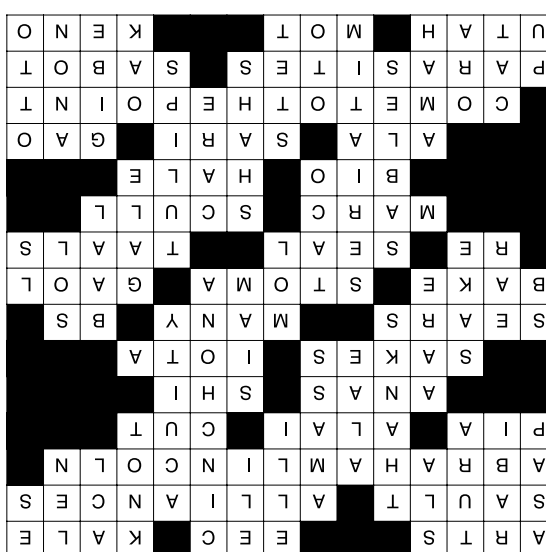
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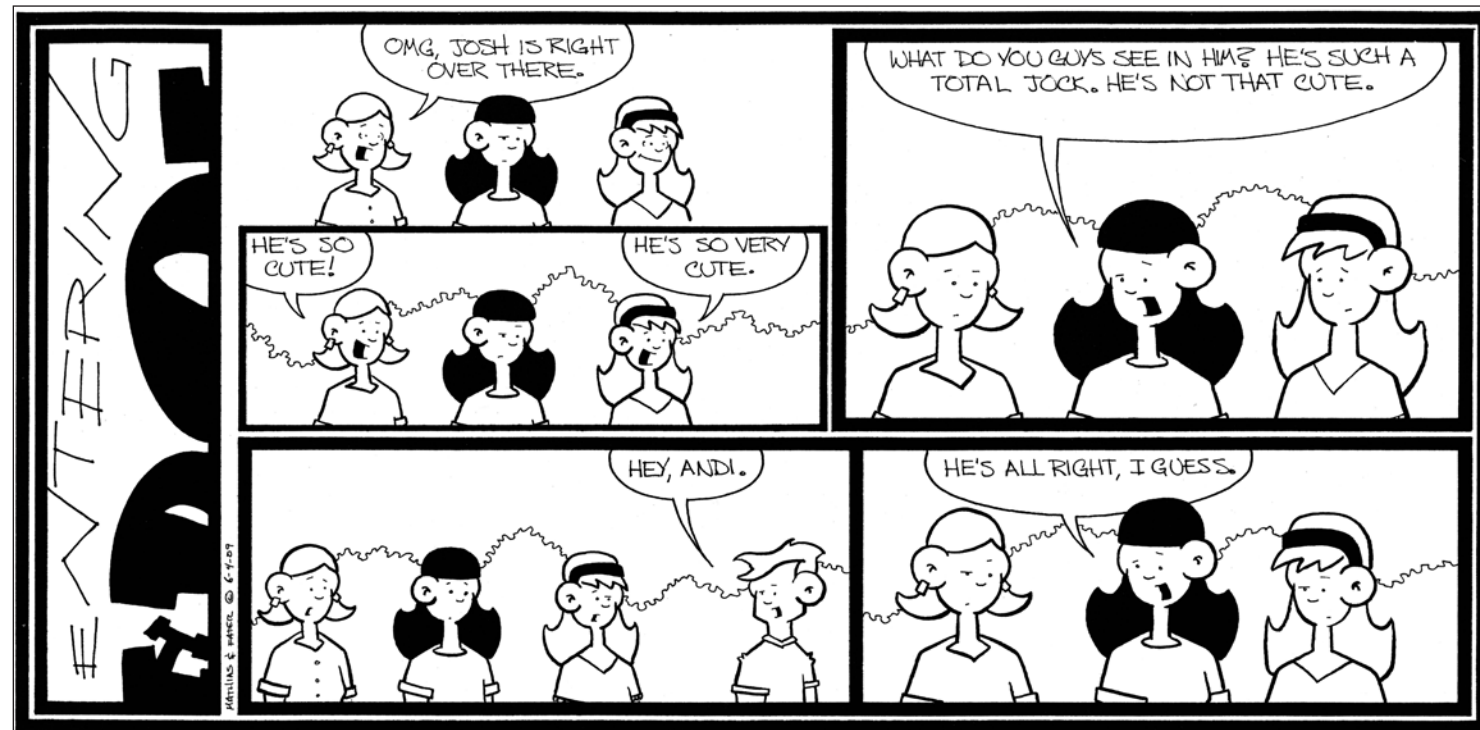


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- Humanistic disciplines
 - Old world, new
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 - ___ Ste. Marie, Canada
 - Confederations
 - 16th President
 - Islamabad airline
 - Jai ___, sport
 - Slice or trim down
 - "Ban ___": Allen film
 - ___ h tzu: dog
 - Interests
 - 9th Greek letter
 - Roebuck's partner
 - Not a few
 - College degree
 - Cook in an oven
 - Pores in a leaf
 - Jail
 - Rhenium
 - Close hermetically
 - Afrikaans
 - Designer Jacobs
 - A racing shell
 - Word element meaning life
 - Revolutionary hero
 - Nathan
 - Pie ___ mode
 - Indian frock
 - Crunches federal numbers
 - Stop rambling
 - Leeches
 - Wooden shoe
 - American state
- CLUES DOWN**
- Acronym for fastest
 - Isodor ___, '44 Nobel physicist
 - Ven ___ : 93001
 - Patty Hearst's captors
 - Norse goddess of old age
 - ___ Lilly, drug company
 - Peruvian bark
 - Something you tie
 - ___ U: rights group
 - Dancing judge Goodman
 - Spanish be
 - Expressions of gratitude
 - Gather together
 - Sharpness of vision
 - Winglike structures
 - Swiss river
 - Old Thailand
 - Witty remark
 - Bingo
 - Japanese beverage
 - Antimony
 - Auricle
 - ___ ars: back teeth
 - Semitic fertility god
 - Sun (Spanish)
 - One after another
 - Tortilla dish
 - A strong wind
 - Syrian pound
 - Jet blacks
 - Dutch flowers
 - Iranian kings
 - Am. relief organization
 - Far East nanny
 - ___ son: hatmaker
 - Cheap shot
 - In a short time
 - ___ von Bismarck
 - Feline mammal
 - ___ J: mouth related
 - Word element meaning ear
 - Hard wood
 - Atomic #94

Solution



ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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- Directors Linda Schoonmaker and Penny Kohut of Andover, 7 p.m., The Stage, 60 Island St., Lawrence, \$15;
WWW.ACTINGOUT.BIZ, contact 978-794-0001 or actingout@earthlink.net
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, crafts fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, Topsfield Town Common. There will also be a Revolutionary War Encampment featuring Col. Bailey's 2nd Massachusetts Regiment.
ARMENIAN FOOD FAIR, St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Merrimack Valley, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Jaffarian Hall, 158 Main St., N. Andover, hosted by St. Gregory Ladies Guild; 978-685-5038.
BENEFIT TENNIS TOURNAMENT, for A Better Chance Masconomet Program, men's and women's doubles competition, matches are played on private courts in Topsfield and Boxford; abcmasco@yahoo.com, abcmasconomet.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Smolak Farms, North Andover, live music, barbecue, children's games, hayrides, Kids are free; Admission for adults is \$5
BASEBALL JAZZ, with Art Springer, co-author of "The Year the Red Sox Won the World Series," 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.
BENEFIT BIKE RIDE FOR ABC, through Topsfield to raise money for A Better Chance Masconomet Program. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Proctor School in Topsfield Center. All riders welcome. Pledges in the amount of \$50 or more will earn a T-shirt. Rain or shine; abcmasco@yahoo.com, abcmasconomet.org.

Celebrate National Trails Day on June 7



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo
The Andover Trails Committee, Friends of North Andover Trails and Trustees of Reservation are planning a day of activities to celebrate National Trails Day at Ward Reservation on June 7. From left, Lisa Swarbrick, of Friends of North Andover Trails, Alan French, of Andover Trails Committee, David Bunting, president of Andover Trails Committee and Chris Ward, with Trustees of Reservations.

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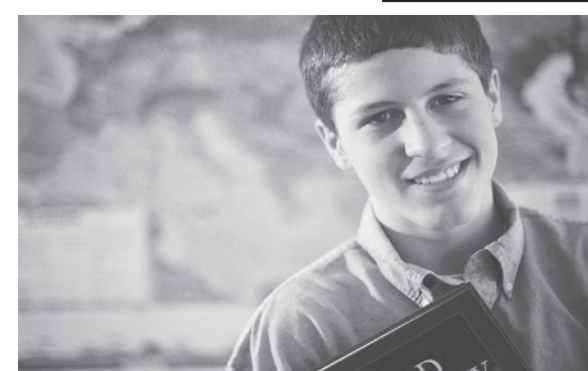
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Obituaries

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Lucille F. Lehnert



ANDOVER — Lucille F. (Cyr) Lehnert, of Andover, died Monday, May 25, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Lucille was born in Lawrence on Franklin Street, the daughter of Mr. Florent and Matilda Cyr. She attended St. Ann's School in Lawrence.

Lucille worked for many years as an assembler at the former Tyer Rubber Co. until her retirement in 1976. After her retirement she enjoyed traveling to most countries in Europe and many states in the U.S.

She enjoyed dancing at the Lowell Commodore, the Hampton Beach Casino, the Shawsheen Dance Hall and also dance halls in Revere and Boston. She also enjoyed going horseback riding, vacationing at the beach including Old Orchard, Kennebunkport

in Maine and Hampton Beach in New Hampshire and camping in the White Mountains and Camden, Maine. She was a member of St. Ann's Parish, St. Augustine and Sacred Heart, all in Lawrence. She most recently attended St. Augustine in Andover, where she was a member.

Lucille leaves her loving husband, Harry Lehnert of Andover, two sisters, Claire Zimmer of Norway, Maine and Muriel Valiere of Peabody, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements are under the direction of the Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home. A funeral Mass in her honor was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial followed at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the St. Augustine's Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Marion E. Minahan, 85



METHUEN — Marion E. (Conlon) Minahan, 85, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Halcyon House in Methuen.

Born and educated in Lawrence, she was the daughter of Joseph J. and Annie G. (McHugh) Conlon. She began working in 1955 for various companies in Lawrence as a switchboard operator and receptionist. In 1975 she became the secretary to the principals at Methuen High and was the treasurer of the Methuen's Secretarial Organization before retiring.

Marion had such a love for her family including her daughters, their husbands, five grandchildren and six great-grandsons. She loved doing crossword puzzles, listening to music, visits to her time share in the White Mountains and trips to the beaches. She spent many hours crocheting and knitting making the most beautiful afghans.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Harold A.

Minahan, who passed away in 1990. She is survived by her two daughters, Tricia Marchlik and her husband Michael of Andover, and Kathleen Mears and her husband Eric of Windham, N.H.

She also leaves her five grandchildren, Michael Marchlik and his wife Ami of California, Stephen Marchlik and his wife Erica of Wakefield, and Scott Marchlik of Andover, Jamie Mears of Manchester, N.H. and Tracy Mears of Hudson, N.H.; Six great-grandsons, Aiden, Mason, Preston and Griffin Marchlik, all of California, Tyler Marchlik of Massachusetts, and Jaxson Mears-Byrd of New Hampshire. Marion also leaves her longtime friend Dorothy Dyan of Salem, N.H. She was predeceased by her brother William J. Conlon.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorials can be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. Family and friends called on Sunday at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA 01844. Funeral services were Monday at the funeral home with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. To leave an online condolence visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

Lawrence G. Godin, 83

METHUEN — Lawrence G. "Larry" Godin, 83, a former Lawrence and Andover resident, died Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

Mr. Godin was born in Lawrence son of Alfred and Selinire (Boudreau) Godin. He was a graduate of Puncard High School in Andover and enjoyed taking continuing educational courses. During World War II he served his country in the United States Air Force and was the recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, and the American Theater Campaign Ribbon before being honorably discharged at war's end.

For 38 years Larry was an engineer with Western Electric and Lucent Technologies before his retirement. Mr. Godin was a former attendant of Assumption B.V.M. Church in Lawrence. He

played in social baseball and softball leagues, and enjoyed the Red Sox, fishing, and hunting.

Survivors include his wife and best friend for 54 years, Rita (Annaldo) Godin; children, Mark and his wife Brenda of Pelham, N.H., Andrea and her husband Joseph Showers of Burke, Va., and Les Godin of Amesbury; his sister-in-law, Arlene Godin of Salem, N.H.; and many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services and burial were private. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. In lieu of flowers, family and friends may make donations in Larry's name to the Jimmy Fund/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 ATTN: Contribution Services. Online condolences may be sent to pollardfuneralhome.com.

Wilbert C. McFarland, 55



ANDOVER — Mr. Wilbert Cleveland McFarland, 55, of Andover, died Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading, following a long battle with cancer.

Born in Lowell, Mr. McFarland was educated in the Lowell public schools. He was a painter by trade and worked throughout the Boston area. He was a gentle spirit and was loved by all.

Son of the late Wilbert McFarland, he is survived by his mother, Willimena McFarland of Detroit;

a sister, Doreane McFarland of Andover; a nephew, Ryan Peek of Andover; nieces, Audra Peek of Cambridge, Tara Peek of Marina Del Rey, Calif. and Kayla Peek Berube of New Rochelle, N.Y. Mr. McFarland was predeceased by his brother, David McFarland, who died in 2007.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Route 121A, Plaistow, N.H. Visitation with friends and family will precede the service from 6 to 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made for a scholarship in Wilbert Cleveland McFarland's name to The Excel Charter School, 1150 Saratoga St., East Boston, MA 02128.

Gerald J. Traill, 89

FRAMINGHAM — Gerald J. Traill, 89 of Framingham, formerly of a resident of Rockland for over 50 years, died on Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Carlyle House in Framingham. He was the husband of the late Margaret (Donoghue) Traill.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran (8th Air Force) of World War II and prior to retirement in 1976 was employed as a millwright at the American Can Co. in Needham.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan O'Bryan of Framingham and Linda Torrisi and her husband Anthony of Andover; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family there will be no calling hours and services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Brookhaven Hospice, 6 Beech St., Framingham. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eugene J. McCarthy and Sons Funeral Home, 11 Lincoln St., Framingham.

Joan L. Hartnett, 72



ANDOVER — Joan Louise (Crocker) Hartnett, of Andover, formerly of Malden, Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 72.

Born in Malden and a graduate of Malden High School, Class of 1955, Joan passed away at the Wilmington Health Care Center, where she had been receiving supportive care for the last week, a month after being diagnosed with cancer.

Beloved wife of the late David M. Hartnett. Devoted mother of Joseph Hartnett and his wife Shannon of Andover, Richard Hartnett and his wife Merinda of Omaha, Neb. and Joanne Mottola and her husband Pat of

Derry, N.H. Loving grandmother of Paige, Megan and Kathleen Hartnett, John and Jacob Hartnett and Mariah, Brianna and Michael Mottola. Dear sister of Carl Crocker of Pennsylvania and the late Richard Crocker. Also lovingly survived by several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends attended a funeral from the Carroll Funeral Home, 721 Salem St., (Maplewood Square) Malden on Saturday, May 30, followed by a funeral Mass celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Malden. Visiting hours in the Carroll Funeral Home were Friday. Services concluded with interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, West Peabody. Expressions of sympathy in Joan's name may be made to the Pan Mass Challenge, Jimmy Fund, Rider JH0187. To send a message of condolence to Joan's family, please visit www.carrollfh.com.

Arthur J. Trudeau, 89



LAWRENCE — Arthur J. Trudeau, 89, of Lawrence died on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Wingate at Andover.

Mr. Trudeau was born raised and educated in Lawrence and for many years he worked as an oil burner technician for several local fuel oil companies. Before his retirement in 1987, Arthur was senior custodian at the South School in Andover. He was a longtime communicant of Our Lady of Good Council Parish, St. Theresa Church, Methuen. Arthur served with The U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He loved the beach, loved to walk and chat with friends and neighbors and especially loved being with his family.

His family members include his wife of 64 years, Jeannette H. (Fournier) Trudeau of Lawrence and his daughters, Gloria I. and her husband, James Deschene, of Methuen and Paula M. Kruszczyński of Estero, Fla., and his grandchildren, Michele Wolters, Andrew Deschene, Amy Bowe, Lisa Edwards and Jason Kruszczyński. He also leaves seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Monday June 1, 2009 at The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. A funeral Mass was held Tuesday June 2 in Our Lady of Good Council Parish, St. Theresa Church, Methuen. The burial was in St. Mary Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. Memorial contributions may be made to Cor Unum Meal Center, 118 South Broadway, Lawrence, MA 01843. To send an online condolence, please visit, www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Robert L. Merchant III

NORTH ANDOVER — Robert L. "Bob" Merchant III of North Andover, formerly of Reading, died Friday, May 29, 2009.

Family members include wife Ashley (Romprey), parents Robert J. Merchant II and his wife Diane of Townsend and the late Sarah M. (Dawson) Merchant, and brother of John C. Merchant and his wife Jaime of Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services are at Wood End Cemetery, Franklin Street, Reading on Thursday, June 4 at 11 a.m. Visiting hours at the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St. (corner of Park Street and Route 28) North Reading, at Reading line, on Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Robert J. Merchant III Memorial Fund, c/o Citizens Bank, 209 North Main St., Andover, MA 01810. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

FOR WEEK OF MAY 31-JUNE 6, 2009

Astronauts update Hubble Space Telescope

NASA astronauts repaired the Hubble Space Telescope in May. The seven astronauts traveled over 5 million miles during their 13-day mission.

The Hubble is 19 years old. This is the fifth time astronauts have visited Hubble to make improvements.

The billion-dollar mission was a complete success. Scientists say the telescope is now better than ever.

Here's some of what the astronauts did:

Day 1 – The space shuttle Atlantis took off on May 11. Scott Altman commanded the mission. Gregory Johnson piloted the shuttle.

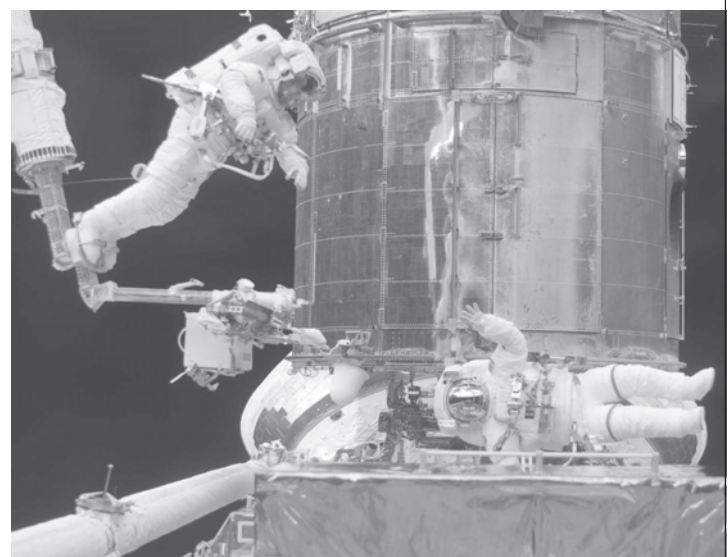
Day 2 – The astronauts reached the Hubble 350 miles above Earth. They also used the shuttle's robotic arm to inspect the shuttle for any damage during takeoff.

Day 3 – Engineer Megan McArthur grabbed the telescope with the robotic arm. She put it on a high-tech "lazy Susan" in the open cargo bay. That allowed the telescope to be rotated into position for different repairs. The cargo bay served as the "tool box."

Day 4 – The five days of Hubble repairs began. Two teams alternated days working on the telescope. They put on space suits and left the shuttle. Each space walk lasted about six and a half hours.

For some of the repairs, an astronaut attached his boots to a robotic arm. The arm lifted the astronaut into place and held him steady during the repairs.

Team one, John Grunsfeld and Andrew Feustel, installed a new 900-pound camera.



Andrew Feustel navigates near the Hubble Space Telescope on the end of the remote manipulator system arm, controlled from inside Atlantis' crew cabin. John Grunsfeld signals to his crewmate from just a few feet away.

Day 5 – Team two, Mike Massimino and Michael Good, replaced gyroscopes that help point the telescope.

Day 6 – Team one put in new corrective optics for the main telescope.

Day 7 – Team two repaired a telescope and put a new protective blanket on part of the Hubble.

Day 8 – Team one replaced batteries and guidance sensors. They also put on new protective blankets.

Day 9 – McArthur released the Hubble back into orbit. The crew checked the outside of the Atlantis to make sure it was ready for the trip home.

Day 10 – As the shuttle traveled home, crew members got a day off.

Day 12 and 13 – Because of bad weather in Florida, astronauts could not land.

Day 14 – Astronauts landed the shuttle in California, the back-up site.

The space shuttle Endeavour stood by during the Hubble mission in case a rescue was needed. Now, NASA is preparing the Endeavour for a trip to the International Space Station about June 13.

The space shuttles will retire next year. There will be no more missions to the Hubble. Hopefully, the repairs will keep the Hubble working for another 10 years. After it fails, NASA will crash the telescope into the Pacific Ocean.

Word Scramble

Unscramble these words about space:

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Newspaper in Education Activity

Look through your newspaper. See if you can find people whose jobs require skills in math or science.

Opinion

New generation set to strut stuff

While about 400 of his classmates were strutting across the Tsongas Arena to receive their diplomas, David Shuman was in Florida on business, looking to buy rare and antique watches and jewelry for his fledgling business.

Shuman, one of about a half-dozen Andover High graduates who elected to graduate early, has established his own business buying and selling jewelry, watches and coins, and he offers "The Shuman Collection" out of a jewelry store in Newton. He's been interested in the vintage watch and jewelry business since almost elementary school.

"My mother bought me a pocket watch at an antique auction and I used to sit and look at the movement," he said. "I used to sit and try to figure out what made the gears move at different times — this is me at 10 years old."

Since that time, Shuman, now 18, has spent his free time learning about the business, and taking classes in area such as entrepreneurship, economics and marketing.

"He's one of those kids who we look forward to seeing again, if only for a day or two," said Tom Mead, an Andover High assistant principal. "I would fully expect him to be in the forefront of some kind of precious goods trade - and a wheeler-dealer in those goods. And we can't claim too much of the teaching."

Shuman is just one example of the type Andover High School graduate entering the "real world."

Andover High soccer standout Kevin Moran will fly June 21 to Brazil with his mom, Veronica Moran. She'll spend a week getting him settled in his new living quarters as he's arriving to attend a professional soccer academy. Then, he'll be off to Guatemala to play soccer for a club team.

He told reporter Judy Wakefield he's "anxious to get settled and play," fulfilling an almost life-long dream to be a professional soccer player.

Other students interested in special education and Ultimate frisbee, musical theater, international relations and a variety of academic and social pursuits are highlighted in our special Andover High School graduation section this week.

Problems with youth obesity, education and civility receive a lot of attention nowadays.

But each year we like to remind all those fretting adults out there of a simple thing: The kids are alright. In fact, most are better than alright, and, as of Monday, 401 more of them are ready to show us just how much they can accomplish.

WEB QUESTION

How do you feel about Town Meeting?

Last week's question: pancakes and parade must go on

Facing a \$3,000 budget cut, the Department of Community Services was looking at cancelling the town's annual July 4 pancake breakfast and Horribles Parade. Since last week, resident Jerry Silverman has volunteered to collect donations, and selectmen say July 4 activities will go on as usual.

For our weekly Web question, we asked you how you felt about the proposed July 4 cancellation, and nthe ew idea of a hot dog picnic along with the band concert and fireworks the evening of Friday, July 3. Of those responding:

53.33 percent said, "The Horribles Parade has been a tradition in Andover for more than 100 years, and it's a shame that it has been cancelled."
20 percent said, "July 4 won't be the same without the pancakes and parade."
13.33 percent said, "DCS is doing the best they can with their allotted funds."
6.67 percent said, "change can be good, and I'm willing to give the picnic idea a try."
Another 6.67 percent said, "As long as selectmen are at the grill, it will be a good time."

This week's question: How effective is Town Meeting?

Town Meeting, which decides the town's multi-million dollar budget, changes town bylaws, approves building projects and other important ventures, ran for more than 10 hours over three nights last week. Town Meeting attendance reflected a meager percentage of town

residents, with 1,089 voters showing up on May 26, 467 on May 27 and 363 on May 28. How do you feel about the Town Meeting model? If you didn't go, why not?

■ Town Meeting is old-fashioned, and today's residents are too busy to sit for three nights of meetings.

■ The dedicated few who show up deserve to have their opinions heard.

■ Town Meeting is a colloquial part of living in small town New England, and should be treasured.

■ Residents should be able to mail in absentee ballots for Town Meeting if they can't attend.

■ If we can vote for American Idol via text message, why can't residents vote through a secure Web site?

■ No matter how voting is done, most people won't participate. They're just not that interested.

■ I don't have time to read the Finance Committee Report. Let's move to a different form of government.

■ I feel the 1,000 people that voted at Town Meeting this year accurately represent the opinions of the town's population.

■ I do not feel the 1,000 people that voted at Town Meeting this year accurately represent the opinions of the town's population.

■ None of the above.

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

GRADUATIONS, SOMETIMES LIFE WILL KNOCK YOU DOWN



BETH ADELSON/Staff photo

Volunteers Bjorn Merinder, left, and Alex Vispoli, center, help Andover High School student Josh Torres, 18, to his feet after he was knocked down while sumo wrestling another student at the Senior Safari all-night drug free party following graduation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canceling parade made no sense

Editor, Townsman:

I was disappointed when I saw last week's headline "July 4 parade, pancakes canceled." Since then, selectmen have decided to continue the parade and pancake breakfast, but why would the town consider canceling such an endearing, unique event that has been such a success in the past? I appreciate the effort to reduce costs and support the decision to try something new, such as the briefly supported hot-dog picnic. However, I do not understand why the parade needed to be cancelled.

The parade has been a tradition in Andover for over 100 years. For us and many others, it has also become a family tradition. My kids already are planning their bike decorations and outfits for this year. It is a great example to the kids of how we can show our pride in our country and our community. It tells them that they can be participants, not just spectators. It is an opportunity for the youngest among us to feel like a patriot. Plus it is really cool to ride your bike on Main Street.

The fact that "Due to budget cuts, DCS would have been unable to provide the entertainment portion of the ... parade" did not seem to be a problem. While the band may have been a nice addition to the parade for the spectators, I doubt the marchers would have missed it. With all the laughing and chatting and shouting between friends and neighbors, we've never even heard the band. Given the choice between no band or no parade, I know my kids would say "There was a band?"

I think it would have been shameful of Andover to have no events occur on the Fourth of July, making it another holiday that we celebrate when it is convenient. To cancel the parade completely would have been a "Horribles" mistake.

MARY LALLEY
41 Whittier St.

Easy for you to say

Editor, Townsman:

It was easy for Jennifer Meagher in her letter to suggest Andover have a Prop 2 1/2 override ("Teacher: Schools choosing cost over quality without override," May 28). She comes from Amesbury.

LORRAINE DELUCIA
Holt Road

There are reasons to have faith in government

Editor, Townsman:

"Senator, what in the world is going on in the State House?" That is the question I hear over and over as I join in local Memorial Day events or read my e-mail each day.

Elected officials' misbehavior in bizarre ways; tax hikes proposed on everything that moves... or stays still; squabbles between our 'together we can'

LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

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Governor and the legislative leadership.

This all adds up to a dismal scene for those reading the headlines, and I do not blame citizens for losing faith in state government. Personally, I have never forgotten my ten years in the private sector, when I would read the paper, and shake my head at State House shenanigans.

However, there are so many stories that do not make the headlines, or even the fine print. As Paul Harvey reminded us for years, there is a ...rest of the story.

Beneath the headlines is the story of legislators and staffers, working long hours to resolve the very real problems of pension abuse; ethics reform; a broken transportation system; and an unprecedented drop in state revenues. Both the Senate and the House have, in fact, passed significant legislation addressing each of these issues, and they are pending in Conference Committees.

And, across Massachusetts, retired state employees, not eligible for Social Security, are living on an average state pension of \$24,000 a year. These are the folks who are the most angry when they read about the special pension deals for a select few.

To me and to many legislators, "reform before revenue" is more than a slogan: it is what we advocate, and it is how we vote. It is how we can help restore citizens' trust in Massachusetts government.

Too much is at stake if citizens start to believe that their elected officials are looking out for themselves and their friends, but not for them. The Commonwealth's ability to run a first class, affordable University system; to provide for supports for our neighbors with disabilities and mental illness; to help our cities and towns provide quality schools; to keep our 10,000 children in foster care safe; to maintain our state parks and beaches; to help citizens get health insurance; to provide justice to those who have been harmed; all of this depends on the goodwill of taxpayers, which, in turn, depends on earning their trust.

As always, I welcome your comments, by calling 617 722-1612, or through email at susan.tucker@state.ma.us.

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STATE SEN. SUE TUCKER
Farrwood Drive

Recycling initiative or new fee initiative?

Editor, Townsman:

On the Andover Recycles Web page, the recycling committee and Public Works department show graphical statistics that demonstrate a continuously increasing recycle participation rate for residents from 81 percent in 2003 to 87 percent in 2007. During that same period the proportion of recyclable collections as a percentage of solid waste collections increased from 21 to 25 percent. The Web page states: "Recycling Goal: A national standard suggests that 35 percent of collections should be recycled materials."

According to the MASS DEP Andover's Calendar Year 2007 Recycle Rate was 43 percent. Andover's recycle rate has exceeded the national standard in five of the six years between 2002 and 2007.

Usually, I don't see more than three bags of trash on the curb. But I have seen three to six bags after a graduation or birthday party. If the town is going to limit the number of trash bags per week from six to three except for special events, is the town also going to incur the additional administrative cost of taking phone calls for every party or special event? Wouldn't it be less expensive and self regulating to leave the limit at six bags so we don't have to call the town every time we have a party, and thereby the town wouldn't have to incur the additional administrative costs?

The majority of residents are responsible as is revealed by Jack Petkus's own Solid Waste and Recycle statistics. The trend, even with modest growth in town, has been for more recycled waste. We have been exceeding the National Recycling Goal for several years. If it ain't broken, why does the town want to change our present trash and recycling? The only purpose I can contemplate is to establish a foundation for a "Pay As You Throw program" which would raise new fees. You know how it goes. Six bags to three bags, to two bags to Pay As You Throw.

Instead of nickel and diming residents on essential services, the town should be dealing with the real budgetary problem, spending. David Birnbach recently has been quoted as stating, "teacher salaries have gone up 34 percent in the past five years, and student population has gone up only 2.8 percent." The April 16 Townsman editorial said "Andover has put itself in a financial bind by approving salaries, benefits and, to a lesser degree, projects it cannot afford to sustain." Andover has been negotiating union contracts and caving in to exorbitant increases in salaries

and benefits for years. Consequently, I ask the town manager and selectmen to trash the "new trash recycling rules."

MIKE MOSCA
44 Pleasant St.

Cell-tower neighborhood lauds L'Italien

Editor, Townsman:

Last week, the Prospect Road neighborhood completed the seemingly insurmountable task of defeating a proposed cell tower and gaining unanimous approval for modifying and strengthening the town's wireless bylaw. We would like to recognize and acknowledge State Rep. Barbara L'Italien's support in directing our civic efforts.

L'Italien participated in several neighborhood meetings, arranged for a state highway representative to meet with our neighborhood to explain the telecommunication leasing process, raised our concerns to the state level, and was a key player in coordinating the state's termination of lease, which effectively terminated the tower.

Her belief that a "couple of housewives" could exact change and her intervention on our behalf was key to our success.

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." We applaud L'Italien for her commitment and perseverance.

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Andover High Class of 2009



Andover High School graduate Thomas Busta gets his classmates going as they walk into the graduation ceremony held at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.



Andover High School graduates enter the graduation ceremony.



Andover High School principal Peter Anderson speaks at the graduation ceremony held at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.



Andover High School graduates applaud during their final ceremony.

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'Champions' of school spirit wave bye to AHS

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

As 401 members of the Andover High School class of 2009 crossed the stage of the Tsongas Arena on June 1, it was a last hurrah for not only the graduates, but outgoing AHS Principal Peter Anderson.

As they shook Anderson's hand, crossing the stage, each graduate handed Anderson a hand-written thank you note for his nine years at AHS.

Anderson received a standing ovation before he even said a word of his commencement address.

"It was never my intention that this would be about me tonight. It's about you people, sitting here

on the floor (of the stadium)," said Anderson to the class of 2009.

In his address, Anderson stressed the importance of having courage, knowledge, principle, character, perseverance and "a little fire." It's the small things in life that matter, he said, including saying please and thank you, never hesitating to apologize, taking time for reflection on your life and paying more attention to the similarities between people, instead of differences.

He wore a cordless microphone as he delivered his address, walking the floor among the seated graduates.

"If you get past the differences that make you stop and not approach someone, you will find

out that you're more similar than you think," said Anderson. "Take more risks. Failure is not the end of the world."

Anderson ended by saying "I'm glad I'm moving on with you. Thanks and Godspeed."

The students were immediately on their feet, cheering and holding up signs they had made bearing a photograph of Anderson's face.

To begin the ceremony, the 401 graduates, a sea of royal blue robes, marched in to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance." One young man was talking on a cell phone as he walked in with his class, covering his other ear to hear better.

The school's combined choir, orchestra and band played the

401 graduates in the AHS class of 2009 150th anniversary of the first graduation of Andover's Pynchard Free School in 1859, which had a graduating class of seven, said 2009 senior Kyle Rillahan in his welcome address

Valedictorian: David Hu

Class gift: a 10 by 10 foot AHS eagle logo, to be etched onto the AHS foyer floor

song "You Raise Me Up," with graduates joining the ensembles, standing out in their blue gowns. The combined groups stretched the length of the stage, and music teachers Julie Diehl and Joseph Wright conducted the musicians in synch.

GRADUATION SNAPSHOT

Distinguished citizen award: Mary Wesson, longtime community volunteer. Wesson was introduced by her grandsons John McIver and Joseph Lamagna, both 2009 graduates

Prelude: "Lauren Bernofsky's "Folk Dance Suite," which the AHS orchestra premiered last month
Turkish flag presented to school administration by exchange student Oyku Er

Family and friends in the audience were of mixed formality. Dress ranged from ball caps and denim cutoff shorts to women in Indian saris and men in suits and ties.

After each graduate walked across the stage to receive their

diploma, they walked down the center aisle to a circle of AHS faculty, giving hugs and shaking hands. After the last name was called, and the seated graduates waited for their classmates to make their way through the circle of faculty, the excitement was palpable.

The seated graduates erupted into a wave, cheering and standing, row by row. Eventually, the wave spread to the entire auditorium, going across the audience and even the stage, school administration joining in.

"So much for formality," joked Anderson once everyone was seated.

Julianne Konjoian, as she read

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BETH ADELSON/Staff photo

Nicholas Galat, the salutatorian of the Andover High School Class of 2009.

Next stop, Harvard

Salutatorian Galat believes in balance

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Don't be fooled by his SAT score — there is a lot more to Nicholas Galat, salutatorian of the 2009 AHS senior class, than what you see on paper.

Although the Harvard-bound grad was accepted into four Ivy League universities, and his SAT score was 2380 out of a possible 2400, Galat's life is all about balance, he says.

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Breaking away



BETH ADELSON/Staff photo

The night of graduation, students can celebrate elaborately at the Andover High School Senior Safari all-night drug free party. Here, John Peracchi, 18, wins a race on an inflatable obstacle course inside the school's field house.





COURTESY PHOTO

Nicholas Rowe, graduating senior of the Andover High School Class of 2009, spent his junior year as an exchange student in Ecuador.

Exchange student made STAND at AHS

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

New Andover High School graduate Nick Rowe is considering a major in international relations, and it's not a stretch to say he's already done some ground work in the field.

Rowe was born and lived in Germany until he was 8 and spent his junior year of high school as an exchange student in Ecuador. He's also been to Peru and is planning a trek to Guatemala this summer.

"I'm ready to try something new," said Rowe, who is headed to Claremont McKenna College in California. "Compared to Ecuador, it's really not that far. Just a four-hour plane trip."

Last year, Rowe spent a year living with a host family and attending a public school in Ecuador as an exchange student with AFS, an organization formerly known as the American Field Service.

He had taken two years of Spanish at AHS before the trip, but immersion in the language in Ecuador made him fluent, he said. Besides the language, he learned a lot about the culture.

"Sense of time was a big thing. You could tell someone to show up somewhere at 3 p.m., and they would show up around 4. People are always busy here (in the U.S.), but in Ecuador, there was more time spent with family,"

said Rowe. "Wealth is obvious here (in the U.S.), but poverty is equally obvious in Ecuador ... Going away to Ecuador made me more aware of the privileged position I'm in, just living in the United States, the opportunity here, the things that are possible."

Rowe's mother is German, and she was an exchange student with AFS, attending a Wisconsin high school as a teen. That's how his father and mother met, said Rowe.

Nick Rowe chose Ecuador for his exchange program because he had been to Peru previously, and had a good experience staying with a host family in Cusco, visiting Machu Picchu and backpacking in the rainforest.

Besides his interest in travel, Rowe also ran track at AHS, was a member of the Peak Bagger's hiking club and worked on Barry Finegold's political campaign.

His sophomore year, Rowe started an AHS chapter of STAND, the student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network.

The group organized fundraisers for victims of genocide in Sudan and created a documentary, interviewing refugees, experts on Darfur and former Congressman Marty Meehan.

"I thought there was a need for it," he said. "I felt it was something that needed to be done."

AHS: 2009 graduates say 'goodbye'

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her class essay, spoke of the unity among her classmates, of a class dedicated to community service, friendship, attending school events and games.

"If school spirit was a varsity sport, we would have won the state championship," said Konjoian.

Graduates Adam Taylor and Matt Cheney agreed their class knew how to have a great time together.

"We broke some walls down, we were a strong class," said Cheney.

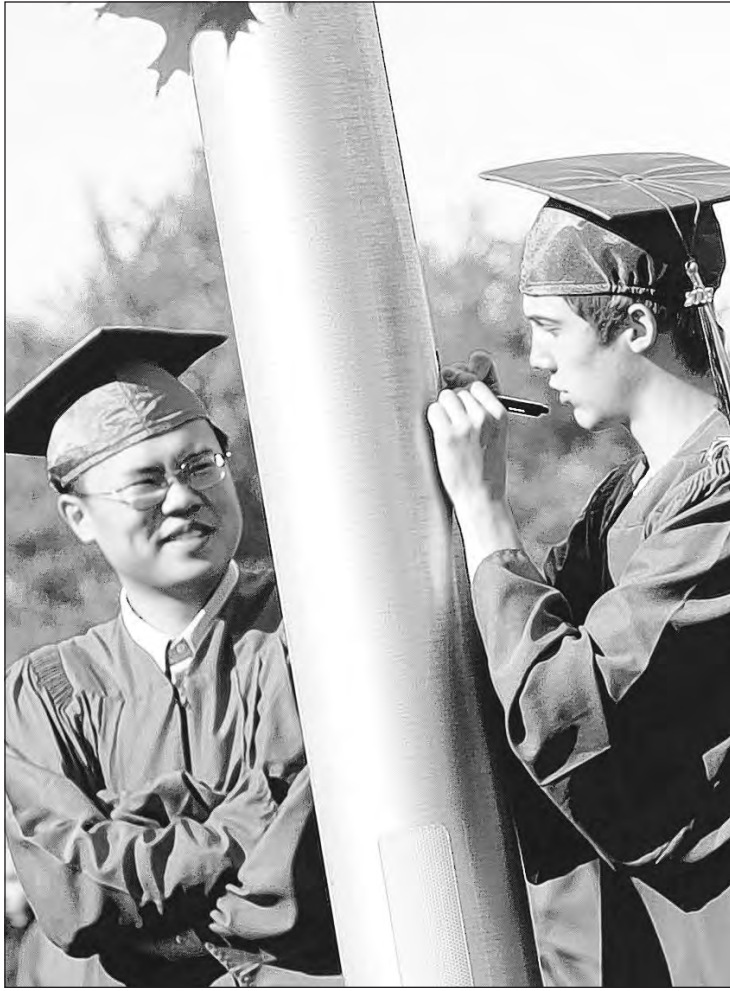
"We all get along, and didn't really have cliques," agreed Taylor.

The two buddies are headed to Middlesex Community College in Lowell next year, planning to transfer to a bigger school after a couple of years.

They summed up their post-graduation emotions in one adjective each:

"Invigorated," said Cheney. "Overwhelmed," said Taylor.

As the ceremony ended, graduates and families flooded the staircase and sidewalks in front of the Tsongas Arena. Graduates had to turn in their robes to receive their actual diploma certificate, so many walked around wearing just their caps, clutching bouquets of flowers and cell phones.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover High School graduate Matthew Cheney writes a thank-you note to retiring principal Peter Anderson before the graduation ceremony held at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

LAST SENIOR STANDING

Principal Peter Anderson, as a yearly tradition at graduation, gives specially-selected students a sum of money. Five years after graduation, they must come back and address the graduating class about what they've done with the money. This year, Anderson selected grads Sarah Tully and Jake Mattison. Each were given a \$1,000 check. "Spend it in some way that honors your class, and you'll have to come back and address the class of 2013," said Anderson. "I will be back in 2013 looking for you."

Michael Muccio, a former Last Senior Standing, returned to talk about how he had spent his \$1,000, turning it into more than \$50,000 to help families of those with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. As an AHS graduate, Muccio said he thought he had his life all planned out: going to Bentley University, playing football and majoring in finance, headed to a job at Citibank. His plans all changed, he said, when his father was diagnosed with ALS. "This meant changing my goals," said Muccio. He used his Last Senior Standing money to start the Muccio Fund, which helps patient's families with the medical costs surrounding ALS. Through fundraisers, he's raised \$50,000, "helping families with ALS breathe easier." This year, through a spin-a-thon fundraiser, Muccio said he hopes to bump that total to \$100,000. "So far, the journey is not as I had planned," said Muccio. "Your journey may not be as you expect it, but it doesn't mean you can't be successful and make a difference."

HARVARD: Galat pushes himself to excel

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Besides taking a bevy of AP courses, Galat also plays the flute, took a ceramics class, wrote music as a senior exhibition project and was captain of the cross-country team.

"I'm definitely very motivated in school, and do push myself to excel. I try to give as much effort as I can, do the best I can," said Galat. "But I definitely value the balance in my life. It's great to be able to work so hard, but also to have great friendships."

"The whole high school experience, all of these things I did, would not have been worth sacrificing just to get into college," he said.

In the end, Galat's decision came down to Harvard or Yale.

"I really liked both schools a lot, but Cambridge was more where I could see myself living and being a student," said Galat. "It was exciting to meet a whole bunch of kids that were just as excited to be studying at Harvard. They weren't as competitive as the stereotype. That's one of the biggest misconceptions — I tell people that it is a place where there are regular kids that love to learn, and are passionate about a lot of different activities."

Galat says he feels Andover High School has prepared him for what's ahead.

"If you're interested in pushing yourself, and really want to

learn as much as you can, not only will you find the courses at AHS, but the teachers are excellent," he said.

Galat has played the flute for nine years, and hopes to continue. He was selected from musicians from several states for the all-Eastern honors concert band, after playing with the National Association for Music Education's district and Massachusetts all-state orchestras.

One of his biggest accomplishments was being playing with New England Conservatory's Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble.

"I decided to audition the night before. I just pulled out an (audition) piece and went for it,"

said Galat. "It's been awesome meeting other kids that are as passionate about music as I am."

Also on Galat's resume are many hours of community service, tutoring English as a Second Language students, teaching swimming lessons at the Boys and Girls Club and working as a summer lifeguard.

Galat has run cross country for four years, and finds the exercise and team camaraderie an outlet, he said.

"It's a great release. You're concentrating all your energy on running, both physical and mental," said Galat. "The demands of running takes you away from everything else you could be thinking about."

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATES

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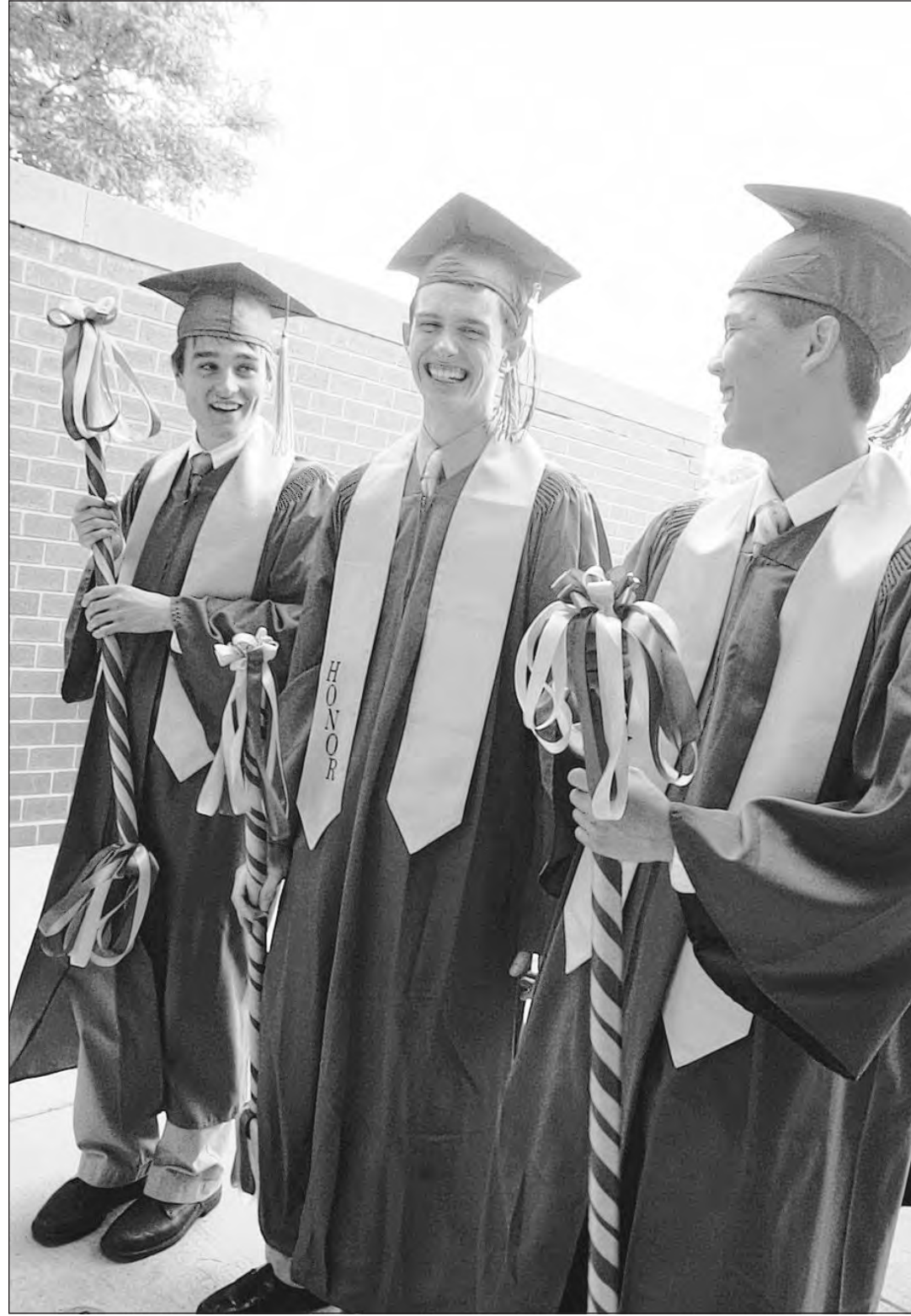
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■ SENIOR AWARDS BREAKFAST 2009

The following awards were given to the Andover High School Class of 2009 during the morning of their graduation:

Leaders of the pack



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Andover High School graduates and Salutatorians Nicholas Galat, left, and Thomas McQuillan and Valedictorian David Hu joke before entering the graduation ceremony held at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

ART AWARDS

Fine Arts Student of Year
Maxwell Nolin

Ceramics Award/3D design
Olivia Li

Photography Award
Kristina Cappello

Digital Media Award:Graphic Design/Digital Photography
Danielle Burke

Arts Institute Group of Merrimack Valley
Maxwell Nolin, Lucy Silverman, Samuel Schreiber

Alfred J. Mickee Sr. Scholarship
Maxwell Nolin

Andover Artists Guild
Maxwell Nolin, Lucy Silverman

BUSINESS/APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Excellence in Marketing
Michelle Calabro, Emily deLacoste, Sean Ehlbech, Maura Fitzgerald, Noortje Groosman, Olivia Joyce, Stephanie Kent, Caroline Lyle, Kacie McManus, Armando McLaughlin, Rachel Rutfield, Margot Ryan, Melanie Saryan, Matthew Somma, Andrew Speen, Elizabeth Tversky

Excellence in Entrepreneurship
Brendan Crawford, Monica Gabriel

Excellence in TV Production
Thomas Busta, Meghan McDonough, Austin Reed, Emily Stone

ENGLISH AWARDS

Excellence in English
John Diodati, Alison Fesler, Nicholas Galat, Emma Gendlerman, Gary Hinds, Alexandra Hsu, David Hu, Rebecca Johnson, Rudhdi Karnik, Taryn Konevich, Julianne Konjoian, Ksenia Kuchugurny, Leo Lamontagne, William Lamontagne, William Mara, Elizabeth McGovern, Thomas McQuillan, Michaela Miragliotta, Kasey Quinlan, David Righter, Molly Rodin, Andrew Speen, Elizabeth Tversky, Michelle Wiener

Most Improved in English
Rachel Rutfield

Merrimack Literary Reviews
Jacklyn Gladstein

Sandra Hawkes Creative Writing Award
Micala Kempster

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY RECOGNITION

Nicholas Galat, Alexandra Hsu, Rudhdi Karnik, Leo Lamontagne, Thomas McQuillan, Michelle Wiener

JUNIOR STATE AWARD

Michelle Wiener

MUSIC AWARDS

William A. Doherty Award for Musical Achievement
Alexandra Delyani, Annette Fey, Christopher Hansen, Craig Hooker, Laura Murray

Miriam Sweeney McArdle Award for Excellence in Music
John Diodati

Count Basie Jazz Award
Evan Cooper

The John Philip Sousa Award for Outstanding Contribution to Band
Nicholas Stapczynski

National School Orchestra Award for Excellence in String Music
Nicholas Binder

CHORAL AWARDS

National School Choral Award
Emma Hauer

Keith Gould Memorial Award for Faithful Association with the Choral Program
Blair Beasley, Eve Kenneally, Catherine Loosigian, Andrew McCarthy, Amanda Spinale, Molly Stolberg

DRAMA AWARDS

Dramatic Theatre Award for Excellence in All Aspects of Dramatic Theatre
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Going west with her Frisbee

Kayla Walsh will major in special ed

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Kayla Walsh, 18, will attend Gonzaga University in Washington to major in special education. And her Frisbee is going with her.

This Andover High senior, 18, has been tossing for the AHS Ultimate Frisbee team for two years now and has no plans to give the sport up when she attends college on the West Coast.

"Wherever you go, the people are so nice," she said of those involved. "It's a culture and I hope to meet even more people like the ones I met here."

This year was a season of rebuilding as the disc-throwing team lost 14 seniors in 2008. But, it was another year of ultimate bonding for team members, and that is what matters most to Walsh.

"There's just so much spirit, and the bonds are so close," she said. "It's competitive but fun... that's what I like about it."

Walsh is also a soccer goalie for the Andover High girls soccer team, a position she's had for four years.



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Kayla Walsh will play ultimate frisbee at Gonzaga and be a special education major.

Camaraderie among those teammates is also important, making graduation week somewhat emotional for Walsh.

"I'll miss Andover so much, but I'm excited about college," said Walsh, the daughter of Tom

and Johanna Walsh of Penobscot Way.

But another Ultimate Frisbee community awaits and there's guaranteed to be lots of new friends and flying Frisbees on the West Coast.

Real teen drama

Blair Beasley to study musical theater

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Blair Beasley remembers having the rallying cry of most 15-year-olds - "whatever!" - when she was a freshman at Andover High School.

So when friends encouraged her to try out for the school's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat" that year she said "whatever" and tried out.

She may have been the most surprised person to learn she landed a part.

Four years later, she's bound for Syracuse University, where she'll major in musical theater. That blaise "whatever" freshman attitude is long gone. Focused and to-the-point, she raves like a satisfied movie critic when she talks about the Andover High drama program.

"It's one of the best high school drama programs around," said the 18-year-old. "We've got the professional stage at the Collins Center and a tech shop that teaches kids everything about shows. (The drama department) prepares kids very well."

Beasley, who acted with Merrimack Junior Theatre in her early years, is up for the best leading actress Spotlight Award from North Shore Music Theatre. Overall, Andover High earned eight nominations for its recent production of "Chorus Line."



COURTESY PHOTO

Blair Beasley will study musical theater after a notable stage career at AHS.

"To be up for eight awards says a lot about the AHS program," Beasley said.

When pressed to name her favorite AHS production, "Chorus Line" gets top billing because dancing on the line was a "great way to end senior year," she said.

Always a performer — just ask her parents, she said — she's enjoyed singing and dancing for years. She's worked as a student teacher for youth aged 3 to 9 learning jazz, ballet and tap dancing.

Her iPod is filled with lots of

show tunes and the West Side Story soundtrack gets played the most. But her life is by no means limited to musical performances. She's a foodie, enjoying lunches with friends (Thai Sweet Basil is a favorite) and watching the Food Network with her mom is also tons of fun.

The daughter of Tina and Derrick Beasley of North Street, she chose Syracuse for its well-rounded campus options. She likes football, too, and this college is well known for that.

"And orange is my favorite color," she laughed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Charles R. Souter Memorial Scholarship: awarded to an individual pursuing an undergraduate degree who has excelled in academics and athletics at Andover High School
Joshua Torres

Andover Sportsmen's Club Scholarship: awarded to a deserving student based on scholarship who has been involved in outdoor sports, ecology, and conservation
Leo Lamontagne

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Alison Davey
Sarah Hamilton

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Shelby Horn

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Stephanie Stras

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Alexandra Hsu

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Andover Educational Association Scholarship: awarded to graduating seniors who are the son or daughter of an active A.E.A. member
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The Andona Society awarded these scholarships based on academic excellence, leadership qualities, and community service.

Nicholas Galat, Erik Geffken, Alexandra Hsu and Alexander Macheras

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Kelly Fox

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Shelby Horn

Jo-Ann Samra Marketing Award: given by Jay Leno, awarded to a student displaying achievement in Marketing
Nupur Bhandari

A.J. Leno Television Award: given by Jay Leno, awarded to a student displaying achievement in Television Production
Thomas Busta

Norah McCarthy Scholarship
Alexander Macheras

Andover Ultimate Frisbee Spirit Scholarship
Alexander Lennon and Caroline Lyle

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Andover High School students, back from left, Liz Tverskoy, 18, Malina Andre, 18, Chris Lippi, 18, Ryan Peak, 18, and in front, Marissa Risman, 17, pose for a picture at the Senior Safari all-night drug free party at Andover High School field house.

Townspeople

Andover's first town manager steadied town

Bill Dalton



When Victor J. Mill Jr. accepted the job as Andover's acting town manager he was already a busy man.

It was 1959, and Andover's system of government was undergoing a major change after a long fight. Refusing pay, Mr. Mill took on the responsibility of being the man in the middle.

Months earlier, the town had adopted a charter that would eliminate many elected offices, bring in a town manager, and expand the Board of Selectmen from three to five members.

The change had been pushed by the League of Women Voters, and the idea had first been slaughtered in 1957, but the League worked hard and turned out a huge vote in 1958, and it won. There were some hard feelings.

The incumbent selectmen had opposed the change, although agreeing to abide by it after the final vote.

All three selectmen ran for reelection in 1959 and were joined by 12 other candidates, including Mr. Mill. An Andover Townsman headline said, "Political Warfare Due; 15 Men Seek Five Seats."

During the campaign, Mill, who was running for a one-year term, said that the first year under the new charter would be critical, and he believed his management skills would be useful.

He'd graduated from Yale in 1937, joining his father at Lawrence Pump Inc., a company his father had purchased in 1935.

During World War II, the younger Mill worked in the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Ships, rejoining Lawrence Pump at war's end.

By 1959, father and son were beginning a transition that would leave the younger man in charge of company operations. It was a busy time for the Mill family.

Sixty-five percent of voters went to the polls in 1959 and elected five new selectmen. Mr. Mill was not one of them. However, the selectmen's first decision was to continue the transition required by the neoteric charter by asking Mr. Mill to serve as acting town manager until a more permanent manager could be found.

He accepted, giving the selectmen an undated resignation as a guarantee he'd step aside whenever asked.

The widely-respected Mill was an easy choice. His low-key campaign for selectman had caused no animosity, and he'd been on the town's Finance Committee, while serving as chairman of community boards and fund-raising campaigns (including a successful drive to expand St. Augustine School).

He'd been a founding member of the LANAM Club and was a



Victor Mills

director at the Arlington Trust Bank.

Working with the selectmen, Mr. Mill quickly appointed a new town counsel and convinced the long-time town clerk, George Winslow, to delay his retirement until the following year.

Focusing on the critical subject of town finances, Mill and the selectmen re-appointed the town accountant, town treasurer and tax collector.

The Andover Townsman praised "the level-headed approach to the management of town business during the transition period."

During the three months he was in office, the town business went on in a routine, productive and peaceful manner.

Major controversies were avoided, and this was just what the town needed.

Toward the end of his service, a Townsman editorial titled, "Mill Does Excellent Job," said he deserved the plaudits of the entire town "for the job done in a time when the town was 'shook' by a clean-sweep election and for using good judgement in not allowing possibly-explosive situations to boil up out of control."

Victor Mill Jr.'s son, V.J. Mill, later worked with his dad for many years, and took over operations in 1985.

We recently spoke, and he explained to me that his dad was a patient, compassionate man who had an innate sense of fairness. I asked V.J. how his dad found time for his job at Lawrence Pump while being acting town manager.

He responded that his dad hardly ever stopped during this period, working nights and weekends. However, through it all, said V.J., his dad never missed the family tradition of sitting down together for supper.

On June 3, 1959, exactly 50 years ago, 600 people attended a testimonial for Victor J. Mill, Jr.

He was given a silver pitcher with the town seal and words of appreciation printed on it. The town had been lucky.

As the Townsman said, "he has done an admirable job under the most trying and difficult conditions."

Mr. Mill, Andover's first town manager, died at age 90 in 2006. His wife Barbara died in 1999. Their two children and grandson live in Andover.

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Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. Comments can be left online, and Dalton also enjoys receiving your comments at

Nearly 1,000 may run race for late AHS grad Kearins

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Those who knew Krit Kearins talk about how she influenced people with her positive approach and attitude toward life. On Sunday, the crowd that gathers at Andover High School will be proof of that influence.

More than 800 people already have signed up to run in "The Krit Classic" a 5-kilometer run/walk in Kearins' memory that will raise money for a scholarship. And the registrations keep pouring in.

"Every time I go to my computer, I have 10 more," said Pam Sheehy, Krit Kearins' mother. "We thought we would be really happy if we could get 300 to 500."

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

Kristin "Krit" Kearins was a former standout Andover High diver and gymnast, diving instructor and aspiring nurse at



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 800 people have already signed up to run in a June 7 road race for the late Krit Kearins.

Children's Hospital who died in a September 2008 bike accident at age 26.

"She was a unique person

in her attitude about life. She enjoyed it — and it made it fun to be around her," said Susan Krivelow, whose daughter Kerry met and became instant best friends with Kearins in elementary school. "They became inseparable. I have five daughters of my own, and she was like a sixth daughter. It was really hard — and this (race) was a way to keep Krit's memory alive."

After the road race, a silent auction will complete the day's activities beginning at 4 p.m. at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. Auction items include a Bobby Orr framed shirt; golf for three with Bobby Orr; golf for four at Turner Hills; a mystery dinner for eight in Ogunquit; overnight at the Four Seasons Hotel with brunch, dinner and theater tickets; an authentic, signed Celtics basketball; Red Sox tickets and other items.

The day's events are meant to increase the new Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Kristin "Krit" Kearins Memorial Scholarship

will be awarded annually to "a student athlete who has shown the passion and heart that Krit was known for during her four years as an athlete at Andover High School."

Leah Psoinos received the first scholarship this year. She had been introduced to diving by Krit at Indian Ridge, then went on to compete at Andover High. She is headed to Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management in the fall and plans to compete in the gymnastics club program, according to Sheehy.

Race registration costs \$25 and people can register by visiting www.kritkearinsclassic.com. People who have registered can pick up their number and package on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at IP Fitness, 201 North Main St., next to McDonald's. Race day registration starts at 7 a.m. at the Andover High Field House, on the left side of the school, 80 Shawsheen Road.

The Townsman is the media sponsor for the event.

Jay Leno sends message to help dedicate conservation land

Like others, he launched canoes at Serio Grove site

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

If you thought hometown A-lister Jay Leno might have been too busy for hometown requests recently — his nearly two-decade reign as host of the Tonight Show ended last week — think again.

The town's conservation buffs asked Leno to take a memory stroll down to the Shawsheen River, and he did.

Former Selectman Gail Ralston asked Leno to remember his days growing up in town when canoeing on the Shawsheen River was a must-do for local teens. Teens launched canoes from a spot off Lowell Junction Road.

The town bought that land adding it to Andover's prized conservation coffers. The land is dedicated to the Serio family, as they ran the canoe-rental business, called Miami Boat Rentals. Leno remembers Mr. Serio quite well. A dedication ceremony for the town conservation land was held May 24 as the town named the spot "Serio Grove" and is encouraging residents to camp there overnight — canoes and kayaks welcome.

Leno recorded a DVD remembering his days on the river and sent it to Ralston for the dedication. He recorded it May 21, just a week before his last Tonight Show.



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Frank and Lillian Serio at the recent opening of Serio's Grove, Andover's newest conservation property.

"Jay congratulated the family and mentioned how he thought it was wonderful that the Conservation Commission was preserving the property," Ralston said.

Ralston summarized Leno's DVD saying, "Jay told of how wonderful a place Andover

was to grow up, what with the Shawsheen River, kayaking, the falls and the railroad tracks to

play around.

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LAND: Jay Leno recalls his kayaking days

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Jay remembered that Mr. Serio ran a place called the Miami Boat House and Jay and his friends used to go down and rent kayaks from him "for the ungodly sum of \$1 an hour!"

We assumed that Mr. Serio must have been making MILLIONS off of us!"

"Jay went on to say, however, that the great thing about Mr. Serio is that he made the kayaks himself and he taught the kids how to strip the wood and plane the wood, so consequently they had a great respect for Mr. Serio's kayaks," said Ralston. "Jay said other kids who

had plastic boats used to smash theirs up. The respect Mr. Serio taught Jay and others gave them a great respect for the river.

"These were wonderful memories for Jay, who said the next time he got to Andover, he was going to try to get down to the property for a visit," Ralston said.

Nineteen members of the Serio family attended the dedication ceremony and were able to hear Leno's fond memories. Conservation Commission Chairman Bob Douglas also attended and enjoyed the history tour of Andover's days gone by.

JAY LENO CANOED HERE

Andover Conservation Commission's next Camping on the Shawsheen River event is Saturday, June 20. If you have never camped before and need information on what to bring the commission can provide a list. There are four fire pits with grates for cooking, plus benches and picnic tables. There is NO water or power on the site so all

provisions must be brought in. There is a portable toilet. Camping is free, but a \$5 per person per night donation helps maintain the site. Canoes and kayaks are welcome as there is a great put in/take out spot. Fishing poles are also welcome. To register and get more details, contact campconservation@live.com.

"We found old bricks lying around the site and family members remembered what they were from," he said. "It was like a fun archeological tour."

He said the legacy of any

conservation site is important to learn about, and Leno's DVD surely helped to accomplish that.

"A Hollywood connection never hurts," he said.

SENIOR NOTES

By PAT BECKER

EXERCISE CLASSES: OUR SUMMER SEMESTER OF EXERCISE CLASSES WILL GET UNDERWAY THIS WEEK. CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN LOW IMPACT AEROBICS, OFF ROAD NORDIC WALKING, TAI CHI, MEN IN MOTION, MODIFIED YOGA, TAP DANCING, STRENGTH TRAINING & WATER WORKOUT. THE TWELVE WEEK SUMMER SEMESTER WILL RUN THROUGH AUG. 21. CALL THE CENTER FOR CLASS SCHEDULES AND COSTS. REIKI AND CHAIR MASSAGE THERAPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.

"Dr. Fix-It": Friday, June 5, 9:30 a.m. no charge advance reservations. Come 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.

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.

Tai Chi: Four session class meeting on Thursday, 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.

Outdoor Adventures For Women: Shawsheen River; Monday, June

8. Hike and lunch option; pre-registration is necessary; Meet at the center at 9 a.m. and join us for a beautiful hike along the Shawsheen River from the Horn Bridge to the Ballardvale Dam and back to the Andover Deli and Pizzeria. The woodlands and river combine for beautiful viewing, and we'll hike 4 to 5 miles along a basically flat trail. A walking stick & hiking boots are needed due to probable wet conditions and the narrow trail which is adjacent to the river. The hike will end by noon and lunch optional by 1 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Monday, June 15, 1 p.m.; "Nights In Rodanthe" Adapted from Nicholas Sparks's popular novel, director George C. Wolfe's "Night in Rodanthe" tells the tale of a doctor Richard Gere en route to reconcile with his estranged son. His mission is sidelined when he checks into an inn at a North Carolina beach town and enters into a relationship with an interesting woman played by Diane Lane.

TOWNSPEOPLE



COURTESY PHOTO

Debbie Privert, president Newcomers Club of The Andovers, left, and Kim Stamas, recreation director for Andover.

Summer camping with Newcomers

The Newcomers Club of the Andovers, a local social club, will pay for two students, one from Andover and one from North Andover, to attend camps this summer. Kim Stamas, Andover's Recreation Director and Gregg T. Gilligan, Principal of Thomson Elementary School in North Andover were on hand accepted the grants at the recent Spring Social held at Yama Restaurant in Andover. "Today's economic

times have affected everyone. There are always a few students that need some extra financial assistance," Stamas said.

Local resident rides for ALS Awareness

Andover Resident Joe Lichtenberg will join roughly 200 men and women, from as far away as California and cycle from Boston to New York, in the seventh annual Tri-State Trek. Lichtenberg and the other Trek cyclists will raise money and

awareness for ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, the neurodegenerative disease that kills more than 5,000 Americans each year. Joe and the other participants hope to raise \$500,000 for ALS research. Lichtenberg will be riding all 270 miles and three-days of the event in memory of his father. "ALS demands our attention and I will do all we can to help," said Lichtenberg. This will be his first Tri-State Trek, joining the peloton of cyclists trying to spread the word about ALS.

ENGAGEMENT



Rachel Elizabeth Cohen and Pino D'Orazio

Dana and Ginny Cohen of Gloucester, formerly of Andover, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Cohen to Pino D'Orazio, son of Marino and Mary-Sue D'Orazio of Stone Ridge, N.Y.

Rachel is a graduate of Andover High School, Dickinson College, and Suffolk University Law School. She is currently employed


as a Contract Specialist with the United States Air Force. Pino is a graduate of Muhlenberg College and Suffolk University Law School. He is currently employed as an Attorney in Watertown. Rachel and Pino met in law school in 2005.

The wedding is scheduled for June 2009 in Ipswich. The couple will reside in the North End of Boston.

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End of stress

Andover High School student Matt Walker, 17, enjoys a massage by Todd Hopkins, a massage therapist who has been giving free back rubs at Andover High School's all-night senior party for five years.



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Andover Inn to close for renovation

The Andover Inn, on the campus of Phillips Academy, will close July 1 in preparation for an extensive renovation. A campus icon since 1930, the inn is known for its upscale restaurant and quaint accommodations. "The renovation, made possible by a generous gift, will add modern-day amenities to the guestrooms and restaurant, while preserving the inn's historic character and charm. While the facility has undergone minor improvements over the years, it has never been significantly updated. Since 2008, the Andover Inn has been under the management of Morello Hospitality.

Bach, Anderson exchange some good-natured ribbing

The Andover Inn is scheduled to reopen in January 2011. Addressing Class of '09 graduates Monday, Superintendent Claudia Bach said she'd like to explain "what Mr. Anderson has meant to me." "There have been a number of times in the last nine years, that frankly, I could have strangled him," said Bach, talking about the Andover High principal's way of asking for forgiveness instead of permission. (Anderson followed the superintendent's remarks, saying "Dr. Bach got more laughs tonight than she has in the previous eight years.")

"I have been annoyed on more than one occasion, but what was right for you was always first in his mind," said Bach to the graduates.

When Anderson was a candidate for the AHS job, Bach traveled to Illinois to visit the school where he was working at the time. Bach met one student who was once a "bad kid," but Anderson had helped to get on the straight and narrow.

"Mr. Anderson never gave up on me. Mr. Anderson saved my life," the student told Bach, she said.

Anderson has "a solid set of core beliefs," said Bach. "He believes that all of you are capable of outstanding achievement, and overcoming incredible adversities."

—Bethany Bray

Casting call at Tiny Tunes

People with a \$50 registration fee and a belief in their children's talent are expected at Tiny Tunes, 93 Main St. on Saturday, June 6.

Casting director Dani Super, of Super/Capes Casting, will visit Tiny Tunes of Andover, an all-live music education program, to speak to parents and children about the business of acting. Super is a casting director and acting coach who has worked on numerous film, television, and theater projects, according to a release. The lecture is open to parents of children ages 5 to 12 who are members of Tiny Tunes, and there are limited spots open to the public. Call 978-475-3148. There is a \$50 registration fee and pre-registration is required.

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