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WHY DO WE LIKE MUSIC?



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Nora Huntley, 16, practices a song on the cello in the music room of her home. Nora has been selected for a summer internship at the Institute of Brain and Music Sciences at Mass General Hospital.

High-schooler helping neurologist study music's effect on brain

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

What started as a homework assignment for Andover High School sophomore Nora Huntley has turned into a summer internship with a nationally-known neurologist. Starting this Friday, Huntley, 16, will be the only high-schooler among college and graduate students interning at the Institute of Brain and Music Sciences at Massachusetts General Hospital.

She will study how music affects the human brain. Nora, who has played the cello for eight years, wrote a research paper on the topic for her 20th century history class and "why you like the music you listen to." While researching the subject, she came across the work of Dr. Mark Tramo, the institute's director and a Harvard professor. She is studying "neurologically, why music produces negative or positive emotions," explained Nora. "When you

hear the perfect harmony or chord, it just sounds right and it's 'ahhh.'" In response to music, chemical reactions in the brain release endorphins. This reaction, along with how we perceive pitch and melody, is different for each person, said Nora. It's those same chemicals that make some people agitated when hearing dissonant, or non-melodic, music. "It gives you the sense that something

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Change from your budget

State to town: Get a plan set for next year

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

As the new fiscal year dawns July 1, town and school leaders continue to meet with Andover unions asking for wage freezes, salary give-backs or other concessions. Now, the town's state legislators have a message: the financial picture will only get worse next year. "Andover must do more with less," wrote Sen. Susan Tucker and Reps. Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien to the Andover selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee on Tuesday. "This has been an extremely difficult budget season full of tough choices on all levels, but we believe that next year will be even more so."

Painting a grim financial outlook for fiscal year 2011, they estimated needing to close a state budget hole of \$3 billion or more after the \$1.5 billion in federal stimulus cash used for FY10 dries up. "With that in mind, we urge you to plan ahead for what may be an even more difficult budget season," they wrote. "We will all be asked to sacrifice and to share in the hard work ahead. We are confident that Andover will survive these difficult times, as it has before, through the dedication and cooperation of those who live in our Town and those who serve it." "We want to put people on notice now that next year's going to be a lot worse," said Finegold.

ANDOVER'S \$100K CLUB

Breakdown of the 117 Andover employees who took home \$100,000 or more in 2008:
 ■ Fire Department: 49 employees
 ■ Police Department: 33 employees
 ■ Schools: 22 employees
 ■ Other departments: 13 employees

BY THE NUMBERS

30 - employees who made more than the town manager in 2008
 117 - employees who took home more than \$100,000 in 2008
 801 - employees who took home more than \$50,000 in 2008
 \$47.5 million - schools salary (87.6 percent of FY2010 budget)
 \$24.1 million - FY10 payroll for town departments (percentage unavailable)

Employees salaries and benefits are the town's biggest expense, accounting for more than three-fourths of the Andover budget. So it would seem difficult for the town to significantly change spending without reducing the number of employees or altering its approach to salary and benefits. Thirty employees made more than Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski in calendar year 2008, and 117 employees made more than \$100,000 in pay. (See list of top earners, page 13.)

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Have couch, will travel

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Unexpectedly fired from a long-time medical job that he really enjoyed, Dr. Larry Climo handled the bad news like a recent college graduate. His thought: road trip! In fact, the Salem Street resident stepped out of the box and hit the road for nearly four years, from the fall of 2003 to the spring of 2007. The result: a new book. This senior clinical psychiatrist said he abruptly found himself looking at an "unexpected and



Dr. Larry Climo

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Town set to replace homes

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

After sitting vacant for two years, two Pearson Street houses bought by the town may meet the wrecking ball within the next year. The town purchased homes and property at 16 and 18 Pearson St. after gaining approval at 2007 Town Meeting. Last week, Andover selectmen voted unanimously to declare the two parcels as "surplus," or no longer needed for municipal purposes, setting in motion a plan to remove or demolish the two homes to make way for a new parking lot for patrons of Memorial Hall Library and the public safety center, said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. "We need the space, the library's growing. We have problems now with library parking," said Stapeczynski. "We're hoping we'll have a local developer step forward to save No. 16, move it to another site and give it a new life." Both homes are more than 100 years old, said Stapeczynski. The home at 16 Pearson St. is



STAFF FILE PHOTO

This home at 16 Pearson St. will be demolished to make way for a new municipal parking lot.

on the list of historical properties in Andover. Because of its historical significance - the home was built in 1855 by two local railroad workers with the last names Hardy and Cole - Stapeczynski said he hopes someone will bid to buy the home and move it off the property. Stapeczynski said he has been approached by two parties

interested in moving the home at 16 Pearson St., but would not elaborate. He has submitted the proposal to sell 16 Pearson St. to someone who would move it off the property at the buyer's expense to the Preservation Commission. If the house could not be sold, it would be

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Ideas to save the town money

Throughout the summer, the Townsman will be focusing on the Andover budget, and encouraging residents and officials to suggest new ideas about how to run Andover more efficiently. If you have an idea send it to townsman@andovertownsman.com, or to Editor Neil Fater, 33 Chestnut St., Andover MA 01810.

Diane McCarron, Napier Road resident, offered the following ideas, as part of her solution:

"Andover needs strong leadership to deal with cost cutting and prioritization during these difficult financial times. Since a significant portion of the town's budget is dedicated to salary and benefits our selectmen and School Committee members must continue to ensure that responsible employment contracts are signed. Contract provisions may be necessary that address fiscal instability. "For example, future salary increases might be tied to threshold revenue amounts or shorter contract periods might be agreed to if the economy remains unsettled. Health care is another significant expense so it should be

continually monitored and compared with the Commonwealth's GIC plan to watch for cost savings opportunities. Thoughtful consideration should be given to joining the GIC plan if and when circumstances warrant. This year the town's health insurance costs exceeded the town's estimates.

"Special education costs also continue to rise and legislative pressure and change is needed to alleviate this significant burden on municipalities. As citizens we need to be more cognizant, educated and supportive of opportunities to obtain funding from sources other than Andover's tax revenue. Recent missed opportunities include participation in the Community Preservation Act reimbursement program and the Extended Learning Time initiative. Residents should be supportive of the current opportunity that exists to obtain state funding in the planning for a new Bancroft School that might also include Shawsheen."

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HOMES: Buildings to be demolished for parking lot

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demolished, he said. The town is also seeking bids for the demolition project of 18 Pearson St., and hope to raze the building sometime this fall, said Stapeczynski. The tear-down contract will go to the lowest bidder.

Since purchasing the Pearson Street parcels in 2007, the town has used the properties as a staging area for the Main Street construction project. The project contractor has stored equipment, piles of gravel, concrete pipes and other construction materials there. The two homes show signs of

wear and two years of abandonment, including peeling paint. Windows lining the front porch of 18 Pearson St. have ripped and dilapidated screens. Both homes were up for sale in 2007 before the town offered to buy them, said Stapeczynski. The previous owner of 18 Pearson St. was Mary Kane and 16 Pearson

St. was owned by Kathy and Mike Tanner and their family. "Both were for sale before the town bought them. Two for sale signs had popped up (next door to each other), and that's what got me interested," said Stapeczynski.

CLIMO: Psychiatrist hits the road, writes about people

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untimely retirement" in 2003. Yes, he was 65, but he's no golfer and was by no means ready to start collecting Social Security. Replaced by a nurse, he was given just two weeks notice from the inner-city psychiatric job that he had for 18 years.

His medical career had spanned 39 years and included jobs around Boston, including at the former Danvers State Hospital. The way it was ending was too abrupt as he had to leave longtime patients. Dealing with that was difficult.

His supportive wife, Diane, put a positive spin on the news. "An opportunity in disguise," she told him.

So, they hit the road together. He took a temporary psychiatrist job in New Mexico and made sure to pack some notebooks. He wrote daily with Diane at his side.

In all, he accepted four temporary psychiatrist jobs around the country, returning to Andover for short periods of time, and writing a book about the patients he saw. Climo's just-published book is "Psychiatrist on the Road" (Bay Tree Publishing, \$18.95). Character names have been changed to protect patients' privacy.

The stories are short, introducing readers to people with lots of medical and non-medical trauma in their lives. Sad, yes, but funny in spots, too. The

people in the book open up about topics like schizophrenia, going off prescribed medications without a doctor's knowledge, depression and alcoholism.

Climo said it's OK to giggle about some of their stories - the human condition is after all a comedy of tragedies that dates way back.

"They're trying to move on," Climo said. "I hope readers take away the resilience of those people."

He admits the book was a way for him to move on, too. He found himself connecting to patients with his heart more than ever. It may have been his state of mind as he said the book was important to him for these reasons - he was shocked by his

firing and feeling distraught about the news. His daily on-the-road journal of people made him realize it was a journal of people with somewhat similar troubles to his own.

"It was my issue, too, and I was getting away to heal," he said. "I had my feet on the ground, but I realized I am not that different from other people."

Now, Climo is happily home in Andover and accepting retirement. He and Diane have five grandchildren and enjoy being with them.

It took the book to help him settle into this new life chapter, he said, and he feels much better. He's still not a golfer, but he's having fun as a family man.

MUSIC: Teen spends summer studying with neurologist

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just doesn't fit, or match. It's an uneasy feeling in the brain, a sense that not everything is fitting the way it should," she said. "It makes you subconsciously not like a song."

Even though her project ended up being more science-based, Nora's paper was for a history course taught by Craig Simpson. Before assigning the paper, Simpson met with each student to find topics they were naturally interested in, and wanted to find out more, said Nora.

"I was drawn to (the topic) because I love music. I saw it and went for it. I could have done all this research not for a paper and still found it fascinating," said Nora. "I learned a lot more than what (I wrote) just in those seven pages."

Nora said she found Tramo's research on the effects of music on the hearing impaired and patients with dyslexia and

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Nora Huntley

seizure disorders especially interesting. Tramo is attending neurologist at Mass General, director of the Institute for Music and Brain Science and associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

"I thought everything he had done was amazing, and I totally connected," she said.

So, she did what every tech-savvy 21st century teenager would do: she looked up his Web site and sent Tramo an e-mail, explaining her research and offering to volunteer at Tramo's institute.

Tramo offered her a summer internship. Nora went into Boston, missing an excused day of school two weeks ago to meet Tramo and attend a lecture he

was giving on music and the brain at Mass General. She also met the other interns she'll be doing research with this summer - students from MIT, Princeton and other prestigious schools.

"It was a little intimidating at first," said Nora. "Overall, it's so exciting, and I'm much more comfortable now (having met everyone)."

The icing on the cake is that this is Craig Simpson's last semester at AHS before he retires, said Nora.

"He's been one of my main supporters through all of this," she said of Simpson. "It's a nice ending."

Nora is the daughter of Kathleen and Wayne Huntley. Besides the cello, she plays lacrosse and

is active in theater at Andover High and Merrimack Junior Theatre.

Kathleen Huntley teaches science and was a biology major in college, so Nora credits her mother as a big help with explaining the scientific jargon she came across in her research.

"I found myself explaining the musical aspects of things, and my mom would explain the scientific," said Nora.

Although she is interested in music's influence on the human brain, Nora said she's not sure if it's a college or career path for her just yet.

"I've always had it in my head that I wanted to be a lawyer. To argue a point that you really believe in is so cool," she said.

"But then I did this research paper, and being a doctor who is involved with music just fascinated me. I never even imagined it being an option or profession. It's definitely opened my eyes to a lot of things."




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Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 30**
Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JULY 2**
Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing and deliberation, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
- MONDAY, JULY 6**
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
- Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee,** Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St., fire chief's conference room, third floor, 7 p.m.

Covering your business assets

William Norman and Andrew Botti will present "Covering Your Business Assets", speaking about strategies for protecting and preserving your company's trade secrets, confidential information, goodwill and know-how in tumultuous times. They say they want to help people learn the ins and outs of restrictive employment covenants and how they can use them to protect the trade secrets and other confidential business information. The event is at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover, on Tuesday, June 30, with a 7:30 a.m. registration and continental breakfast before the 8 to 9 a.m. program. Registration: www.cnbusinesslaw.com. This is a complimentary Colucci-Norman LLP event.

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Amateur Radio Club practices emergency communications

The members of the Philips Amateur Radio Club will work Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28 to set up an emergency radio communication station, and practice the communications skills which they would provide to the community in the event of an emergency or disaster. They will be participating in the American Radio Relay League's Field Day. During Field Day, operators set up in local parks, at shopping malls, or even in their own backyards, and get on the air using generators or battery power. Field Day was designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of electricity. To find out more about Amateur Radio or how you can get started, contact Tony Brock-Fisher at 978-659-2399 or tony.brock-fisher@philips.com. Information is also available from the American Radio Relay League, www.arrl.org.

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■ POLICE LOG

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STAFF WRITER

Apparent seizure leads to crash

Saturday, June 20 - At 2:53 p.m., several 911 calls were received reporting a crash, with injuries on Central Street. A 19 year-old male driver may have had a seizure, said the police log, and the vehicle he was operating hit a rock wall on Christ Church property, drove over the lawn and came to rest against the wall of Christ Church. The driver was taken to the hospital and the vehicle was towed. No arrests were made or charged filed in relation to the incident, said Lieutenant Thomas Siopes.

ARRESTS

Tuesday, June 16 - At 7:53 p.m., Scott E. Parisi, 35, of 5 Harley Drive, Dracut, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license and on a warrant for assault and battery.

At 11:29 p.m., Fan Yang, 45, of 19 Keystone Way, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member, intimidating a witness and resisting arrest.

Wednesday, June 17 - At 11:45 a.m., Emanuel T. Oliveira, 39, of 26 Elm St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving without a license; also on three warrants for assault and battery, and one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and intimidating a witness.

Thursday, June 18 - At 3:35 p.m., Christopher Boulais, 49, of 26 Clinton St., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Friday, June 19 - At 3:16 a.m., Elba Y. Peralta, 28, of 8 Memorial Circle was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving without a license.

At 10:38 a.m., Brian Mansfield, 27, of 5 Wilston St. North Billerica, was arrested and charged with forging or misusing an RMV document, possession of a class C substance, subsequent offense, and driving an

OFFICER INJURED WHEN CRUISER REAR-ENDED



Andover Police Officer Evan Robitaille is at home recovering from injuries suffered after his cruiser was rear-ended on Saturday. He was treated and released from Lawrence General Hospital and has not returned to work since the incident, said Lieutenant Commander James Hashem.

Robitaille reported he had been rear-ended at 1:04 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, when he stopped to check on a young girl walking down South Main Street. The accident caused air-bag deployment in the vehicle that hit the police cruiser. Officer Robitaille was taken to the hospital and detectives responded to photograph the scene.

At 1:46 a.m., Stephanie P. Long, 23, of 521 Arlington St., Dracut, was arrested and charged with speeding, driving under the influence of liquor and operating to endanger. The young girl that Officer Robitaille initially stopped to check on was taken to the Andover police station. After checking several incorrect home addresses, it was eventually found that the girl was a runaway from Malden who was released into her parents custody at 6 a.m.

The police cruiser Robitaille was driving has been totaled, and will become the property of the town's insurance company once it is declared a total loss, said Hashem.

uninspected vehicle; also on several warrants.

Sunday, June 21 - At 2:18 a.m. a motorist reported several youths throwing rocks at cars in the area of Casco Crossing. A responding officer saw four youths flee on foot into the woods on Minute-man Road. Brian Caveney, 17, of 6 Shadow Lane, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

THEFTS

Tuesday, June 16 - At 2:42 p.m., the Andover Gift Shop, Main Street, reported a shoplifter.

Friday, June 19 - At 12:42 p.m.,

a theft was reported at a group home on Juniper Road.

At 9:05 p.m., two teenage shoplifters were reported from Richdale's on Railroad Street.

BREAKS

Monday, June 22 - At 1:42 p.m., a breaking and entering incident was reported on Dascomb Road.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, June 16 - At 7:03 p.m., detectives issued a summons for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana on River Road.

Wednesday, June 17 - At 9:50 a.m., an officer gave a verbal warning to a motorist on Dascomb Road

for littering.

Friday June 19 - At 1:23 a.m., police were called to a loud party on Haggets Pond Road. A gathering was sent on its way, and police issued a summons for keeping a disorderly house and furnishing alcohol to minors.

At 10:19 p.m., a 911 call reported a loud party on Heather Drive. When officers responded to the residences, youths ran from the home. Vehicles from the party parked on Marie Drive. Officer Robin Cataldo transported three youths home.

Sunday, June 21 - At 12:17 a.m., a Tech Drive hotel reported about 15 females were running around the hotel, some of them topless and jumping in and out of the pool area, causing a disturbance. When two officers responded, all the women had gone back in their rooms.

At 12:52 a.m., a 911 caller reported several teenagers had vandalized several mailboxes on Pleasant Street.

At 2:59 a.m., ambulance and police responded to a resident with possible alcohol poisoning, who was taken to the hospital.

At 11:15 a.m., a Shawsheen Road resident reported their home had been vandalized with paint balls. At 2:05 p.m., a Pleasant Street resident reported their mailbox was vandalized. At 7:15 p.m., a Summer Street resident reported their home had been hit with paint balls the previous night.

Between 9 and 10 p.m., three Andover residents called police to report a noise complaint. The noise and music was attributed to a festival in Lawrence.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, June 16 - At 12:32 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported from the Shawsheen Plaza parking lot, North Main Street.

At 5:20 p.m., a Seminole Circle called 911 to report a car had backed into a home across the street. No injuries.

Wednesday, June 17 - At 11:13 a.m., several 911 calls were received reporting a crash with injuries on Chestnut Street.

Comments sought, details offered on I-93 ramps tonight

A public workshop will be held by MassHighway and the state Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to present updated project information about the Interstate 93 Tri-Town Interchange Project. The project area includes Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington.

The workshop is scheduled for today, Thursday, June 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wilmington Town Hall, auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington.

The purpose of this workshop is to present updated information and gather public input. There will not be a formal presentation, so the public is encouraged to attend at any time that is convenient between 4 and 8 p.m., according to MassHighway. Workshop stations will include information on traffic analyses, interchange alternatives and wildlife, wetlands and open space resources. Participants can view information and speak individually with project staff. Members of the public, business owners, elected and municipal officials are encouraged to participate and provide comments on issues of concern and suggestions for meeting the

project purpose while minimizing impacts.

MassHighway and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development are joint proponents for the I-93 Tri-Town Interchange Project. The project will add a new interchange between Exits 41 and 42 and also add a lane in each direction between Exit 41 and Interstate 495.

"The project will reduce congestion, improve safety, support the communities' goals for sustainable development and mixed-use projects, minimize environmental impacts and support the vision of a proposed life sciences and high technology corridor," according to a release from Luisa Paiewonsky, commissioner, and Frank A. Tramontozzi, chief engineer.

Public comments will be accepted at the workshop and until July 27, 2009. Residents who have questions or would like to be added to the project e-mail distribution list, should contact John Fallon of MassHighway at 617-973-7408. For more information about the project, visit the Web site at www.mass.gov/i93tritowninterchange.

Merrimack Valley Chamber events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with the Bollywood Grill will present "Speed Networking" on Tuesday, June 30, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Bollywood Grill, North Andover Mall, Route 114, North Andover. Advance registration and payment is required. The cost is \$15 for members and \$25

for nonmembers. The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with Jackson's Restaurant and Pest-End will present "By the Riverside," a Business Networking Mixer on Wednesday, July 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Jackson's Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Methuen. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. For more information about either event, call 978-686-0900.

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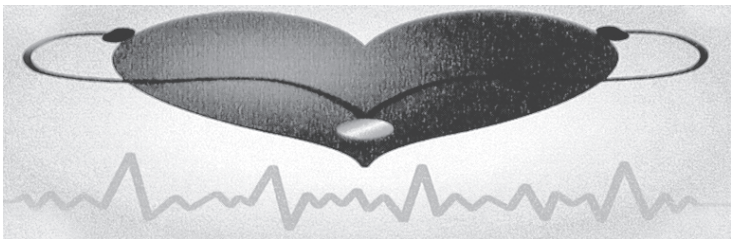
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Light adjustments



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New traffic lights are adjusted at the intersection of Main and Elm streets as part of the Main Street improvement project.

Wrap up: 4 trash barrels per home

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

After two months of discussion over trash, selectmen voted Monday night to have mandatory recycling, but not to enforce it, and to decrease the maximum amount of trash residents can put to the curb from six barrels to four.

The vote to adopt the measure, a suggestion from the department of public works, was split 3-2, with Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Brian Major voting against.

"I disagree with the notion that we need to do anything at this point," said Major. "People are doing the right thing, they are recycling. Can we do better? We can always do better. We should do this (encourage recycling) through better marketing, not through instituting more rules."

Major and Vispoli noted that most Andover families put less than four barrels out to the curb already, and the town has an 87 percent rate of recycling participation.

"This vote, in a vacuum, means nothing," said Vispoli. "It's what we do, proactively (that will increase recycling). We will see no change without education ... goal setting, communication, reporting and measurement (of progress)."

Vispoli suggested that monthly reports of the town's rate of recycling be posted on the town Web site.

Representatives from the DPW and recycling committee have been meeting to discuss ideas of

NEW TRASH RULES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1

- Curbside trash pickup limited to four bags or barrels, with a maximum of 135 gallons
- Recycling is "mandatory, but not enforced"
- Exceptions made for "extraordinary trash" from special events, like parties; also for large families with more than four barrels of trash that prove "due diligence" of recycling efforts
- For advice on how to get started recycling, or more information, call the DPW at 978-623-8350 and select option 1

disseminating information on the new trash rules, and encouraging residents to recycle more.

"Moving from six barrels, which is pretty much unlimited, to four is a good step," said Selectman Jerry Stabile. "This town has been very liberal (with trash pickup), the service far exceeds the value paid in taxes. It's time to tighten our belt."

The next step, agreed Selectmen Major and Mary Lyman, is for the town to address the pickup of appliances and other heavy items that add to the town's tonnage.

Vispoli noted that selectmen had received an onslaught of correspondence from town residents over the trash issue, and that he appreciated the feedback. Other than the budget, Vispoli said he had never received so many e-mails on a single topic as a selectman.

If every household increased recycling by five pounds every

week, the town will save between \$70,000 and \$100,000 in one year, said Sandy Gerraughty, DPW business manager.

At a May 20 public forum, Gerraughty demonstrated what five extra pounds would look like - a bag of sugar.

"We demonstrated barrel sizes and what five pounds of recycling looked like, it was easy to see how quickly a household can achieve five pounds per week. This would result in 10 pounds every other week with the scheduled recycling pickups. Ten pounds of bottles and cans easily fits into one recycling bin with paper being placed on top in a separate paper bag, and does not necessitate multiple collection bins," said Gerraughty. "Many residents who have never recycled before will be pleasantly surprised at how easy recycling is and that we are here to help them."

Selectman Ted Teichert said he did not want trash collectors to leave trash behind because a resident didn't put a blue recycling bin to the curb, which was proposed as part of a DPW option.

A May 1 proposal by the Public Works Department called for a three-barrel, or 100 gallon, trash limit. Residents who did not participate in curbside recycling would also not have their trash picked up under the plan.

A public forum on the issue was held May 20, and selectmen asked the DPW to suggest more than one option for a new Andover trash policy. Four different options were given to selectmen in early June.



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Retiring Principal Brenda O'Brien (seated on throne) was given an emotional sendoff by the High Plain Elementary School community last Friday, June 19.

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High Plain gives O'Brien sendoff

Scholarship for her students founded in principal's name

High Plain Elementary School celebrated its beloved principal Brenda O'Brien with a grand parade of students, staff and parents last Friday.

O'Brien, who is retiring this year, has served as the founding principal of High Plain Elementary for the past seven years, and has spent 30 years as an educator, at Shawsheen, Bancroft Elementary, and as the head of the health education department.

As O'Brien entered the school's gymnasium she was awestruck as she was crowned as queen of the parade and watched the day's festivities from a throne.

Students from each grade entered the gymnasium performing one of the themes that High Plain Elementary has had during the past seven years. This year's theme "One small step...on the journey of learning" featured this year's kindergarten class, which sang to O'Brien while wearing T-shirts and handmade hats with their own



Retiring Principal Brenda O'Brien enjoys festivities from her throne.

now attending Wood Hill Middle School attended, also parading and performing for their former principal.

Current staff was able to keep the parade under the radar for weeks, planning for surprise attendance from prior educators and school-community parents.

The event concluded with an honor — an announcement that the school's PTO has partnered with Dollars for Scholars to start a scholarship fund in O'Brien's name.

The Brenda O'Brien Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Andover High School senior each year, beginning June 2010.

"We know the contributions Brenda made to the town of Andover will continue with this scholarship fund," said the High Plain Elementary PTO executive board, in a letter announcing the scholarship.

"We (the High Plain PTO), have established this scholarship for her and have pledged to


keep it going for at least the next 12 years so that a kindergartner here today will be a senior on that 12th year," reported High Plain Elementary PTO Treasurer Joanne Heim.

O'Brien addressed the crowd with a familiar quote, "It's not the number of breaths you take that matter, it's the moments that leave you breathless."

"Brenda has and always will leave the HPE community breathless with her boundless energy, commitment to excellence, and heartfelt dedication to the children of Andover," wrote the PTO in a message describing the day.

To donate to the scholarship fund, send a check, payable to the High Plain Elementary PTO (designate "Brenda O'Brien Scholarship Fund" in the memo line), to: Joanne Heim, PTO treasurer c/o High Plain Elementary Brenda O'Brien Scholarship Fund 333 High Plain Road Andover, Mass. 01810

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Change for the better

In case anyone thought the so-called federal stimulus money was going to do anything other than delay the inevitable, our state legislators sent town leaders and workers a message this week: Plan ahead. When it comes to budget cuts, you ain't seen nothing yet.

State government used \$1.5 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment act money to help reduce cuts in this coming fiscal year's state budget in areas such as local aid to Andover. But these band-aid funds will not be available next year, and state legislators for Andover are already planning for "the painful task of closing a hole in the budget that reaches \$3 billion or more. With that in mind, we urge you to plan ahead for what may be an even more difficult budget season," they wrote in a letter to selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee members.

The stimulus money has bought communities some time and the ability to provide most services for another year while they figure out how to do things differently. You've read it here in this space countless times, but now even state government is acknowledging the need: It's time to prioritize, pare unnecessary expenses and decide how to offer services more efficiently. In the end, with salaries and benefits accounting for the bulk of the Andover operating budget, most changes need to come through reasonable agreements at the bargaining table.

Legislators note in their letter the importance of town workers and town officials cooperating to rein in costs: "Like the state government, you do not have the option of borrowing to finance an untenable budget. Like the state legislature, Andover must find a way to do more with less. In order to balance the budget and move forward with the crucial services our residents need we must all work together to find ways to rein in costs. We will all be asked to sacrifice and to share in the hard work ahead. We are confident that Andover will survive these difficult times, as it has before, through the dedication and cooperation of those who live in our town and those who serve it," they said.

To their credit, some town bargaining groups and individual employees have pitched in for the fiscal year that will begin July 1, agreeing to take less of a raise, or, in a few cases, no cost-of-living raise. Others — including some of the largest unions such as the teachers, many Public Works and Plant & Facilities workers (known as the American Federation of State and County Employees) and the firefighters union — have shown less interest in putting the interests of the community ahead of self-interest. Those who have worked to hold back spending deserve praise, but even that effort does not address the systematic problems. In the year ahead, more groups will need to be involved with long-term solutions and change, offering realistic and meaningful ideas and reforms.

Ideas are percolating. When we asked people last week for ways Andover could run more efficiently, many had several to offer. We will continue to publish them and promote discussion. Ideas to improve the town and reduce unnecessary spending can be sent to townsman@andovertownsmen.com or mailed to Editor Neil Fater, 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810. Please include your name and a contact number (the number is not for publication). Those who wish to remain anonymous are welcome to offer ideas and join the discussion online, by scrolling to the bottom of the IDEAS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT stories and posting comments, at andovertownsmen.com.

With the wealth of talent in this town, we're sure people can work together creatively to keep Andover as a special community. Change for the better can be created.

WEB QUESTION

How are you starting your summer?

Summer: staying local
The last day for the Andover Public Schools is tomorrow, June 26. Last week, we asked you how you will start the summer with your family. Your responses:
"Relaxing at home," received 33.33 percent of votes
"Summer camp" took 26.67 percent
"Local day trips" took 13.33 percent
The options "Vacation out of state," "Heading to Pumps Pond for a dip," "Staying in town, and taking advantage of Andover Youth Services, DCS and other local programs" and "other" all received 6.67 percent of the vote each

This week's question: six figure shocker?
This week, the Andover Townsman printed a list of the town's top salaries. 117 people took home six-figure paychecks in 2008, and 30 employees made more than Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. What surprised

you about that salary list?
Nothing
■ I thought there would be more school employees
■ I thought there would be more town employees
■ I had no idea so many municipal employees could make six figures
■ I thought there would be more than 117 employees
■ The town has the full-time equivalent of more than 1,000 people; 117 is a small percentage.
■ I thought Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski would have been at the top of the list
■ I've missed my calling; I should work for the town!
■ The list doesn't reflect the majority of Andover employees, who make an average wage
■ 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 different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

BE ALONE WITH YOUR THOUGHTS



The Mary French Reservation, just off Korinthian Way in Andover, is a section of the Bay Circuit Trail that people can visit during a hike this week. See story in Arts.

First Amendment does not protect acts of animal cruelty

By Diane Sullivan,
Holly Vietzke and
Michael L. Coyne

As the NFL ponders permitting Michael Vick back into the league, the U.S. Supreme Court recently announced it will decide next term whether videos that depict the killing of small animals and videos of dogfights are protected by the First Amendment. This decision is a no-brainer.

The guarantee of free speech, honored in most cases, must fall to protect those without a voice. Engaging in dog fighting is a felony in all 50 states, and attending a dog fight is illegal in all but two states. Those that profit by disseminating videos of these barbaric acts of cruelty should not pretend to do so under the guise of advancing principles of free expression and free speech.

The Supreme Court will decide this issue because the Third Circuit Court of Appeals — in an incredibly ill-conceived application of the First Amendment — reversed the conviction of Robert Stevens, a Virginia man who sold videos of pit bulls fighting and attacking other dogs. Stevens was convicted under a federal law passed in 1999, making it illegal to sell, possess or create depictions of animal cruelty. The Court of Appeals reversed Stevens' conviction on the ground that the video was an expression of his free speech and therefore protected under the First Amendment.

Our forefathers did not intend for the First Amendment to be a shelter for promoting criminal violations. While the First Amendment does have the effect of protecting some morally offensive conduct, it does not provide a safe harbor to vicious criminal acts. Would anyone argue that the First Amendment protects the rights of a man to kill his wife and kids merely because he and his videographer also posted the video on YouTube? Would anyone argue that terrorists who decapitate their victims live on the Internet find safe harbor in our First Amendment? The obvious answer is a resounding no.

In *People v. Voelker*, Voelker was convicted of animal cruelty after he decapitated three live iguanas on television. The Supreme Court rejected his argument that the broadcast of the event was protected speech, holding that to extend the reach of the First Amendment that far would allow anyone to avoid prosecution for criminal acts merely by videotaping them. Obviously this would create an absurd and illogical result. Likewise, in *People v. Thomason*, the appeals court upheld a defendant's conviction for animal cruelty in making a "crush video." Just as pedophiles take pleasure in viewing child pornography, "crush videos" appeal to sadistic individuals who derive sick pleasure from watching animals being tortured and ultimately killed in grotesque fashion. Although Stevens arguably did not actually commit the acts of cruelty

as the defendants in *Voelker* and *Thomason* did, his commercial gain from the cruelty constitutes aiding and abetting the promotion of the crime, and he is no less guilty than one who fences stolen jewelry even if he or she did not steal the jewelry.

Opponents argue that the law would prohibit the broadcast of some events, such as bullfights in Mexico, that are legal where they occur. That may be true if the broadcast and further display of those images violates laws of other countries or states where the display of those offensive images constitutes a crime. What's wrong with other countries or states regulating criminal activity within the borders of that country or state? The First Amendment does not protect illegal conduct, such as pornography or obscenity. Since the First Amendment does not protect those disseminating images depicting animal cruelty, it certainly provides no greater protection to those disseminating images depicting animal cruelty. Moreover, the First Amendment does not protect offers to engage in illegal activity on the basis that they lack social value, much like obscenity does. If the mere offer to engage in illegal activity is excluded from our guarantee of free speech, then videos, which necessarily include actual conduct, ought to be as well. The Court has dealt with related issues before in upholding federal law and denying First Amendment protection to the distribution of depictions of a sexual

nature of children, stating that, "child pornography harms and debases the most defenseless of our citizens." First Amendment protection cannot be provided to those who commit the reprehensible act of sexually abusing children or a heinous act against a defenseless animal. While no one disputes the distinction between animal cruelty and child abuse, both victims are necessarily dependent on others for protection.

The Massachusetts animal anti-cruelty statute (chapter 272 § 77) is entitled "Crimes against chastity, morality, decency, and good order." Massachusetts is clearly concerned about the harmful effects to society in engaging in acts of animal cruelty. So what about children who view these video depictions of dogs fighting? How will it affect them? The Rhode Island SPCA recently reported that the most critical way parents can prevent their children from developing violent tendencies is to ensure they know "that it is never acceptable to harm an innocent animal, no matter how simple the action." It starts with prohibiting the dissemination of videos depicting barbaric acts of animal cruelty under the guise of the First Amendment.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS POLICY

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Graduation highlighted best of what funded schools can offer

Editor, Townsman:
The AHS graduation was a wonderful, heartwarming event that made me proud to be part of this community. Our family had almost 20 members there who were impressed with the entire ceremony. They loved listening to every speaker and even requested that I send them copies of Peter Anderson's "Seven Thoughts." These tidbits of advice from his years of experience and wisdom are useful for anyone at any age. We were fortunate to have him as the graduation speaker and even more fortunate to have him as AHS principal. He will be sorely missed.

It's clear the faculty supported and cared about the students. As I watched graduates receive their diplomas then enter the circle of faculty, I had tears in my eyes. The genuine heartfelt and caring emotion was in full evidence on each and every face as they greeted the graduates with enthusiastic handshakes and bear hugs. Teachers and community volunteers also enabled these graduates to have a wonderful senior week where it is all about them, starting with events like Six Flags and ending with the awards breakfast, graduation, and Senior Safari.

The entire school system deserves recognition for producing graduates of such high caliber. I know we will be reading about these kids in the future and enjoying technology they have discovered, products they created, and

maybe even life-saving health advances they have generated. Where would we be without education?

My children have been fortunate to benefit from solid academic programs, award-winning AP classes, enriched math, multiple science offerings, art, music, and numerous athletics, all of which enrich a student's life greatly. Yet I am sad as I see budget cuts reducing academics, clubs and athletics, or eliminating essential programs such as the elementary-school-level music program. This is our feeder program and the final result could be witnessed at graduation with an impressive combined band, orchestra and chorus. I hope we can overcome our budget woes soon and add back eliminated programs so that every graduating class can be as successful as this one.

CAROLE BINDER
15 Starr Ave. East

How about cap and trade for garbage?

Editor, Townsman:

I have a small family, just my wife, son, and I. It is unusual for us to have more than one 33-gallon can and two recycle bins on odd weeks, to be picked up. Some of my neighbors regularly exceed the proposed limits on trash though. Why shouldn't I be able to trade my unused quota? If all the residents on a particular block exceed the limit, they would be forced to buy extra trash credits from the town.

JOHN R. WEISS
30 High St.

On garbage: Town shouldn't try to manage residents' lives

Editor, Townsman:

To the Selectmen:
As Andover residents for more than 30 years and, for Mr. Niessen, as an environmental professional in the waste-management field for almost 50 years, we are appalled at the so-called "options" for household trash collection being considered. Clearly, all four options are driven by "green" ideology and neither realistic nor well-considered. No one purposely increases their trash-generation rate, which is driven by family size, episodic "cleaning events" that spike waste quantities, the waste-related characteristics of modern life, etc.

Whether people recycle this week or skip a week because they have stopped taking a second newspaper or are ill or busy or other while they accumulate recyclables in the garage is not for the town to monitor with

punitive results. We pay high taxes to this community and expect the town to provide a matching spectrum of services and quit trying to manage our lives unrealistically and unnecessarily. Further, we strongly suspect that a professional engineering evaluation would show that any real income enhancement for the town derived from these "options" would be miniscule.

None of the four punitive, unnecessary, unproductive options listed in the Townsman June 18 are appropriate.

WALTER AND DOROTHY NIESSEN
14 Forbes Lane

School supporters stuck to budget deals

Editor, Townsman:

If you took Bill Downs' letter at face value ("School community socked others with vote," Townsman, June 11) you would think that the "school community" had acted as an organized insurgency intent on disrupting the voters and citizens of Andover during the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Downs has conveniently forgotten that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee agreed to the \$60.4 million school budget in January 2009. The School Committee held to that figure throughout the entire budget cycle. If there was any sense of betrayal to be witnessed (et tu, Deb?), it was on the part of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, which reneged on the budget deal just days before the Annual Town Meeting.

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Memorial Field Hockey Clinic

Andover High varsity field hockey coaches and players will host a field hockey clinic in memory of teammate Lauren Ciampa who died this past May of sarcoma cancer. All proceeds will be donated to the Jimmy Fund in Lauren's name.

The clinic is Aug. 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to noon on the Andover High School turf field and open to grades 2 to 8 including those who will be high school freshmen. Players will be divided by age and ability.

Players must bring a stick, mouth guard, shin guards and water. Registration can be done online at <http://leclinic.info/>. Registration may also be mailed to Maureen Noone, 5 Dodge Road, Rowley MA 01969. Please include name, age, date of birth, grade, address, city, zip code, position and e-mail. Checks must be made out to the Jimmy Fund in Lauren Ciampa's name.

Send an e-mail to Ciampa.memorial@gmail.com for any questions. Deadline to apply is July 20.

New leaders elected for ACE

Tony James and Annie Gilbert have flopped positions in their support of Andover education.

When James decided not to run for re-election to the School Committee, he threw his support behind Gilbert, the vice president of the non-profit Andover Coalition for Education, which supports districtwide classroom initiatives.

Voters elected Gilbert to the School Committee in March. Now James has been picked to replace Gilbert as vice president of the ACE group that he helped found.

ACE elected five new board members at its third annual meeting this spring. The five new board members elected to two-year terms are James, Brad Heim, Karen Marotta,

Dick Santagati and Claire Stahley.

"Each of these individuals has been involved extensively with Andover public schools, volunteering in various capacities over a number of years. ACE looks forward to having them join our Board of Directors as it continues to expand its base of support throughout the community," according to a release sent by President Tina Girdwood.

The ACE Board and Advisory Board members also elected officers for 2009-10. They are President Girdwood, Vice President James, Clerk Jeanne Topham and Treasurer Cynde Egan. New Advisory Board members are Ajita Bhat, Annie Gilbert, Rice Powell and Ying Schmitt.

Music break



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Meredith Pizzi, music therapist, leads students in song during the Spring Arts Fair at Osgood Street's Professional Center for Child Development day school on Saturday. The fair showed off the students' musical talents, and displayed artwork each boy or girl made.



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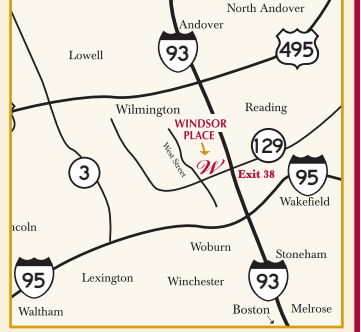
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The Friends of North Andover Trails recognized two longtime volunteers, Phila Slade of North Andover and Alan French of Andover, by presenting them with personalized walking sticks.

Sticking it to him French honored for his work on conservation

Alan French, chairman of the Bay Circuit Alliance, is credited with bringing into existence the Bay Circuit Trail, an "emerald necklace" of trails that loops around Boston.

Last week, French was awarded a different kind of accessory: a customized walking stick for use on these trails he's helped preserve. On June 17, French was awarded a hand-carved walking stick as a thank you from the Friends of North Andover Trails organization.

Fellow volunteer Phila Slade, a North Andover resident, also was recognized for her volunteerism with several North Andover nonprofits. The walking sticks were made by Walter Soule, a member of the Friends.

French, a longtime Andover resident and owner of outdoor sporting goods store Moor and Mountain, has been active in local conservation and trail preservation efforts for decades, perhaps most notably the Bay Circuit Trail. The trail extends through 34 towns in the Greater Boston area including Andover, linking close to 200 miles of open space.

SENIOR NOTES

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.

Gluten-Free Cooking: Tuesday, June 30, 1:30 p.m.; \$5; Wheat free entrees and desserts can still be on your menus. Bring a little appetite and come taste without worry. This workshop will be appropriate for those with celiac disease or anyone wishing to learn more about gluten free eating and cooking. Frank, our senior center chef, will show you how you can still have a broad and appealing selection of food in your diet.

AARP Safe Driving Program: Monday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Advance registration necessary; \$12/AARP members; \$14/non-member; Come join us for a driving refresher as we review important "rules of the road" such as defensive driving, dealing with aggressive drivers, driving response time, and making adjustments for age related vision and hearing changes. Participants will also receive a workbook and certificate of attendance. Limited spaces. Bring a bag lunch.

Beantown Trolley Tour & Harbor Cruise: Tuesday, July 14; rain date of July 15; \$47; 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; We'll start early to allow you plenty of time to take advantage of our on & off ticket. You can either enjoy a two hour narrated tour or hop on & off at your leisure with more than 20 stops from which to choose. You decide when & where to enjoy your lunch which is not included in the trip price. At 2 p.m., we'll all meet at the New England Aquarium dock for a 45 minute harbor cruise prior to our return.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The band One Step Away performs during the relay fundraiser at the Andover High School track and football field Saturday. Bass player Michael Nuzzolo and lead singer Adam Carrington will be juniors at Andover High in the fall; guitar player Terence Healy and drummer Alex Kwmuntis will be juniors at St. John's Prep.

Cloudy-day relay raises \$17,000 for Andover youth



Melissa Belliard of Andover Massage Therapy in Andover gives Maribel Rodriguez, an Andover High School junior, a massage after she participated in the relay fundraiser.

Cloudy skies did not keep folks away from last Saturday's relay to raise money for Andover Youth Services and Andover High School clubs and athletics.

Diane Costagliola, co-president of the AHS PAC, said the June 20 relay had close to 200 participants, and more than 50 volunteers. Held at the AHS track, relay teams each raised money on their own.

"The relay went really well. There was a tremendous spirit of community and the students seemed to have a good time," said Costagliola in an e-mail to the Townsman. "We raised \$17,000 and we are still receiving donations. Half of that money will go to AHS athletics with a third going to Andover Youth Services and the rest going to clubs at AHS."

The event concluded earlier than expected due to the weather, but not before people were able to enjoy music performed by the band One Step Away.

One Step Away has now won four episodes of the television show "Community Auditions," which automatically advances them to the show's Season Finals.

"Community Auditions: Star of the Day" is the nation's longest-running TV talent showcase. The series, nominated for six 2009 Emmy Awards, is hosted by radio's Ramiro of Jam'n 94.5-FM and Patriots sportscaster Kristina Akra. The show is taped live onstage at the Foxwoods Resort and Casino and telecast all over New England.

Dog day afternoon

Havanese lovers gather in Andover

John, Holli and Zippy Marrs of Andover let their home go to the dogs recently - to a very special breed of dogs. The family played host to the "Spring 2009 New England Havanese Playdate."

The Havanese is the national dog of Cuba.

Dog owners from as far south as Rhode Island and as far north as Montreal came to the playdate, said Holli Marrs. New England Hav families were introduced through the Havanese Forum Web site, which she said has provided information, support and entertainment to Havanese owners since 2006.

"All told, there were 18 Havs and

28 humans enjoying a clear sunny Andover afternoon," Holli Marrs reported. "The most notable features of this breed are that they can all look so different - and they don't shed!"

The dogs were introduced to the United States in 1959, as the first wave of Cubans immigrated to this country. The breed was officially recognized by the American Kennel Club in 1996, was first shown at the Westminster Dog show in 2000, and came in first in the toy breed category at Westminster in 2008.

Havs are sturdy little dogs that come in all colors (singly or in a combination of multiple colors and shadings), and their coats can be



COURTESY PHOTO

Dog owners gather for the "Spring 2009 New England Havanese Playdate."

straight or wavy. The AKC has height standards for this breed (8 1/2" to 11 1/2") but no weight standards, so they come in many sizes from 10 pounds to more than 25, according to Marrs.

Pa'tridge family: Fosters, others involved in early development of sport

Bill Dalton



Charles E. Davies and his wife, Catherine, owned the Glen Rock Kennels on Dascomb Road. In an article titled, "Skeet Shooting was Invented in Andover in Early 20th Century" (Andover Historical Society Newsletter, Fall 2007), author Joan Patrakis says Mr. Davies created the sport of skeet.

He was an enthusiastic grouse hunter and to improve his shooting skills devised a game in his back yard called "shooting

around the clock." A spring-loaded device was set up at the 12 o'clock position. Davies, his son, H. W. Davies, and William Harneden Foster, about whom I recently wrote, shot at small targets fired by the device from positions they took at each hour on the clock. (The game has been called "clock shooting" by many.)

David Dargie sent me a copy of pages from the New Hunter's Encyclopedia (The Stackpole Company 1966, 1972), which he found in former town engineer John Avery's office. (John wasn't a hunter, and the book was a gift.) The encyclopedia credits Mr. Foster as the originator of the sport in 1910, but mentions the other two men as well.

Knowing folks as I do, I suspect that all three men probably had

something to contribute in the creation of the game.

In any event, an owner of a farm next door to Davies' property wasn't real happy about bird shot hitting his chickens, so he complained.

Necessity being the mother of invention, the circle became a semi-circle in order to stop shooting the chickens. Additionally, a spring-loaded device at the 6 o'clock position was added to make up for losing half the circle. Over the years, the game evolved to what it is today, where the shooter fires from eight positions.

Mr. Foster was an illustrator, as well as a sportsman. According to Ms. Patrakis, he created the first L.L. Bean catalogue cover in 1925 and was an editor of National Sportsman magazine.

Foster brought the new shooting game to national attention in 1926, partly as the result of the magazine offering a \$100 prize for naming the sport. "Skeet," a word that vaguely resembles a Scandinavian word for "shoot," was suggested by a Montana housewife with the interesting name of Mrs. Hurlbutt. A few people have argued that it would have been easier to name the sport "shoot." Personally, I think they missed a wonderful opportunity by not naming the sport after Mrs. Hurlbutt.

During World War II, skeet shooting took on a more serious and pragmatic use when it was used by the American military to teach gunners how to lead targets.

Since writing my Foster column, I've acquired his 1942

hunting classic, New England Grouse Shooting, which he wrote and illustrated.

Foster was a personable, clever fellow who went to the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston and coincidentally lived at 71 Chestnut St., across from my aunt, Frances Dalton, who went to the same art school a few years after he did.

The book is most attractive, even to a non-hunter like I am. There's a lot of good information about shotguns and dogs, both of which do interest me.

Foster had barely finished the book when he died while judging a bird-dog competition. He never saw the completed book nor saw the nice work of his publisher, Charles Scribner's Sons.

Andover was known as fine grouse-hunting country well into

the 20th Century. In New England Grouse Shooting, Mr. Foster says grouse, partridge, pa'tridge, ruffed grouse, and pheasant are all the same bird, and it is the greatest of all game birds.

He was from an old Andover family, and wrote about the town in a nice dedication of his book: "To my son, who has come by the family love for the alder runs, the birch side-hills, the juniper pastures and the gray stone walls of the country of his ancestors and who hunted with me the same pa'tridge covers that his great grandfather hunted years before I was born."

Bill Dalton writes a column for the Andover Townsman and likes to hear from you online or at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

BOOMERVENTURE OFFERINGS

The BoomerVenture Campus, is at 30 Whittier Court in Andover. Register now and see the schedule by visiting www.boomerventure.com or call Karen at 978-623-8321.

Energize with Exercise and Serenity Yoga classes, concerts in the park, weekly "Grill Night" on the ASC patio open to all Andover residents.

Getting outdoors and feeling good are this summer's BoomerVenture themes. Moving to Wednesday nights, the program is focused on exercise and yoga classes. But now, there is an opportunity for participants to really make it a nite by having dinner at "Grill Night" on the ASC patio and taking in a concert

and build on the basics. Yoga mat, towel and pillow are needed for both classes. Wednesday, July 8 to Aug. 26. \$50 for eight weeks.

■ **Energize With Exercise.** This class is built on low-impact aerobics combining exercise, weights and guided relaxation: 6 to 7 p.m., from Wednesday, July 8, to Aug. 26. \$50 for eight weeks.

Class time is flexible with three options available

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■ Option 2: Four classes for \$30 pre-registration only

■ Option 3: \$10 drop-in fee.

in the park, where musical styles range from swing bands to the swingin' 1960s.

Here is the yoga and exercise schedule:

■ **Inter-generational Serenity Yoga:** Yoga basics for relaxation, stretching and strength: Any three generations registering together have first class free for the youngest member 10 years and older, 6 to 7 p.m., \$30 for seniors and children with boomer participant, \$50 for eight weeks/boomers. Wednesday, July 8 through Aug 26.

■ **Moderate Serenity Yoga:** 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Yoga practice with an opportunity to expand

Party down the block



Courtesy photo
Residents of Wolcott Avenue celebrated the street's 31st Annual Block Party on June 13. Entertainment for the block party was provided by Charlotte Reeves and Doug Dehm.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Army Pfc. Matthew T. Fram has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Fram is a 2004 graduate of Phillip Academy and is the son of Thomas Fram of Methuen.

The Women of Northern Essex Community College held their 13th annual fundraising event at the Andover home of Peter and Mary Tyrrell on Saturday, June 6. One hundred guests attended and \$14,000 was raised for student scholarships.

Guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, and desserts. In addition, there was a silent auction and a raffle. Corporate Chefs donated the food, Flowers by Steve provided flowers, and Paper Potpourri contributed invitations.

The Tyrrell's six bedroom, 7.5 bath custom brick colonial features a two-story foyer with a circular staircase and granite floors, a gourmet kitchen with limestone floors and radiant heat, granite countertops, a billiard room, and a pool.

The Women of NECC organized in 1997 to help Northern Essex in its efforts to raise money for scholarships for needy and deserving students.

Officers include Gerri Murphy of North Andover, president; Judy Morrison of Seabrook, N.H., vice president; Betty Jaffe of Andover, secretary; Nancy Greenwood of Methuen, treasurer; and Marie Dow of North Andover and Carole O'Connor of Andover, co-chairs of membership.

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Here is the reality about newspapers today:

1. Myth: No one reads newspapers anymore.

Reality: More than 104 million adults read a print newspaper every day, more than 115 million on Sundays. That's more people than watch the Super Bowl (94 million), American Idol (23 million) or that typically watch the late local news (65 million).

2. Myth: Young people no longer read newspapers.

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

3. Myth: Newspaper readership is tanking.

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

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

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

5. Myth: Newspaper advertising doesn't work.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Ellen McCarthy Abruzzese, 42



Haverhill — Ellen K. (McCarthy) Abruzzese, 42, of Richmond, Va., formerly of Haverhill, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2009.

Born in Haverhill, Aug. 14, 1966, she was the daughter of Joan P. (Hefferan) McCarthy of Bradford, and the late Robert J. McCarthy. A 1984 graduate of Haverhill High School, she continued her education at Plymouth State College while joining the U.S. Army Reserves. Ellen was employed as a Secretary with the Henrico County public School System. She was the former President of the Seven Pines Elementary School PTA and the current Treasurer of the Henrico Education Foundation. A kind, loving friend, and devoted mother, she thought only of others.

She is survived by her sons, David M. and William R.; two

daughters, Elissa K. and Patricia A.; her mother, Joan P. McCarthy; three brothers, James McCarthy and his wife Eileen (Callahan) of Andover, Robert J. McCarthy and his wife Kristine (Perry) of Haverhill, Daniel M. McCarthy and his wife Paula (Fernandes) of Atkinson; two sisters, Ann M. Costa and Jane McCarthy of Peru, Maine; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends and family are respectfully invited to attend a celebration of Ellen's life to be held at noon on Saturday, June 27, in West Parish Congregational Church (Route 97), Haverhill, with the Rev. Christopher Zeigler officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Abruzzese Children's Fund, c/o C & F Bank, 2651 New Market Road, Richmond, VA 23231, or the Ellen K. Abruzzese Education Fund, Henrico Education Foundation, P.O. Box 23120, Henrico, VA 23223-0420. The Kevin B. Comeau Funeral Home, 486 Main St. (Route 125), Haverhill, is assisting with arrangements. www.comeaufuneral.com.

Aristotle T. Coster, 88



ANDOVER — Dr. Aristotle Theodore Coster, 88, an osteopathic physician of Andover, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

He is survived by two sons, Peter, and daughter-in-law Mary Claire Coster of Ashland, Va., Paul Coster and Linda Houde of Holly Hill, Fla.; three grandsons, Christopher, Michael, and Alexander; and a brother, James Coster of Medford, Ore. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen Mary Coster, and his sisters, Ann Sage and Penny Lafonatis.

Dr. Coster attended Boston Latin, Boston University, Mass

College of Osteopathy, and graduated from the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1946. He began his practice in Gardiner, Maine, where he practiced for 14 years. He then moved to North Reading in 1963, where he practiced for 31 years before retiring in 1994.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends gathered Friday, June 19, 2009, at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Andover. A funeral service was conducted at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Arrangements were handled by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. Expressions of sympathy may be made in his memory to the charity of the donor's choice. If you wish to send online condolences, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Jeannette Dion Guerrera, 88



ANDOVER — Jeannette Dion Guerrera, beloved wife of Joseph F. Guerrera, died on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Genesis Academy Manor

Nursing Home, surrounded by her family. Jeannette had courageously battled Parkinson's for eight years. She was 88 years old.

Bora in Lawrence on July 24, 1920, she was the last surviving daughter of 12 from the late Odile and Clara (Girard) Dion who married on Feb. 24, 1908. Jeannette was a graduate of St. Ann's High School, Lawrence, where, upon graduation she won the school's coveted medal for excellence in English Literature. For 20 years Jeannette worked at Sanborn School in Andover, as a noon-time supervisor. Her love of children there, was the inspiration for her writing the "Invisible Elf" a book that delights all ages.

Besides her beloved husband of 67 years, Joseph, she will be sorely missed by her three daughters, Jo-Anne Cahill and her husband Philip of North Andover, Joyce Anderson and her husband Lane of Andover, Janice Furey and her husband Dennis of Andover; seven grandchildren, John and Abigail Cahill, Jill and Kristen Anderson, and Joseph, Shawn, and Brittany Furey. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Natalie Cahill and many nieces and nephews. Jeannette was predeceased by an infant son, Gary Joseph.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held on Friday, June 19, at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, Andover. Funeral Mass was Saturday at St. Augustine Church, Andover. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, 199 Corbett St., Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeannette's name may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Avenue, Bob Hope Road, Miami, FL 33136-14941 or online at www.parkinson.org go to "Donate Today."

Dr. John E. Callahan, Jr., 82



Haverhill — Dr. John Edward Callahan, Jr., 82, of Bradford passed away early Sunday morning, June 21, 2009 at the Prescott House in North

Andover.

He was born in Haverhill on March 12, 1927, son of the late John E. and Nora (Lane) Callahan. John was a graduate of Boston College and Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

John was the beloved husband of Anne for 57 years and a proud and devoted father and grandfather. A Haverhill podiatrist for 37 years, he served as a director and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Haverhill Co-operative Bank for many years.

He was an active member of Sacred Hearts Parish and a dedicated volunteer with Merrimack Valley Hospice. As a former Boston College football player, he was a lifelong fan.

He is survived by his wife Anne M. (Guard) Callahan; daughters,

Maura and her husband William Moccia, Noreen and her husband George Carifio, all of Bradford, Eileen and husband James McCarthy, and Kathleen and husband Thomas Timmins, all of Andover; sister Joanne Muldoon of Andover; grandchildren, Julie and Chrissy Carifio, Andrew, Mary, Peter and the late John Moccia, Kaleigh and Conor Timmins and John McCarthy; lifelong best friend James Mahoney of Bradford; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Thursday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m. from the H.L. Farmer & Sons Bradford Funeral Home, 210 South Main St., Bradford, followed by a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Hearts Church, Bradford. Burial will follow in St. James Cemetery, Haverhill. Calling hours at the Bradford Funeral Home were Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice House, Attn: Tammy Stott, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Lillian K. Cromey, 80

LITCHFIELD, Conn. — Lillian Kemling Cromey, 80, of Litchfield, Conn., died Tuesday, June 9, 2009 with her daughters at her side.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1928 in Clifton, N.J., daughter of George and Johanna Kemling, as well as Vernon and Joan Bodein, who adopted her in childhood. Mrs. Cromey attended New York University and San Francisco State College.

She was employed by Northwestern Connecticut Community College as academic development director and English teacher. She was in charge of NCCC's travel courses and traveled throughout the world.

In retirement Mrs. Cromey continued her travels to new destinations and returned to some

of her favorite places. She also held numerous volunteer positions. Most recently she worked for the VNA Northwest and the Litchfield Community Center. She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Milton and was instrumental in the development of the Donaldson Memorial Garden.

Mrs. Cromey is survived by daughters, Leigh Lindsay of Hamden, Conn., Sarah Buck of Andover, and Jessica Buck of Litchfield, Conn.; and grandchildren, Austin, Daniel and Catherine Lindsay, and Mary Charlotte, Eric and Caleb Buck.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held on June 13 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Milton.

Dorris Renner Hood, 82



ANDOVER — Dorris Renner Hood, 82, of Andover died Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Mary Ann Morse Nursing Home in Natick.

Dorris was born in Philadelphia on Oct. 11, 1926 to the late Herbert Louis Renner and Ellenor (Henrick) Renner. She enjoyed 57 years of marriage with Thomas Meehan Hood, who passed away on June 8. She was a graduate of Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa.

She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Hood Westbom, her

husband Thomas, and two grandchildren, Julia Lynne Westbom and David Hood Westbom, all of Wayland.

Dorris was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She was an avid antiques collector and dealer. She participated in many volunteer activities, most notably at the Andover Thrift Shop where she served as its Treasurer for 35 years. She enjoyed travel and music and cherished her friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were offered Monday at 11 a.m. at Christ Church, Andover. Burial followed in West Parish Cemetery, also in Andover. To offer online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

■ SUPPORT GROUPS

Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people

with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

Diabetes

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Chronic disease

Chronic disease self-management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. Call 978-937-6038.

Bereavement support

Beacon Hospice of Haverhill announced a three-week "Harbors of Hope" workshop. The program, which is free and open to the public, is designed to help individuals confront the challenges of loss and cope with the feelings associated with the passing of a loved one.

The support group will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at Caritas Holy Family Hospital starting June 24. To register or learn more, call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211.

Down syndrome

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children. Meets the third Monday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents and children of all ages are welcome. Call group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

■ RELIGION

Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover has announced new worship hours effective Sunday, June 28. New hours of worship are 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Children's Sunday School both hours, Junior High at 9 a.m. and Senior High at 10:45 a.m.



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James Dolan	Fire Deputy Chief	\$182,484.79	109,792.71	45,591.90	0	160.00	26,940.18
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Timothy Hagerty	Police Patrolman	\$128,919.19	75,519.12	9,091.40	475.00	42,180.00	1,653.67
James Landry Jr.	Fire Lieutenant	\$128,653.96	70,618.01	17,304.00	0	23,860.00	16,871.95
Barbara Connolly Kiley	Police Sergeant	\$128,355.52	99,794.29	5,244.46	475.00	240.00	22,601.77
Peter Anderson	AHS Principal	\$128,350.44	127,850.44	0	500	0	0
Susan Nicholson	Asst. Superintendent	\$128,084.07	127,084.07	1,000.00	0	0	0
Cecilia Blais	Police Sergeant	\$127,660.86	85,410.19	18,892.99	475.00	400.00	22,482.68
Evan Robitaille	Police Patrolman	\$127,563.09	73,591.63	35,743.19	475.00	12,170.00	5,583.27
Steven Gerroir	Police Patrolman	\$127,297.88	74,360.51	24,007.98	475.00	26,620.00	1,834.39
Barry Thornton	Fire Lieutenant	\$125,508.74	68,834.25	18,672.36	0	17,040.00	20,962.13
Stephen Neal	Police Patrolman	\$124,763.87	74,360.51	22,936.76	475.00	25,100.00	1,891.60
Armand Guilmette	Fire Lieutenant	\$123,687.85	81,492.15	21,880.28	0	0	20,315.41
Michael Dalton	Firefighter	\$123,127.66	72,603.96	22,353.84	0	15,160.00	13,009.86
John Senee	Firefighter	\$122,739.51	64,800.72	17,366.74	0	21,840.00	18,732.05
Brenda O'Brien	High Plain Principal	\$121,720.01	118,720.01	0	3,000.00	0	0
Daniel Igoe	Police Patrolman	\$121,671.78	74,761.59	15,373.63	475.00	26,380.00	4,681.56
Joseph Piantedosi	Director Plant and Facilities	\$121,182.52	108,664.84	0	0	0	12,517.68
Keith Weightman	Fire Lieutenant	\$120,866.90	78,037.06	25,874.82	0	0	16,955.02
John Petkus	Director DPW	\$120,611.95	108,134.31	0	0	0	12,477.640
James Moses	Police Patrolman	\$120,512.88	75,453.79	23,793.37	475.00	18,990.00	1,800.72
Wayne Merola	Firefighter	\$120,325.59	57,812.02	21,008.14	0	29,840.00	11,665.43
Richard Edson	Police Sergeant	\$120,066.89	61,371.73	10,759.65	475.00	480.00	46,980.51
David Carriere	Police Patrolman	\$118,713.41	68,921.10	31,311.87	475.00	12,780.00	5,225.44
Lawrence Pierce	Fire Lieutenant	\$118,485.37	45,441.27	3,837.31	0	0	69,206.79
Todd Richardson	Firefighter	\$116,662.58	65,891.74	14,044.91	0	20,380.00	16,345.93
Moir O'Brien	Shawsheen Principal	\$116,595.34	115,262.01	0	1,333.33	0	0
Robert Dalton	Firefighter	\$116,564.33	71,823.90	20,000.06	0	7,700.00	17,040.37
Bruce Belbin	Firefighter	\$116,562.56	69,523.54	17,114.06	0	16,400.00	13,524.96
Patrick Bucco	Wood Hill Principal	\$116,499.29	116,499.29	0	0	0	0
Katherine Fink	SPED Director	\$116,229.88	115,729.88	500.00	0	0	0
Kyle Murphy	Firefighter	\$116,204.67	72,496.21	18,119.98	0	8,020.00	17,568.48
Raymond Tode	Technology Director	\$116,140.88	112,190.88	0	3,950.00	0	0
James Cuticchia	Fire Lieutenant	\$115,896.87	71,172.94	12,417.20	0	800.00	31,506.73
Michael Surette	Firefighter	\$115,687.49	65,816.83	14,070.34	0	20,040.00	15,760.32
Todd Pomerleau	Fire Lieutenant	\$115,347.94	93,867.20	1,288.84	0	200.00	19,991.90
Patricia Barrett	Sanborn Principal	\$115,002.08	115,002.08	0	0	0	0
William Wallace	Police Patrolman	\$114,840.55	85,733.15	21,759.60	1,388.18	4,000.00	1,959.62
Stephen Murray	West Middle Principal	\$114,815.04	114,815.04	0	0	0	0
George Thomson	Firefighter	\$114,149.42	39,168.12	5,478.17	0	360.00	69,143.13
Colin Radford	Police Patrolman	\$114,029.78	74,501.45	20,450.17	475.00	13,830.00	4,773.36
Brian Davies	Firefighter	\$113,880.08	61,553.62	16,878.39	0	17,400.00	18,048.07
John Ronan	Firefighter	\$113,843.42	69,442.92	15,349.68	0	9,400.00	19,650.82
Jerome Welch	Water Treatment Fac. Opr.	\$112,796.47	56,709.18	52,961.74	0	0	3,125.55
Stephen Stabile	Firefighter	\$111,827.35	67,420.30	16,604.84	0	13,300.00	14,502.21
David Milne	Police Patrolman	\$111,149.13	75,410.55	20,223.48	475.00	13,320.00	1,720.10
Mark Conlon	Fire Lieutenant	\$110,936.64	76,446.56	18,238.95	0	0	16,251.13
Rodney Smith	Town Accountant	\$109,724.04	99,326.77	0	3,049.09	0	7,348.18
Elizabeth Roos	West Elementary Principal	\$109,298.70	108,298.70	0	1,000.00	0	0
James Landry Sr.	Firefighter	\$108,831.35	72,231.17	16,105.38	0	3,560.00	16,934.80
Theresa McGuinness-Darby	Doherty Middle Principal	\$108,595.93	108,595.93	0	0	0	0
Luz Valverde	AHS Asst. Principal	\$108,391.98	106,912.65	0	1,479.33	0	0
Michael Lane	Police Patrolman	\$108,387.52	53,472.48	17,212.99	475.00	36,310.00	917.05
Michael O'Neill	Fire Lieutenant	\$107,877.20	81,492.15	7,918.41	0	0	18,466.64
Joseph Cahill	Firefighter	\$107,849.28	69,089.67	18,536.62	0	1,820.00	18,402.99
Steven Bucuzzo	Asst. Town Manager	\$107,786.75	94,771.27	13,015.48	0	0	0
James Sutton	Library Director	\$107,171.80	98,029.33	0	0	0	9,142.47
Marilyn Jordan	AHS Asst. Principal	\$106,912.65	106,912.65	0	0	0	0
Thomas Mead	AHS Asst. Principal	\$106,912.65	106,912.65	0	0	0	0
Mary Jo Carabatsos	Program Advisor-Science	\$106,417.36	104,917.36	0	1,500.00	0	0
Brian McNally	AHS PE/Health Dir.	\$106,369.57	101,241.26	0	5,128.31	0	0
Donna Pappalardo	Math Coordinator-Grade 6-12	\$105,440.63	102,440.63	0	3,000.00	0	0
Daniel Devine	Police Patrolman	\$105,416.74	61,478.83	21,031.17	475.00	20,860.00	1,571.74
Philip Boulanger	Firefighter	\$104,892.92	65,542.77	22,315.93	0	1,120.00	15,914.22
Candace Hall-Nourse	Director-HR	\$104,326.76	104,326.76	0	0	0	0
Peter Reming	Police Patrolman	\$104,317.46	73,840.69	12,750.69	475.00	15,750.00	1,501.08
John Norton	Program Advisor SPED	\$104,170.12	104,170.12	0	0	0	0
Brian Landry	Firefighter	\$104,086.78	63,042.77	16,367.63	0	12,200.00	12,476.38
Kevin Moore	Firefighter	\$104,049.65	65,525.30	22,816.00	0	0	15,708.35
Patricia Thomson	ED Team Leader	\$104,020.40	87,516.27	0	16,354.13	0	150.00
William Loehr	Fire Lieutenant	\$103,746.64	73,647.54	12,059.68	0	800.00	17,239.42
John DiZoglio	Firefighter	\$102,999.79	64,202.69	22,012.08	0	1,600.00	15,185.02
Thomas Agnew	Firefighter	\$102,783.18	68,353.28	17,286.38	0	1,440	15,703.52
David Reilly	Collector/Treasurer	\$102,311.48	97,026.32	0	5,285.16	0	0
Eric Teichert	Firefighter	\$102,309.55	69,422.92	15,092.09	0	1,280.00	16,494.54
Scott Weightman	Firefighter	\$102,130.86	66,152.65	17,282.76	0	2,680.00	16,015.45
William Fleischmann	Wood Hill Asst. Principal	\$101,872.71	101,872.71	0	0	0	0
Patrick Robb	Police Patrolman	\$101,504.27	65,855.33	31,579.31	475.00	1,920.00	1,674.63
Brian Wright	Firefighter	\$101,249.55	69,121.04	12,210.53	0	1,500.00	18,417.98
Christopher Cronin	Super. DPW/Highway	\$101,175.29	96,249.47	0	0	0	4,925.82
Rebecca Franks	Program Advisor SPED	\$101,164.45	99,520.90	1,643.55	0	0	0
Daniel Leonard	Police Patrolman	\$100,951.55	33,117.46	8,775.21	475.00	9,060.00	49,523.88
John McMullen	Firefighter	\$100,634.97	65,886.05	16,922.95	0	1,920.00	15,905.97
Robert Sheaff	Firefighter	\$100,569.10	66,724.20	17,514.29	0	1,440.00	14,890.61
Shawn Kelley	Firefighter	\$100,400.96	71,968.66	12,565.38	0	0	15,866.92
Ernest Vocell	Firefighter	\$100,188.61	69,316.02	11,233.08	0	5,990.00	13,649.51
Randall Hanson	Town Clerk	\$100,152.24	88,793.94	0	1,067.42	0	10,290.88
Morris Gray	Super. DPW/Water	\$100,049.26	91,601.45	8,447.81	0	0	0

Source: Town of Andover accounting department. The "other" category includes retroactive pay, sick leave or vacation time buy-backs, clothing or travel allowances, non-cash fringe benefits, salary paid while injured in the line of duty and other miscellaneous pay.

BUDGET: Planning ahead

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In 2008, the schools had the equivalent of 784.7 full time employees; the town had 356.2 FTEs.

Andover's biggest paycheck in 2008 was Police Sergeant John Pathiakis, a 28-year veteran with the Andover Police. Pathiakis' base salary was \$94,234, and overtime, retroactive pay, stipends and other pay brought his total 2008 earnings to \$199,359.

Pathiakis is a training supervisor, traffic unit officer and all-terrain vehicle operator.

Ed Guy of the Andover superior officers union notes that the 2008 pay totals include retroactive pay for bargaining groups, such as police superior officers, who finally agreed to a new contract after years of negotiation. Guy also said the pay is not a reflection of officers working an excessive amount of overtime and detail hours that might reduce their effectiveness.

"The pay for the superior officer essentially has close to five years in retroactive pay that is in there," he said. "The public is going to look at that and say 'That's ridiculous...But in reality it has over 5 years of retroactive pay."

"We get paid well. But the reality is those are very inflated numbers," he said.

Working on new year

The superior officers union is one of several bargaining groups in town that have agreed to reopen their contracts and accept less of a raise to help close the FY10 budget gap. But several of the town's largest unions, including the teachers union, American Federation of State and County Employees that serves Plant & Facilities and Public Works employees, and the firefighters union have not.

Fiscal year 2010 begins next Wednesday, July 1.

"Since this started in March, we've said that employees should be part of the solution," said Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo. "The town manager is in active negotiations with all the town labor unions to discuss a 1 percent concession for FY2010 ... he's making progress."

Part of the town manager's plan to close the town departments' budget deficit is eliminating several part and full time jobs that add up to 8.4 full time equivalents, saving \$421,000, said Bucuzzo. Six of these positions are not staffed currently.

Stapczynski continues to meet with unions seeking to close the gap. But even if every town-side union agreed to a salary concession, the town would still need to make further changes to balance the budget.

"On the town side, we have a \$874,000 gap to close within our budget for FY2010," said Bucuzzo. "If all seven of the town unions agreed to a 1-percent salary cut, that would yield [another] \$



BROTHERS, FROM LEFT FLOYD, 8, KYLE, 6, AND RYAN GREENWOOD, 3, OF ANDOVER PLAY AT THE WATER'S EDGE OF POMS POND SATURDAY DURING THE OPENING DAY OF THE RECREATION AREA.



REACHING UNDER THE WATER FOR SAND TO ADD TO A SANDCASTLE ARE BROTHER AND SISTER, FROM LEFT ERIC, 8, AND ELLEN PECHINSKY, 4, OF ANDOVER

Poms Pond is open for the season

Ideas for better government

"The town could do a better job of breaking even on leaf collection. Very few communities offer free collection of leaves... What I would like to see is the town provide the bags for people to put their leaves in, at a cost. Instead of paying 50 cents to buy a bag at Market Basket or Ace Hardware, people could pay 50 cents to buy one from the town. This would offset the cost of (leaf) collection and managing the compost center.

"Leaf collection is not an essential service, and it doesn't make sense that those of us who compost our leaves on our own should have to pay to subsidize this pickup service for others. At a time when town departments are facing serious cutbacks, we should be charging a fee for this service. Leaf collection might be nice to have, but it is not as essential as schools, public safety, public works, and other town services."

- Dick Howe, Finance Committee member



Claudia Bach

"Through-out all departments, we need to continue to explore all ways to eliminate what is not essential (saying goodbye to "nice-to-haves"); we need to prioritize (putting what is absolutely necessary at the top of the list); we need to consolidate programs and departments wherever possible; we need to join with other school districts and municipalities to provide services more cheaply; and we need to join regional efforts through which to get better prices for the services and programs we need. We need to keep asking everyone who works for the town and everyone who lives in the town to pitch in and give a little in order to keep essential employees with us and to keep this town the place where

people want to come and raise their families."

- Superintendent Claudia Bach

Selectman Alex Vispoli sent in a laundry list of ideas, including:



Alex Vispoli

Regional sharing, such as the sewer maintenance vehicle the selectmen just partnered with the town of North Andover to share. The move saved \$250,000 in capitol equipment expense from the FY2010 budget, said Vispoli.

"We have joined a collation of six adjoining towns and have an agreement to share capitol equipment requests (CIP) to see where we can share, based requested equipment purchased," said Vispoli. "Discussions are ongoing about sharing inspection services with other towns, including plumbing, electrical, building and health.

Explore outsourcing services, including tree services, street sweeping and payroll processing



Brian Major

"In the next round of (employee) contract negotiations, which are coming up in the next few months, we have to ensure that we're very conservative. That will have the biggest impact on the budget.

"I also want to see the town investigate consolidating finance and technology services across the town and schools."

- Selectman Brian Major

"One thing that's top of mind for me is to look at ways we can save money by going green. As we move forward on the Bancroft School building project, I'm excited to see what we can do in terms of green design, construction and operations. This could qualify us for more funding from the state, save us money over the long run, and provide us with ideas we can bring to our other schools and

FOR THE SHORT TERM (FISCAL YEAR 2010)

■ "Reduced street lighting (budgeted at \$330,000) - target at least a 50 percent reduction, preferably 80 percent. We have been talking about this item for months, but nothing has happened - just do it!

■ Solid waste (budgeted at \$1.6 million) - reduce by at least \$250,000 via a combination of mandatory recycling of plastic, paper and glass, eliminating bulky item pickup, eliminating leaf

pickup, and reducing the number of bags/ barrels per week.

■ "Employee overtime (budgeted at \$2.5 million) - reduce by 10-15 percent for a savings of \$250,000 to \$375,000. Police and fire departments spend around 20 percent of regular payroll on overtime, which is outrageous, and needs to be curbed by better management."

FOR THE MID-TERM, FISCAL YEAR 2011:

■ "Combine IT departments - town, school, library and public safety - to both improve service levels and reduce total costs by 30 percent

■ "Combine town and school finance departments - to both improve service levels and reduce total costs by 30 percent

■ "Changes in contract negotiations for FY 2011-2013. Police - introduce

flagmen for construction details. Schools - change planning time and schedule provisions. Fire - change shift schedule to more conventional arrangement. Outsource ambulance service. Eliminate sick leave and vacation buy back in town departments. These changes have the potential to save several million dollars per year."

FOR THE LONG-TERM, FISCAL YEARS 2012 TO 2018:



Tony James

"Regionalization - we need to work with selected adjacent towns to provide sustainable services. The first target should be a Shared Services Center for HR, IT and Finance. Subsequent consolidations would be DPW, Plant & Facilities, and finally Police and Fire."

- Tony James, Andover Community for Education vice-chairman



Annie Gilbert

facilities. "On the School Committee, we'd like to set up a 'budget task force' of community members who could solicit, generate, and research ideas for ways the schools could save money or produce revenues."

- Annie Gilbert, School Committee member

"A significant portion of the town's budget is personnel related - salary and benefits. That is appropriate given the fact that the function of local government



Timothy Felter

is to provide services. The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee must continue to work with town employees to reorganize the department organizational structure and change work rules which will allow town employees to provide more efficient and effective services."

- Timothy Felter, Finance Committee member and senior vice president and CFO of the First National Bank of Ipswich

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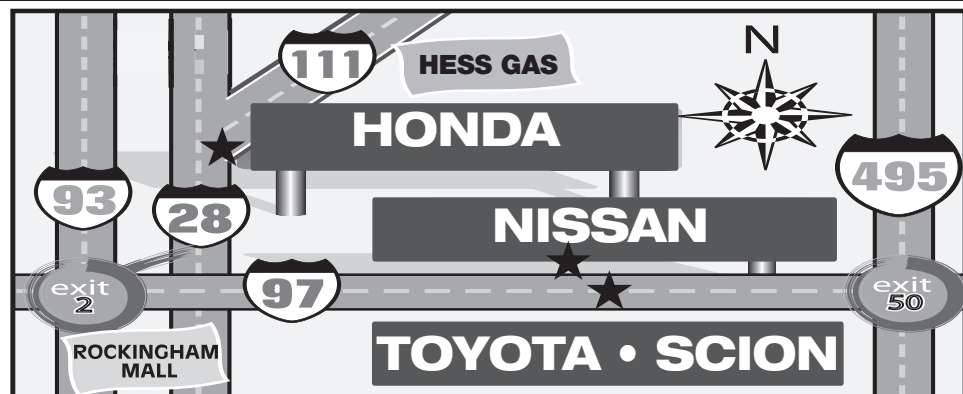
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Summer 'Gold Rush' on at Youth Services

By ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES STAFF

The Andover Youth Services Gold Rush summer booklet is here! For the summer of '09, AYS has streamlined its lineup of trips to feature some old school favorites while expanding the number of adventures in the good ole outdoors. But if you thumb through too quickly you may overlook some hidden treasures that are brand new for this year. On top of the 60 two-day and overnight trips, AYS is offering summer clinics and leagues for wrestling, golf, field hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, skateboarding and theater.

Back in the day, the skatepark used to host Shakespeare in the park. This summer AYS is bringing theater there. So all you actors and theater lovers can come out of hiding and join the productions of "Wiley and the Hairy Man" and "Little Red Riding Hood." It's the perfect opportunity to exercise those thespian skills in a fun outdoor theatre.

New to the Gold Rush is a weekly program called Old School Intramurals. This summer AYS staff member Neal Callahan has found away to bring his favorite class to you every day: Gym. In old school intramurals, kids join neighborhood-style pickup games like flag football, basketball, street hockey, wiffleball, capture the flag and tons more, led by Callahan. The program will run Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting July 1 and going straight till Aug. 12.

Andover Youth Services is hitting the mats hard this summer with a two-day intensive wrestling clinic. Learn new moves, helpful training tips and habits for one of the fastest growing sports in Andover and, of course, have fun doing it. Practice your new moves with crazy fun games such as snakes in the grass, shirt tail catches and toe touches. The

clinic will be at the Wood Hill Middle School Aug. 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to students in second to eighth grades. You ready to see what you got?

Moving from the gym to the fields, AYS is also offering clinics and leagues in July and August for golf, Ultimate Frisbee and field hockey. The Happy Gilbert School of Golf will be Thursdays, Wednesday nights at Wood Hill is the Ultimate Frisbee league for all levels of players aged 12 and up and the field hockey league is on Tuesdays. For information on specific dates and times check out andoveryouthservices.com or swing by our new home at 37-39 Pearson St.

In addition to all of these trips, overnights, leagues and clinics, don't forget about the skatepark! Come down to the park Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Skaters and rollerbladers of all ages and abilities are welcome. You can skate, sign up for a lesson or even have your birthday party at the park. Don't miss the AYS trip to the Dew Tour at the TD Banknorth Garden on July 24 and 25. Also, be on the lookout for skate trips on Mondays when the park is closed.

Even though many trips fill up during mail-in registration, there are always openings on trips throughout the summer so come down to AYS's new home on Pearson St to check out what trips, leagues and clinics have spaces available. Tour the new place, say "hey" to office man Pete, shoot some hoops with gym class hero, Neal, and try your hand at shooting the moon. Mail-in registration was from June 12-17. Walk-in registration starts Monday, June 22 at 37-39 Pearson St. and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday during the whole summer.

This summer, the Gold Rush is an opportunity to find your gold. Take the challenge, saddle up with the AYS and feel the rush!



Noah Colby, then 7, right, and Zoah Silva-Landry, then 5, both of Andover, look out at some of the other skateboarders during the first annual Hot Dog Skate Jam at the Andover Community Skatepark in 2007. The event returns again on Saturday with music, food and skateboarding activities.

Skate park party on Saturday Hot dogs, hot licks and high-flying boarders at Jam

The Andover Community Skate Park will open its 12th season in style with its annual Hot Dog Skate Jam this Saturday, June 27.

Andover Youth Services and the skate park have teamed up with the folks from the Dew Tour to bring the town a day of live music, skating contests and "plenty of free stuff!" according to AYS.

"This event will be the Dew Tours 2009 kickoff party and the beginning

of a monthlong skating bonanza leading up to Boston hosting its first ever Dew Tour event on Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25," according to Tony Lombardi, AYS program coordinator.

The Dew Tour street team will be on hand to hand out free products, and radio station WBCN-FM will be set up to present a live feed of the Dew Tour's Chigaco event.

Gates will open at noon and the action-packed day will run until 7:30 p.m. Skate

park staff will run contests while local bands Contained Chaos, One Step Away, the Glass Menagerie and Left Hand Blue play sets of original music.

Admission is \$10 for skating and music.

Residents who just want to listen to the music or who purchase a season pass, will be admitted for \$5.

Questions? Contact Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241 or send an e-mail to tlombardi@andoverma.gov.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25

LAUNCHING YOUR CAREER IN A DOWN ECONOMY WORKSHOP, free, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, 7 p.m. Parents, college students and recent graduates are encouraged to attend for an update on the entry-level job market as well as tips and strategies for finding work in a down economy with a focus on using social media for the job hunt. Registration recommended. Contact Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or eclasson@mhl.org to register; www.mhl.org.

"PREVENTING ACL SPRAINS IN FEMALE ATHLETES" TALK, free, with Peter Harmeling, MD, PT, SCS, ATC, Steve Nutter, MSPT, ATC, CSCS, Jim O'Brien, DPT, 6:30 p.m., Harmeling Physical Therapy, 33 Upton Drive, Wilmington; 978-694-1440 to register.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

YARD SALE, Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover, 8 a.m. to noon.

STRESS RELIEF AND ACUPUNCTURE, free talk and demonstration with Lee McCarthy, Lic. Ac. Learn how acupuncture can help you with stress and symptoms of insomnia, headache, fatigue, anxiety and depression. 1 to 3 p.m. at Acupuncture For Women's Health, 63 Park St. Andover; sign up at 978-289-4191 or acu4wh@comcast.net.

HISTORICAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE, with Salem-based musicians/historians Jim and Maggi Dalton, "Songs of the Soul, Music for Merchants and Missionaries, at the at the World History Association Conference, 1:10 to 1:50 p.m., Salem State College's music recital hall, Central Campus, 71 Loring Ave., Salem, Mass.

HOT DOG JAM, bands, food, skating and chance to watch professional skateboarders at event to open the Andover Community Skate Park for the summer, at the skate park behind West Middle School, Shawsheen Road.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL HIKE SERIES KICKS OFF, 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine, hikers meet at the Ward Reservation parking lot on Prospect Street, off Route 125. Shuttles will take hikers to the beginning of the hike on Salem Street, near the lunch pavilion in Harold Parker State Forest, and then hikers will hike back to their cars at the Ward Reservation. Andover Trails Committee leads this four-part hike series that, over the course of four months, will cover Andover's entire 18-mile stretch of the Bay Circuit Trail. Each leg is about 4.5 miles; David Bunting, chairman of the Andover Trails Committee, 617-365-2820 or Jeff LaFountain, hiking series coordinator for the committee, 978-470-2980. www.andovertrails.org.

PIG ROAST, Lawrence Council 67, Knights Of Columbus, One Market St., (pavilion), Lawrence, 1 p.m., \$20; reservations 978-687-9834 or 978-686-5525.

BAKE SALE BENEFIT, The Great American Bake Sale, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Andover Middle School. The bake sale is a part of Share Our Strength's national campaign to help fund local after school and summer food programs. Admission is free. Food tickets cost \$2 and includes hot dogs, hamburgers, bag of chips and drinks. Baked goods will vary in price; Michele Gorham, www.mycookiecentral.com or 978-423-1215.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

BEVERLY ART FEST OPENS, Endicott College and Beverly Main Streets host, featuring 34 works from artists who reside, work or are associated with the city of Beverly. Oil, acrylic, sculpture, watercolor, collage and photography exhibited, free, the Spencer Presentation Gallery, Endicott College's Center for the Arts, 376 Hale St., Beverly, through Aug. 4; Kathleen J. Moore, 978.232.2655 or e-mail kmoore@endicott.edu.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES OPENS, The Chapel at West Parish (air-conditioned), 129 Reservation Road, with Zefiro, a vocal octet dedicated chiefly to the performance of a capella music of the Renaissance, 8 p.m. Zefiro is committed to professional, historically accurate passionate and nuanced performances of the extraordinary repertoire of the 15th-17th-centuries; www.sohipboston.org to order tickets online, purchase at the door, or 508-212-6038, \$20/\$15 (seniors/students), six- and four-concert passes available.

ART SHOW WITH A LANDSCAPE FLAVOR OPENS, George Oommen: A Retrospective, Oommen's concept of viewing the outside from the inside is perhaps a reference to his formal education as an architect. The intentional drips in the paintings refer to the weather conditions from his childhood memories, an area of the planet often enveloped with rainfall. Oommen was born in Munnar, India near the "Spice Coast" of Kerala, Whistler Museum, Lowell, through July 31.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

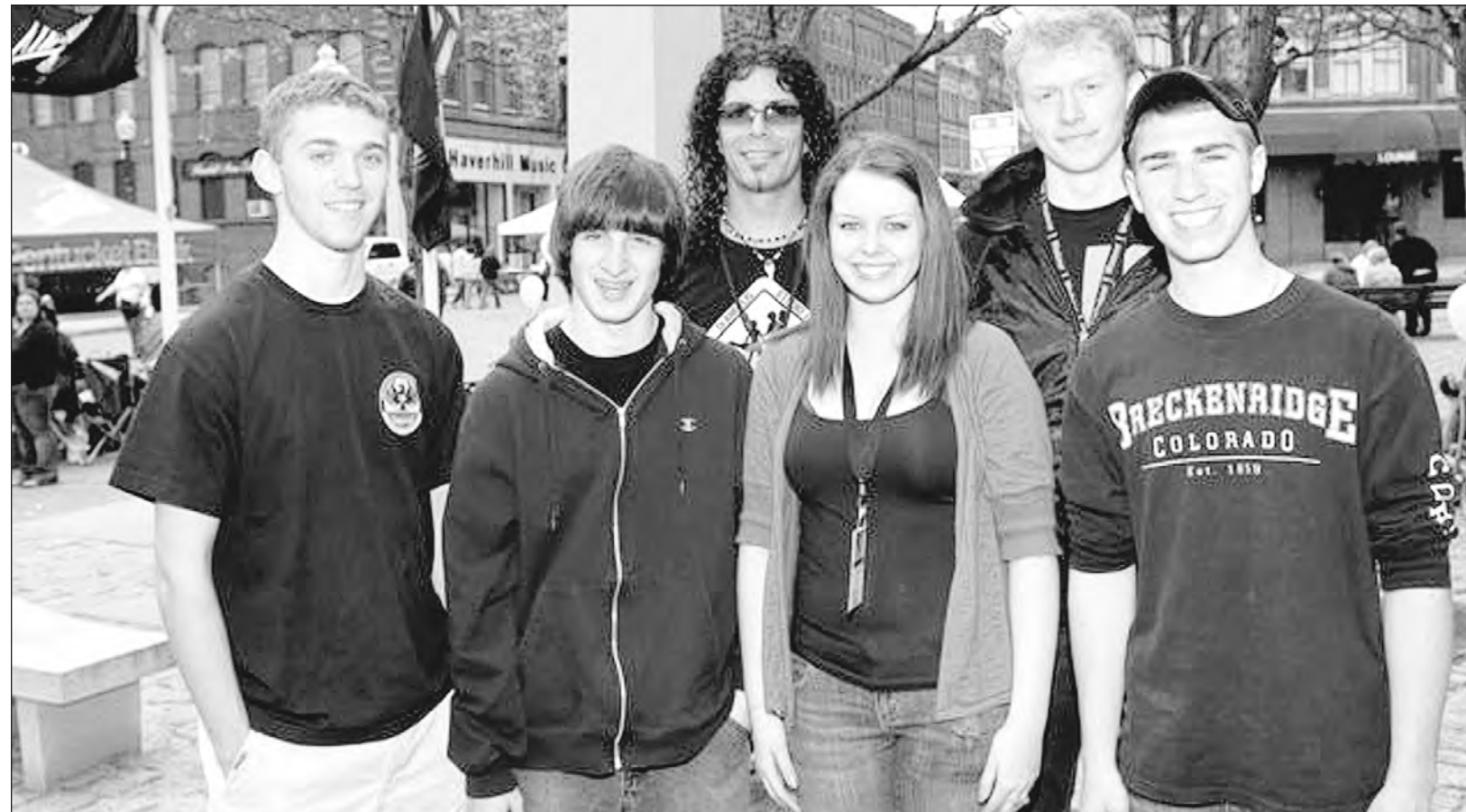
FIREWORKS, Andover High School, dusk; with live music by the Middlesex Concert Band and hot dog vendor on site from 7 to 9 p.m.; 978-623-8276.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

TOWNWIDE CELEBRATION, with pancake breakfast and live jazz from 8 to 11 a.m., Horribles Parade through downtown at 9:30 a.m. (lineup starts at 9), performance by the Middlesex Concert Band from 10:30 a.m. to noon; and more entertainment for the kids; breakfast is \$5 adults, \$3 children and seniors, The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, Andover; 978-623-8276.

OLD-FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, 11 a.m., children's activities in Visitors Center Park, outdoor activities continue at noon with bell-ringing, flag-raising ceremony, singing of the National Anthem, a short parade and brief orations by special guest, "President Abraham Lincoln," and Lawrence

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COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Cosmic Noise are, back row, from left: Mike DeAngelis (manager) and Tim Martin; and front row, from left: Jeremy Cohen, Jason Scouras, Kelly McLaughlin and Tyler Albano.

Voice of the Cosmic Noise Andover rock singer kicks off summer at Salisbury Beach

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It's been a soggy month, making summer feel like it really isn't here. But summer arrived this week in spite of all the rain, and a local teen band will greet the season in true summer style as it performs beach-side at Salisbury Beach.

"Kelly & The Cosmic Noise," a five-member youth band featuring 16-year-old lead singer Kelly McLaughlin of Andover, will perform live on a beachfront stage at the Sand & Sea Festival on Salisbury Beach this Saturday, June 27 at noon. The concert is free.

"We've been together since September and met at our music

school (DeAngelis Studio Rock School in Haverhill) and it's been great," Kelly said.

The music school hooks up singers with instrument players and Kelly said her collaboration has really worked out well.

Band members are Tim Martin, 18, of Boxford on lead guitar; Jeremy Cohen, 16, of Beverly on bass guitar; Jason Scouras, 16, of Beverly on rhythm guitar; and Tyler Albano, 16, also from Beverly, on drums.

"In the beginning, it was nerve-racking for me and I was very nervous," Kelly said. "But I've always wanted to be a singer and these guys are great."

The band's former lead singer

went off to college and Kelly stepped in.

The band's playlist features songs done by Pink, No Doubt and Guns and Roses. It also performs rock tunes from the 1970s, Kelly said.

She gave rave reviews to her music school in Haverhill saying director Mike Angelis is well known for forming good bands.

"I definitely recommend the school to any teen out there who wants to be in a band. You would really enjoy it," she said.

Kelly's show is just one of several events happening at Salisbury Beach this weekend as the summer of 2009 arrives. Some other Saturday highlights for Andover residents

heading to Salisbury include:

FIREWORKS, 10 p.m. A 25-minute display to be launched from a barge over the ocean, at Salisbury Beach Center, top of Broadway and Oceanfront South. Free.

SEA DOO CHAMPIONSHIPS, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Some of the nation's top watercraft racers do battle against each other while negotiating buoys, obstacles and pounding waves. Free.

PROFESSIONAL SURFING DEMO, 1 p.m.: Featuring Northeast regional champions and national surfing competitors. Ocean Front South, free.

PIZZA EATING CONTEST, 6 to 6:45 p.m. Register online or at the information booth on the day of the festival. Prizes to winners in each age category.



COURTESY PHOTO

Zefiro, a musical group specializing in music from the early years of Spain, kicks off the soHIP summer concert series at the chapel at West Parish Church on July 1.

Summer in Andover: SoHIP again

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The Society for Historically Informed Performance (SoHIP) of Boston is returning to Andover this summer. The group again will perform on Wednesday evenings this summer at the Chapel at West Parish. Concerts run from July 1 through Aug. 5 and all shows start at 8 p.m.

Music from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Early Romantic

eras will be presented by New England young ensembles. This SoHIP series will feature several returning artists and welcome the debut of talented local musicians.

Through voice, instrument and dramatic interpretation each week listeners are transported back in time. There's the sacred vocal music of Renaissance Spain, the wind bands of the Hapsburg Courts of Hungary and

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On Sunday, June 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Andover Trails Committee will kick off its annual Bay Circuit Trail Hike series. This is the third consecutive year the Andover Trails Committee will lead this four-part hike series that, over the course of four months, covers Andover's entire 18-mile stretch of the Bay Circuit Trail.

The Bay Circuit Trail, first proposed in 1929 as an outer "emerald necklace," links parks, open spaces and waterways from Plum

Island in the north to Kingston Bay in the south. The Bay Circuit idea - a precursor of today's national greenways movement - continues to take shape and is a work in progress even today. Focused on a 200-mile corridor of 50 cities and towns, the Bay Circuit Trail connects the "jewels" of the "emerald necklace."

For the first hike on Sunday, June 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine, hikers are asked to meet at the Ward Reservation parking lot on Prospect Street, off Route 125. Shuttles will take hikers to the beginning of the hike on Salem Street, near the lunch pavilion in Harold Parker State Forest, and then people will hike back to their cars at the Ward Reservation.

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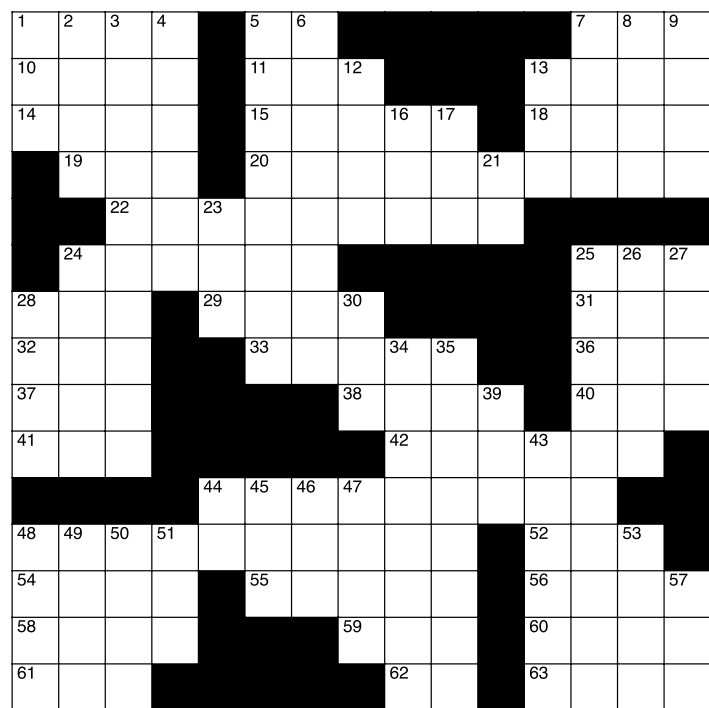
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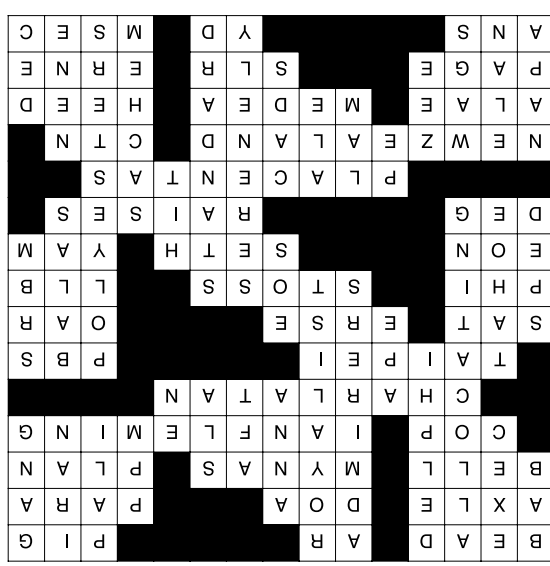
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1. A small pierced ball
 5. Atomic #18
 7. Swine
 10. Wheel shaft
 11. Arrived extinct
 13. Closely related to
 14. Inventor Alexander
 15. Asian starlings
 18. Design a project
 19. Police officer (slang)
 20. Bond author
 22. Mountebank
 24. Taiwan capital
 25. Non-commercial TV
 28. Seated
 29. Goidelic language
 31. Paddle
 32. 21st Greek letter
 33. John ___el of 20/20
 36. Bachelor of Laws
 37. A division of geological time
 38. Adam and Eve's third son
 40. An edible tuberous root
 41. Angle (abbr.)
 42. Dredges up
 44. Afterbirths
 48. Capital city Wellington
 52. Cardboard box (abbr.)
 54. Wings
 55. Princess of Colchis
 56. Pay attention to
 58. A knight's attendant
 59. Single Lens Reflex
 60. European sea eagle
 61. Autonomic
- CLUES DOWN**
1. ___el; famous tower
 2. Company officer (abbr.)
 3. A way of portioning
 4. City of Ancient Greece
 5. Supporters
 6. Monarchist
 7. ___sade; fortification
 8. Capital city Tehran
 9. A work party
 12. Heroine Karenina
 13. Printing speed measurement
 16. Back of a boat
 17. Patty Hearst's captors
 21. 1/2 an em
 23. A non-human primate
24. Sierra lake
25. Leisure suit fibers
26. Ruby spinel
27. Nuclear near reach weapon
28. Hastened
29. In a peaceful way
30. Greek goddess of the dawn
31. In a peaceful way
32. Criterion
33. Sagamore
34. 17th Hebrew letter
35. Escape from prison
36. Brew
37. Villains
38. CA wine valley
39. Arduous
40. Tail shakings
41. Dutch sea
42. Rare Hawaiian goose
43. 12th month (abbr.)

Solution



EVENTS CALENDAR

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Mayor Michael Sullivan. Festivities continue inside the Visitors Center with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, luncheon and patriotic singalong, free, and a family-style event that is held rain or shine; 978-794-1655.

LIVE RHYTHM AND BLUES MUSIC, as Maudslay Arts Center summer season opens in Newburyport, 7 p.m. featuring Barrence Whitfield & The Savages, patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050. Mastercard and Visa are accepted by telephone or at the center an hour before the performance; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

LIVE MUSIC, The Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road, with Amphion's Lyre - Say It Ain't So, 8 p.m.; www.sohipboston.org to order tickets online, purchase at the door, or 508-212-6038, \$20/\$15 (seniors/students), six- and four-concert passes available.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

ANDOVER FARMERS' MARKET OPENS, held every Saturday until Oct. 10, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover; For information, visit http://www.andoverhistorical.org/farmersmarket/ or 978-475-2236.

SINGLES DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street, Haverhill, 8 p.m. to midnight, DJ, \$9 cover; Cindy 978-373-3504.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC, Maudslay Arts Center, 7 p.m., The Don Campbell Band, national grand prize winner at the Grand Ole Opry's Country Showdown, patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and younger are invited to all performances and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050. Mastercard and Visa are accepted by telephone or at the center an hour before the performance; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

MUSIC: A return of yesteryear's sounds

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Here is the rest of the SoHIP summer series in Andover:

- July 8, Amphion's Lyre - Say It Ain't So
 - July 15, Duo de L'Inconnue - Cosmopolitan Baroque
 - July 22, Musica Nuova - Blackberry Jam: Modern Romance in 17th-century Style
 - July 29, 7 Hills Renaissance Wind Band - Musicians of the Golden Fleece: 16th-Century German Wind Music from the Hapsburg Courts
 - Aug. 5, Ensemble Trinitas directed by Tom Zajac, Celebrations and Sacred Music: The Bishop of Trujillo's Journey Along the Peruvian Coast
- For tickets, visit www.sohipboston.org; purchase at the door, or call 508-212-6038. Single tickets are \$20/\$15 (seniors/students), and six- and four-concert passes are available.

TRAILS: Four-part series of hikes

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The June 28 hike will be followed by hikes on July 26, Aug. 23 and Sept. 27. Participants who join all four hikes, thus completing the entire 18-mile stretch, will earn a certificate from the Andover Trails Committee. However, each leg is in itself a terrific hike and none of the hikes are dependent on having completed a prior section.

Each leg will consist of approximately 4.5 miles and be led by experienced hikers.

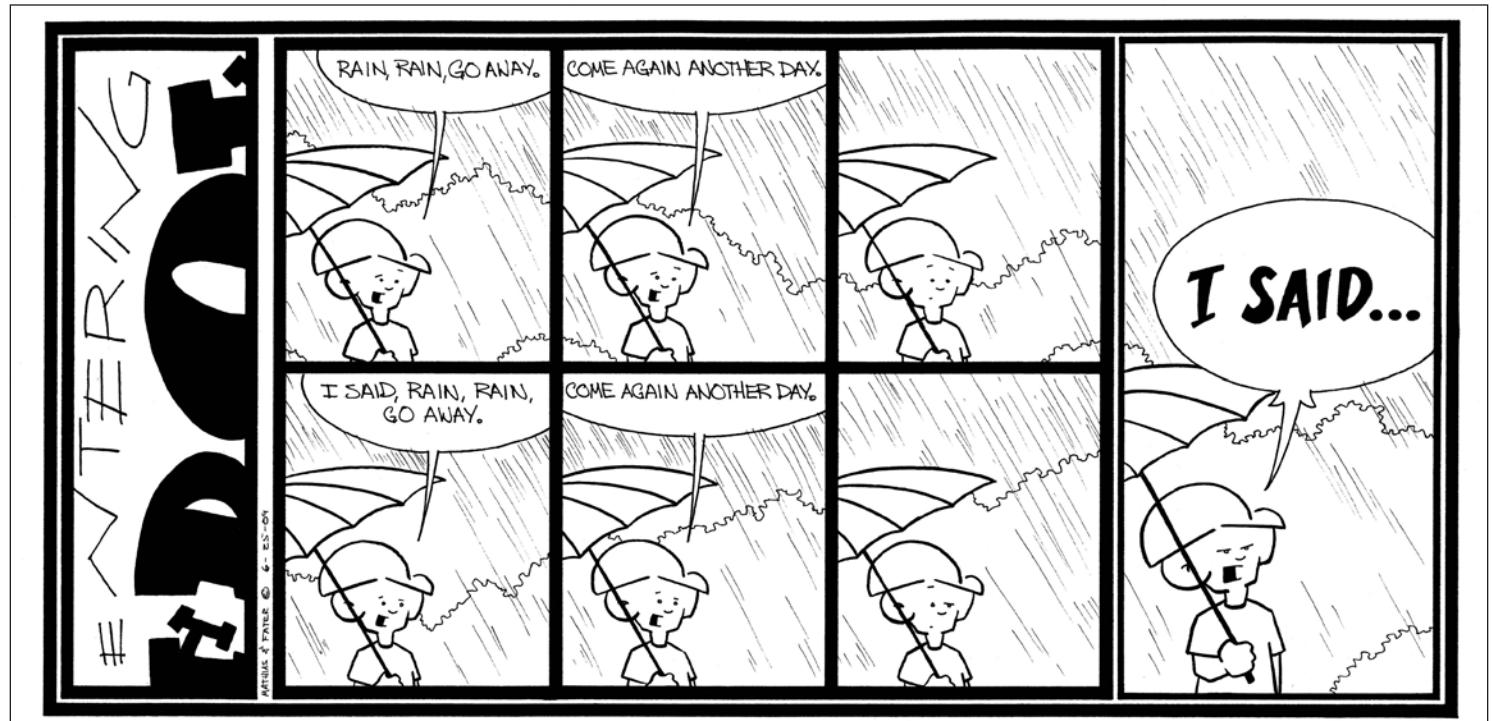
For more information, call David Bunting, chairman of the Andover Trails Committee, at 617-365-2820 or Jeff LaFountain, Hiking Series coordinator for the Andover Trails Committee, at 978-470-2980 or visit www.andovertrails.org

ABOUT THE ANDOVER TRAILS COMMITTEE:

The Andover Trails Committee is a citizens committee including members of the Conservation Commission, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Village Improvement Society, the Bay Circuit Alliance, The Trustees of Reservations, and other people who appreciate the outdoor recreational opportunities of Andover. It was reactivated in the spring of 1991 to focus on the establishment of the Bay Circuit Trail in Andover.

The committee continues to support Bay Circuit Alliance projects. It is also working on the Shawsheen River Greenway initiative. The Andover Trails Committee will continue its work to increase the public's access to recreational trails by publicizing trail events, seeking volunteers to work on trails, raising funds for trail improvements, and working with regional groups to create trail networks.

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association's Estate Planning Committee, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a Director of the Friends of Merrimack College, Trustee of the James W. O'Brien Foundation, Inc., and is also licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts.

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Education



Emily Cogliano spoke at the Cotting School graduation. COURTESY PHOTO

Emily Cogliano delivers Cotting School graduation speech

Emily Cogliano graduated from the Cotting School in Lexington on Friday, June 5. She was the president of her senior class and, as such, planned the prom, the senior trip to Disneyworld and fund-raisers for her class. She spoke at her graduation.

Emily previously attended Sanborn Elementary and West Middle schools in Andover.

Emily has Down Syndrome. Despite her cognitive challenges, she is a serious student who loves to read and attacks school work with gusto, according to her family.

"Her dream has always been to graduate from high school, go to college, live on her own, get a job and get married someday," reports her mom, Ro Cogliano. "Well, she has completed high school and has been accepted at Cape Cod Community College's Project Forward. There is no doubt that she will be employed and live on her own in the future. She has a boyfriend and they are convinced that they will marry after college. Emily was awarded the Dr. Michael Talbot Award at Cotting for her Pursuit

of Independence, a very fitting award for a very independent young woman."

Emily was also selected this spring as the recipient of the Dance Teachers' Club of Boston Inc. Achievement Scholarship.

She has been dancing since age 3 when she began classes at the YMCA on Haverhill Street. About 10 years ago she began dancing at the North Andover School of Dance. She has performed yearly in recitals at the Collins Center, most recently a few weeks ago, and even performed in Disneyworld with NASD.

In the more than 30 years that Debbie Lamontagne has owned the dance studio, Emily is the first of her students to win a Dance Teachers' Club scholarship.

Emily loves to dance and plans to continue dancing while she is in college on Cape Cod.

Emily is the youngest of 6, all of whom attended Sanborn School and West Middle. Her sister, Elana, just graduated from Colby College and her brother, John, just graduated from Tufts Dental School.

ON CAMPUS

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest college honorary society, has inducted 156 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students as new members, including Leslie Kathryn Peck, a senior environmental sciences major, daughter of James J. Peck of Andover.

A student who has completed 75 hours of course work and has a grade-point average of 3.85 on a 4-point scale or better is eligible for membership. Also eligible is any student who has completed 105 hours of course work and has a 3.75 grade-point average. Less than one percent of all college students qualify to be members.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst has announced the names of the students who qualified for the 2008 fall semester dean's

list. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

The following are the students from Andover that made the dean's list:

Courtney M. Ellison, Danielle B. Perry, Donna P. Lamontagne, Dorothy Y. Liu, Eric A. Cox Jr, Eric Yi-Zan Lee, Hasan A. Syed, Jill M. Newman, John Elias Bigelow, John Hamilton, Jonathan A. Crush, Jonathan J. Kerry, Jonathan Richard Morgan, Jonelle M. Johnson, Joseph F. Bill, Joseph I. Terranova, Julianna B. Dugan, Kasey Hiutung Leung, Kristina M. Henry, Lauren J. Martin, Louis Anthony Peracchi, Lydia A. Alovisetti, Matthew A. Dion, Matthew J. Iorio, Matthew J. Saia, Michael F. Bill, Nathan R. Aldrich, Pardeep S. Thandi, Rachel D. Ritter, Ryan D. Walsh, Sara H. Lefman, Sarah J. Morgan, Sheila Tayebi, continued on page 19

Rain can't stop 'em



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

From left, Kendra Lizardo, Cynthia Marble, and Chantelle Hache, all eighth-graders at Wood Hill Middle School walk with plastic on their heads during a rainy walk-a-thon at the school. Students and teachers walked around the school and around the neighborhoods streets to raise money for the Jimmy Fund.

Walk was no pie-in-sky event

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

It was a busy day at Wood Hill Middle School last Thursday. June 18 started with an open house for parents, and ended with Principal Patrick Bucco getting a pie thrown in his face.

The open house, called a "celebration of learning," was an interactive portfolio of the school, said Bucco. Parents filled the hallways that morning as students showcased projects they've been working on this year in everything from music to science.

The pie-throwing was part of a larger fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund by Wood Hill Middle's sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. The main event was an one-hour walk around the school property and neighboring streets, a project combining physical education with math and raising money. For the walk,



Wood Hill Middle students and teachers enjoyed walking to raise money for the Jimmy Fund.

each student collected donations for the Jimmy Fund in their own way, from asking for pledges per step, minute or inch walked.

"This really brings math to life, and makes it more applicable to kids," said Betty Singleton, seventh-grade math teacher. "They

are applying the skills they've learned in the classroom."

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Listen to this: Amish lessons

Ken Seifert



Since 1990 I have been very fortunate to have become good friends with an Amish family near Kinzer, Pa.

Christ, pronounced Chris, is the father of 10 children and the bishop of his community. His wife, Elsie, is the wonderful model of what a wife, mother and grandmother should be. How I became friends with them is another story. I have visited them at various times and feel privileged to know them. Although their formal education goes to the eighth grade, they possess doctorates in philosophy that no school in the country can match.

On one of my visits I had the opportunity to share a conversation with Christ on the serenity and quietness of most Amish people I had observed. He is a very humble man and it was quite difficult to get him to talk about himself. I asked if he could tell me the reason for such characteristics. He said one should never generalize, commenting there are some who are boisterous and not reserved in his flock. After we accepted the fact that there were exceptions to most rules, he shared why he behaved the way he did. He began by telling me there was a good reason why God gave us two ears and only one mouth. Yes, one should listen twice as much as one speaks. Then he gave me his blueprint for listening to people. When he meets people for the first time, he listens to whether the person is

telling, sharing, questioning or just talking. I asked what does "just talking" means. He said that is when a person is using words but saying nothing. Once, I remember asking Elsie what her youngest child, Samuel, was saying and she replied, "Oh, he is just talking." Christ said if a person is sharing and questioning then they are usually very nice people. If they are telling and talking then they probably have issues. He then cautioned me that one should be patient and see if there is a pattern to the way a person communicates. If however the person is a teller and a talker, then he gives them common courtesy. He would rather spend time with a sharer and questioner. If trapped, he thinks about the farm and other good things and hopes the person doesn't notice.

I used his blueprint to assess

my pattern. I confess, changes were in order. At least I am less talkative and do use my ears more. I have applied the model many times since the revelation, and must say his observation about people by what and how they speak is right on the money. I have learned there is no perfect group of people, but there are some things one group does better than others. As a devoted family man and one who recognizes the importance of community, I can say my association with that special Amish family has been life-altering.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year Andover resident and former superintendent of schools in Andover. He appreciates feedback about his columns, which can be left online at www.andovertownsmen.com or mailed to him at 16 Ivy Lane, Andover MA 01810.

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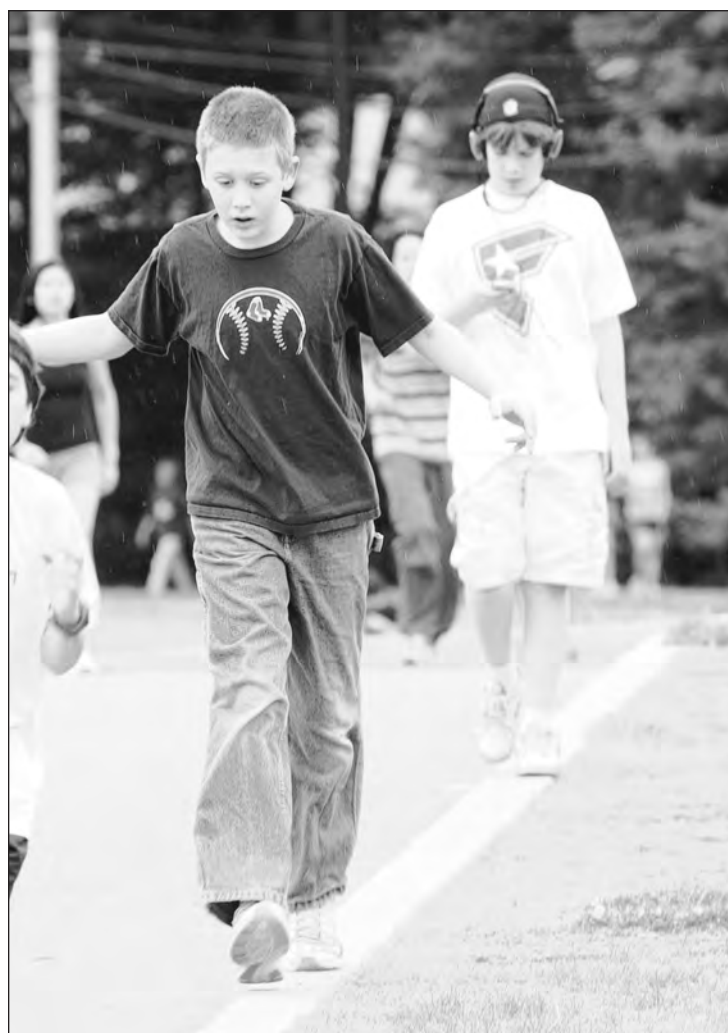
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Mitch Stevens, a sixth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School walks on the curb of the sidewalk during a walk-a-thon at the school. Students and teachers walked around the school and around the neighborhood streets to raise money for the Jimmy Fund.

WALK: Money raised to benefit Jimmy Fund

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The walk was organized by the seventh-grade, but the entire school participated - close to 400 students. Students walked or ran an 8/10 mile circle from Wood Hill through Brady Loop and back to the school, accompanied by teachers walking or riding bicycles.

The event was organized by teams of seventh-graders, who decided everything from which charity they would support, to what they would eat for lunch after the walk. The students also designed and distributed fliers to homes surrounding the school, announcing the walk and explaining its purpose.

The seventh-graders also used the walk for math lessons, graphing the walk's slope, pace, time and other conditions, said math teachers Dene Kouletsis and Donna Sunderland.

The pie-throwing was the brainchild of seventh-grader Alex Nohelty and the event's entertainment committee.

Besides seeing teachers and principals creamed with pies, seventh-grader Lindsay Rosen said her favorite part of the day was "watching everyone be so

generous," and donating to the Jimmy Fund.

Students bought \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to throw a pie in the face of Bucco, Assistant Principal William Fleischmann and more than a dozen teachers who had volunteered, good-naturedly.

After lunch, the entire school gathered in the gym. A plastic tarp was spread over the floor and teachers donned ponchos, safety goggles, hats and rain coats as the seventh-grade entertainment committee took paper plate "pies" and piled them high with whipped cream.

The gym erupted in cheers as one by one, students names were pulled from the raffle, they came forward and were handed a plate of whipped cream.

Seventh-grade science teacher Chris Brodeur readied for his pie by kneeling and sticking his tongue out at a pie-wielding student.

After being plastered with whipped cream, Brodeur grabbed a pie of his own and ambushed seventh-grade social studies teacher Katie Bent, which was met with ear-splitting cheers.

ON CAMPUS

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Sonia K. Richter, Stephanie M. Eng, Stephen C. Games, Victoria Bvasilakis, Virginia May Gibson, Zoe-Charlotte Oriana Cabaret-Salameh.

Andover resident **Andrea M. Faris** received the student leadership award, given in recognition of outstanding service to the Merrimack College community.

The award was presented to Faris, a psychology major and criminology minor, on behalf of Merrimack College's Office of Student Life.

Merrimack College also announces its 2009 residential scholar award recipients at an honors convocation held at the school. The presidential scholar designation is awarded to those students who, by the beginning of the spring semester of their senior year, have completed 34 courses and 102 credits, having achieved a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, based on a 4.0 grading system.

Andover students who received this award are **Suzanne L. Chandler**, business administration, and **Andrea Marie Faris**, psychology.

Each year Northern Essex Community College English professors select the top essays in their English Composition I and English Composition II classes and recognize the student authors at the annual Writing Awards Ceremony.

There are 200 sections of English Composition I and II offered at Northern Essex during the fall and spring semesters. With an average of 20 students in each class, the competition is intense. From a pool of about 18,000 essays, written during the course of the year, 26 were selected to be honored. First Year Writing Award Chair Lis H. Espinoza observed that "the awarded

students' essays emulate our efforts as English faculty to offer engaging writing assignments and support in the classroom."

The top winner of The Professor Roland Kimball Award for an English Composition II student, receiving a brand new Dell laptop, was **Richard Licciardi** of Andover. Licciardi was awarded for his essay "Marxism and the Short Story: How a Nineteenth Idea Continues to Challenge Us." Additional students from Andover honored included **Ally Dosey** and **Melissa Parry** in English Comp. II.

Johnson and Wales University student, **Eric Soll** of Andover, a marketing major in the College of Business, has been named to the dean's list for the 2009 winter term. He also achieved the dean's list for the 2008 fall term, earning a cumulative grade-point average of 3.40 or above.

Soll attended Andover High School and is the son of Michelle and Larry Soll.

Johnson and Wales University, founded in 1914, is a nonprofit, private institution, offering accredited degrees in business, hospitality, culinary arts, technology and education.

Timothy David Smith was named to the dean's list at Georgetown University this winter. Smith attended Andover Public Schools from kindergarten through grade eight and graduated from St. John's Prep as a member of the National Honor Society in 2006. He earned dean's list, second honors second semester freshman year and first semester sophomore year at Georgetown University and is a member of the class of 2011. Smith is a philosophy and classics major and the son of Kathleen Smith and Edward Smith and the brother of Andrew Smith, all of Andover.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Victoria "Tori" Alyssa Wilmarth of Andover, a Phillips Academy senior, is among 30 high school seniors selected for the Robertson Scholars Program next fall. Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill awards these leadership merit scholarships to the selected students. The scholars take courses at both schools and spend a semester in residence at the other campus. The Robertson Scholarship covers tuition, room, board and fees at both universities. Students were invited to the program based on demonstrating exceptional heart, mind and action and the potential to develop further in these three areas.

Andover Students prep for International Physics Olympiad at Physics Boot Camp. **David Field**,

a sophomore, and **Yunfan Zhang**, a senior, at Phillips Andover Academy in Andover, are two of the country's 19 best and brightest physics students sitting in a classroom, gritting their teeth against the screech of Professor Paul Stanley's chalk. He bears down on the chalkboard and offers the teens a challenge.

These high school students who have a penchant for wearing MIT T-shirts banter about how they would perform the calculations. They are the U.S. Physics Team and have gathered from across the country to train for the 40th Annual International Physics Olympiad. From May 16-26, they spent 13 hours a day at the University of Maryland in fast-paced lecture classes and hands-on labs that challenge the depth and breadth of their knowledge of physics.

To make it that far, the team members scored better than 4,000 other students on three exams that tested their knowledge of theoretical physics.

When asked whether these students were representative of his colleagues in physics coach David Falles of North Carolina University shook his head. "These students are special and amazing the level of enthusiasm is not what I see in Ph.D students. They're the cream of the crop, interested in every aspect of the subject."

Phillips Academy held its annual final school meeting where awards were presented to the following Andover students:

Celia Lewis, class of 2010 was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award, the Stiles Prize, and the Lorant Fellowship

award.

Zahra Bhaiwala, class of 2010 was awarded the Richard J. Phelps Summer award.

Brian Russell, class of 2009 was awarded the Ayars Prize, and the Press Club award.

Reid Mosquera, class of 2009 was awarded the Phelps award.

On June 6, North Dakota Center for Distance Education held its commencement exercises. Bonnie Carol Flynn of Andover was among the 55 students graduating.

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Sports

CAN'T BE STOPPED Muccio emerges as star at Bucknell

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Reality finally struck Christina Muccio after a few weeks away at college.

"I was so excited that I didn't think about it a lot for a while," said the track star. "But once you realize that you're there, it's really hard. It is tough on a lot of people, but it really was on me."

Those emotional moments only drove the former Andover High star on the track, as she delivered a breakout campaign in her first season as a sprinter for Bucknell University.

While homesickness is normal for a college freshman, Muccio's was a bit more potent. On May 27, 2008, her father Fran Muccio passed away after a 10-year battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Muccio soldiered on from there. That same week, she took second in the 100 at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championships for Andover High. She also stood out at All-States.

After much discussion with her family, it was decided she would continue with plans to attend Bucknell, a school 400 miles — or a full six hours away from Andover, in Lewiston, Penn.

"When my dad passed away, it was already the summer and I was just distracted by everything," he said. "Then, before I knew it, I was already gone to college. The grieving process was so short, that it hit me really hard after a while. But I made it."

Like she had in high school, the freshman found a home on the track.

Muccio had build a legendary career at Andover High. During her senior winter season, she was named Eastern Mass. All-Scholastic Runner of the Year after winning the All-State title in the 55-meter dash. In the spring, she was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star for the third time after anchoring the 4x200 team that set an All-State record.

But there were plenty of nerves when she took her talent to the college level.

"I didn't really know what to expect," she said. "I really wanted to compete, and felt like I could. But I didn't know because I had never run at this level."

During her senior season at Andover High, Muccio had looked at schools such as Lafayette College and Lehigh University when she heard about Bucknell. But her initial impressions was less than exciting.

"The first two times I visited the school it was pouring rain," she said with a laugh. "People kept telling me that the campus was much nicer than it seemed, and to come back. I did, and just



Andover's Christina Muccio, center, races towards the finish line this season for Bucknell University. The former Andover High star delivered a breakout season in her first college campaign.

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fell in love with it. And the coaching staff was just great."

It didn't take long for Muccio to show her talents on the track.

"I was worried because I had never run the 60-meter (dash) before," she said. "But I went right out and ran the fastest time

on the team. After that, I kept setting new goals each week."

Her best performance of the winter season came when she

won the 55-meter dash (7.31) and the 200 (26.08) at the BU Heptagonal. She also placed third in the 60 at the Bison Open and BU

Winter Classic.

"Early in the season my coach called me over," said Muccio, "and said, 'Christina, you can't look at the competition. You have to run for yourself.' After that, I started to feel that I was a competitor in any race I was in."

That success continued once the outdoor season arrived. Her best performance came in the BU Team Challenge when she took second in the 100 in 12.40. That was well ahead of her career-best 12.53 that she ran for Andover High in 2008. She also took seventh in the 200 (25.74).

While she admits the pressure is higher in college, she feel that it has benefited her.

"It's much more intense," she said. "In high school you have dual meets. But in college, you just have the big meets. The training is much more intense. Instead of just having one or two tough days, the whole week is intense. And it is really paying off."

And, as Muccio has seen more and more success, her family has been there to enjoy it with her.

"My mom and brother (Mike) made it out to a few meets," she said. "It isn't easy to travel out here. But my mom did it, and reminded me that she had to drive six hours to get here."

Andoverites star for Wheaton

A trio of Andover residents were the driving force behind Wheaton College's 30-12 season.

Formed Golden Warriors star Paul Malaguti, a junior, stared all 42 games, leading Wheaton with a .425 average, tying for the team-high in home runs (7) while scoring 65 runs and driving in 35 and was named All-New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference first team. Fellow Andover resident and former St. John's Prep star Dan Haugh was named NEWMAC Rookie of the Year after finishing third on the team with a .350 average, seven home runs and 40 RBIs.

While those two were providing the offense, sophomore Kevin Calabro finished 4-2 on the hill, one off the team lead in wins, with 29 strikeouts.

Tracking down success

Former Andover High star Chris Cole has emerged as a star at Gettysburg College. At the Centennial Conference Championship, Cole won gold in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.39. It was his third career individual title. He also took second in the 400 hurdles in 55.39.

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Cronin finishes in style at the Nike Outdoor Nationals

Track

Andover's Moira Cronin closed out her record-setting sophomore season. She placed seventh in the high jump (5-4 1/2) at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in Greensboro, N.C. over the

weekend. She jumped 5-6 1/2 to advance to the finals.

The 800-sprint medley team of Robert Martin, Christopher McConnell, Brendan Crawford and Mark Vetere placed 13th in 1:33.71. Vetere also tied for 12th in the pole vault at 14-8 3/4. The Golden Warriors

took a third in the 4x100 in the "emerging elite" division, which is the second level of competitors. Crawford, Vetere, McConnell and Kerrick Stevens were clocked in 43.52. Andover's William Ossoff, Simon Voorhees, Scott Waller and Adam Vetere took ninth in the

4x800 in an area-best 8:03.66. The Warriors' Melissa Knapp, Kayla Baldwin, Vanessa Singleton and Colleen Shannon took 14th in the sprint relay in 4:10.94. The winners were clocked in 3:55.58. McConnell placed 16th in the 100 in 10.92.

Legion Baseball

Thanks to another dominant performance by John Farrell, Andover Legion bested North Andover 4-0 in eight innings last Thursday. Farrell ended up just an infield single short of a

no-hitter, settling for a one-hitter, striking out 13 and retiring the final 14 batters of the game. Post 8 made it stand up, as Mike Taylor, Zach Burdeau and Vince Bellino each drove in a run, and John Hennessy took home on a double steal in Post 8's big eighth.

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SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

T-ball for ages 3 through 5

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Trinity crew teams defend New England Championships

The Trinity College men's and women's rowing teams, which have a combined varsity-eight record of 23-2 this spring, competed in the New England Rowing Championships Saturday, May 2 on the familiar waters of Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester.

The New England Rowing Championships is a regional championship regatta for qualifying colleges in the six New England states.

The fours and eights all raced on May 2, as the event has changed from a two-day affair to Saturday-only.

The Trinity men are the four-time defending New England champions while the Trinity women are defending a title which they have held in three of the last six seasons.

The Bantam men's varsity eight crew, in its final season under Head Coach Larry Gluckman 6th season, are 11-1 this spring and have appeared in the USRowing National Top 20 Poll for all divisions. Gluckman has been responsible for the vast and rapid ascension of Trinity's men's crew program to elite status, having guided the varsity eight to a 42-4 record in dual races during his tenure.

Most recently, the Trinity College men's varsity eight crew finished first in a three-boat against Bowdoin and Wesleyan on Lake Quinsigamond to close the 2009 dual season on April 25.

The Bantam eight finished more than 10 seconds ahead of second-place Wesleyan at 6:21.80 and well before Bowdoin. Trinity also won its second varsity eight, third varsity eight, and novice four races that afternoon, while the varsity four finished third in its race at 7:51.9.

The men's first varsity eight boat included senior co-captain Eli Roxby, Paoli, Pa., seniors Brian deRegt, Rowayton, Conn., Tom Keller, Perrysburg, Ohio, and Alec Phillips, Essex, senior coxswain Klee Aiken, Chicago, Ill., juniors Ryan Flynn, Southborough, Joe Malarney, Andover, and Peter Smith, Atlanta, Ga., and sophomore Will Kelly, New Canaan, Conn..

The women's varsity eight boat will include senior tri-captains Natalie Jones, Haverford, Pa., Ashley Swiggert, Basking Ridge, N.J., and Amory Minot, Chestnut Hill, senior Eveline Case, New Canaan, Conn., juniors Ardash Dixon, Manchester, and Eleanor Wierzbowski, Walpole, N.H., junior coxswain Stephanie Apstein, Waban, and sophomore Jamie Callahan, North Andover.

Y summer youth basketball

The Andover/North Andover YMCA is accepting Youth Basketball League registration for the summer league. This is geared for youth entering grades 3 to 12.

This league will run during the weeknights, games only with up to 12 players per roster. Please be aware that this is a recreational league, and will follow standard scholastic rules. There will be no practices and one game per week. Full court play for all grades, score clocks and referees provided. There will be paid officials for high school players only.

Fees for youth entering grades 3 to 8: YMCA members \$75, and non-members \$115. Fees for youth entering grades 9 through 12: YMCA members \$85, and non-members \$125. For more information, contact Amy Quinlan at 978-685-3541. The Andover/North Andover YMCA is located at 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

Andover residents led Austin Prep spring teams

Austin Preparatory School junior Anya Sokolova of Andover has led the girls lacrosse team to a successful season as captain this year. Sokolova is the daughter of Sergei and Svetlana Sokolova of Andover.

Austin Prep senior Ben Ferry, also of Andover, has been captain of the boys tennis team this year. The 2006 Rookie of the Year has competed for Austin Prep for the last four seasons. The team has finished the last three seasons undefeated in the league. Ferry is the son of Kenneth Connors and Karla Ferry of Andover.

'Andover Ultimate'



When "Andover Ultimate" went to the Bridgewater Cup Tournament on Memorial Day weekend, this combined team of Division 3 U12 players ended up being undefeated and winning the first place trophy for U12 D3 girls. Melissa Danisch and Clive Bolton coached the girls to victory. They are, front row: Mia McDougall, Meaghan Murtagh, Amy Bolton, Brianna Atwood, Maggie Danisch, Natalie Benson; and second row: Shannon Manual, Molly Manual, Madison Gorrasi, McKenzie Nash, Grace Perigaut, Sasha Kempster and Sarah Wulff.

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'Broadway Favorites'



The Skating Club of Andover held a successful show entitled "Broadway Favorites" this spring. Club members include, top, from left: Rebecca Manners, Hannah Griggs, Erica Kryzynski, Amanda MacDonald, Rachel Stern, Meredyth Parsons, Kristine DiBurro, Hannah Farnsworth; middle row: Sarah Jones, Samantha Manners, Molly Crowley, Kelly DiBurro, Katie Parks; front row: Aislinn Anthony, Sadie Farnsworth, Kathryn Jones and Kansas Ferguson.

Synchers take home gold



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The Andover/North Andover YMCA's ANA Synchers took home 23 gold and 11 silver medals at its Mother's Day meet. Pictured is one of the ANA team's awarded a medal at this meet, the ANA Synchers 11-12AG team, including, in back row, from left: Sachiko Hagiya, Gillian Brassil, Lacey Kirks and Caitlin Klauer, all of Andover; middle row: Nicole Carzo, Katherine Gorrie, Juliet Adams, all of Andover; and front row: Tatiana Bouchard of Andover and Kate Quinn of North Andover.

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Andover's Jim Hanning delivers a pitch for Andover High. It was 17 years ago that the star lefty pitched Andover High to the Division 1 state baseball title.

Through the Years

7 YEARS AGO

Grace Farnham scored four goals in the first period alone, leading Andover's two-year-old varsity lacrosse program to a 14-6 tournament win over Billerica. Demorie Crawford added four scores in the second half and Diana Crawford chipped in with a goal and two assists for the winners. The Golden Warriors later fell to Framingham.

Carolyn Purcel took No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-3 to lead Andover to a 3-2 win over Winchester, and clinch a berth in the MIAA team title game. Freshman Christine Spring added a win at No. 3 singles and Helen Hodges and Linn Spitzer teamed to take No. 2 doubles to clinch the victory for Andover. The Golden Warriors fell in the finals.

Trailing by five runs after just one inning, and held to one hit through six innings, Andover Legion surged back in the final frame to edge Saugus 7-6. Andy Salini finished off the rally with a two-out, two-run single to drive in the tying and winning runs. Matt Hennessy and Matt Iorio each drove in one run and scored another for the winners.

17 YEARS AGO

Andover baseball claimed its second straight Division 1 state title, blowing out Holy Name 15-0. A week after being

named Massachusetts Gatorade baseball Player of the Year, Jim Hanning was the winning pitcher, scattering seven hits. He finished the year 14-0 with a 0.44 ERA. He did not allow an earned run in his final 38 innings.

Mike Daley went 4 for 4 and drove in the game's second run, scoring Bob Sheehan, while Toby Guzowski put Andover High on the board with a sacrifice fly to score Josh Nelkin.

Jason McCue took second in the high hurdles in 14.62 at the New England track meet. The 4x100 relay team of McCue, Matt Harris, Steve Shepard and Jamie Damon added a second-place finish in 42.95

Legendary Boston Red Sox closer Dick "the Monster" Radatz received a celebrity roast at the Andover Marriott. Then-sox announcer Ken Colman was the master of ceremonies.

51 YEARS AGO

Andover's Dave Simpson won the shot put with a 46-3 to lead the Golden Warriors to victory over Methuen and North Andover to retain the "Little Three" track title. Burt Damon set a new meet record in the broad jump with a 20-8 for the winners.

Andover basketball and baseball coach Bob Collier confirmed rumors he would resign when he was announced as the director of guidance at Pentucket Regional.

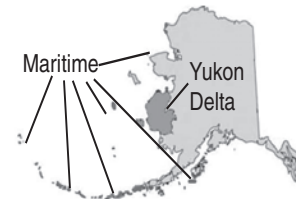
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This year, the Alaska Maritime and Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuges celebrate their 100 birthdays.

Yukon Delta

The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is in southwest Alaska. It is about 30,459 square miles,

larger than the state of Maine. It is the second biggest National Wildlife Refuge in the country. The largest is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

More than one million ducks and half a million geese live there. It also provides a home for northern pintails, loons, grebes, swans, and cranes part of the year. Caribou migrate there during the fall and winter.

Seals, walrus, porpoises and whales live in the waters.

Alaskan Maritime

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge includes 2,400 islands, rocks and reefs. It is 76,000 square miles, about the size of the state of Nebraska.

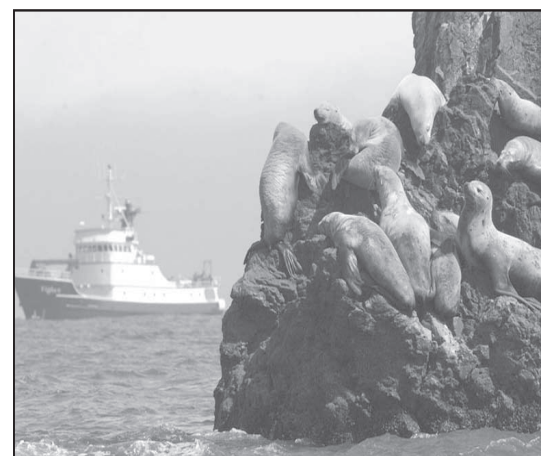
It contains rainforest, tundra, cliffs, volcanoes, beaches, streams, and lakes. About 40 million seabirds nest there. It also provides a safe home for seals, walrus, sea lions, and sea otters.

We are lucky that President Roosevelt decided to protect wildlife and land 100 years ago.



Crested Auklet, Kiska Island (above) Photo by F. Deines, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

M/V Tiglax and Steller Sea lions in the Aleutian Islands (right) Photo by Carolyn Gundmundson, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.



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3A Lost & Found FOUND: CAT LILAC POINT SIAMESE Female, found Harris St., Newburyport...

3A Lost & Found FOUND KEYS, housecar keys, corner Chester/Clifton Sts., South Lawrence...

3A Lost & Found FOUND: Males HUSKY, on Nugent Street, Rockport, call to claim...

3A Lost & Found FOUND: Prescription black bifocal women's glasses in the vicinity of Walnut St., Lawrence on 6/8...

3A Lost & Found FOUND: Radio Shack hand held 2 way radio Haverhill, Rte 97, May 20th/23rd...

3A Lost & Found FOUND TIGER CAT with fluffy toy, Cochman Lane area in Methuen...

3A Lost & Found FOUND: Watch May 22 on Plum Island. Call to describe...

3A Lost & Found LOST: 5' bamboo kung fu staff karate stick, Beverly c/o work, 8 year would like return...

3A Lost & Found LOST BOAT '91 Dyerwood dinghy, white fiberglass, in the water vicinity of Gloucester, lost while under tow...

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3A Lost & Found LOST - BUNCH OF KEYS includes Nissan & Ford, key salesperson of the Cupboard Restaurant & Gloucester Bank REWARD!

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3A Lost & Found LOST CAT black & white tuxedo, Fort Ave., Salem, MA, Salem Willows area- last seen by the Casino on 6/17...

3A Lost & Found LOST CAT female, spayed, older black & grey Tiger stripe, white chin, orange belly, last seen South School, Phillips Academy area 5/21/09...

3A Lost & Found LOST CAT orange & white fat tabby male, answers to "Autumn", Gloucester Ave. area, Gloucester, 978-283-0477...

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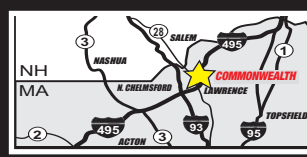
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HEADBOARDS FOR TWIN SIZE BEDS Two white with light oak colored trim headboards. Great for a child's room. Selling each for \$30 Call 978-460-0880

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on July 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Raytheon Company, 350 Lowell Ave, Andover, MA, for a Special Permit for Major Non-Residential Project under Section 9.4.8 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw for the proposed increase/addition of 17,500 sq. ft. on property owned by Raytheon Company 350 Lowell Ave, Andover, MA 01810 and being more specifically identified as Assessors Map 176 Lot 2, Map 155 Lots 3 & 3A, Map 177 Lots 4B, 4C, 5A & 5B located in the Industrial A Zoning District. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Paul J. Salafia, Chairman AT - 6/25, 7/2/09

102 Articles for Sale

HANDMADE SOCK MONKEYS, \$12. Call (978) 382-0913

Heavy Duty Rolling Walker: Almost new \$90. Paid \$149. Audio Books cassettes 5 for \$8.00 (603) 898-5257

HIKING BOOTS - 2 pairs. Timberlane, size 10.5, all leather with Vibram soles; Lacrosse, size 9, all leather. \$40 for both pairs. Call 978-774-2067

HOVERROUND motorized wheelchair, brand new, \$2000 or best offer. Call (978) 745-4462

INVOCARE WALKER heavy duty with brakes, seat & basket, \$50/best offer. 978-228-6580 leave message, Haverhill, MA area.

Jesse James West Coast-Chopper Radio Control. Nomad and GMC truck. \$15.00 (978) 394-0282

JUKE BOX 1965 Rockola 160 selections, great condition \$499 Call (603) 642-5155

KENMORE WATER SOFTENER, high capacity, great condition \$100/best. Call (978) 399-8487

KITCHEN TABLE Brand new & 4 chairs solid birch, \$200; brand new Staples computer desk, metal & glass \$80; sharp ironing press \$50; (978) 689-9921

KITCHEN TABLE & CHAIRS SET Solid Oak Table with two expandable sections, two arm chairs and four regular chairs. Asking \$349. Call 978-460-0880

LAWN TRACTOR, Snapper, 12hp, 36" cut. New tune-up, rear bagger, excellent condition, asking \$490/best offer. Call (978) 420-6367

MEDICAL DEVICE - Bone stimulator, helps broken bones heal faster, digital, charger, used once. \$850/best. Call (978) 549-0675

MENS DIVERS WATCH, black face, silver belt, looks good, work's good. \$40. Call (978) 744-7126.

MOBILITY CHAIR By Scooter, red jazzy #170, good condition. seats up to 400 lb. brand, 3 years old, \$400/best offer. Haverhill, MA area. 978-228-6580 leave message.

MODEL CAR NASCAR brand new Alan Kawika #7. \$400/best offer. (978) 768-6289

First Run

MOVING: 4 22x60 R15 snow tires \$300, Craftsman 9 HP leaf shredder/vac \$150, Husco 21" self propelled snow blower, 4 years old, \$600, Honda 21" self propelled lawn mower, 1 year old, \$300. 978-475-9254 or 978-857-1336

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, TOWN OFFICES, 36 BARTLETT ST., ANDOVER ON THURSDAY JULY 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of the Leyla Schimmel, 29 Candlewood Dr., Andover, MA, for a variance from Article VIII, §3.2.1.2.a to keep a miniature donkey on a lot wit less than the 2-acre minimum, and/or as a Party Aggrieved.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS DATE OF ISSUE: June 18 & 25, 2009 AT - 6/18, 6/25/09

102 Articles for Sale

MOVING: Ping pong table, \$150, antique Gottlieb Golden Arrow pinball machine, \$300, honing glass Tiffany style, \$500 ask. 978-475-9254 or 978-857-1336

MOVING SALE - Total Gym P90, Ab Doer chair new \$80, 1 ft. upright freezer \$75, tool box rollers \$60. Call (603) 772-4690

OLD 10" CRAFTSMAN TABLE SAW, RUNS LIKE NEW \$100. Call (603) 887-8183

PATIO CHAIRS Redwood rocker \$35; Redwood lounge \$50 both with cushions Excellent condition (978) 683-5280

PICTURE FRAMES gallery quality, various sizes, styles, low prices. Starting from \$20 & up. Call (978) 546-9774.

PLATE RACK - Custom made, natural wood, holds up to 10 plates, \$100. (603) 682-3906

PLAYBOY magazines starting from 1986 mint condition \$300; \$195 cards, all in sleeves, sets & singles \$30 to \$100. Model cars, beautiful \$40-\$50 each. 978-430-9666

PLAY STATION 2 Recently refurbished works great 30 games, 2 guitars & 2 dance mats \$250 978-852-5848

POCKETBOOK Coco Chanel, black leather, comes with certification, new, strap beaded. \$400. 857-272-0963.

Pocketbooks, medium size Louis Vuitton \$250, medium black Coach bag \$250, both very good condition. Necklace amber with diamond in middle \$175. (978) 912-2048

POCKETBOOK: Womens leather Mexican pocketbook, soft, gray. Lots of compartments / zippers. Never used. \$335/best offer (978) 774-6170

POOL TABLE, 3 piece Slate, made by Brunswick. You must pick up & move & reassemble at new location. \$375 or best offer. (978) 281-4571

POOL TABLE, Slate, 8x4, new felt & cover, slate crated & ready to move. Accessories included + overhead light fixture. \$800. (708) 768-0133

PORCH/Patio Furniture 48" round glass top table, 4 arm chairs & 2 glider chairs, with removable cushions. \$150. (978) 686-6603

Portable phonograph, self contained plays 8-16-33 in perfect condition \$25.00 (603) 329-6870

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POWER LIFT RECLINER, Remote-controlled power recliner (weed/brown), excellent condition (NEW), asking \$600 abo (paid \$900), contact Mary 603-893-9841, located Salem/Methuen line

PURITAN LAWN Cemetery plot. Single, double with vault. Lot S24-337-C, \$3150. Call (251) 533-4978 for more info.

RAPTOR WET SUIT, large, black & gray, 3.2 millimeter thickness. Only worn half dozen time. Like new. Asking \$100 Call (978) 372-2027

READING MAGNIFIER Clearview, auto focus, desk video, magnification system. Up to 50 times magnification on LCD screen. Includes modes & moving table. \$2600, or best. (978) 462-7786

REDWOOD 2 CAR GARAGE door, used, 16 ft. wide. Solid Call (978) 208-8879

REPLACEMENT DOOR: Anderson 6' door 35x74, Brand new in original packaging \$249. (978) 457-5488

RUG oriental wool 100% plush 1" thick, 5x8 excellent condition beige with floral print paid \$500, will sell for \$100 call (603) 474-3387

SATELLITE RECEIVERS (two, one with DVR) plus their dish antenna's, \$200. Will donate free to bona fide charity. Call (978) 462-6338

SCOOTER chair good condition needs battery \$300. Portable ramp \$100. Show-er/commode chair on wheels \$50. 8-Variouss length safety bars \$5 each (603) 329-5560

SLOT MACHINE, loud & exciting \$200 or exchange for doing some electrical work. (603) 379-9827

SNOWBOARD Never Been Used. Black, 16cm 5150 snowboard-\$199-3460 Call Jillillon (603) 819-6460

SOAP STONE double Sink, 42x22 deep, slanted base, very good condition. \$885 or best offer. (978) 884-8853

STORAGE CONTAINER 20', refrigerated. \$995 /Best reasonable offer. (978) 526-1338; 508-932-0990

First Run Hot Deals

Tickets (4) to the Jimmy Buffet Concert Thursday, June 25th @ the Comcast Center in Mansfield, MA Sec 4 Row L @ \$175 or best each 978-684-5256

2003 HONDA RECON ATV Good condition, with trailer hitch and 2 helmets. \$950.00 or Best offer. Call 603-952-4983

2 Construction Wheelbarrows good condition \$300.00 (200) 863-8456

1930's Old Pantry 8 drawer cabinet, nice hardware, missing 2 drawers, \$100. Old push mower, ornamental for garden. \$10. (978) 994-2446

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102A Free Articles

TV, AC'S, GAMING: Less than 1 year old, (used 1 mo.) Haier air cond., 12,000 BTU energy star with remote, original box, and manuals. 3 years used Kenmore energy star air cond. 12,500 BTU, original box. Used 6000 BTU Panasonic air cond. Like new Sony Wega 24 in. TV. Like new orig. Xbox system with 2 controllers, driving steering wheel, cables, & manuals, incl. 8 games plus 4 unopened games. Call for details. 978-836-8478. Delivery not avail.-Danvers location. Whole lot 450.00/best offer.

UTILITY CART stainless steel; birdcage \$20; turtle sand-bag \$20; cement blocks (10) \$2 each; M & M bar stools (3) \$20 each. (603) 898-5177.

WHEEL CHAIR: Invacore 9000 XT cost \$900 sell for \$150 best offer Hospital Bed electric \$75.00 Exercise table Proform cost \$200 sell \$50 (978) 777-1755

WHEELCHAIR, regular size, good condition \$300. Walker good condition \$35.00 (978) 388-2015

WICKER FURNITURE White Wicker Table Set: 36" round table and beveled glass with two matching chairs -- complete with cushions. Excellent condition! \$100.00. Call 978-374-7957

Will like game \$15; Doll high chair, doll walker, Tykes car, shopping cart, Dora Game, books, puzzles, Polys, all for \$25. (781) 598-6771

WINDOWS (5) Old panes for artists or crafters, 20. 5 Old dining room chairs, seats need to be redone. \$15. 3 director style folding chairs, \$25. (978) 994-2446

WINDOWS, Anderson, vinyl, 27.5 x 47.5 Screens, shades, and interior finish moldings, used 2 years. 70. best (978) 462-7786

WOODSTOVE 24 X 48 \$499 or best offer (603) 898-4135

WOOD STOVE - Regency Standard, 28"Wx23 3/4"D, 16" flue, 18" log size, heats 800-1200 sq. ft., glass door, \$250/best. (603) 425-1130

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TV - FREE! 51" Mitsubishi, HD, no picture - needs repair. (978) 388-6357

VHS TAPES - more than 100. FREE Call (603) 772-4690

WOOD STOVE.Used wood stove. You move-very heavy. 603-893-6409.

16 FT OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR & use windows. FREE COME PICK UP. CALL (603) 432-2275

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(2) 4' electric baseboard & thermostat e \$100 best offer. (978) 462-7786

AIR BED, New, \$175 Twins \$140, Fulls \$160 Queens \$185, Kings \$299 5-pc Maple Bedroom set New in Boxes \$599 603-566-3840

AIR CONDITIONER Friedrich, 220 volts, 15,600 BTU's, excellent condition, will go in window. \$2000/best. Call 978-465-3076.

AIR CONDITIONERS (2), 300 each. Refrigerator, \$75. Moving, must sell. (978) 228-9543

AIR PURIFIER, oscillating tower air purifier by Honeywell. Retail \$160, sell for \$60. Like new, used once. (978) 747-0174

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ANTIQUE Round oak table, ball & claw. Extra fancy, 5 oak press-back, cane chairs \$800 Call (603) 894-5777

***** APPLIANCES ***** \$100 & UP - SHOWROOM: 15 SPRING ST., PEABODY delivery available 978-538-1300

ARMOIRE: TV, Solid oak Bossette, good condition \$150 Call Shaun 617-908-6015 Windham, NH

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BARBERS CHAIR, modern days, high back, lacks up fixed, \$45. (978) 970-0519

BAR STOOLS - 2, wood block, contemporary, swivel gorgeous paid \$250 each, sell \$150 each or \$250 for both (978) 348-9877

BEDROOM brand new 9 piece Cherry. Beautiful inlays with Pillowtop Mattress & box. Sacrifice \$1200. 603-427-2001.

BED SET - Complete, twin, headboard, adjustable frame & matching light pine night stand, \$1,975. Leathermate power lift reclining chair, excellent condition, used for 6 weeks, \$700. (978) 465-9251

BEDS - Orthopedic Pillowtop Sets, 60-70% off Retail; Queen \$

103 Household Goods
STOVE, GE electric, 1 burner not working \$50.

STOVE - Sears Kenmore, gas/propane, new still in box all power work included.

TABLE & 2 CHAIRS, 3 extra kitchen chairs, \$30.

TABLE & 4 CHAIRS, blonde maple, cane chairs, 2 leaf, great condition, \$150.

TABLE & 6 CHAIRS, dark maple, oval, good condition, \$100/best.

TABLE/LAMP COMBO Oak finished cabinet table with built in lamp and magazine rack.

TABLE large with 4m chairs \$75.00 Ladies roll top desk \$75.

TILES, 16 x 16 light cream colored ceramic tiles (a-prorox, 22 sq ft).

TV, Zenith, excellent condition, good size-screen 21" x16".

TV RCAR REAR PROJECTION 19" rear old. Brand new picture tube - \$250.

TV STAND - 3 shelves made of heavy glass with metal frame & cherry wood sides.

WASHER & DRYER-electric, Maytag, good condition, large capacity.

WASHER/DRYER, Whirlpool, many features, paid \$1,200.

WASHER Maytag heavy duty, like new, \$125; DRYER Speed Queen, a/c, heavy duty, like new, \$100.

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106 Bicycles/Mopeds
YOUNG CHILD'S BIKE - Sears, Free Sprock, excellent condition.

107 Fitness/Sports
AB-LOUNGER AND CROSS TRAINER AB-LOUNGER \$150.00 CROSS TRAINER \$150.00 WEIGHT SYSTEM \$150.00

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PRO FORM 755 CS TREADMILL - up to 10% incline & 10 mph, \$250.

TRAMPOLINE Less than 1 year old, outdoor use with safety net.

TREADMILL Proform, excellent condition, like new \$300/firm.

WEIGHTS, Bench & bar, 300 lbs, \$150.

DOOR - Unpainted, solid wood, 71x29 1/2", \$20.

SHUTTERS, Vinyl, brand new, in box, 10 pair, \$97.

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METHUEN - Multi Family Yard Sale Sat. 6/27 to 2, 2 Girard Ave. Home goods, Christmas decorations, etc.

NEWBURYPORT, 63 Prospect St. Sat. 6/27, 9-11. NO EARLIES!

AMESBURY MOVING SALE 7 Morsecor Ln. Sat. 6/27 & Sun. 6/28 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

AMESBURY 18 North Hunt Rd. Sat. 6/27, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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The Public Hearing will be held at 1:00 PM, on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in the Selectmen Conference Room, Third Floor, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, AT - 6/25, 7/2/09

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE PRESERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. on the application of Town of Andover for the demolition of a structure.

Premises affected is located 16 Pearson Street, and shown on Assessors Map 55 as Lot 74. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Karen Herman Chairperson Preservation Commission AT - 6/25/09

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Docket No. ES09P1479EA In the Estate of: Alexander F Strug a.k.a. Alexander F Strug

Late of: Andover, MA 01810 Date of Death: 04/17/2009 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will and Codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed and that COMERICA BANK & TRUST, NAT. ASS. of LANSING, MI be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety

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WITNESS: Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 9, 2009 Pamela O'Brien O'Connell Register of Probate AT - 6/25/09

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TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are located at 65 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 196 as Lot 21.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

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Deadline for senior tax work-off

Applications are now being accepted for FY 2010 Senior Citizen Residential Property Tax Work-Off Program. This program is open to all Andover residents who are 60 years and older, whose primary residence is in Andover. If eligible, upon completing 100 hours of volunteer service to the town of Andover, a tax abatement will be issued. Deadline is Monday June 29 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Andover Senior Center 978-623-8321.

Matching, marching for July 4: Dish matches dollar for dollar

The effort spearheaded by Jerry Silverman to raise the \$3,000 needed to continue the town's popular July 4 pancake breakfast and Horribles Parade has not fallen on deaf ears.

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Private donations may be made to the Fireworks Fund, c/o BankNorth, 61 Main St., Andover, MA 01810.

— Judy Wakefield

Sweet reward

Donors at a Red Cross blood drive at Free Christian Church on Tuesday will receive a coupon for half a dozen chocolate covered strawberries from Edible Arrangements. The drive will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on June 30 at Free Christian, 31 Elm St. Blood donors can also enter a raffle to win Red Sox tickets.

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North Andover hosted the 6th annual Printing Arts Fair at the Museum of Printing on Massachusetts Avenue. Over 500 people attended on Father's Day to visit the 24 exhibitors, demonstrations of papermaking and printing, and a very special demonstration of printing by steamroller.

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There are three-tiers of exercise options when you're looking to feel better. And, Yang's Fitness & Martial Arts Center - or "Yang's" for those in-the-know - offers all three options at their Dundee Park location. Each can help alleviate and/or prevent pain and improve your quality of life.

First up is Yoga. This mystic Hindu discipline mixes intense concentration and meditation with prescribed postures and controlled breathing. Yoga is best known for its ability to heal and prevent injuries. The Hatha and Vinyasa (flowing) yoga classes are conducted in a warm, comfortable environment at Yang's. This allows postures to differ from class to class. This way, a variety of new challenges and benefits are presented to participants. Alignment is an integral part of yoga and Yang's instructors continually give verbal and physical adjustments, and level appropriate modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of each posture. Prior experience is not required for the yoga classes.

Pilates is next. With a concentration on core muscles, the benefits of Pilates are long-listed. This exercise is known to improve strength, flexibility and suppleness of core muscles. Pilates is a system of stretching and strengthening exercises developed by Joseph H. Pilates. He called his exercise method "The Art of Contrology," or muscle control, to highlight his unique approach of using the mind to master the muscles. Pilates strengthens and tones muscles, improves posture, provides flexibility and balance, unites the body and mind, and creates a more streamlined shape. Pilates is offered on a private, semi-private basis and as a part of the Yoga & Pilates classes at Yang's.

Tai Chi can help reduce stress. With its Mandarin founding, Tai Chi focuses on balancing with its slow, ritual movements. Tai Chi (pronounced Taiji), is sometimes called "moving meditation." Practiced daily by millions of men and women all over the world, benefits include reduced stress, increased energy and vitality, and improved balance. Tai Chi gently stimulates the internal organs of the body, exercises the muscles, calms the nervous system, and mobilizes the joints. Beginner Tai Chi classes are offered approximately every 12 weeks with the next session starting this month.

Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi may be different types of exercises, but each offers a connection between mind and body that can certainly help you feel better. They are the three tiers of the Mind and Body programs at Yang's. Trying one or all three is certain to help you feel better.

Since 1988, Yang's has been offering Mind and Body programs and there is information, resources and instruction available to all clients at Yang's Fitness & Martial Arts Center. All ages and abilities can get involved with the classes. The experienced staff offers a variety of group classes and private instruction that provide the benefits that these programs are well known for.

If you haven't experienced a Yoga & Pilates class at Yang's, call or stop by to activate a free 7-day trial (certain restrictions may apply).

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