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Behind closed doors, L'Italien crafting state budget

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

How much state funding will Andover lose this year? Which of your taxes will be raised? How will state employee benefits be reined in? The answers are largely in the hands of six state legislators.

One of them is Andover State Rep. Barbara L'Italien.

Until this year a state representative marginalized by previous

"It's kind of like being an air-traffic controller, but with every plane thinking of itself as Air Force One."

Les Bernal on being part of the conference committee

House Speakers, L'Italien is now on the budget conference committee, which consists of three members of the Massachusetts House and three

state senators. The six will hash out the differences between the House and Senate-approved budgets and send a compromise budget back to their chambers for vote. The six seats are positions of power and pressure. Programs could be saved or cut in that room.

"It's kind of like being an air-traffic controller, but with every takeoff and landing requiring negotiation - and with every plane thinking of itself as Air Force One," said

Les Bernal, former chief of staff to Andover State Sen. Sue Tucker and executive director of the Stop Predatory Gambling Foundation. "Everyone in the state is saying, 'Write the conference committee.'"

"There was a stretch of six weeks where I couldn't get an entire night's sleep because my mind would start running on 'How are we going to manage this?'" said L'Italien. "But I

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► Teachers

Union votes 'no' to smaller raises

Sees 'more revenue' as solution to shortfall

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The Andover teachers union has voted against taking less of a raise next year, saying the town's typical family income suggests it instead "could be exploring ways to raise more revenue."

On Thursday, June 4, the Andover Education Association voted against reopening its contract, refusing to bow to the School Committee's request it consider salary concessions.

Last week's meeting is the latest installment of a dramatic back and forth between union and school leadership that has spanned several months this spring.

On Friday, June 5, the 900-member union released a three-paragraph statement announcing the results of its vote. The release states the motion was "passed by an overwhelming majority" after an hour of discussion, but does not elaborate on how many members voted.

AEA President Tom Meyers said he had no further comment beyond what has been written in the

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Camera, sticker system blow into leaf dump

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

To curtail illegal dumping at the town's compost site on High Plain Road, selectmen approved a new \$25 resident sticker system this week and a surveillance camera has been installed to nab those breaking the rules.

"We're looking to make an example of someone, and get the police involved," said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director.

Starting Sept. 1, the facility will be locked, and residents will have to pay \$25 annually for a vehicle sticker to be able to get in and dump their leaves and grass clippings. As a result, the site, which is just up the road from High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School, will also have increased hours.

"The illegal dumping has been very costly to the town," said Piantedosi. "We know for certain some of it has come from out of town. It's created quite a mess up there."

The Bald Hill site is open to Andover residents only, and the property's deed restricts what can be dumped there to only grass clippings and leaves. The illegal dumping has included other items, which town workers have to dispose of properly, said Piantedosi.

On Monday, June 8, selectmen voted unanimously to approve Piantedosi's sticker proposal.

As of Sept. 1, the leaf dump will be gated and locked except when open and run by a monitor. Fees generated by sticker purchases will pay the site's monitors.

"It will be illegal to dump there when the site is not open, and stiff fines will be enforced," said Piantedosi.

As cars drive into the site, the monitor will check to make sure the vehicle has a sticker, and it matches the license plate of the car. Besides paid employees, the site is staffed by seniors

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GAMING THE SYSTEM



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover native and filmmaker Alex Perry's film "Scrabble: The Motion Picture" is ranked in the top three films out of 5,000 entries in the Campus Movie Fest student film competition.

'Scrabble' movie on target for Hollywood

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Alex Perry says he has "been obsessed with filmmaking for a long time." This spring, his obsession has paid off like a seven-letter triple word score.

Perry's short film "Scrabble: The Motion Picture" has advanced to the grand finale of the Campus Movie Fest student film competition. The six-minute film, which Perry wrote and directed, is ranked among the top three films of the contest's 5,000 entries from college students across the country.

Perry, a 2005 Andover High School graduate who just finished his junior year at Bridgewater State College, has taken a couple of classes in videography, but is mostly self-taught, he says.

"Basically, I just look for excuses to make movies," said the 21-year-old.

"Scrabble" is the first film from a school without a formal film program to make it this far in the Campus Movie Fest, said Perry. It is competing against shorts made



Courtesy photo

Andover native Alex Perry, 21, poses with actor Alex Lewis while directing his short film "Scrabble: The Motion Picture."

by film school students with professional-grade cameras and equipment, and that's what Perry believes has set it apart.

His film doesn't have any "film-school clichés," he said.

"I'm pretty confident, I feel we have a decent shot. I'm knocking on

wood," said Perry. "I'm looking forward to going out (to California) and having fun. If we win, we win, and if we don't, we don't."

As this story goes to print, Perry is on a plane headed to Hollywood

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North Andover leader takes High Plain reins

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The daily commute of Pamela Lathrop, newly-hired principal of High Plain Elementary, will change by about five miles next year.

Lathrop, principal at Franklin Elementary in North Andover, was hired by Superintendent Claudia Bach this week to take over for outgoing principal Brenda O'Brien, who will retire July 1.

"I have big shoes to fill. Brenda has done an amazing job of working with parents and staff to create a healthy school culture," said Lathrop of O'Brien. "I feel fortunate to take on the role of principal at a school with such great standing."

A 30-year veteran of the Andover school district, O'Brien has been High Plain's first and only principal since it was built in 2002.

Lathrop has spent all of her years in education at Franklin Elementary, starting there as a student teacher. After college, she was hired at Franklin as classroom teacher, teaching first, second and fifth grades, before becoming principal for seven years.

"I'm very excited about coming to Andover. I think

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ON THE WEB
Full text of the Education Association's statement
andovertownsman.com



Pamela Lathrop

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With the national digital television switch over occurring tomorrow, June 12, local M&K Recovery Group is offering extended hours and discounted electronics recycling to customers to help them make the change. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 to 17, M&K, at 100 Willow St., North Andover will be open from 8:30 a.m. until

7 p.m. In addition, for each TV brought to M&K for recycling, any non-TV recyclable will be recycled for free. Call the M&K office for a full list of accepted electronics at 1-978-688-0606. M&K Recovery Group will continue to hold regular weekday office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. outside of these special days to accept recyclables.

CORRECTION

In the Townsman coverage of Memorial Day ceremonies published in the May 28 paper, the name of Marine Christopher Laverde was misspelled.

Laverde was given a Global War on Terrorism Commemorative award. The Townsman regrets the error.

LATHROP: Ready to take the reins at High Plain

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it's an exceptional school and district. I'm appreciative of my foundation in North Andover. I've worked in an exceptional school and will miss them," said Lathrop. "I think I have something to offer to the school (High Plain), and the school has something to offer me."

O'Brien announced her intention to retire at the beginning of April. With the help of High Plain parents and staff, Bach launched a principal search through the spring.

Lathrop was hired by Bach from the High Plain search committee's top three finalists, which included Methuen native Tara Rossi, an assistant principal at the North

Hampton School in North Hampton, N.H. and Barbara McKinley, an early childhood director and out-of-district coordinator for the Pentucket Regional School District in West Newbury.

Lathrop said that during her candidate visit to High Plain, student "tour guides" showed her around the school.

"The whole process was very wonderful. Everyone (on the search committee) was warm and welcoming, very genuine. It was clear to me that they were looking for a good match to their school," said Lathrop. "It was a delightful day. The parent community was very open and receptive, and it was clear they are very supportive of their school."

Innovation and vision

Bach sent a letter home to parents announcing her choice on June 8.

"Lathrop has an excellent reputation as a dedicated and compassionate administrator who possesses the personal character, people skills and knowledge to empower and enable students and staff to realize their full potential. I believe Pamela Lathrop will value and recognize the work this outstanding faculty has accomplished to date, and she will honor the exemplary leadership of Brenda O'Brien, High Plain's founding and much-loved principal," wrote Bach. "Lathrop will provide the vision, innovation, and support in the coming

years to enable an excellent school to continue to grow and become even better."

Lathrop will finish out the school year in North Andover and start in Andover on July 1.

"One of my biggest things will be to get know the families and staff at High Plain, familiarize myself with the school and understand culture of the building," said Lathrop.

Lathrop has a degree in psychology and elementary education from Merrimack College, a masters in early childhood educational and child development from Wheelock College and a certification of advanced graduate study in educational leadership from Salem State College.

SCRABBLE: Andover native directs film about game

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with 25 family and friends for the grand finale. On June 12 at Paramount Studios, "Scrabble: The Motion Picture" will be judged by a panel of television and movie actors, including Rip Torn, from the "Men in Black" movies.

Perry says the competition's grand prize is being kept a secret, so he's not sure what he might win.

"Scrabble" follows the quest of the Bridgewater State Scrabble team to find a giant "Q" Scrabble piece, which is the highest scoring letter in the board game. Meanwhile, a group of militant Russians are also in search of the Q, which they hope to use to get a high score and end the world.

References to the board game - such as the Bridgewater team's T-shirts emblazoned with Scrabble pieces that spell "nerds" - pop up as the characters search for the Q, accompanied by stirring music. The film's climax unfolds in a car chase.

VIEW THE FILM

To watch "Scrabble: the motion picture" go to www.vimeo.com/3945441 (Warning: Contains scenes of (fake) violence. May not be suitable for children.)

"I think Scrabble is such a universal thing, something that everyone can understand," said Perry. "The premise is absolutely ridiculous. Really, it's not something to try and figure out. It's ridiculous, and that was my goal. The college crowd ate it up."

"We have a guy ripping another guy's heart out and blowing it up with a bazooka."

Films entered in the Campus Movie Fest must be made in one week. The contest is sponsored by Macintosh, so each team is loaned a Mac laptop with editing software and camera equipment for one week to make their movie, start to finish.

"Me and my buddies pulled three all-nighters in a row. By

the end, we were going crazy. We had about four laptops set up in my dorm room," said Perry. "Somehow, we got it in on time."

Perry made the movie with a group of about 10 friends, he said, including fellow 2005 Andover High School grads Joe Tornatore and Jack Hamilton. Tornatore was the film's lead actor, and Hamilton did special effects.

Jack's father, Andover resident Jim Hamilton plays a mysterious character named "Hasbro" in the film, who tips the Bridgewater Scrabble players off against the Russians. Perry and his father, Charles, created the giant Q and other Scrabble letters used in the film in their Andover garage.

"Scrabble is the greatest board game of all time," said Perry, a self-proclaimed "huge fan."

Perry, a communications major at Bridgewater State, believes an eventual move to Los Angeles and a career in filmmaking is on the horizon. He said he'll be "knocking on some

doors" while in California this week.

"It's just a matter of time," said Perry. "I'm looking for opportunities to get there. I don't want to settle for this, I want to keep reaching. There are much greater things to come."

"Scrabble: The Motion Picture" took the best picture award at the Campus Movie Fest at Bridgewater State, advancing to the regional grand finale at Lincoln Center in New York City in May.

Nominated in five categories, Perry's film took the best picture award after being shown to an audience of 1,000 and judged by a panel of celebrities.

"(The) Lincoln Center (competition) in New York was one of the best experiences in my life, period," said Perry. "Everything that lead up to that was worth it."

"(Through Campus Movie Fest) I learned that I really want to know my audience, and make something for them. I want to do that for the rest of my life."

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DUMP: Site will be locked, stickers will be required

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volunteering through the town's tax voucher program.

Piantedosi said notice of the change will be sent in residents' water bills, and posted on signs at the compost site.

Selectman Mary Lyman requested the site be open on Sundays.

"This is a critical need for people who work on Saturdays," said Lyman.

Rattlesnake Road resident Greg Rigby asked the board to consider opening the site through

NEW HOURS

Bald Hill compost site's new hours, as of Sept. 1:

- Fall (Oct. 1 through Thanksgiving): open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays noon to 4 p.m.
- Spring (April 15 to Memorial Day):

open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Summer (May 30 to Sept. 26): open Saturdays only, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed the week of the 4th of July

the summer while people are mowing lawns.

Stickers can be obtained through the Plant and Facilities office in Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., and applicants must

show proof of Andover residency through a car registration.

Stickers for Andover-based businesses will be available for \$1,000 for the first vehicle and \$100 for each additional vehicle,

with a maximum of three.

Plant and facilities maintains the Bald Hill site, processing and turning the compost regularly. It is screened and ground into mulch, which residents can pick up for personal use. Surplus mulch is used by the town or sold, said Piantedosi.

For more information, or to inquire about getting a sticker through the mail, contact the Plant and Facilities department at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., or by calling 978-623-8288 or by e-mail facilities@andoverma.gov

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: St. Roberts Country Day School was founded in 1969, and changed its name to The Andover Country Day School Inc. in 2003. Above is a picture of some of the first graduates of the school, in 1969. When the school first opened, there were only 14 preschool students attending; this year there are 39 graduating and 90 attending.



NOW: The cooperative preschool held its 40th graduation ceremony on June 3 and this year's graduates can be seen above. Approximately 2,700 children now have attended the The Andover Country Day School, at 198 Haggetts Pond Road. For the past 24 years, the school's Parent Board has approved a scholarship to a graduate of the ACDS who is graduating from high school and is accepted to college. This scholarship is awarded during the preschool's graduation ceremony.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Keep it Wild, stand up to cancer

This year's Keep it Wild youth fashion show will help support the fight against cancer. Andover's Wendy Pollack has designed a hat line to recognize Massachusetts General Hospital pediatric cancer patients who have lost hair as a result of chemotherapy.

Her own experience has inspired her to give back. Residents can help by sponsoring a personalized hat that will be displayed Thursday, June 25, at the Keep it Wild fashion show, at the St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road.

A donation of \$50 or more will buy a personalized hat and a donation will be made in the donor's name to Hodgkins Lymphoma, according to Pollack.

To sign up for a hat, send your name, address, phone number, e-mail, the amount of the donation and the inspiration for the design of the hat to AYS, 37-39 Pearson St., Andover, MA 01810. People with questions can call the Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241 or e-mail Wendy Pollack at wendyjpollack@yahoo.com.

ACT dinner, awards

The Andover Community Trust will hold its annual meeting and dinner at the Andover Inn on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. The featured speaker will be David Abromowitz, attorney with Goulston and Storrs.

He has more than 20 years experience with community land trusts, beginning with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood

in the 1980s. ACT will also present Andover residents Andrew A. Caffrey and William S. MacLeod with the Fred Stott Advocate Award. Joan Duff will receive the Opening Doors Award.

The evening will include a short business meeting and election of officers and directors.

West Parish Church responds to economy

West Parish Church will hold its annual yard sale on June 20 this year, with one major difference.

Traditionally the yard sale proceeds help fund the church budget. But in these difficult economic times, the church reports it will donate most of the proceeds to help those in need.

The money earned will be donated to non-profit organizations that provide food or fuel assistance. The remainder of the money will help offset the cost of a youth service trip to one of the poorest counties in the United States.

None of the money will be used to fund the church budget.

Andover Sister Towns Association

Andover Sister Towns Association cordially invites residents to a social gathering and potluck supper in the beautiful garden of Frank and Belva Hopkins, 4 Brady Loop, Andover, on Saturday, June 20, at 4:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish and recipe to share.

Newcomers and anyone interested in joining are welcome. Contact Joan Conroy at 978-475-5476 or Frank Hopkins at 978-470-0702.

Harvard Club of Andover: Speaker on networking

The Harvard Club of Andover is sponsoring a Networking Event on Thursday, June 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Andover Inn, 4 Chapel Ave., Andover. Members of other area university clubs are welcome. Nationally known expert, Diane Darling, will speak about tools and techniques to improve networking skills. She is the author of the "Networking Survival Guide," and "Networking for Career Success." Darling has appeared on NBC Nightly News, and is a regular contributor to the Boston Business Journal, Newsweek, the Wall Street Journal, and the Boston Globe. The program will provide an excellent opportunity to build and strengthen participants' networks and share information. To register, contact HCA V.P. Susan Nam at 978-682-2839 or pinkolivefamily@gmail.com, Dennis Vecchi at 617-557-7565 or dennis.vecchi@willis.com, or JoAnn Ferraro at 617-236-8098 or joann323@yahoo.com.

Same faces, different seats

The Board of Selectmen played a short game of musical chairs before their June 8 meeting. Selectman Alex Vispoli took over the chairman position from Selectman Ted Teichert, and the remaining members shifted from the seats they had sat in for the past year. Teichert held the chairman position since May 2008, just after last year's Town Meeting. Teichert and Selectman Brian Major were both re-elected in April town elections, so the board's membership has stayed the same through the past year.

- Bethany Bray

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.
Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Interstate 93 Tri-town Interchange Task Force, Wilmington Town Offices, 121 Glen Road, 8 a.m.

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feel very fortunate to be in that room, looking at those issues."

On Friday at 10:15 a.m., L'Italien and the five others on the conference committee began going through the entire budget.

L'Italien lists her priorities as protecting:

- early intervention, which addresses educational issues of children not yet of school age;
- disability agencies such as those that help adults with developmental issues;
- elder services, such as those that help people live at home longer; and
- local aid to communities including Andover.

"There are 200 people on the combined committees of House and Senate, and every one would like to be in that room. It's an awesome responsibility," she said. "The fact that (fiscal) things are dropping precipitously is really frightening."

"It's not let's preserve so-and-so's earmark, it's how can we preserve the safety net," said L'Italien. "I think that's why I was put on this committee. I'm

L'ITALIEN ON SALES-TAX VOTE

Whatever happens with the budget conference committee, one vote already taken is likely to trail State Rep. Barbara L'Italien during her next campaign. The Andover Democrat supporting raising the sales tax to 6.25 percent, which many store owners oppose, expecting it will drive more people from border towns like Andover to shop in tax-free New Hampshire.

After the vote, Lonnie Brennan, a Georgetown Republican who ran against L'Italien last election, quickly sent out a letter criticizing the decision and giving his former opponent a catchy new nickname.

"Taxes' L'Italien is completely out of touch with the average taxpayer in this

district," he wrote.

"No one gets elected wanting to raise people's taxes. It was particularly difficult for those of us [in districts near New Hampshire]," said L'Italien.

She said she voted in favor for three reasons: to limit the cut in state aid to communities to the 10 percent in the House budget, to allocate money to long-term transportation needs and to restore some cuts.

"One of the reasons I cast that vote on the sales tax was realizing that we had to protect cities and towns," she said. "I'm not sure we're going to be able to get to 10 percent, but I'd like to see the damage kept to that as closely as possible."

being put in a spot where I'm being asked to prioritize... There are no good answers to any of this."

She said the House removed 85 percent of earmarks, keeping only those that serve broad regional or state initiatives such as suicide prevention, and the Senate cut 100 percent of earmarks.

"I think the average person

doesn't realize we've already cut \$2.2 billion out of the budget," which includes cuts to projected increases needed to maintain services, said L'Italien.

Some of the key gaps to be closed between the two budget versions are that the Senate approves spending \$800 million less than the House, but proposes a larger cut in local aid to cities and town and collecting

a sales tax on alcohol bought in stores. The House voted for state employees to pay 20 percent of their health costs under the Group Insurance Commission, while the Senate voted for employees to cover 25 percent. There are differences on funding for prescriptions, special education and the Quinn Bill, which pays police officers for advanced education.

Bernal doesn't see L'Italien as being in a no-win situation.

"I think you want to be in the room when these decisions are made. You try to find a way to establish priorities within the budget constraints you have," said Bernal. "There's an opportunity for huge change. If you want to bring change to government, you want to be in that room."

The members of the budget conference committee are: Reps. Vinny deMacedo, Charles Murphy and L'Italien, and Sens. Mike Knapik, Stephen Brewer and Steven Panagiotakos.

For more on L'Italien's priorities and the differences between the House and Senate budgets see www.andovertownsmen.com.

Nolan Howard, 5, helps fight cancer with lemons this weekend



Nolan Howard

He's only 5, but Nolan Howard will host his third annual Alex's Lemonade Stand as part of the National Lemonade Days weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3 Cuba St. The stand is one of thousands across the country that raise money for research of childhood cancers.

The Howard family decided to get involved with the foundation after a friend's 7-month-old son, Cian Crowley of Quincy, Mass, lost his battle with neuroblastoma, the same cancer that took the life of Alexandra "Alex" Scott. To date, Nolan's efforts have resulted in nearly \$6,000 being raised to fight devastating childhood cancer, in the name and memory of baby Cian.

Lemonade Days is a three-day national event that grew out of Alex Scott's front yard lemonade stand and is held every year

over the same June weekend. During Lemonade Days, dedicated volunteers across the country set up stands, raising over \$1 million for childhood cancer research

in one weekend. June 2009 will mark the Sixth Annual Lemonade Days with an estimated 10,000 volunteers at over 2,000 Alex's Lemonade Stands around the nation.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 charity, has raised nearly \$20 million towards fulfilling Alex's dream of finding a cure for all childhood cancer, funding over 80 research projects nationally, according to the Howard family.

UNION: Teachers want to raise revenue, not slash salaries

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press release.

"I am disappointed in their decision, but respect (AEA) membership," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein. "In these times, it's more important than ever to work together."

There are no current plans for the School Committee and AEA to meet, said Silberstein. On Tuesday morning, June 9, Silberstein spoke to Meyers on the phone, she said, and "expressed the importance of communication (between the AEA and School Committee), and that there are areas that we can and should work together on."

AEA membership includes teachers, instructional assistants, nurses, secretaries and other school positions. Its

current contract is in effect through August 2010, and guarantees members 8.5 percent cost-of-living raises over three years, including 3.5 percent raises next year, in addition to other raises for things such as longevity and continuing education.

"Members of the AEA respect the integrity of these (contract) agreements as well as the significant effort that was expended by all parties to reach these agreements," said the AEA statement. "Furthermore, it is of concern to our membership that Andover is below the state average for per pupil expenditures while it rates 170 percent above the mean for family income in the state. It would seem that the town of Andover could be exploring ways to raise more revenue rather than asking employees to subsidize the education of Andover's children through salary givebacks. AEA members are willing to work with townspeople to obtain more revenue. We have suggested items such as early retirement incentives."

Through the spring, Superintendent Claudia Bach and

members of the School Committee have said that employee concessions would help avoid teacher layoffs.

Under the \$60.4 million school budget approved at Town Meeting, Superintendent Claudia Bach is expected to lay off the equivalent of 40 full-time school employees. In April, all teachers hired within the last three years were given pink slips, as is required in their contracts. In all, 123 layoff notices were issued.

Representatives of the AEA and School Committee have met several times this spring, discussing options as the schools face a \$3.2 million budget shortfall.

"One suggestion (by the AEA) was use of town reserves, which we've rejected," said Silberstein. "Also, early retirement incentives. We're just completing analysis of this, and will be getting back to the union to schedule a meeting to discuss it. I assure you that it's not a solution to the crisis we're facing. It's one small area we can work on, but we're still in process of

analyzing data."

At the first night of Town Meeting, May 26, a letter printed on yellow paper signed by eight AEA members who live in Andover was handed out. The letter highlighted how Andover schools excel, winning accolades and grants, which contributes to the town's high home values. The current AEA contract guarantees "reasonable" salary increases, read the letter, and members agreed to higher health care costs to offset the raises.

"As fellow residents we too are worried about the current financial distress we all are facing. We too have tuition loans, bills and mortgages. We too are worried about job security, retirement funds and our home values. We too continue to be concerned about our high cost of health care for our children and aging parents," read the letter.

Not all the school employees' names signed to the letter were legible, and the Townsman received no response after contacting several of its authors for comment this week.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, June 2 - At 2:04 p.m., Alberto Bies, 60, of 589 Lynn St., Malden, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and a motor vehicle equipment violation.

Wednesday, June 3 - At 10:18 a.m., Marcio Rocha, 31, of 45 Abbot St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 10:38 a.m., a real-estate agent called 911 from a Beacon Street home, after finding an intruder sleeping in a bed in the home. Once discovered, the subject fled on a bicycle, but was found by police on Trevino Circle. At 11:51 a.m., Kyle J. Kozat, 37, of 133 South Broadway, Apt. 204, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250 and breaking and entering nighttime for a felony; also on a warrant for assault and battery.

Thursday, June 4 - At 3:46 p.m., Brett Leland Hunter, 23, of 221 Spaulding, Apt. 2, Kent, Ohio; Kevin Lee Martin, 36, of 8600 Well Road, Millington, Tenn.; and Thomas Earl Covington, 43, of 244 Shelpy Drive, St. Louis, Mo., were all arrested and charged with a peddling door-to-door violation.

At 12 a.m., Brendan A. Murphy, 19, of 29 Partridge Road, Reading, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, red light violation and operating under the influence of drugs.

Friday, June 5 - At 1:31 p.m., Anthony J. Campo, 22, of 30 Railroad St. Apt. 127, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250, forgery of a check, uttering a false check and possession of a class A substance.

Saturday, June 6 - At 3:55 a.m., Michael Agneta, 21, of 2 Pinegreen Drive, North Reading, was arrested and charged with trespassing with a motor vehicle, a stop sign violation, driving with a suspended license, driving under the influence of alcohol, operating to endanger and failure to stop for police.

At 4:21 p.m., Marilyn Carrero, 40, of 800 Bullfinch Drive Apt. 213, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, driving with an uninsured vehicle trailer, revoked registration, a motor vehicle equipment violation and possessing a false/stolen RMV document.

At 6:58 p.m., Craig Shaughnessy, 44, of 44 Hidden Road, Dracut, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 11:20 p.m. four officers responded to a complaint of a loud party on Rattlesnake Hill Road. Wendy J. Pollack, 18, of 7 Pomeroy Road, was arrested and charged with being a person under 21 in possession of alcohol. Jennifer M. Angell, 18, of 7 Comanche Place, was arrested and charged with person under 21 in possession of alcohol and keeping a noisy and disorderly house. A male from Leominster was taken into protective custody.

Monday, June 8 - At 8:34 a.m., Steven L. Brophy, 47, of 8 Kendal St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and on several warrants.

At 4:21 p.m., David King, 26, of 15 Park Ave., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged on a warrant for leaving the scene of property damage.

- Compiled by Bethany Bray

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Aphasia does not affect intelligence, so people with aphasia still think clearly and experience normal emotions (as long as the brain injury did not damage other areas). People with aphasia and their families certainly need help in dealing with this disability, because any problem like this can certainly be frustrating and depressing. It helps to have an empathetic doctor who will spend the time to help you understand and adapt. Please browse my website for more information, or call 978-470-0001 for a complimentary "meet and greet" appointment.

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Business

■ BRIEFS

Neighborhood butcher shop opens in North Andover

Andover residents looking for a butcher shop can find a new one over the town border. The Meat House, a butcher shop and specialty grocer has opened inside The Vineyard Wine Shop at 554 Turnpike St., North Andover.

As the third store location to open in Massachusetts this year, customers are being greeted by staff and introduced to the store through tours and product samplings of freshly prepared marinated meats, deli products and specialty foods.

"We're very excited to bring The Meat House experience to North Andover," said owner, Peter Weissman. "In addition to offering our customers everything they need to make a delicious meal, I'm confident that shoppers will be equally impressed with the level of knowledge and service our staff provides."

The Meat House is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Top of market award

Eric, Gregg and Brian White, owners of SERVPRO of Lawrence, SERVPRO of Lowell, and SERVPRO of The Andovers received the Top of Market Award for Insurance Restoration Services, Duct Cleaning, and Commercial Cleaning. The Whites were presented the award during the Annual SERVPRO Awards Banquet. As local fire and water, cleanup and restoration professionals, the Whites positively impact the productivity of local businesses and quality of life for homeowners. SERVPRO of Lawrence has been in operation nearly three decades. "It has been a privilege to serve our communities. Restoring homes, businesses and lives after a disaster strikes is very rewarding," states Gregg White.

Shattuck Office Center has 100 percent occupancy

CB Richard Ellis/New England, a joint venture partner with CB Richard Ellis, announced that the firm has leased Shattuck Office Center at 138 River Road in Andover to 100 percent occupancy with the recent renewal and expansion of Yankee Alliance, Inc., a national organization that assists healthcare providers. The 14,332 square foot lease marks the fourth lease recently signed at the property, a three-story, 64,000 square foot Class A office building owned by an affiliate of Meritage Properties.

"We're very pleased Yankee Alliance will be continuing their tenancy at Shattuck and are grateful to the entire CBRE team for bringing all of the recent deals to fruition," said Erin Shaw of Meritage Properties. "Meritage initially purchased the building due to its excellent location and ability to cater well to smaller Class A tenants, so we are pleased to see the building reach 100 percent occupancy with such a high-quality group of firms." The CBRE team of Jason Levendusky, first vice president, Kerry Olson, vice president, and Robert LeClair, associate, represented Meritage Properties

in the transaction. Yankee Alliance, Inc. was represented by Mitch Jacoby, vice president at CRESA Partners.

Shattuck Office Center is located adjacent to Interstate 93 and less than three miles from Interstate 495 in Andover. The property is approximately 30 miles north of Downtown Boston and offers immediate access to the full-service Wyndham Hotel, the Courtyard Marriott and a variety of restaurants and retail amenities.

Additional leases recently signed at the property include GENEX Services, General Atomics, CL Verify and the U.S. General Services Administration. Built in 1984, the property was purchased by Meritage Properties in 2005.

According to research by CB Richard Ellis, the Route 495 Northeast market comprises approximately 4.7 million square feet. At the close of the first quarter 2009, the market posted a 34 percent availability rate, a 28 percent vacancy rate and a 2 percent sublease rate.

Menswear Industry veteran joins MAGIC Marketplace as Vice President of Menswear

Advanstar Communications Inc. has announced the appointment of Jon Kapelson as vice president of Menswear at MAGIC International, the world's most influential and comprehensive fashion trade event.

Kapelson will lead the team to redesign and expand Menswear at MAGIC, and oversee national and international growth and expansion.

"Jon is a fourth-generation menswear retailer and this business is in his blood. His experience, understanding and perspective of the menswear business is second to none," said Chris DeMoulin, MAGIC International president and executive vice president of Advanstar's Fashion Group. "Jon is widely known by vendors and retailers for his integrity, creativity and merchandising expertise. We are excited to see his impact at our August show."

"MAGIC is the perfect place for me. I know this arena and can't wait to dig in and get moving," said Kapelson. "I am excited to work with the MAGIC team to make the show better than ever and help our customers attain their goals."

Along with his brothers, Kapelson owned and operated Kaps, a multi-million dollar better men's specialty chain in Massachusetts. With stores in Andover, Burlington, Marblehead and Wellesley, the Kaps legacy

began over a century ago with the opening of a haberdashery in Lawrence. For 123 years, the Kapelson family ran the shops with an assortment of brands including Canali, Bruno Magli, John Varvatos, Cole Haan, Hugo Boss and Ermenegildo Zegna.

Kapelson has also been an active member of The Forum Group, a leading association of 14 fashion merchandising companies from around the country who have the common goal of sharing information in an effort to learn more about the business and stay one step ahead of the curve.

Drop off used books and more at Brickstone Square

Want to get rid of your used books? The Brickstone Square business complex is now accepting new and used books, CDs, DVDs, videos, and audio books. The group has placed the drop-off container for community members who wish to contribute new and gently used books. The gray book donation container, distinguished by its purple and yellow "Got Books?" signs, is located behind the complex near the loading docks, between buildings 100 and 200 Brickstone Square. Books can be deposited in the container by anyone at any time. In addition to helping raise money for this group, these donated goods will be repurposed in great ways; they could be donated to schools, libraries, and other groups in need, sent overseas to the troops, given to teachers for their classrooms, or sold in book sales and online. Contact Got Books at www.GotBooks.com or call 978-396-6026.

Pennoni hires senior engineer in Andover office

Pennoni Associates, an award-winning consulting engineering firm headquartered in Philadelphia, announces that Benjamin C. Osgood, Jr., P.E., has been hired to its Andover office. Osgood, a senior engineer, has 24 years of civil/site experience in retail, industrial, commercial, and residential land development projects for both the public and private sectors.

A registered professional engineer in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Osgood is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Massachusetts Homebuilders Association.

He has held lead positions in civil/site and roadway projects and has a broad range of experience in planning, design, engineering, project management, and construction management.

An alumnus of the University of Vermont, Osgood earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Resident BU trustee

Andover resident Richard D. Reidy, president and CEO of Progress Software and chairman of Boston University's Board of Overseers, along with Bloomberg CEO of Multimedia Andrew R. Lack, and CBS Entertainment President Nina C. Tassler, were recently elected university trustees, announced BU Trustee Chair Robert A. Knox.

Knox also announced that psychologist Gayle R. Berg, Ph.D., was appointed an overseer of Boston University.

"We are very pleased to welcome Andrew Lack, Rick Reidy and Nina Tassler to the board of trustees, as well as Dr. Gayle Berg to the board of overseers," said Knox. "Each of them is an extraordinary addition to the university's governing bodies, and we look forward to collaboration with them to meet the significant challenges ahead and to capitalize on our future opportunities."

Reidy, as chairman of the university's Board of Overseers, has served as an ex-officio trustee since September 2007. A 1982 alumnus of BU's School of Management, he was recently named head of Bedford, Mass.-based Progress Software, a global provider of leading application infrastructure software to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications. He was previously Progress Software's chief operating officer. Reidy also serves on the Leadership Advisory Board of BU's College of Engineering.

Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. With more than 30,000 students, it is the fourth largest independent university in the United States. BU consists of 17 colleges and schools along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes which are central to the school's research and teaching mission.



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Park Street Pub owner Rick Pruneau, left, and bartender Samantha Samoiel present a check of \$1,200 to Vin Cottone of the Andover Senior Center, money they raised from their weekly raffle for a giant lobster, such as the 13-pound lobster dubbed Sam, on the left.

Pub's shellfish act helps seniors

A local pub has turned seemingly larger-than-life lobsters into a \$1,200 donation for the Andover Senior Center.

Every Saturday night, Rick Pruneau, owner of the Park Street Pub, buys the biggest lobster he can find - usually between five and 10 pounds. Pub patrons purchase raffle tickets for the crustacean, and the winner can either take the lobster home or eat their prize right then, specially cooked by pub staff.

Pruneau said he sets the money he raises through the weekly lobster raffle aside, and when the collection gets to \$1,200, he donates it to an Andover cause.

Last week, Pruneau handed over a check to Vin Cottone, co-chairman of the Andover Council on Aging, as a donation for the senior center.

"It was a very pleasant and unexpected surprise. We were very touched. It came completely out of the blue," said

Kathy Urquhart, director of Elder Services.

Urquhart said Pruneau's donation will "offset program costs to keep them available and affordable to seniors."

Pruneau's Saturday bartender, Samantha Samoiel, came up with the idea for the lobster fundraiser. The weekly raffles continue, and the next check will be given to Andover Youth Center effort, said Pruneau.

Urquhart said it was not surprising that Pruneau and his Park Street Pub patrons wanted to give back to the community.

"They've been in Andover for a long time, and have a strong sense of community," she said.

— Staff Writer Bethany Bray

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Arts & Entertainment

Spotlight on tech crew

'A Chorus Line' wins lighting award

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Appropriately, the announcement was made on a big stage as a spotlight zoomed in on two students who are part of the tech crew for productions at Andover High School.

Stephanie Simon, who just graduated from Andover High, and Christine Zhou, a junior at AHS, won the Best Lighting Design award from the North Shore Music Theatre.

The young women received the award for their work on the school's recent production of "A Chorus Line."

The fourth annual Spotlight Awards were announced June 2 (the same night as Broadway's Tony awards) on the main stage at NSMT in Beverly. The Spotlight Awards are for high-school drama productions.

Overall, Andover High's drama department had eight nominations in various categories for the production. Simon and Zhou were the lone first-place winners.

"It was across the board," drama department chairman Susan Choquette proudly said of the numerous nominations. "I think it shows the breadth and strength of our product."

Andover was nominated for acting, lighting design, musical direction, choreography and ensemble awards, Choquette said.

"We do great work," she said. "For our kids to be acknowledged by peers is such a great thing for them."

Choquette emphasized that the AHS drama venue, the J. Everett Collins Center, is state-of-the-art when it comes to the technical side of productions.

"We are way, way above other schools. We have our own scene shop and a very professional venue. It's incredible for our kids," she said.

She said Andover drama buffs bring so much experience if they continue their education.

"They know so much and are extra valuable (to college productions)," she said. "Lots of times, our venue is better than the college's."

This year's Spotlight program included 22 high schools and had more than 1,000 students vying for 15 awards.

The Best Overall Musical Award went to Newton South High School's "Guys & Dolls" production.

'Giant field day' planned

Hope for day is to hold off fee increases

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Several community groups are hoping to run away from some budget problems on June 20.

Andover Youth Services, the Andover High School athletic department and the school's Parent Advisory Council are working to organize a relay fundraiser, hoping to offset revenue losses and budget cuts to student clubs, sports and youth programs.

The June 20 event will be "a giant field day" with live music, food, games and prizes, said Diane Costagliola, AHS PAC copresident.

"We're trying to pull the community together to work for common cause," said Costagliola. "The budget's been cut, and we understand that we have to do things differently. This is our way to help lessen the impact on the students by raising money."

Funds raised will combat student fee increases and lost revenue for AHS athletics and clubs, as well as supplement AYS programs hurting from budget cuts, said Costagliola.

"Different community groups are working together, trying to raise as much money as possible. Nothing (in the budget) is definitive, we don't know what might happen with the state. If things were to change, (money raised) would combat a dramatic increase in fees," she said.

Organizers are hoping to have at least 20 teams participate in the relay, which will be held rain or shine on June 20 at the Andover High School track.

Teams, each with between six and 12 members, are asked to raise a minimum of \$600 to enter. In the relay, each team member will walk at least one mile around the track, taking turns.

Some teams have been collecting pledges or fundraising on their own to enter the relay, said Costagliola. The distance each team walks is up to them, as long as each member walks at

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- Teams are asked to raise a minimum of \$600 and have each member walk one mile
- For more information, to sign up, or to buy raffle tickets in advance, contact PAC Co-president Diane Costagliola at dcostag@hotmail.com or Athletic Director Chris Bergeron at cbergeron@aps1.net
- Raffle prizes include two Jimmy Buffet concert tickets, a week at Hootown basketball camp and an iPod

least one mile.

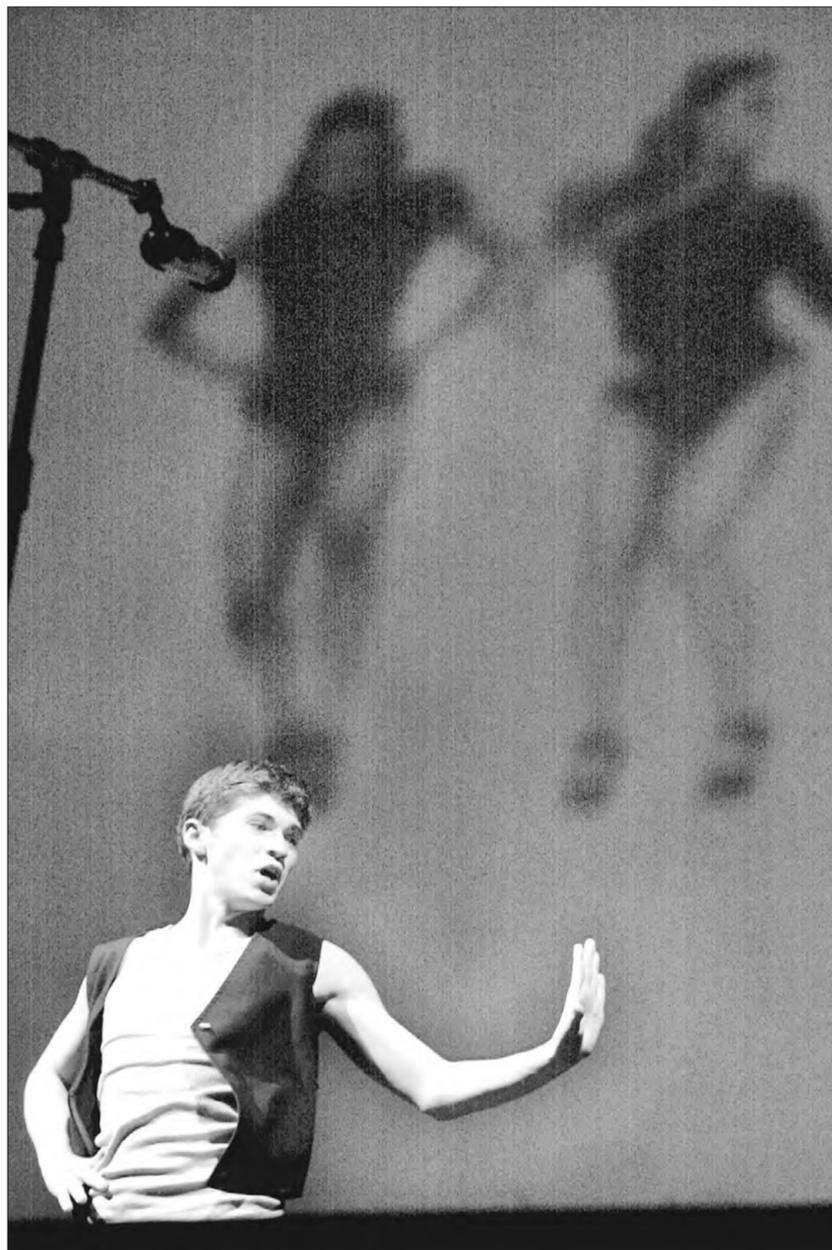
"The walking is symbolic. What's important is the community spirit and participation," said Costagliola.

As teams walk, there will be prize giveaways, music and entertainment. Three rock bands of Andover teenagers have volunteered to play, and Selectman Ted Teichert will be the event's disc jockey.

Raffle tickets will be sold for several enticing prizes, including an iPod and Jimmy Buffet concert tickets.

As walkers round the track, there will be a whiffle ball tournament, frisbee games, massages by a local massage therapist and rides given on a Segway. Costagliola said they're also working on having student groups from the high school perform, including a comedy improvisation troupe and dance team. Former contestants will also reprise the talent competition portion of the Mr. AHS pageant.

Between adults and high school students, about 60 people have volunteered to help organize and run the relay. Costagliola credited AYS Director Bill Pahey for helping to get so many teens involved.



File photo

A reprise of the talent competition from the Mr. AHS contest is expected as part of the entertainment for a special day meant to raise money to keep fee increases at bay and help extracurricular programs continue next year. Above, Drew Berens steals a move from Beyonce as he dances to Single Ladies during the 18th annual Mr. AHS, held earlier this spring. Berens was crowned Mr. AHS.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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 Wipf 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.

TV HOST VISITS, Tom Bergeron, a Haverhill native and host of Dancing with the Stars and America's Funniest Home Videos, at Northern Essex Community College's Haverhill Campus promoting his new book, "I'm Hosting as Fast as I Can! Zen and the Art of Staying Sane in Hollywood;" 978-556-3862, egreenslade@necc.mass.edu.

SALT MARSH STUDY FOR HOMESCHOOLERS, 9-11 a.m., ages 8-12, Please wear sturdy shoes that can get wet and

muddy, Harold Parker Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, meet at the refuge visitor center. All programs are FREE but space is LIMITED and advanced registration is required; 978-465-5753, http://parkrriver.fws.gov.

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.

LIVE MUSIC, Americana/Alt-Country chanteuse Kate Redgate and a stellar lineup of talented musicians perform, celebrating Redgate's new album, "Nothing Tragic," Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport, 8 p.m., tickets \$15-18 at 978-462-7336; www.firehouse.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

YARD SALE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ashland Farm, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, features clothing, handbags, belts, coats, shoes and more. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for purchase and prizes will be raffled; Ellen Roach, 978-683-1300.

KIDS FISHING DAY, 9 a.m.-noon, Plum Island. Kids will learn how to cast a line, how to identify local fish, and try their hand at fishing along the beach. Meet at the first parking lot at Sandy Point State Reservation at the southern end of Plum Island; NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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YOUTH SPEED & PERFORMANCE TRAINING, Parisi Speed School's Cat Club Challenge for ages 7-18, free, 10 a.m.-noon, Cedardale Health & Fitness in Haverhill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

ANTIQUA 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, through Topsfield to raise money for A Better Chance (ABC) 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, abcmasco.net.org.

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BOOKS TALK, Buttonwoods Museum at Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St., Haverhill, 2 p.m.; 978-374-4626.

DOLLY-N-ME PRINCESS TEA PARTY, 1 p.m., \$20 advance,

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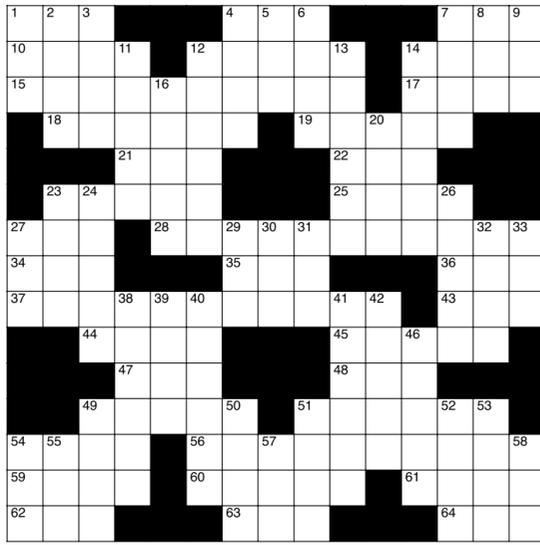
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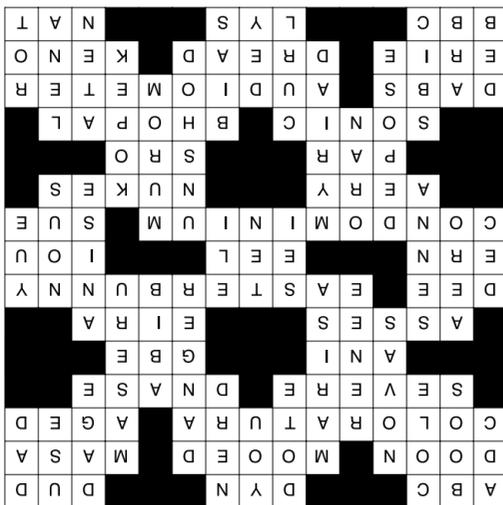
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CLUES DOWN

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- 4. ___ amite: Nobel invention
- 7. Failed bomb
- 10. SW Scottish river
- 12. Cow sounded
- 14. Dried corn dough
- 15. Singing with florid ornamentation
- 17. Got older
- 18. Extreme in degree
- 19. Enzyme
- 21. Am. black cuckoo
- 22. Gaborone airport code
- 23. Donkeys
- 25. Weasel genus
- 27. Gidget's Sandra
- 28. Holiday candy deliverer
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Snakelike fish
- 36. Informal debt instrument
- 37. Owned apartment
- 43. Institute legal proceedings
- 44. Lofty nest
- 45. Microwaves (slang)
- 47. Golf score
- 48. No seats available
- 49. Hearable
- 51. Site of '84 chemical spill
- 54. Pats lightly
- 56. Measures hearing sensitivity
- 59. One of the Greats
- 60. Apprehension
- 61. Beano
- 62. London radio station
- 63. ___ sa: rabies
- 64. ___ King Cole, musician

- 1. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 2. Bronx cheers
- 3. Nat King ___
- 4. Shower with affection
- 5. Not I
- 6. Dweeb
- 7. Ban ___: cut protector
- 8. Put into service
- 9. Father
- 11. Stars
- 12. Actress Tomei
- 13. Unsafe state
- 14. Lesotho capital
- 16. Actress Zellweger
- 20. 7th Hebrew month
- 23. About aviation
- 24. 1991 champion driver Ayrton
- 26. Licorice flavored herb
- 27. Month (abbr.)
- 29. ___ zes: grabs
- 30. Large integer
- 31. ___ Lilly, drug company
- 32. We in French
- 33. Cantonese dialect
- 38. Force from power
- 39. 2nd largest Algerian city
- 40. Innumerable
- 41. Barefoot
- 42. Russian city on the Oka River
- 46. 100=1 ruble
- 49. Invests in little enterprises
- 50. Ringlet
- 51. Fabric diagonal
- 52. Egyptian Sun god
- 53. Singer/actress Horne
- 54. Actress Reynolds' nickname
- 55. ___ itrageur: businessman
- 57. Partidge actress Susan
- 58. Decay

Solution



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\$25 door, young girls to wear their frilly finest and have a special grown up day with fancy finger food & treats, tea from fancy pots and a visit with the Princess of Winnekenni Castle. An AMERICAN GIRL DOLL will be raffled, recommended for ages 3 and up, Winnekenni Castle, Haverhill; Pre-paid Reservations at www.winnekenni.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

WINE TASTING WITH BBQ, Village Smokehouse buffet with expressive wine tastings from The Cono Sur Winery in Chile, 98 Middle St., Lowell, \$30, Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 978-441-2272; www.conosur.com, 978-441-BBQU (2278), www.villagesmokehouse.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

JOB LOSS DISCUSSION, "How you think about a problem, is more important than the problem itself," 12:30 p.m., free, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. This workshop is focused on solving the problem of unemployment via a different mindset; 978-664-4942.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

PRESSING ON PROGRAM, this networking group hosts Transition Conference, Merrimack College. conference aims to take some stress out of the job search with encouraging presentations, panel discussions, and interactive networking, 8 a.m., open to the community; pressedforsuccess@comcast.net

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

AUTHOR VISIT, author Alan Hoffman speaks about his most recent work, a translation of Auguste Levasseur's Lafayette in America, a journal of General Lafayette's 1824-1825 Farewell Tour of all 24 United States, 6:30 p.m., 97 Main St., Andover, hosted by the Andover Historical Society; http://www.lafayetteinamerica.com/index.html, 978-475-2236, education@andoverhistorical.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT, benefits Northeast Independent

Living Program 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence, 8 a.m. shotgun, \$150, Georgetown Club, 258 Andover St., Georgetown; Kevin or Nanette 978-687-428, Kfarrell@nlp.org. Register by May 29.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

LIVE MUSIC, with the band Second Chance, concert benefits the Pan Mass Challenge and the Jimmy Fund, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, \$20, Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover, tickets in advance or @ the door; Pam Bird, 978-337-6814, gandpbird@aol.com or Ellen Cullen, 978-689-8389, cullen150@aol.com.

LECTURE ON HISTORY OF TYPE, at the Museum of Printing, North Andover, 2-4 p.m., presented by Frank Romano, Professor Emeritus, RIT School of Print Media. This informative lecture will take you from moveable type to digital type, through 500 years of typography. A PDF of the presentation will be available to all attendees. Free to Museum of Printing member; \$10 for nonmembers.

LIVE THEATER, Yankee City Theater Project combines live performance with both documentary footage and videotaped personal reflections to tell the amazing story of how Newburyport's downtown was saved from destruction. 8 p.m., \$14 for students, members and seniors; \$16 for adults. The Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport.

Also being performed on Saturday, June 20 at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 21, at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

YARD SALE, West Parish Community Yard Sale, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Proceeds to local food and fuel banks and the West Parish Sr. Spy Mission Trip to the Lakota Native American Nation, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota in 2010.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, Smolak Farms, North Andover, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., PYO (pick your own) strawberries, live music, hayrides, wee wagon rides, duck races, make your own strawberry shortcake for kids, REMAX hot air balloon, free admission.

LIVE PIANO MUSIC, with pianist Nancy Helenski, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

LIVE THEATER, Spotlight Playhouse presents the hilarious British farce "Run For Your Wife," 8 p.m., Haverhill High School auditorium, 137 Monument St., Haverhill. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased by calling 978-380-8509. Shows also being performed on June 26, 27; www.spotlightplayhouse.org.

PHOTO SAFARI, the Essex Heritage Photo Safari kicks off, this season, 7 a.m.-noon and 1-6 p.m., Crane Beach at Castle Hill, 299 Argilla Road, Ipswich, For more information and to register, visit http://essexheritage.org/photosafari/index.shtml or call Essex Heritage at 978-740-0444.

BIKE SAFETY RODEO, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tsongas Arena Lot A, Lowell. Come by for safety tips, bike inspections, face painting, and a chance to win helmets and new bikes. Sponsored by Lowell General Hospital, The Kiwanis Club, and the Lowell Police Department.

ANDOVER SISTER TOWNS ASSOC., social gathering and pot-luck supper in the beautiful garden of Frank and Belva Hopkins, 4 Brady Loop, Andover, 4:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish and recipe to share. Newcomers welcome; Joan Conroy, 978-475-5476, Frank Hopkins, 978-470-0702.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

BIKE RIDE BENEFIT, the Pan Mass Challenge Kids Wilmington Bike Ride, also for kids from Tewksbury, Billerica, Reading, Andover and Woburn, \$10 registration; shendee@WILMINGTON.K12.MA.US.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

LIVE UKULELE MUSIC, with Jake Shimabukuro, the lightning fast ukulele player that the New Yorker called "a phenomenon," Firehouse Center, Newburyport, 7 and 9 p.m. (two shows), \$26 for members, \$28 for nonmembers.

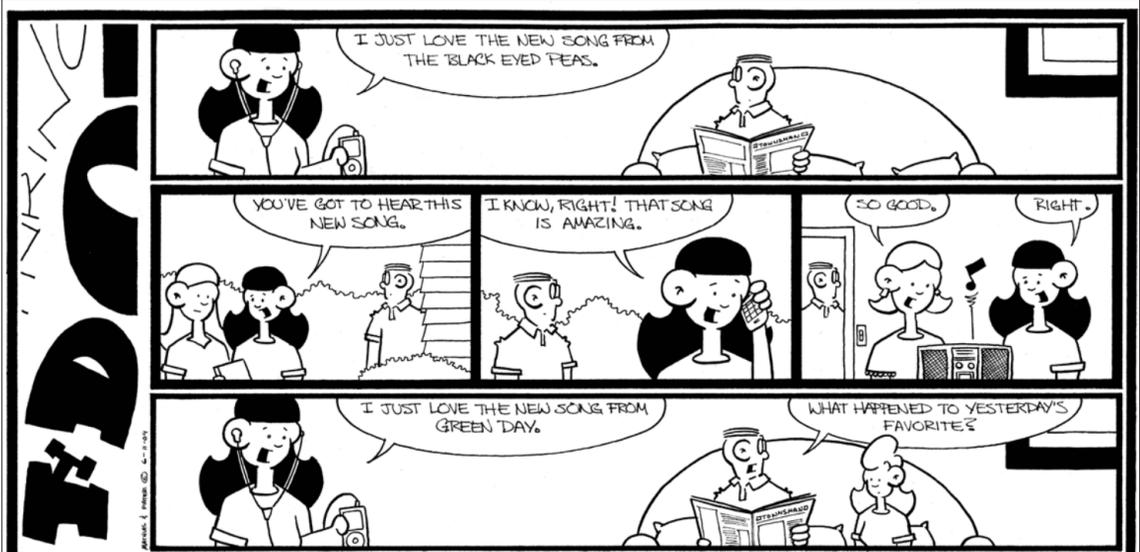
Young pianist plays Mozart, Grechaninov

Emily Qiu, young Andover pianist, was the third-place winner for the 6 to 7 years old age group in a recent Massachusetts Music Teachers Association Inc. Competition held at Fitchburg State College. Emily has studied piano for the past year under the instruction of teacher Svetlana Seifer of North Andover. Emily played Mozart's "Variations" and Grechaninov's "The Terrible Event."



Third-place winner Emily Qiu with teacher Svetlana Seifer.

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Career Day at Doherty Middle



Kristen Wilson, left, and Nicole Annino, try their hand at a Stenotype Machine.



Andy Nason, right, gets a little help trying on a bullet-proof vest from Andover Police Safety Officer Charles Edgerly during "career day" at Doherty Middle School.



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At right, Cindy Rainer, a Personal Trainer for Yang's Fitness Center in Andover shows Rachel Holzman a workout exercise.

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Derek Trussell looks over a wooden puzzle made by Rick Pattardy, a toy maker and craftsman during "career day" at Doherty Middle School.



Sue Greenberg, an editor at Newsweek, talks with students interested in journalism.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Sister Joanne Forker, CSJ, principal of Our Lady Nazareth Academy, has announced that the following Andover residents have been named to the honor roll for the second trimester of the 2008-09 academic year.

Mary Hoar, a junior, first honors
Natalie Hebert, a junior, second honors
Nazareth Academy, a college preparatory high school for young women, is located in Wakefield.

Ross Arnzen and Heather Youngman of Andover, both eighth-grade students, have been named to the Shore Country Day School, high honor roll for the second trimester.

Shore Country Day School is an independent, co-educational pre-K through grade nine school located in Beverly.

The following Andover students at Brooks School in North

Andover have been named to the honor roll:

Highest honors:
Zachary Allen, sophomore
Sarah Crockett, sophomore
Cecile Harmange, freshman

High honors:
Daniel Conway, sophomore
Jacquelyne DiTroia, freshman
Alice Grant, junior
Cameron Johst, freshman
Allison Katz, senior
Kevin Neville, sophomore
Nithyaa Venkataramani, senior

Honors:
Anna Barron, senior
James Costello, freshman
Coleman Egerton, freshman
Emily Finneran, junior
John Hartigan, sophomore
Marina Moschitto, junior
Stephanie Neville, freshman
Peter Nossiff, freshman

Robert Whirly, senior
Lindsey Zucchino, freshman

Austin Preparatory School has announced the following students from Andover made the honor roll for the third quarter of the 2008-09 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

Distinction:
William Green, grade 11
Shannon McCarthy, grade 10
Michelle Menezes, grade 10
Nicole Saia, grade 12

Honors:
Brendan Burke, grade 11
Nysa Casha, grade 10
Christopher Dona, grade nine
Maura Green, grade nine
Anne Green, grade eight
Azniv Nalbandian, grade six
Aram Nalbandian, grade nine

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53 from Andover bid adieu to Phillips

It's the journey, not the destination. That was one of the key messages delivered to the 324 members of the graduating class of Phillips Academy by Head of School Barbara Landis Chase during the school's 231st commencement ceremony held on Sunday, June 7. Fifty-three of this year's graduates came from Andover residents.

Drawing inspiration from Homer's *Odyssey* and the adventures of Odysseus encountered on his travels home to Ithaca following the Trojan War, Chase encouraged the graduates to be not so focused on their goals that they fail to savor the journey.

"Such a message rings true at commencement," she said to an excited crowd of 3,000 graduates and invited guests gathered on the lawn in front of historic Samuel Phillips Hall. "For this ceremony, this destination ... is not really the point. Rather, it is the process you have gone through, the journey you have made, to reach this place."

As part of the commencement ceremony, Chase presented five major prizes to the following recipients:

■ Parker Washburn of Andover received the Yale Bowl, given to the member of the senior class who has attained the highest proficiency in scholarship and athletics. He will attend Harvard University.

■ Christian Anderson of Andover received the Faculty Prize for outstanding scholarship during the senior year. He will attend Harvard University.

■ Victoria Wilmarth of Andover received the Madame Sarah Abbot Award, given to a



Eli Grober of Andover cheers as the final diplomas are passed around the circle during Phillips Academy graduation.

young woman for strong character, leadership and outstanding scholarship. She will attend Duke University.

■ Eli Grober of Andover received the Aurelian Honor Society Award for sterling character, high scholarship and forceful leadership. He will attend Columbia University.

■ Radmila Dancikova of North Andover, Massachusetts received the Non Sibi Award, given to the student who has honored Phillips Academy's non sibi (not-for-self) tradition through efforts on behalf of others. She will attend the California Institute of Technology.

In time-honored Andover tradition, the ceremony kicked off in dramatic style to the sounds of



Theo Lederfine Paskal of Andover, William Thompson-Butler of Oklahoma City, and Brian Russell of Andover smile as Theo's name is announced.



Barbara Landis Chase, head of school, congratulates Parker Washburn of Andover as he receives the Yale Bowl.

bagpipes and drums as the Clan of Lawrence led a procession of MacPherson Pipes and Drums of faculty and students around



Annie Glancy of Andover smiles while waiting to march with her classmates during Phillips Academy graduation.

the perimeter of the Academy's Great Lawn. Boys wore suit coats and ties and girls wore white dresses and carried red roses, while proud parents and friends cheered and took photographs and video.

Once the procession had ended, Chase spoke not only about the importance of the journey already completed, but also counseled the graduates about the journey that lies ahead. For that, she offered nine bits of advice, many of which, she said, were inspired by the students' own experiences at Andover. Among other things, she advised the students to "keep curiosity alive," "learn from great mentors," and "be kind."

She also advised them to "keep

a poet in your pocket," a bit of advice she said was once handed down from U.S. President John Adams to his son John Quincy. "You have learned here at Andover," said Chase, "how great literature, art, and music will not only keep you company, but bring new understanding of the world and the human spirit."

Student body president Malin Adams '09 offered a similar message during his presentation.

"Today is both an end and a beginning for us, and our journey at this institution has granted us all the gift of a solid foundation," he said, adding that now "it is our responsibility to use this education, this beginning, for the betterment of others."

In sharing some of his memories of his time at Andover, Adams recalled how intimidated he had felt as a ninth-grader, uncertain as to whether he was up to the challenge that Andover presented. To overcome that, he made a concerted effort to find his place at Andover by joining lots of clubs and organizations.

That experience, he said, taught him the importance of embracing the unknown and challenging yourself by taking chances.

Following speeches by Adams and Chase, the graduating members of the class of 2009 moved to the school's Great Lawn in front of the Oliver Wendell Home Library where they stood in a giant circle for the passing of the diplomas. The commencement circle is a ceremonial tradition the Academy first adopted in 1952. The Phillips Academy Class of 2009 will matriculate at 91 four-year colleges and universities.

ANDOVER GRADUATES FROM PHILLIPS ACADEMY

Christian Anderson	Anabel Bacon	Conrad Bastable	Rebecca Bendetson	Robert Buka	Zachary Burdeau	Eliza Campbell	Salena Casha	Samuel Clark	Caroline Colombo	Alexander Cope	Janelle Driscoll	Scott Dziao
Megan Farquhar	Jessica Frey	Ryan Furlong	Anne Glancy	Emma Goldstein	Eli Grober	Hanna Rutter Gully	Julie Ingram	Marianna Jordan	Michael Kaluzny	Ishan Kapoor	Auden Lincoln-Vogel	David Lowenstein
Andrew Lyman	James Merrill	Ryan Morris	Reid Mosquera	Victoria Norris	Theodore Lederfine Paskal	Alina Pechacek	Nicholas Poland	Hilary Rich	Marion Rountree	Brian Russell	Erica Segall	Sophia Shimer
								Not pictured: Ryan B. Heavey, Carl T. Jackson, Yiwei Li, Bowen Qiu, Victoria Seman, and Patrick Woolsey				
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Katie O'Hara, a student at Doherty Middle School, had a work titled "Sunrise" published in the spring issue of "Applesauce" magazine. The biannual magazine, a project of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, publishes artwork and writing by area middle schoolers.

Sweet success for young authors and illustrators

Who needs a reality show? It's no secret that Andover's got talent.

This month, 20 Andover middle school students became published authors and artists, as the spring issue of "Applesauce" magazine rolled off the press. A publication of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, "Applesauce" is a semi-annual literary magazine with artwork and writings by middle

school authors from Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover.

The spring 2009 "Applesauce" was released at a launch party on June 4 at North Andover Middle School. Students who have artwork, poems or other works published in the magazine were joined by parents and friends, and many read their works aloud for the audience.

- Bethany Bray

WEST MIDDLE HONOR ROLL

High Honors, Grade 6

Michael Adams, Rebecca Adler, Yearahm Ahn, Noah Appleby, Elizabeth Bambury, Alexandra Barr, Natalie Benson, Sabrina Boutselis, Gillian Brassil, Jeremy Brownholtz, Andrew Cadigan, Michael Calabro, Jackson Callahan, Courtney Carver, Colleen Caveney, David Chao, Hannah Chapman, Laurie-Maude Chenard, Beatrice Choo, Allison Clark, Abigail Cohen, Lauren Cowe, Robert Crockett, Christopher Damiani, Margaret Danisch, Katherine Davies, Meghan Day, Talia Delalato, Devan DeSisto, Jacob Doskocil, Caroline Drooff, Kimberly Feng, Jeremy Forget, Christopher Gerrior, Jeffrey Gilkie, Courtney Grygiel, Cameron Hallinan, Jack Harrington, Caroline Hartel, Natalie Hartel, Paige Hartnett, Courtney Heseltine, Mei Houser, Emma Ingram, Brooke Kabriel, Lacey Kirks, Demetrios Kostakis, Mary Kuan, Ryan LaCroix, Julian Lathrop, Nolan LeBlanc, Charley Lei, Anne Lyons, Scott MacDonall, Kellen McAuliffe, Quinn McCarthy, Connor McCullough, Rebecca McGarry, John McGovern, Owen Meech, Laura Morissette, John Murphy, Melanie Murphy, Terence Norton, Monica Nowicki, Meera Patel, Caitlin Patten, Julia Perry, Kristin Pettini, Caroline Price, Lillian Puccia, Kevin Puduseril, Nicholas Renton, Christopher Rollins, Sarah Rothmann, Brian Sargent, Nicholas Scarpa, Amy Stankiewicz, Morgan Starkweather, Barbara Sudol, Corey Thibodeau, Alexander Tran, Nikolaos Wallingford, Lynn Wang, Michael Weber, Casey Williams, Kayla Yee, Taesan Yoon, Daniel Zhang, Dylan Zhang, Vivian Zhong

High Honors, Grade 7

Rebecca Alois, Leila Aruri, Matthew Boulanger, Jade Chevalier, Nikhil Chopra, Jonathan Cohen, John Cox, Mora Cunningham, Hannah Currie, Elizabeth Dever, Samuel Doskocil, Benjamin Douglas, Dylan Epstein, Nicole Ericson, Alivia Fazio, Jessica Ferronetti, Kylie Fox, Emily Gibson, Lukas Hajdukiewicz, Joseph Hallal, Jennifer Hill, John Hoar, Chelsea Hu, Manman Huang, Madeline Hunt, Stephanie Iglesias, Sierra Jamir, Max Jodoin, Poonam Kamdar, Francis Kimball, Jonathan Klayman, Stephanie Knepper, Cory Lang, Fernanda Leal, Charlotte Lenes, Aria Lowenhaupt, Dana Mandell, Jaime Manjoney, Shea Manship, Edward Martin, Brian McDonough, Christopher McKenna, Michaela McMullen, Conor Meehan, Cassidy Merk, Peter Minigell, Aislinn Mulligan, John Nevin, Katherine O'Kelly, Marie Olney, Emma Oskar, Arun Padykula, Robert Perry, Zachary Perry, John Reilly, Peter Reilly, Lindsay Ricciardelli, Samantha Ruthazer, Carly Sakellarios, Nicholas Sawka, Madison Shimborg, Yu Seop Shin, Denise Stein, Monika Sudol, Olivia Szendey, Shannon Taylor, Gina Venuti, Amy Welch, Emily Wilson, Leo Wu, Yen Wu, Andrea Yepez, Victoria Yin, Sabrina Zerzouri, Wendy Zhou

Edwards, Madeleine Flynn, Louise Forget, Shawna Fox, Olivia Franzese, Connor Fraser, Sydney Gillis, Adnan Hassan, Karen Hua, Emily Hunt, David Johnian, Hyun Hee Kim, Cassandra Kobelski, David Levenson, Christopher Mara, Ronan Maye, Emily McKeon, Andrew Meshnick, Ken Miyachi, Bridget Morris, Miki Nagahara, Deborah Noymer, Philip Paik, Courtney Papa, Marcel Pawlowski, Nicole Pelletier, Andrea Pennock, Marina Renton, Samantha Rooks, Erich Rothmann, Jillian Saia, Kayla Saras, Jesslyn Sargent, Briana Schumacher, Samantha Sheppard, Elizabeth Sleeper, Kelsey Stevens, Abigail Taylor, Zachary Vieira, Rosanna Wang, Marielle Waters, Brian Wivell, Eric Zhao

Brouillard, Jiaxin Chen, Shea Cirbee, Mackenzie Cormier, Marisa Dellatto, James Donohue, Jacqueline Drew, Rachel Durbeck, Aaron Edelman, Zachary Ferreira, Colin Flynn, Michael Giannone, David Giribaldi, Diana Glinos, Timothy Jaroche, Bryce Jenkins, Ananya Kaul, David Kessler, Emily Lin, Liang Tin Lin, Michelle Lorenti, Rachel Manjoney, Kara Merryfield, Michael Moheban, Anna Montgomery, Julius Nevin, Caroline O'Farrell, Daniel O'Leary, Nathan Oh, John Oteri, Abigail Owen, Katherine Paquette, Jeremy Partyka, Miranda Peyton, Daniel Reilly, Laura Ritzer, Emely Rojas, Samuel Rowe, Christopher Schwartz, Muvva Vangapalli, Emily Wivell

Honors, Grade 8

Yasmeen Abdallah, Julia Alagero, Joseph Benson, Michael Brandon, Alexander Buchanan, Rachel Christ, Thomas Cirbee, Matthew Damiani, Joseph Danisch, Jordan Day, Evan Doyle, Mackenzie Dutton, Andrew Eckel, Rachel Feinman, Emily Field, Brian Finn, Alexandra Gaspar, Lauren Gibson, Lauren Grams, Charles Heseltine, Lana Hood, Dustin Hunt, Georgina Indaco, Hannah Insuik, Candice Jodoin, Emma Kantola, Meagan Keefe, Kaitlyn Kiernan, Tyler LaCroix, Ashley Lamontagne, Melissa Lee, Mary Lennon, Sarah Lerner, Peter McGinn, Thomas Norton, Alyssa Otolo, Sunghun Park, Abigail Pustis, William Rand, Harrison Roche, Abigail Smith, Tyler Stahle, David Stein, Ryan Tjalsma, Maxwell Yelle, George Zhou

Honors, Grade 6

Hannah Ameen, Brianna Atwood, Nicholas Atwood, William Baldwin, Caroline Bergeron, Sebastien Boulas, Reid Bryant, Brian Burns, Kailey Cullen, Alex Dalton, Sabrina Delmonaco, Conor Dempsey, Lea Duncan, Natalie Getty, William Hennessy, James Herman, Emily Hespeler, Caroline Hughes, Benjamin Levine, Daniel MacDonald, Yash Malai, Kate Metzmaekers, Parker Nally, Emilee Nason, Janet Paik, Avnee Patel, Christian Richardson, Andrew Riemer, Julia Sambuco, Brendan Slattery, Sarah Spaulding, Michael Stuart, David Tavares, Christopher Tully, Kathryn Vieira, Sara Wulff

Honors, Grade 7

Jacob Anderson, Benjamin Aronovitz, Stephen Begos, Karmesh Behera, Andrew Bezjian, Molly Bonelli, Madelyn

High Honors, Grade 8

Vishal Ahuja, Jaelyn Alois, Rachel Andresen, Samantha Beati, Ariana Bishop, Frank Borsetti, Emily Brownholtz, Jacob Burte, Dominique Cadet, Daniel Caveney, Michael Cirbee, Allison Conway, Molly Cronin, Bianca DeBelen, Samuel Dowden, Emily

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools, June 15-19:

Elementary schools

Monday: Soft or hard shell tacos with all the toppings, ham-and-cheese or turkey wrap, bagel with mini yogurt or cheese stick, black bean salad, spanish rice and chilled fruit.

Tuesday: Grilled hotdog, cheddar burger on a roll, crispy chicken salad and pita bread, BBQ beans, cole slaw and blueberry crumb cake.

Wednesday: Macaroni with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, tuna pocket, chips and pickle, bagel with mini yogurt or cheese stick, seasoned veggie, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken tenders, dips, french fries and dinner roll, ravioli with sauce, italian bread, manager's choice, caesar salad, cookie and juice.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pizza,

manager's choice, chef salad, bread stick, veggies and dip, pizza pasta salad and fresh fruit.

Middle schools

Monday: Orange chicken served over steamed rice, ham and cheese sub with chips, manager's choice, steamed broccoli and cheese, chilled pineapple and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, mozzarella sticks and marinara sauce, manager's choice, garden salad, chilled fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken parmesan, pasta and bread stick, fish sticks with lemon wedge, cole slaw and tartar sauce, taco salad, garden salad, fresh seasonal veggies and juice.

Thursday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, mini chicken or beef slides, assorted breakfast entrees, roasted potatoes, caesar salad and juice.

Friday: Assorted subs, American chop suey, Italian bread, jumbo pretzel with yogurt or cheese stick, greek pasta salad with feta, fresh seasonal veggies and chilled fruit.

Andover High School

There will not be a printed menu for the remainder of the month, according to Gail Koutroubas, food services director.

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.

ANDOVER STUDENTS FEATURED IN THE SPRING ISSUE OF GLEC'S "APPLESAUCE" MAGAZINE:

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Nadja Arifovic, "Description of a Poem"
Lauren Buhrer, "Daisy" (artwork)
Michelle Gagnon, "Silhouettes" (artwork)
Kevin Lee, untitled artwork
Alisha Li, "Flowing Through Music"
Tealia Madden, "The Sand, The Sky, The Water"
Shane Napolitano, "Cerberus est Canis Orci" (artwork)
Katie O'Hara, "Sunrise"
Ally Okun, "Cat" (artwork)
Ally Okun, "The Dance"
Caroline Quilliam, "The Perfect Place"
Gina Sawaya, "Guitar and Picks" (artwork)
Justine Wang, "The Lake"

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Arun Padykula, "River Path" (photo)
Arun Padykula, "Shaded Cube" (artwork)

WOOD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, "Red Wagon"
Naomi Elliot, "Years and Years Ago"
Ben Hartford, "Rambling Autobiography"
Sierra Heneghan, "Footprints in the Sand"
Brittney Nash, "Temptations"
Patrick Pengereth, "Nap Time"
Casey Roberts, "Hand Holding Rose" (artwork)

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Opinion

Teamwork on the track brings championship

Call it Morning at Lovely Field. The Andover High School boys track team has won its first All-State title since 1984, when Ronald Reagan was touting that it was "morning in America again."

More than perhaps any other sport, track relies on the contributions of many members. Scores and scores of student-athletes are allowed to join the team, and dozens contribute a few points once in a while by capturing a third place finish here or a personal-best time there.

In fact, coach Peter Comeau puts an emphasis on relay results, where four runners must work as a team. Other coaches often lean heavily on one or two stars. Clearly, Comeau's emphasis on team is paying dividends both for the development of student-athletes and for the success of the entire squad.

"Our strategy turns the whole idea of track upside down," Rob Martin, who anchored the critical 4x400 relay, told reporter David Willis. "We don't place the burden on one person."

Congratulations to the new state champions on a true team effort. It is the first boys state title of any kind for Andover High School since 1992, when the elder George Bush was president. The state title is something all athletes on the team, and thousands of residents in town can take pride in.

WEB QUESTION

Teachers union quandary

Town Meeting: Too busy, too old-fashioned

After a little more than 1,000 people attended 2009 Town Meeting, we asked you how you felt about the meeting's model, spread over three nights and close to 10 hours. With 20 responses, here's how you voted:

■ "Town Meeting is old-fashioned, and today's residents are too busy to sit for three nights of meetings" and "Residents should be able to mail in absentee ballots for Town Meeting if they can't attend" both received 25 percent of the vote.

■ "Town Meeting is a colloquial part of living in small town New England, and should be treasured" received 20 percent.

■ "If we can vote for American Idol via text message, why can't residents vote through a secure Web site?" received 10 percent.

■ "I do not feel the 1,000 people that voted at Town Meeting this year accurately represent the opinions of the town's population" received 10 percent

■ "None of the above" received 10 percent.

■ The options "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" and "The dedicated few who show up deserve to have their opinions

heard" all failed to receive any votes.

This week's question: Teachers union quandary

On Thursday, June 4, the Andover Education Association met and took a vote not to reopen their contract, refusing to bow to the School Committee and superintendent's requests it consider salary concessions. If the union, made up of 900 teachers and other school personnel, were to take less of a raise next year, layoffs could be avoided, say school administrators. How do you feel?

■ The AEA has worked hard for those raises, and deserve to get what has been negotiated.

■ How can they stand by and let their colleagues get pink slips?

■ Concessions from the AEA would only be a one-year solution to our budget woes.

■ Taking less of a raise next year is a small price to pay, as folks in the private sector are being laid off and forced to take unpaid furloughs.

■ The School Committee should be looking elsewhere for solutions.

■ Police, fire and some other unions in town have also refused to reopen their contracts. Why aren't they mentioned as often?

■ None of the above

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page.

For lengthier answers you'd like to see printed, send an e-mail to Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

TO THE TUNE OF A KAZOO



Shawsheen School student Katherine Brink, 8, plays a kazoo with a friend after performing with her classmates for parents and teachers at an end-of-year music event.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Update Town Meeting to vote from home

Editor, Townsman:

I was pleased to see the survey in this week's issue of the Andover Townsman concerning Town Meeting.

There are many reasons why people do not attend Town Meeting. Apathy is far from the only reason. Many people cannot attend because they work nights or have small children and can't afford a babysitter. The elderly, a normally huge voting bloc, are pretty much left out since most of them cannot or will not drive at night. And if the whole town ever showed up for Town Meeting, it would be a logistic disaster.

Town Meeting should be preserved. We all know how well "representative government" has worked out on the state level and in some cities in the Merrimack Valley. Just pick up the local paper for examples. Unfortunately, it has become ineffective because the entire town is not represented.

For years, special interest groups have packed Andover's Town Meeting on the night of their "special interest" vote so the voting only represented that particular group. The first night of Town Meeting this year is a perfect example. Clearly, the teachers union packed Town Meeting and voted for its own self interest. It was disgusting to see them leave en masse immediately after the vote. They couldn't even stay three more minutes to respect a little girl who was receiving recognition for outstanding academic excellence. Obviously, they didn't care about the town, but only for their own pockets. I believe that if the whole town had been represented, that vote would have gone the other way.

The option of online and mail-in ballots coupled with live local TV coverage of the meeting would enable all residents to participate in the issues that ultimately affect us all. Town Meeting is great and part of our New England tradition, but it needs to be updated. When that happens, we will return to the days when Town Meeting was truly government of the people, by the people and for the people.

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Teacher: It is residents' responsibility to fund the schools they want

Editor, Townsman:

There have been calls for Andover teachers to accept a wage freeze. This expectation is both unreasonable and unfair. In 2005 I sold my home in Peabody. Both communities are desirable for commuters and businesses due to the highways that pass through them. Both offer relatively short commutes to Boston. In each community there are large numbers of individually owned homes. Peabody is more convenient for shopping because the malls and big box stores are so close. If the home I sold in Peabody were in Andover I would have listed it at 50 percent more and it would have sold just as quickly. I believe the difference in price is directly attributable to the difference between the respective school systems.

Andover's schools have recently been recognized by the state with a Compass Award and for MCAS performance. Other awards include the Dalton Award for the academic performance of athletes, and the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement performance. Andover placed second in the nation in the Physics Bowl in 2006.

The middle school engineering program was recently cited for excellence by the state. The individual awards and scholarships for each year's graduating class are too numerous to mention. The point is that Andover has an excellent school system that has a direct correlation to the property value of homes in the community. And this is accomplished with a per pupil expenditure that is below the state average.

The fiscal realities seem to demand that there occur a reduction in force (RIF), for the teaching staff in Andover. This is nothing new. Because the funding of public education is tied to the region's economy there exist a cycle of program expansion followed by program reduction. In the mid to late 1970s, the RIF was related to the declining enrollments following the end of the baby boom. In the early 1980s, Proposition 2.5 resulted in far more significant cuts than are currently projected. The late 1980s and early 2000s produced riffs associated with economic recessions. It seems that the only new occurrence related to the current recession is the call for teachers to partially fund the town's school system through a wage freeze. It is the responsibility of those who benefit from the system (residents) to fund the system to the level they choose. At this point Andover has a per pupil expenditure below the state average, yet this modest funding level has produced acknowledged excellence.

The students and teachers of Andover, working together, have produced the continually recognized excellence. Rather than expect the teachers to partially fund the system, I believe a more reasoned and fair approach is to expect the taxpayers who receive the benefits of the system to pay a proportional cost, the per pupil expenditure, more in line with the system's performance.

MICHAEL DOHERTY
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Andover High School

School community socked others with vote

Editor, Townsman:

The School Committee, Parent Teacher Organization and the school community as a whole "socked it to" the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the taxpayers, town employees and particularly, the senior citizens of Andover. Et tu, Deb?

A concerned senior citizen,
WILLIAM T. DOWNS
147 Elm St.

Graduation should focus on the graduates

Editor, Townsman:

I'll start by acknowledging the students, something all but absent at Monday's Andover High graduation. This captive event was less of a ceremony to commemorate the graduates than a Principal Peter Anderson/Superintendent Claudia Bach self-appreciation party.

Bach's off topic monologue of Anderson's hiring, filled with backhanded compliments and jabs almost totally ignored the 401 students to receive their diplomas. Her performance was no surprise; we had braced for the worst and kindly "uninvited" the grandparents weeks earlier.

Had Bach looked to her side she would have noticed the Andover High School Band. Seldom does a school system produce a "band" that sounds like an orchestra. Absent were the sousaphone blats and clarinet squeals. Instead, there was a perfect tone in perfect time. These folks were as close to professional as my ear could hear. I wonder who they are? Who leads this group?

There was a choir also, but I'm not sure who they are either. There was no mention. The singers were spot on, too. Did Bach notice?

Next came Anderson. The Madonna-like clip on headset mic should have been a clue we were in for more torture. If the speaker needs to make themselves that comfortable it's going to be a long night.

Anderson gave back a few jabs, then announced what we've all known since second grade - that you are destined to remember almost nothing from a boring presentation. He followed with his "Seven Points of Nothingness," a twisty, insipid ramble that had subsections. We all clawed at the armrests waiting for "seven." Even at Gitmo there was an end to it.

There was another number untold. The principal never once mentioned that by my count there were 41 students who met the high standard of the National Honor Society. I'll never know how hard that was, but I'm guessing these champions spent many hours each day working at it.

Were there remarkable events at Gitmo Lowell?

If the self-centered administrators were a bit brighter perhaps they would have taken notice of the class essay by Julianne Konjoian. Her voice never once cracked or faltered, and she gave a sincere and proud performance, one I would liken to the best broadcasters. She chose to quote Goldie Hawn at the conclusion. Any scholar could pull out a Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, or Robert Frost quote. This graduate proved both her

wide scope of knowledge and her ability to match the audience with the content. Far fewer of her peers have the awareness of Hawn as the parents' generation. Julianne, though unnoticed by the administrators, we loved your essay and perfect performance.

To the graduates, sorry you were ignored. I've seen some of you here and there. You're a terrific group of adults. Maybe your college graduation will be better.

LARRY BRUCE
Chandler Road

FACT unites tree lovers

Editor, Townsman:

The newly-formed Friends of Andover Community Trees is looking for like-minded people to join us. FACT's mission is, "To provide for the education and involvement of Andover residents and town officials in maintaining and improving Andover's urban forest."

Can you imagine our town without its trees? Besides the beauty they add to our lives, trees make sense economically and environmentally. Just for starters, they add value to our property, make our neighborhoods more inviting, cool the air in summer, absorb carbon dioxide while giving off oxygen and clear pollutants from the air.

But municipal trees are in trouble. We need look no further than Worcester's infestation by the Asian Longhorn Beetle, which forced the removal of most of the city's trees, to know that climate change and invasive species are a potential problem for all city trees.

Healthy trees have a better chance of fighting disease. Unfortunately, Andover's street trees survive with little attention, such as pruning or feeding. The town's tree purchasing budget has remained at \$3,000 for the past few years and it's not likely to grow in the near future. With the economy in decline, the town's tree staff is down to a minimum. When the town arborist, Randy Pickersgill loses a tree worker, he is rarely replaced.

But we needn't despair. As citizens we can help our town restore Andover's urban forest to maximum health. At present, FACT is a small group, an offshoot of the League of Women Voters' environmental committee and Andover garden clubs.

We invite all residents who share our love of trees and concern for their future to join us at Memorial Hall Library on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss how FACT can best make Andover a true "Tree City."

CHRIS YOUNG
60 Whittier St.

HORRIBLES LETTER

Last week, the Townsman printed an edited version of a letter by Mary Lalley ("Canceling parade made no sense"), which questioned the Board of Selectmen's original decision to cancel the annual July 4 pancake breakfast and Horribles parade. The letter was edited to indicate that selectmen later changed their mind.

The letter writer had wished her original letter to run, with an editor's note that it was written before selectmen reversed their decision. The Townsman regrets the error.

Lalley's original letter is available online at www.andovertownsmen.com.

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Townspeople

Sudsy and snowy activities on Ramcat Hill

By Bill Dalton



Apparently, there were Ramcats, of the human kind, in Ram Cat Alley. The discussion of Ramcat Hill, and where the name originated,

has produced some interesting information about the area around Morton Street.

Paul Dow says his great-great-grandfather, Willard Pike, was "...a soap maker and tallow chandler whose house, store and barn were located on the corner of Main Street and what is now Morton Street." The house was eventually moved back to where the Andover Shop is today. In addition to those buildings, the Pike Soap Factory built employee housing further east on what is now 48 to 60 Morton St., excluding number 54. According to Mr. Dow, "...although most of the houses have been altered in some way, they are an excellent example of factory housing in the pre-industrial era in Andover." He says this section was known as "Ram Cat Alley" in its heyday. Directly across the street from the houses was the soap factory, built about 1830. Mr. Dow says, "The building was moved around 1900 to its present site at 9 Chapman Ave. on the corner of Bartlet Street, and is now a private residence."

Joe Geary has lived at 76 Morton St. since the late 1980s and remembers a "ramcat" reference from a long-time resident. Mr. Geary says, "The story I heard was that the upper stretch of Morton Street was called 'Ramcat Alley' for the laborers who lived in the smaller houses up the hill and who worked at the old soap factory on Morton Street, on a site now inside the Academy Bird Sanctuary."

"Ramcat" is an antique word that refers to a male cat pursuing a female cat in heat, which can be a noisy process. The premise is that the male laborers who worked in the soap factory and lived in the factory housing were a randy bunch: thus the name, "Ram Cat Alley." Over time, the hill on the top of Morton Street became "Ramcat Hill."

Bessie Goldsmith's *The Townswoman's Andover* (1964) traces the history of the names of Morton Street. As early as 1838, the section of Morton Street to the east of Main Street was called "Pike Street." From at least 1855, the part of Morton Street to the west of Main Street was called "Green Street." It was named for a local Unitarian minister. The names "Pike" and "Green" streets coexisted for some time. In 1893, Town Meeting voted to extend Morton Street, "formerly known as Pike Street," to Chestnut Street. Morton was Judge Marcus Morton, who was a town moderator. He lived at 23 School St., near Green Street. Because of where he lived, I assume the entire street was renamed for him in 1893 or before.

Bessie Goldsmith notes that, although the section of Morton Street running from the top of Ramcat Hill (she didn't say "Ramcat") down to Chestnut Street existed before the 20th Century, it was slow to develop into a full-fledged road until Memorial Circle was built in mid-century. Before that, and for years after, it was a favorite area for sledding.

Although the activities differed, Ramcat Hill and Ram Cat Alley were active places.

On Gardening

Weeds: When it comes to weeding your vegetable garden, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. You can kill 90 percent of weeds if you regularly turn over the top inch of soil around your plants and between rows of vegetables. In other words, you get weeds before they grow above the ground.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the *Andover Townsman*, invites your comments online and welcomes your emails at billdalton@andover-townie.com.



KATE GLASS/Staff photos

More than 800 runners participated in the Krit Classic 5K Road Race at Andover High School on Sunday. It was the first race that is expected to be an annual fundraiser for the Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Crowd for Krit

1,500 gather for Kearins road race

More than 1,500 ran or walked the inaugural Krit Classic five-kilometer road race Sunday, paying tribute to 26-year-old Andover High graduate Kristen "Krit" Kearins, a former standout diver and gymnast known for her positive outlook. Kearins, an aspiring nurse at Children's Hospital, died in a September 2008 bike accident.

WCVB Channel 5 Sports Director Mike Lynch was the master of ceremonies for both the race and a silent auction that day.

The opening ceremonies started with the announcement of the first recipient of the Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship, Leah Psionos, an Andover High School diver and gymnast who is headed to Syracuse University next year. Then Kearins' friend Mike Meagher Jr. read a poem that he wrote for Krit. One hundred green balloons were released as the song Over the



ON THE WEB
Top three finishers in each age bracket
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Rainbow was played, because green was Kearins' favorite color. After a moment of silence, the National Anthem was sung by AHS swim team member Ashleigh Ryans. Sunday's events, which included the race, a golf tournament at Indian Ridge Country Club and the silent auction, raised enough money to endow the scholarship, according to organizer Susan Krivelow.

The silent auction was attended by about 500 people. A round of golf with former Boston Bruin and hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr fetched \$5,000 by itself, according to Krivelow. She said between 400 and 500 people signed up for the road race on race day.



Thomas and Hannah Lavoie listen to their father's iPod before the start of the race in memory of Kristen 'Krit' Kearins.



TOP MEN'S FINISHER:
Nick Schumacher of Andover



TOP WOMEN'S FINISHER:
Nina Caron of Andover



Maddy Wagner, 9, Riley O'Brien, 6, and Rory O'Brien, 8, all of Andover, giggle while playing a hand clap game before the start of the Krit Classic 5K Road Race. Their parents were running in the race, which benefits the Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Emma and Jack Keefe hold hands as their grandmother and aunt push them at the start of the race.



JUDY WAKEFIELD/Staff photo

Beth Dufton of Andover is renovating a 900-square-foot bungalow on Burnham Road.

Renovator Dufton chooses authenticity

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The idea of tearing down the old bungalow on Burnham Road to make way for a "McMansion" was never even considered by Beth Dufton.

Rather, the home renovation guru and experienced home

stager said she is far more interested in restoring the home to its original 1920s splendor. And that is a rare thing nowadays.

"I never even considered tearing it down," Dufton said. "I love bungalows...I just thought this one was adorable and I'm just bringing it up-to-date."

So the home she bought 30 Burnham Road, which only has 900 square feet with two bedrooms and one bath, will stay just like that.

She believes there are others bucking the tear-down trend, too, who share Dufton's respect

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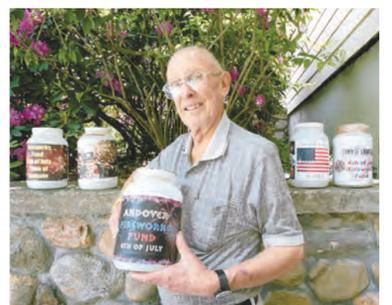
Silverman honored with Cole Service Award

Longtime resident Jerry Silverman can add one more honor to his lengthy resume: recipient of the Virginia Cole award.

The award, given to Silverman at Town Meeting, comes in recognition of his decades of service to Andover. Silverman has tirelessly raised money for years to help pay for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display in town, and currently serves on the board of the Greater Lawrence Technical High School. He served six terms as a selectman, from 1981 to 1998 and was a life-long educator.

Awarded every spring at Town Meeting, the Virginia Cole Community Service Award is named in honor of a resident who served on Andover town boards and committees over 40 years.

The award recognizes outstanding, long-term contributions to the town in elected, appointed or volunteer roles, or a combination of roles. Award winners receive a bowl-shaped trophy, and a plaque inscribed with the recipient's names hangs in Town Offices.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Former Andover Selectman Jerry Silverman stepped up and offered to raise the \$3,000 needed to run the town's annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast, which had been canceled due to budget cuts.

■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Courtesy photo
Zachary Goldman with a family in Independence, Belize.



Andover dental student recruits dad for mission

In the wee hours of an April morning, Zack Goldman and his dentist father, Bruce, embarked on a week-long journey to Belize. Under the auspices of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, they were part of a small group of dental students, parent dentists, faculty mentors and hygienists who worked to restore dental health to impoverished citizens of Belize.

"When Zack called me last year to invite me to participate, I jumped at the chance. But what began as an adventure, soon became a jarring reality check," said Bruce, an Andover resident and general dentist.

A country known for its Mayan ruins and incomparable coral reefs, Belize has a shockingly low life expectancy due to its limited health resources. Oral health is no different. Citizens expect to lose their teeth by age 40, and sugar, a major natural resource, is a dietary staple for its children.

"The children and their parents took it all in stride, almost as if

losing one's teeth was a rite of passage, a normal occurrence on the road to adulthood," said Zack, who will graduate from dental school in June 2010, and join his father's Saugus family dentistry practice.

Traveling to isolated villages, the group, wearing surgical scrubs, announced their arrival by walking through town. They set up clinics in churches, classrooms, and health centers, creating sterile areas and work tables on folded-down chalkboards and other available items, while people lined up for care, announced by "word of mouth." Without x-rays, dental chairs, and compressors, the "dental missionaries" treated urgent conditions like infections and rampant cavities.

Especially rewarding was the chance for father and son to work together.

"It was so rewarding to see Dad teach, helping us offer the best care possible under those conditions. His joining this trip has become the gift that keeps on giving; many of us are taking techniques we learned in Belize back to the U Conn clinic," said Zack.

HOME: Owner opts for restoration rather than tear down, rebuild

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for a small home's history.

"I've already had two people ask me about buying this," she said. "I wouldn't call it a trend, but that whole McMansion thing is not for everyone."

Ironically, just as she was saying that outside her bungalow, a real-estate agent friend drove by and said hello. When Dufton asked about a house for sale on Haverhill Street, she learned there were at least seven offers for the small house - all by people interested in tear downs.

"The trend (for tearing down) is still there," she said.

Local realtor Tom Carroll agreed. He said as available land in town shrinks, tearing down

continues to be an option.

"It's not a trend," he said of Dufton's choice to keep her bungalow at 900-square feet. "I don't see that."

"What we do see are groups of people who want to buy a small house," he said, "people who want to downsize but aren't ready for a condo and want to say in town. Or first-time homebuyers. That \$8,000 tax break (for first-time homebuyers) is really getting a lot of attention."

Plus, with just over 10,000 square feet for the lot, Dufton's plan fits into the neighborhood off High Street, Carroll said.

Dufton said she has just one goal for the property. She wants the future homeowner to be happy in the house she

renovated.

"I want to drive by, see someone relaxing on the porch and tell my kids, 'Your mom did that,'" she said.

She bought the house last April for \$170,000, about \$100,000 less than its assessed value of \$272,000. It was a handyman's special as tons of renovation work was needed.

Dufton gutted the home, replaced the roof and took down its vinyl siding. New windows, refinished hard-wood floors and new crown molding followed. She expects to sell the home in a few weeks at a price to be determined.

With support from her husband, Mark, she was able to do what she loves. She said she's

not a house flipper looking to make a fast buck. She is simply passionate about fixing older homes.

"And I'm very proud of this one," she said.

Dufton is the daughter of an Air Force pilot. Her family moved every three years. She's lived in Andover for 16 years and has moved her family with three kids, four times. Currently living on Chestnut Street, she said she typically moves into a home, rearranges the layout — which may include moving walls — fixes up the place and enjoys it for awhile. Then she moves.

"It's just how I am," she said.

"When you have the chance to be passionate in your work, you're lucky, and I am."

■ ENGAGEMENT



Andrea Tuttman and Brian Gellerstein

Alan and Kathe Tuttman of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea, to Brian Gellerstein, son of Lawrence and Eileen Gellerstein of Staten Island, N.Y.

Andrea graduated from Phillips Academy and received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is pursuing a master's degree in special

education at the Bank Street School of Education. She currently teaches kindergarten at the Hyde Leadership Charter School in the Bronx, N.Y.

Brian received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in music from Adelphi University. He is employed by Little Kids Rock, a non-profit music education organization.

The couple plan a November wedding.

■ ANNIVERSARY



Girards celebrate 50 years together

Paul and Janet Girard of Methuen, formerly of Andover, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family.

The couple married April 4, 1959. Paul Girard retired from the town of Andover after 36 years as a firefighter. Janet Girard retired from the town of Andover after working for 31 years in the West Elementary

school cafeteria.

The couple's children are Paul Girard Jr. of Dracut, Joanne Gagnon of Northwood, N.H., Judy and Ted McCartney of Marlow, N.H., Joan and Doug Therrien of Salem, N.H. and Janet Girard and Robert Condon of Methuen. Paul and Janet Girard have eight grandchildren.

■ BIRTH

ROTHMANN - A daughter, Grace Anne Susan Rothmann, born to Margaret (Carroll) and Steven Rothmann of Andover, on April 28 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Joseph

and Susan Carroll of West Yarmouth and Harry Rothmann of Winchester.

Grace joins Erich, 14, Sarah, 12, Emily, 11, Matthew, 8, Caroline, 5, and Joseph, 2 1/2.

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Boston outing



Twenty-four Andover women took a break from their usual routines last Thursday to row on the Charles River. Following a rowing lesson at the Harry Parker Boathouse in Brighton they took two boats with 12 rowers each on the river and raced. "It was a lot of fun," said Christine Rogers, who organized the outing for her friends. "We had a picnic lunch afterwards and were home by the end of the school day." Rogers plans to make a variety of daytrip adventures available to interested women during the next school year. Pictured are bottom row, from left: Jodi MacDonald, Mia Klein, Christine Rogers, Deanna Nally, Kathy Durland, Amy Riemer, Noreen Marton, Janice Sylvester, Patty Flowers; top row, from left: Lauri Barbanti, Lisa Slattery, Patti McDonough, Joanne Newcomb, Rushna Heneghan, Pam Roche, Beth Brownholtz, Pauline Keffer, Denise Bordonaro, Anne Ogden, Laurie Murphy, Elke Crawford, Tracy Callahan, Debbie Begos and Marj Andresen.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

BY PAT BECKER
ANDOVER SENIOR CENTER

Exercise Classes: The summer semester of exercise classes is underway. Classes will be offered in low impact aerobics, tai chi, men in motion, modified yoga, tap dancing, strength training and water workout. The summer semester will run through Aug. 21. Please call the center for class schedules and costs. Reiki and chair massage therapies are also available by appointment.

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: Tuesday, June 30, 9 a.m. to noon; Haggett's Pond; pre-registration required; This four-mile hike will follow the shoreline of Haggett's Pond enjoying beautiful views. This is basically a flat and fun walk suitable for most regular, conditioned walkers.

Movie Matinee: Monday, June 15, 1 p.m.; "Nights In Rodanthe." Adapted from Nicholas Spark's popular novel, director George C. Wolfe's "Night in Rodanthe" tells the tale of a doctor Richard Gereen 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.

Reiki Therapy: Friday June 12 and Friday, June 26 by

appointment. Reiki therapy is a gentle method of hands on healing that was developed two centuries ago in Japan. Reiki mainly works around the idea of relaxing patients to relieve pain and stress. Reiki can also be focus on specific areas of pain. Due to supplemental temporary funding, the cost of our 1/2 treatments will be \$10. Call Pat at the senior center if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Fix-It Shop: Monday, June 22, 1:30 p.m. Our fix-it volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small household item or appliance in need of repair. Cost is \$4 plus parts for seniors ID required.

Travel Memories in Pictures and Words: Tuesday, June 23 and Friday, June 26 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This two part workshop will focus on recording & communicating your travels or vacation with photographs and words. The first session will look at image

composition, editing and presentation. The second session will look at writing interesting journals, e-mails or blogs during the trip. The combination of photography and writing lends itself to scrapbook or photobook treatment after the trip.

"Taking Control of Your Future: A Legal Check-up for Retirees": Friday, June 26 9:30 a.m.; no charge but pre-registration is appreciated; Attorney Robert Ford will be here for a discussion and update of important legal issues affecting retirees including maintaining up to date documents, estate planning instruments and long term care issues.

MVRTA Presentation: Thursday, June 25, 1:30 p.m. The senior center will host representatives from the MVRTA to answer any questions you might have on the MVRTA's EZ Trans and Ring & Ride service for seniors and disabled residents of Andover.

OBITUARY

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Joseph A. Malandrino, 85



OCALA, Fla. — Giuseppe Anthony "Joseph" Malandrino, 85, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2009 at his home in Ocala, Fla.

He was born Pachino, Sicily on June 14, 1923. He trained as a barber there, and learned what was to be his lifelong profession. During World War II he joined the Italian Navy, where he held the rank of Petty Officer. After his service was completed he emigrated to Toronto. It was there that he met his future wife, Concetta (Connie) Midolo of Lawrence, when she was visiting the city on vacation After their marriage in 1955, he relocated to North Andover to live, work, and raise his family.

He was the owner of Joe's Barber shop in Lawrence until his retirement in 1996. Even at home, his cutting scissors were busy keeping everyone in his family well-groomed. Mr. Malandrino enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sons of Italy. He was also a devout member of St. Michael's Parish in North Andover.

After his retirement, Joe and Connie wintered in Ocala, Fla. There they enjoyed spending time with many friends in the Bahia Oaks Community. After the death of his wife in July of 2002 he moved to Florida year round, where Monday night card games and Wednesday morning breakfasts with his friends were what he found most enjoyable.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Charles and his wife Mary of Andover, Enza Terry and her husband David of Sandown, N.H., and Guy of North Andover, and his grandchildren, Joshua Field, Jennifer Field, Veronica Malandrino, Molly Malandrino, and Jake Terry. He is also survived by his brother Salvatore (Sam) Malandrino of Andover, two nieces, and a nephew. He was predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Concetta (Midolo) Malandrino, and brother Michael of Pachino, Sicily.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in North Andover. Cremation will follow. Family and friends called on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. To leave online condolences or for directions to the funeral home, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

RELIGION

Saturday, June 20

West Parish Community Yard Sale, 129 Reservation Road, Andover will be held on Saturday, June 20, to give neighbors an opportunity to buy clothes, household items, toys and other items at affordable prices. Proceeds will benefit local food and fuel banks, homeless and food shelters and to support the West Parish High School Mission Trip to the Lakota

Native American Nation, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota in 2010. The yard sale is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. Donations are being accepted at the church. Lunch will be available for sale. Children's activities, including a "Moon Walk," "Spin Art", "Face Painting" and a "Cotton Candy Machine," will be offered. Call the church office for more information at 978-475-3528.

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Obituaries

Robert E. Allard, 62



ANDOVER— Robert Edmond Allard, OD, 62, of Andover, died Friday, June 5, 2009 after a courageous battle with ALS.

He was born in Manchester, N.H. on Sept. 25, 1946, the son of Robert J. and Therese (Marcoux) Allard. He was raised and educated in Manchester and graduated from St. Anselm College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology in 1968. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and then entered the Illinois College of Optometry where he received his Doctor of Optometry degree.

Dr. Allard served as director of the Eye Clinic in Boston and also served as an associate professor of clinical optometry and as a contact lens instructor at the New England College of Optometry in Boston for 20 years. He served as Director of Vision Services at Teamsters Health Center in Charlestown, and joined the NH Eye Associates in 1989 where he was a staff optometrist in Manchester for the past 20 years.

In his life, Dr. Allard lectured extensively nationally and authored a number of nationally published articles. He was a member of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, the American Optometric

Association, the American Academy of Optometry, as well as the NE Council of Optometry. He was also on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Family members include his wife of 39 years, Mary Kate (McKenzie) Allard of Andover; one daughter, Dr. Catherine Bergschneider and her husband Daniel of Haverhill; one son, CPO Christopher Allard and his wife Lisa of West Point, Va.; four grandchildren, Ella and Zoe Bergschneider, Ryan and Liam Allard; his mother, Therese Gosselin of Manchester; one sister, Denise Farrah and her husband Eli of Potomac, Md.; one sister-in-law, JoAnn Beaulieu and her husband Clement of Fairhaven, Mass.; two stepsisters, Vivian West of Pembroke, N.H. and Sylvia Lamy of Epsom; as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours at Lambert Funeral Home & Crematory, 1799 Elm St., Manchester, N.H., will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Marie Church, 378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester. Committal prayers and military honors will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum, 474 Goffstown Road, Manchester, N.H. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bob Allard Compassionate Clinician Award, payable to New England College of Optometry: Bob Allard Award, 424 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02115. Go to www.lambertfuneralhome.com.

Jane Galley Connors

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Jane Galley Connors passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in Burlington, Vt.

She was born in Lawrence, the daughter of Howard and Viola (McDade) Galley. She attended Lawrence and Andover schools, graduating from Punchard Academy in 1951.

The wife of the late Martin Connors, she is survived by daughters, Christine Davies and Michelle Place, son Martin Connors, Jr., brother Charles Galley of Andover, and five grandchildren, all residing in Vermont.

ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements are with Meunier Elmwood Funeral Home in Burlington.

Julia T. Enders, 97

NORTH ANDOVER — Julia T. Enders, 97, of life-long resident of North Andover, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital. Julia was the last living member of the Endelos Family.

Born in Lawrence on Jan. 11, 1912 to the late Joseph and Frances Endelos. Julia was educated in the local schools of Lawrence and later attended Hair Dressing School. She was an attendant of Saint Michael's Church in North Andover and was a hairdresser for many years in Wesley.

Julia enjoyed gardening and loved to share her life experiences with everyone, time and time again.

She is survived by her three sisters-in-law, Mabel Endelos

wife of Anthony of Andover, Eva Endelos wife of Vincent of Salem, N.H., Louise wife of Francis of San Jose, Calif.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in Saint Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial followed at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. At the request of the family there were no calling hours and the arrangements are under the direction of the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover. For online condolences and other information please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Gloria M. Jacobs, 82



ANDOVER — Gloria M. (Spolaor) Jacobs, 82, of Andover, died Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Wingate at Andover.

She was born in New York on May 24, 1927.

Gloria passed away at Wingate surrounded by her family. Affectionately known as "Gaga" by those who loved her, Gloria's greatest joy in life was spending time with her family.

She is survived by one daughter Suzanne Clark of Lawrence, three grandchildren Lisa Prescott Lee and her husband

Geon of Andover, Jennifer Howard of North Andover, Stefanie Machado and her husband Carlos of Bradford, four great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Andrew, Katherine, and Alexander. Gloria was predeceased by her longtime companion Charles Muller. She was daughter of the late Mario and Maria (Porolo) Spolaor.

Gloria's family would like to thank the special people at Wingate who laughed with her and loved her.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services will be private. At the request of the family there will be no calling hours. For more information go to: www.burkemaglozzi.com Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, 978-475-5200.

Jane E. Barlow, 73



ANDOVER — Jane E. Barlow (Moore), 73, of Andover, died Friday, June 5, 2009 at her home in Andover.

Jane was born, raised and educated in Lawrence. She was a graduate of Lawrence High School. She received her R.N. from Mass General School of Nursing, her Bachelor's Degree from Merrimack College, her Masters from Lesley College and most recently received her degree from the Massachusetts School of Law at the age of 60. Jane worked as a nurse for Lawrence General Hospital for many years. She also worked for Digital as the Director of Occupational Health for some years and for Prudential within the healthcare department.

Jane was a lifelong member of First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover, where she served in many capacities both at the church and at the statewide level. She was heavily involved in community organizations including serving as a board member of the Berkeley Home, the Lawrence General Hospital Auxiliary, and has held various positions

within the Andover Garden Club, Communities Together, and TABCOM.

Jane is predeceased by her husband, Robert Barlow. She leaves her four children, Dr. Robert Barlow Jr. and his wife Marlene of Yardley, Pa., Carol Ann Morse and her husband Frank of Andover, Karen Harrison and her husband Scott of Manassas, Va., and Jeffrey Barlow and his wife Alison of Clarksburg, Md.; a brother, James Moore of Andover, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, Madeline, William, Rebecca, Nathaniel, Caitlyn, Elizabeth, Nicole, Max, and Alexander; dear friend and cousin, Howard Moore of Andover, several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends and family called on Tuesday, June 9, at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen and on Wednesday at the First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover. A funeral service followed on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Mass Ave., North Andover, MA 01845. To make an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Thomas Meehan Hood, 86



ANDOVER — Thomas Meehan Hood, 86, of Andover, died Monday, June 8, 2009 at Mary Ann Morse Nursing Home in Natick.

Thomas was born in Philadelphia on April 27, 1923 to the late Robert Lore Hood and Rosa (Meehan) Hood. He was a graduate of Penn Charter Academy, Philadelphia, as well as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity.

Thomas was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II. He was a 25-year employee at The Andover Companies retiring as Assistant Secretary in the Underwriting Department. He enjoyed traveling, music and was an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife Dorris Renner Hood, currently of Natick, a daughter, Nancy Westbom and her husband Thomas of Wayland, two grandchildren, Julia Lynne Westbom and David Hood Westbom, two brothers, Richard Hood and his wife Beatrice of Ambler, Pa., and Roger Hood and his wife Kathi of Annandale, Va.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be offered on Friday, 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church, Central Street, Andover. Burial will follow in West Parish Cemetery, also in Andover. Family and friends may call on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church Music Ministry, 25 Central St., Andover MA 01810, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472. For directions or to offer online condolences, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com.

Pauline L. Ross, 95



HAVERTHILL — Pauline L. "Polly" Ross, 95, a civic and cultural leader in the city, died suddenly Thursday, May 21, 2009 at her home. Mrs. Ross was the wife of the late Grantly S. "Dick" Ross.

Born in Andover on Feb. 21, 1914, Mrs. Ross was the daughter of the late John M. and Lizzie G. (Bailey) Lewis. Raised in California, Polly moved to Georgetown in 1930 and, following her marriage in 1937, she and Grantly moved to Bradford where they raised their family.

She was very active in her community where she founded Girl Scout Troops in Bradford at the First Church of Christ and People's United Methodist Church, was Mother Advisor of Assembly 39 Order of Rainbow for Girls, was a Charter Member of the Haverhill Garden Club, and member of the Greater Haverhill Arts Association, and an active member of several civic committees. Polly was a life member of Friends of Haverhill Public Library, and life member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston.

She fostered the idea of bringing cultural opportunities eventually to children of Haverhill, and achieved her passion in establishing the North East Cultural Arts Center, Inc. in 1969 where, through her undaunted efforts, these programs were expanded to the city's schools. NECAC was the first to sponsor

Septemberfest before turning the program over to the city. Polly retired in 2004 at age 90.

She is survived by her children, Diane "DeeDee" Phillips of Ashland, Va., Judith DeGrenier and her husband Larry of Bradford, Lorna Ross and her companion Douglas Beaton of Londonderry, N.H.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and cherished "son" Robert Christy of Ashburnham, Va. Polly was also the mother of the late Bonnie Ross.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends were invited to the memorial service Friday, June 5, at Dole, Childs & Shaw Funeral Home, 148 Main St., Haverhill. Calling hours preceded the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Children's Department, c/o Haverhill Public Library, 99 Main St., Haverhill, MA 01830. Online condolence may be sent to www.dcsfuneralhome.com.

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FOR WEEK OF JUNE 7-13, 2009

You're a grand old flag!

The American Flag's birthday is sandwiched between Memorial Day and Independence Day.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted an official flag for our new country.

The first Flag Act said, "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

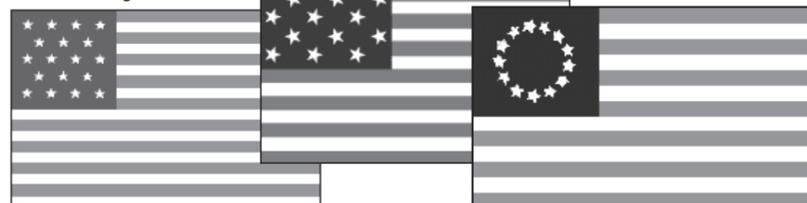
However, we didn't celebrate the flag's birthday for over a hundred years.

It took a determined Wisconsin school teacher to make it happen.

In 1885, B.J. Cigrand wanted his students to celebrate our flag's birthday. He worked hard to spread his idea of having Flag Day on June 14 each year.

In 1891 the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first nationwide Flag Day in 1916. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed an act of Congress naming June 14 as National Flag Day.

How many stars and stripes does each flag have?



Some towns have a parade. But most communities don't celebrate Flag Day.

Waubeka, Wisconsin, the home of B.J. Cigrand, hosts a big celebration.

Waubeka is also the home of the national Flag Day Museum. The museum displays flag memorabilia, personal items of B.J. Cigrand, and military items.

The original American Flag had 13 stars on a blue background and 13 red and white stripes.

The stripes stand for rays of light. Red is the color of bravery. White is the color of purity. The 13 stripes represent the first states that won our independence.

The stars stand for heaven and our goals. Blue represents justice.

As new states joined the union, new stars were added to the flag.

President Dwight Eisenhower added the last two stars 60 years ago.

Star number 49 is for Alaska and star number 50 is for Hawaii. Both became states in 1959.

Initially, stripes were added for the new states. In 1818, Congress decided to go back to just 13 stripes.

Flag Day, June 14, is on Sunday this year. Count how many times you see the American flag on its 232nd birthday.



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Newspaper in Education Activity

1. Search your newspaper for images of flags.
2. Are any Flag Day activities listed?
3. Write a paragraph about how you feel when you see the American flag.



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Sports

TITLE TOWN

Andover boys take home All-State crown

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

The day before the All-State meet, Andover's 4x400 relay team did not find its way to the track. Instead, the foursome spent the afternoon in a classroom.

"We didn't practice," remembered Rob Martin. "Coach (Scott) Price sat us down for a meeting. We went over each relay member's individual jobs and what time they should run. We talked about bringing our 'A' game.

"First, coach Price wrote our time if we ran our 'B' game. Then he erased it and wrote our 'A' game. That was our goal, and we rewarded him the next day."

Reward him they did. Behind the efforts of the record-setting relay team and clutch work on the pole vault, Andover won the Massachusetts All-State Track and Field Championships in Fitchburg on Saturday. The Golden Warriors finished with 38.50 points, edging Merrimack Valley Conference archrival Lawrence (29).

"It was unbelievable," said Martin. "There is nothing better than winning a state title. You can't beat what we were able to do. And that we repeated was amazing. It makes it 10 times better to repeat."

The win was extra special because it matched the efforts of the 2008-09 indoor track team, which won its first ever All-State title this year.

The last boys team track championship before 2009 came when the outdoor squad took the crown in 1984, according to Comeau. The girls last won the All-State title in the 2007-08 winter season. Prior to the track team's historic 2009, no Andover High boys team had won a title since the baseball team won back-to-back titles in 1991-92.

"Any team dreams of winning one state title," said coach Peter Comeau. "Now we have won indoor, and validated that by taking the outdoor title. This was probably the hardest meet that I have ever been part of as a coach."



Andover's Christopher McConnell surges towards the finish line. He placed second in the 100, and ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 relay that finished second for Andover, which won the Massachusetts All-State Track and Field Championships over the weekend.

ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

Martin admitted there were butterflies in his stomach when the baton reached his hands as the anchor leg of the crucial 4x400 relay.

"I was very nervous," he said. "Randolph was right behind us, and their anchor (Emmanuel Jean) was the 400-meter champion. I was thinking about him the entire length, and didn't want him to catch me like he did in indoors. My teammates did an excellent job setting me up with

a big lead. I knew what I had to bring in the final leg, and had to sustain."

The team of Mark Vetere, Connor O'Neill, Brendan Crawford and Martin ended up surging to victory in the 4x400 relay with a 3:22.19. That was well ahead of No. 2 Randolph (3:23.27), and broke their old school record set just one week ago.

That was not the only relay team to make their mark. The squad of Kerrick Stevens, Vetere,

Crawford and Christopher McConnell added a second-place finish in the 4x100 in 43.24.

"Kerrick and Vetere almost lost the handoff," remembered Comeau. "I thought we were in fifth or sixth when Chris got the baton. He ran an awesome leg, and to get second was huge. We were fortunate."

Martin said that Andover's well-noted dominance of relay events is not the norm in high school track.

"Our strategy turns the whole idea of track upside down," he said. "Coach Comeau always tells us we'll win our championships on relays. Other schools like BC High have Corey Thomas who they expect to score 20 points. It's a lot of pressure, and he was disappointed in himself after. We don't place the burden on one person."

But the Golden Warriors still needed three points out of the pole vaulters to clinch the meet,

NEAR-MISSES

Andover's All-State titles in the winter and spring mark Andover's first boys state title since the baseball team in 1992. Here's a look at some boys teams that fell just short of a title in recent years:

- 2000: basketball Division 1 North finals
- 2003: volleyball Division 2 North finals
- 2005: baseball Division 1 state semifinals
- 2006: golf third at Division 1 states
- 2007: hockey Division 2 state finals
- 2008: swimming second Division 1 states
- 2008: tennis Division 1 North finals

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and the Vetere brothers more than delivered.

Mark continued his record-setting spring by winning the event with a 14-6. Much-improved Adam took sixth with a 12-6.

"I knew I had a job to do," said Mark. "I struggled a lot during the week in practice, but I have been doing well in meets. It all came down to form. Adam is also doing really well."

For the second year in a row, dynamic sprinter McConnell placed second in the 100-meter, running a 10.87. That was just behind Vinnie Lee of Walpole (10.85), and contributed eight big points for the win.

"Winning was so exciting," said Adam Vetere. "We lost a few good kids from the indoor champion team, but we really pushed hard and were able to score the points to win the championship. It was excellent."

Cronin a champ

The boys weren't the only Golden Warriors to excel at All-States. Sophomore sensation Moira Cronin continued her record-setting season by winning the pole vault with a 5-6. Melissa Knapp added a fourth in the 200 (25.65).

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Despite winning both meetings during the regular season, No. 2

Andover fell to No. 3 St. John's Prep 25-20, 21-25, 19-25, 25-22, 16-14 in the Division 1 North final last Tuesday.

"Our blocking was better in the first two games," said Andover head coach George Sullivan. "And really, that's what did us in, our blocking. We needed to be better around the net and we weren't."

Matt Washburn, finished his excellent high school career by carrying his team with 24 kills, while Andover resident John Tassinari stood out for the Prep.

Behind the efforts of stars Washburn and Gary Hinds, No. 2 Andover held off archrival No. 6 Lawrence 25-16, 15-25, 25-11, 18-25, 15-9 in the semifinals of the North tournament on May 30.

Washburn finished with 19 kills, Mike Emmons recorded 20



Matt Washburn Stellar in defeat

assists and Hinds tallied 12 blocks for the Golden Warriors.

Washburn led Andover in kills (15), blocks (9) and aces (6) as the Golden Warriors defeated No. 7 Methuen 25-15, 25-17, 25-15 in the quarterfinals of the North volleyball tournament on May 27. Gary Hinds (10 kills), Andrew Kanell (8 blocks), Mike Emmons (31 assists) and Tommy Busta (team-high 12 digs) all excelled for the winners.

BOYS TENNIS

Warriors lose in semis

Despite a win at No. 1 doubles by Nitin Mahesh and Shane Huggins, No. 2 Andover fell to No. 3 Acton-Boxboro in the Division 1 North semifinals last Thursday. The Warriors finished the season 17-2.

Bjorn Merinder won top singles 6-4, 6-4 as No. 2 Andover bested No. 10 Boston Latin 3-2 last Tuesday. Andrew Mack and Randy Sartor earned a win at No. 2 singles for the Warriors.

No. 2 Andover opened the post-season in style, cruising to a 5-0 win over No. 15 Malden in the Division 1 North first round on May 28. Merinder, Eric Heath and Jeff Birenbaum each took a singles win.

BASEBALL

Andover fall to Lancers in Division 1 North thriller

No. 21 Andover attacked, pressured and slugged away at No. 5 Lawrence High with a purpose in every at-bat. But the Golden Warriors still fell 2-1 to the Lancers in the Division 1 North first round on May 29.

Andover coach Ken Maglio sent 6-0 senior Shawn Carlson to the mound, but the San Jacinto CC-bound righty only went a pair of innings, succumbing to a tender ankle he rolled before Tuesday's league all-star game.

"We tried to get Carlson going, but the ankle was just too bad," said Maglio, who then called up the other half of his twin towers, John Farrell, who delivered six innings of two-hit relief. The

Warriors scraped a run across as Jake Ponti's brilliantly executed suicide squeeze bunt chased home Dan Colombo from third to knot it at 1-1 after three. But that was as close as they would get.

Dan Gusovsky, Andrew Ruiz-Henriquez and Colombo each recorded two hits for the Warriors.

Ruiz-Henriquez blasted a three-run triple that sparked a stunning 11-run first inning as No. 21 Andover pounded No. 12 Boston English 23-1 in the Division 1 North preliminary round on May 28. Ruiz-Henriquez finished with six RBIs while Gusovsky (3 for 5, 2 RBIs), Ponti (2 runs, 2 RBIs) and Christian Lightner (3 RBIs) all excelled for the Warriors. Farrell fanned seven in three scoreless innings to earn the win.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Gross, Andover eliminated

Despite two goals each from Heather Sullivan and Cat Gross, No. 9 Andover fell to No. 8 Reading 9-7 in the first round of the Division 1 North tournament on May

26. Meghan Morris, Ally Fazio and Rosie Forster each added one goal, while Abby Cook made eight saves.

"I am so proud of the girls," said Golden Warriors coach John McVeigh. "We had a slow start and battled a lot of injuries. But we made it through, and the seniors did an amazing job making this a great season."

BOYS LACROSSE

Andover comes up short

Matt Eriksen continued his stellar season with a pair of goals and an assist, but No. 10 Andover lost to No. 7 Xaverian 11-5 in the Division 1 East first round on May 29. Christian Benedix, Joe Lamagna and Craig Horning each chipped in a goal for the Golden Warriors (12-8).

GIRLS TENNIS

Andover defeated

Top-seeded Andover was downed by No. 8 Acton-Boxboro, 4-1, in the Division 1 North quarterfinals last Tuesday. The Warriors conclude the season at 14-2.

Through the Years

10 YEARS AGO

Ryan Hanigan, currently of major league baseball's Cincinnati Reds, drove in two runs and walked and scored twice as Andover downed Peabody 10-7. Sean Lawton added two hits and two RBIs and Rick Johnson scored twice and had one RBI for the Golden Warriors, ranked No. 3 in Eastern Mass.

Jill Oppenheim won No. 1 singles to lead Andover to a 5-0 drubbing of Tewksbury, its 13th straight regular season win. Amy Axelrod and Caitlin Burke added singles wins for the Warriors.

Laura Stone threw a complete-game three-hitter, striking out 12 and leading Andover to a 6-1 win over North Andover. Kaitlin Dargan scored the first run of the game, then drove in an insurance run. Lisa Sawin drove in two runs

and Kerri Axelrod drove in another.

Ben Mertes notched nine kills, was 10-of-10 serving and 19-of-23 hitting to lead Andover volleyball past Lowell 15-13, 15-10. Ryan Slavin added nine kills and Kevin Hess was 12-of-15 hitting with four kills for the winners.

20 YEARS AGO

In the lineup because the normal starting center fielder was out of the country, Darlene Prochniak was 3 for 5 with three RBIs as Andover edged rival Bilerica 16-11. Tricia Doyle and Nicole Ricci added three hits each and Kerry Lynch reached base twice. Ricci was also the winning pitcher, working four frames of three-hit relief.

John Russell entered the game in the fourth inning and delivered four innings of one-hit relief as

Andover bested Central Mass. power Westford Academy 9-7. Matt Pothier scored two runs and drove in two more, Joe Iarrobino added a run and an RBI and Andy Granger drove in the final run for the Golden Warriors.

The Andover boys and girls tennis teams each downed Bilerica, Methuen and Lowell. Jeff Hechemy was undefeated at No. 1 singles and Chris Chiang and Chris Gagnon each added three wins at No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively. For the girls, Andrea Georgian and Eszter Vajda each recorded wins.

Freshman Nicole Angelos won the 200 dash and anchored the winning 440 sprint relay as Andover earned first place at the Wilmington Invitational. Jackie Kupa took a second in the shot put, and Jill Ippolito, Jennifer Lee and Mauren Maginnis teamed with

Angelos on the winning sprint relay.

35 YEARS AGO

Future football star Glenn Verrette struck out 12 en route to a complete-game no-hitter for the Andover JV baseball team against archrival Central Catholic. Peter Aumais was the catcher for the gem, which the Warriors won 12-0.

Bob Driscoll was 2 for 3 as Andover varsity rallied back from an early deficit to down Dracut 3-1. Jeff Winters and Mark Sweeter each drove in a run and Jerry Skinner finished as the winning pitcher.

Brothers Larry and Gary Peck were each standouts for the UMass skiing team. James Eaton was selected to play in the Prep All-American football game after a stellar career at Brooks.



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Frank and Karen Pechinsky are with their daughter, Ellen, on the Shawsheen River Watershed Association's Public Paddle in June. COURTESY PHOTO

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Eight-year-old Eric Pechinsky, of Donald Circle, took this picture of his father, Frank; his younger sister, Ellen, and his mother, Karen, on June 6 while they were on the Shawsheen River Watershed Association's June Public Paddle.

They were one of the 25 boats that paddled from Dale Street through Poms Pond and the related marsh, back to the river and down to the Horn Bridge.

The SRWA's next public paddle will be on Saturday, July 4, at a site that will be determined by water levels. Anyone wanting to join the group and needs to

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John Givens: Difference maker

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Givens, a longtime Doherty Middle School teacher, has organized countless trips for students, including trips to China and Australia.

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— Judy Wakefield

Meet Rico and Buyck

The 30th Anniversary Lawrence Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 15 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

The tournament is the Club's second largest fundraiser and helps to raise critically needed funds for quality programs available to 3,500 disadvantaged youth Club members.

Red Sox Hall of Famer Rico Petrocelli and Boston Bruins Hall of Famer Johnny Buyck will be among the special guests golfing in this year's tournament and available for photos and autographs. The live auction will be hosted by Boys & Girls Club Alumn and Former Youth of the Year, Andover High School Coach Dave Fazio. Dinner/ auction tickets are available for \$65.

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