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Lightning believed cause of home fire

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

An Andover family has been displaced from their home after a reported lightning strike caused the attic and second floor of 21 Fossen Way to become engulfed in a three-alarm fire Tuesday afternoon.

For more than three hours, firefighters battled the blaze, which consumed much of the home's roof and upper floors, rendering the home uninhabitable.

No one was injured in the fire.

Town records list the occupants of 21 Fossen Way as Dana and Paul Mackay, and their children in their 20s, Sean and Skye.

One adult female was home when the fire started, said Fire Chief Michael Mansfield. She heard a clap of thunder, but didn't think much of it. When the smoke detectors went off and the resident began to smell smoke, she evacuated, taking her family pets to a neighbor's home, and called 911, he said.

Andover Deputy Chief Albert DelDotto is working with the

state police fire marshal team to investigate the fire.

About 45 firefighters from Andover, North Andover and Tewksbury worked to extinguish the fire on the West Andover cul-de-sac through a steady rain. Ominous thunder claps could be heard over the sirens and emergency vehicle engines.

Neighbors gathered, huddled under umbrellas, to watch the progress, chatting, talking on cell phones and giving each other hugs. Red Cross disaster services responded to the scene, talking

with residents.

One neighbor, who declined to identify himself, said he heard the lightning strike the home and was very glad everyone was safe.

All Tuesday afternoon, fire and rescue vehicles lined Fossen Way and hose lines ran through the street and over lawns to connect to fire hydrants. Fire personnel could be seen through the windows of the home, shining flashlights and using axes to chop into



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Firefighters battled a fire at 21 Fossen Way in Andover Tuesday afternoon.

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Has town served last helping of pancakes?



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Declan Ginty, 2 1/2, of Andover, was enjoying the July 4 pancake breakfast at the Park on Saturday morning with his family.

Selectmen say no; DCS looking for help

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Close to 4,000 pancakes - and perhaps a message - were served the morning of July 4 during the annual pancake breakfast in the Park.

The exceptional turnout has selectmen saying the July 4 tradition of a pancake breakfast and Horribles Parade must continue, even if funding for the event is cut from the town budget, as it was this year. "The future looks bright, as far as I'm concerned. It will be a sure bet that it will be there (next year), considering the turnout we had," said Selectman Alex Vispoli. "We had a line of people at quarter of 8 with trays in hand, ready for pancakes."

Selectman Mary Lyman ran to her house to grab a box of pancake mix after supplies ran out on Saturday.

"There's definitely a desire to have the breakfast, and we'll just have to work on

logistics, that's all. We need to buy more pancake mix, too," said Lyman.

This year, funding was cut from the Department of Community Services budget for the entertainment portion of the breakfast and Horribles Parade. With no money to have the usual live music, games and other activities usually associated with the breakfast, DCS suggested cancelling the breakfast and hosting a hot-dog picnic at the town's fireworks display on July 3 instead.

"I can't ever remember having such a big crowd," said Silverman, addressing selectmen July 6. "I say this is what community is all about. It made my heart feel terrific. Community is not just bricks, stones and schools. It's the people living here ... It's a memory I'll have forever. Community is so important in how people fell about where they live."

For years, Silverman has raised money for an Independence Day fireworks display in Andover. At their July 6 meeting,

selectmen passed a motion to name the town's annual show the "Jerry Silverman fireworks."

They thanked Silverman for his efforts, giving him a standing ovation.

"Thank you for saving us from ourselves, and a decision that maybe was not well thought out," said Vispoli to Silverman, referencing their vote to cancel the breakfast in favor of a hot-dog picnic. "I don't think those words will ever be uttered by us again."

Mary Donohue, DCS director, said next year's July 4 budget will be based on this year's.

"The budget for pancakes is definitely cut. It's a matter of whether the townspeople will let the town manager and selectmen know what they'd like. We'll have to find another funding source, or the money would have to be put back into the budget," said Donohue.

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CHANGE FOR YOUR BUDGET

Town slow to cut cars

Most take-homes remain 2 years after study complete

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Two years after a study determined Andover was "significantly more generous" with vehicle allowances than comparable communities, the list of employees with take-home vehicles has shrunk by just two people.

"We're going in the right direction. Is it fast enough? No. We'd like to see things accelerate in reducing the overall cost, especially around energy," said Selectman Alex Vispoli.

This year, 14 town employees have a take-home vehicle, for which the town pays for fuel, insurance and maintenance. Of those 14, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Police Chief Brian Pattullo and Fire Chief Mike Mansfield can use their take-home vehicle for personal as well as business use.

"The whole rationale behind a take-home car is that these

TOWN VEHICLE GAS USE

During fiscal year 2009, which ended June 30, the town used 132,574 gallons of fuel. The town was under budget by \$61,291, according to Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantadosi. Here are the users:

- Police: 42,842 gallons; \$89,788
- Highway: 27,941 gallons; \$63,852
- Plant and Facilities: 24,491 gallons; \$55,507
- Fire: 17,097 gallons; \$42,582
- Water department: 14,563 gallons; \$32,797
- Youth Services: 2,080 gallons; \$5,083
- Council On Aging: 1,850 gallons; \$3,952
- Town Manager: 440 gallons; \$938

Source: Joe Piantadosi and Maria Maggio, Plant and Facilities Department

people are on duty 24 hours a day, and can be called back (to work) on nights and weekends."

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Farmers Market not just for produce anymore

15 vendors at Saturday opening of downtown open-air market

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The Andover Farmers Market will not just sell homegrown vegetables, fruits and baked goods when it opens for the season this Saturday, July 11.

Eight new vendors will join the seven returning vendors peddling products that include frozen treats for dogs, scented candles and glass trays made from recycled bottles.

It's all part of a farmers market

ambiance, according to Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Historical Society, which runs the event.

"Markets today have these types of vendors mixed in with the produce vendors," she said. "That's what we wanted."

With more than twice as many vendors as last year, the market canopies will wrap around the Historical Society's museum at 97 Main St. For the first time in

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CARS: Few changes 2 years after study said Andover generous with vehicle perks

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said Stapczynski. "They are out during weather events, snowstorms, water main breaks. We want them available to respond on nights and weekends, and they have first-responder type of equipment in their vehicles."

In 2006 and 2007, Vispoli and Selectman Mary Lyman spearheaded a study on Andover's vehicle usage, and recommended the town manager not include vehicles in future offers of employment.

"We spent a lot of time on this, and went with a balance of being aggressive in reducing the benefit with the practicality of the situation," said Vispoli.

Since 2007, new people were

hired as building superintendent and highway general foreman, and the take-home car benefit was removed from the job.

"This is a practice we continue to look at and will be making changes as positions become vacant, and review the justification of the vehicle," said Stapczynski, who drives a town-owned 2000 Buick sedan, the oldest of the vehicles. The town paid for \$938 in gas for Stapczynski during the fiscal year that just ended (see box, page 1).

On the average, employee take-home vehicles are replaced every five to eight years, he said.

"Things have improved, and there is more room for improvement," said Lyman. "The need is

as great as ever to make continued progress, with the economy and gas prices ... We continue to make efforts to reduce our expenses in this area, in effort to provide dollars for the essential services we need to provide. It kills me to give money to one thing, and see another get cut. It really is not fair to the town, and the other employees (who don't get cars)."

Besides the 14 with take-home vehicles, 20 town-side employees receive a monthly travel allowance of between \$75 and \$150, including the director of conservation, building inspector, health agent, director of youth services and other positions. Employees with a monthly travel allowance are also reimbursed 36 cents per mile traveled within town on the job. All remaining town employees that do not receive a take-home vehicle or travel allowance

are reimbursed 55 cents per mile for travel on the job.

With the exception of Stapczynski, Mansfield and Pattullo, employees with take-home vehicles are only allowed to use it for commuting.

"These vehicles are not for their personal use, it is for their commuting. They can't take it on vacation, use it on the weekends to go to the mall. This is for their business use," said Stapczynski. "There are restrictions. They can't travel with family members in the vehicle. It's for municipal purposes only, to go back and forth to work and use during the course of the day for traveling around town on business."

Going forward, Vispoli said taking away employee take-home vehicles before an employee leaves or retires might be one of many options selectmen consider to save money.

PERK: TAKE-HOME CAR

Town employees who have a take-home vehicle in 2009:

- Buzz Stapczynski, town manager
- James Hashem, police operations commander
- Brian Pattullo, police chief
- Michael Mansfield, fire chief
- Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities department director
- Ralph Knight, mechanical/electrical superintendent (plant and facilities department)
- Randy Pickersgill, parks and ground superintendent (plant and facilities department)
- Joe Favreau, vehicle maintenance superintendent (plant and facilities department)
- Jack Petkus, department of public works director
- John Pollano, water treatment plant superintendent (DPW)
- Morris Gray, water/sewer superintendent (DPW)
- Brian Moore, town engineer (DPW)
- Christopher Cronin, highway superintendent (DPW)
- Michael Murnane, general foreman for water/sewer (DPW)
- Also, one canine police officer takes a police cruiser home when he brings the police dog home

"Given the economic realities, is on the table, as far as consideration," he said. I think it's safe to say everything

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BREAKFAST: Help sought to keep serving up fun on the 4th

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Donohue also said DCS is looking to form a citizen's committee to help DCS plan Fourth of July activities.

"We just need some help with organizing and fundraising," she said. "If a group in town is interested in taking it over, we're interested in talking with them. There needs to be a discussion of 'what do people want?' It looks like everyone likes this activity, and we want to know what their wishes are, how they would like their town to celebrate the Fourth of July."

DCS staffer Meg Batcheller estimated about 1,250 people were served pancakes on Saturday morning, which "far exceeded expectations."

Silverman expressed confidence that the pancakes will go on, one way or another, next year.

"It's going to be a tradition that keeps going. Someone's going to pick it up," said Silverman. "We had the biggest crowd we've ever had. We had to go



Called "Mr. Fourth of July," Jerry Silverman of Andover, right, helped raise money for the pancake breakfast to continue this Fourth of July. He also has helped with the meal and for years has helped raise money for the town's fireworks display. He is chatting with Al Retelle, an old friend, at left.

down to the store at least twice to get more (pancake supplies). "If we had a Town Meeting tomorrow, there's no question they'd give us the money," he said.

MARKET: New and different types of vendors join in

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the market's three-year history, vendors will be positioned on both sides of the lawn.

Clements is excited with the growth of the market as word is definitely out about the popular downtown event.

"We had a lot of telephone inquiries this year. Vendors wanted to be here," Clements said. "They know our customer base and really wanted to be here."

Andover Farmers Market will be held rain or shine every Saturday through Oct. 11. Hours are

12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Returning vendors:

- Swiss Bakers (Swiss breads, rolls, cookies, pretzels, pastries)
- Middle Earth Farm (organic vegetables, cut and potted herbs, flowers)
- Amy's Homemade Soaps attending every other week
- Flats Mentor Farm (Asian vegetables, including salad greens and herbs)
- Boston Hill Farm (fruits, vegetables, homemade baked goods)
- Farmer Dave's (Brox Farm,



Camille Wilkins, left, and Genevieve Boshar, both of Andover, select tomatoes from Boston Hill Farm in North Andover at the Andover Farmer's Market opening day last year, hosted by the Andover Historical Society.

corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, carrots, strawberries,

FARM BUCKS

Residents who join the Andover Historical Society with a family membership for \$45 get \$10 worth of Farmers Market bucks. The bucks can be used to buy goodies from any of the market's 15 vendors. Visit www.andoverhistorical.org and look for the membership summer special link, or call 978-475-2236 for more info.

pears, nectarines, peaches, flowers and herbs)

■ Sassy River Sauces attending every other week starting July 11 (homemade gourmet pestos, tapenades, mustards, chutneys. Attending every other week)

New vendors:

- Mann Orchards (Apples, vegetables, pies, cookies, soups and more)
- Maria LaTorie Creations (decorative and functional glass trays made out of recycled bottles)
- Isaac's Natural Foods (heirloom tomatoes, snap peas, onions, beans, potatoes, peppers, sweet corn, summer squash, zucchini, beets, lettuce, arugula, eggplant, cucumbers, scallions, basil and gourds)
- Fido Freeze (all-natural frozen dog treats)
- T.T. Buds Popcorn (sweet & salty popcorn, sweet & cheesy popcorn, and seasonal flavors)
- Kittredge Candle (votes and jar candles)
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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Ballardvale part of Andover was named for Timothy Ballard, who owned a saw and grist mill, blacksmith shop, cider mill and a fulling mill. John Marland and partners built a woolen mill on the site in 1836 planning a village around it. When Marland went bankrupt in 1857, company treasurer J.P. Bradlee took it over and renamed it the Bradlee Mill.



NOW: The Mills in Ballardvale of Andover, along the Shawsheen River.

Golf, cookout for cancer research is Sunday

Andover native Carrie Torrisi has organized a golf outing to raise money for the Breast Cancer 3-Day benefitting Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The event is this Sunday, July 12, at 3:30 p.m. at the Rolling Green Golf Course, 311 Lowell St. (Route 133), Andover. It costs \$50 for golf and a

cookout. Contact Torrisi at carriertorrisi@gmail.com or 415-420-1450 by the morning of Saturday, July 11 for more details.

Cholesterol check

The Andover Board of Health will hold a cholesterol screening clinic today, Thursday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only. The finger stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. To make an appointment, call 978-623-8295.

Background music for Sister Towns meeting

The Andover Sister Towns Association will meet Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Park, at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets in Andover for the town's free band concert series.

Members are asked to bring a

picnic, blanket or folding chair for the concert that will start at 6 p.m.

New members from Andover and North Andover are welcome to join the group. For more information, contact Joan Conroy at 978-475-5476.

Looking for a job?

Would you like to discuss your job-hunting experiences and hear about the experiences of others? The lunch-time Job Networking Group meets Thursday, July 16, at 12:30 p.m., at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. The program is free and open. Call 978-664-4942.

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The Summer Arts Series at Merrimack College's Rogers Center was scheduled to launch last night, Wednesday, July 8, with events sponsored in part by Tambakos Film Series and local cultural councils. All events are free charge.

They kicked off Wednesday night with a showing of the classic movie "The Apartment," with commentary at 6:30 p.m. and a screening at 7 p.m. Film commentary is brought to you by Arny Klayman.

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New director 'from long line of librarians'

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Beth Mazin began her job as the new director of Memorial Hall Library on Tuesday, the seventh day of the seventh month.

But Mazin doesn't need lucky number seven to help her, she says. Working at the Elm Square library for two decades and learning from former director Jim Sutton, who retired on June 30, has made her more than ready for the job.

"I feel really honored to be selected, and feel confident I can do a good job ... In a way, I feel I have been preparing for this job my whole life," said Mazin. "I've learned from Jim how to build support for the library from the town. He's an excellent teacher, you learn just from watching him do what he does. He respects all ideas that are presented to him from his staff, and treats everyone respectfully and equally."

Mazin has worked at Memorial Hall Library since 1987 and has been assistant director since 1994. She was first hired to help the library convert their card catalogue from paper cards to a digital database, and later worked as a reference librarian.

"We were one of the first libraries in the Merrimack Valley to convert to an online catalogue," said Mazin.

Prior to moving with her family to Andover in 1984, Mazin had worked at the Free Library of Philadelphia and the General Electric library in Schenectady,



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Beth Mazin has been named the new director of Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

N.Y. She has a degree in library science from the University of Michigan.

"I come from a long line of librarians. My mother, aunt and brother are librarians," said Mazin. "When it came time to look into a profession, I loved libraries and I loved books. I knew my mom loved her job, and thought it would be a good choice for me. You work with people and ideas, and every day is different. It's really a great job."

Sutton announced his

intention to retire in April, and a search process was launched to replace him. Mazin's resume stood out, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"Beth has untold experience," Stapczynski told selectmen this Monday, July 6. "Jim (Sutton) has mentored her, and she is a great candidate for us or any other library."

The selectmen approved Mazin's appointment with a unanimous vote.

"We wholeheartedly support Beth. She was far and away the

most qualified candidate. We are thrilled to have her," said Karen Herman, chairwoman of the library trustees.

Through her two decades in Andover, Mazin said she never thought of going elsewhere.

"In my opinion, this is the best library to work for in Massachusetts. In large part, it's because the town has been so supportive of its library. In every way, the town, citizens and leaders value the library, and you don't find that in every town," Mazin said.

Engleberg named Lawrence Rotary 2009-10 president

During the weekly Rotary meeting of June 25, Rotary District Gov. Tom Elliott officially inducted Andover resident Mark Engleberg as president of the Lawrence Rotary Club for 2009-10.

"As a relatively new Rotarian, Engleberg has become one of the most energetic and active members of rotary, taking charge of the annual Chili Fest,

Teacher of the Year Program, and for bringing the club into the 21st Century totally converting the Lawrence Rotary Web site into a user-friendly communications vehicle. He took responsibility for all IT automation and function including data base management, newsletter distribution and communications," according to a release from the Rotary.

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Education

Communications and learning with Howard Hughes

Ken Seifert



comment on TV caused Howard Hughes to send me a personal letter.

Hughes was an aviator, businessman, movie producer and billionaire who, in his later years, lived a reclusive life. In 1967, when Hughes occupied the top floor of the Desert Inn Hotel, I was the assistant superintendent in Clark County, Nevada - Las Vegas. I was invited to appear on television talk show. It was taped in the afternoon and shown on prime time, Vegas style, at 1 a.m. just before some people start their evening.

Heinz Rettig, the host, would invite his guests to lunch and five minutes before show time would tell them the topic to be discussed. It was a different approach. I was a young administrator with an Ivy League doctorate and figured I could tap dance through the mystery topic. I knew others who had appeared and they said it was fun and survivable.

Heinz said the topic may seem dull at first but assured me the audience was sophisticated and wanted to be informed as well as entertained. I said, OK, Heinz, what will we discuss for one hour? He said we were going to discuss the difference between thinking and learning. He then directed everyone to be quiet and the cameras became alive.

We engaged in the usual "how many angels can dance on the head of a pin" for a minute and confirmed we were both experts, having read Noah Webster's dictionary. We then agreed we needed a more practical frame of reference. Thinking is done between the

ears and learning involved more than thinking, such as emotions and physical involvement. Thinking is more of a passive activity, while learning is more an active process.

He then asked for a comparison. I used a school example. The freshmen from our neighborhood attended the South Park High Annex. Other freshmen, who lived on the right side of the tracks, went to the main building two miles away. Our freshmen basic science offering was reading a textbook with no lab and materials. Our lucky counterparts had access to the same lab and materials as the seniors. We thought about science that year. Our counterparts had some learning opportunities. I wonder if Thomas Edison could have learned the scientific method by just reading printed words?

We then expanded the examples to include how to drive, swim, or throw a baseball. After a few laughs, we got to the heart of the matter. Using the comparison, we dissected such areas as bigotry, empathy, poverty and inequality.

I summarized by making my comment about most schools throughout the world. I also included other areas in our daily life where we do too much thinking and not enough learning. The hour had flown much too quickly.

About two weeks later, I received a personal letter from Mr. Hughes. He thanked Heinz and me and said how much he enjoyed the program. I read his letter and put it in my lower desk drawer at the office. Somehow I never kept it and to this day my wife, Norma, gives me a difficult time for not recognizing the difference in importance between saving vegetable seeds and communications of historical significance.

Oh well, I know at least one person watched the program.

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

State to consider new test for teacher

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The state department of education has responded to the case of Daniela Ioannides, a deaf teacher of American Sign Language at Andover High School whose contract has not been renewed.

Two rallies were held in Andover this and last week, showing support of Ioannides and drawing attention to her case. Ioannides was told on June 23 - the last week of school - that her contract would not be renewed because she has failed to pass the English competency part of the state's teacher certification exam.

Ioannides and her supporters hope to sit down with the state's assistant commissioner of education and several other state education officials soon to discuss her situation, possibly this week, said Bill Kolbe, an AHS Spanish teacher.

"Daniela has done so much research on ASL certificate programs in three other states. Our ultimate mission is to make Massachusetts the fourth state in the nation that would have an ASL certificate and to have an appropriate (teacher certification) exam for the deaf and hard of hearing," said Kolbe. "Daniela would be instrumental in moving that forward - a historic moment to enable the deaf and hard of hearing to accomplish their dreams."

Last week, Kolbe sent a letter to the commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, formerly known as the Department of Education, asking for changes to the teachers test to accommodate the deaf and hard of hearing.

David Haselkorn, associate commissioner for the Center for Educator Policy, Preparation, Licensure and Leadership Development, has responded



Recently released Andover football and baseball coach Ken Maglio, left, and Andover High School American Sign Language teacher Daniela Ioannides, right, applaud as Andover Education Association president Tom Meyers finishes speaking during a rally Tuesday evening at the Park in Andover.

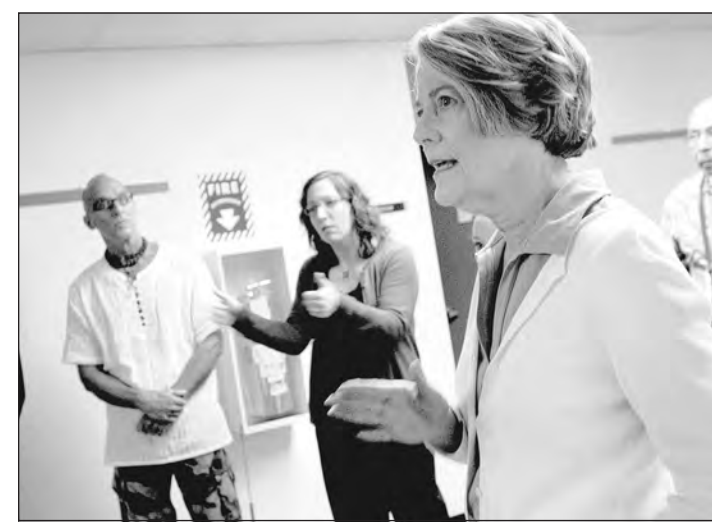
that he would be "pleased" to sit down with Ioannides and discuss her situation and research on ASL certificate programs for teachers in other states.

Kolbe said he; Ioannides; Tom Meyers, president of the Andover teachers union, and current and past students of Ioannides plan to go to Malden to meet with the associate commissioner.

Although Ioannides has taken the teacher test several times, she has failed the English portion of the exam because ASL is her first and natural language, she said. The syntax of the two languages is totally different, said Ioannides, who has been deaf since birth.

In previous years, the Andover schools have granted her a waiver to teach without state certification.

Superintendent Claudia Bach has said the schools must prove there is no other certified teacher available to teach ASL before Ioannides can be granted a waiver and her contract renewed. Last week, the



Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach addresses teachers and students gathered in the school administration building, rallying for ASL teacher Daniela Ioannides last week.

district started that process by posting the ASL teaching job. Bach was not available for comment this week.

Cara Morrison, human resources assistant, said nothing has changed in Ioannides' case since last week, but the

schools are "still working on it."

Ioannides has taught full-time at AHS for five years; she was slated to teach five sections of ASL, with approximately 120 students, for the 2009-10 school year, said Kolbe.

Not-so-secret garden opens at Shawsheen School

A three-year wait came to an end before then end of school this year, when the Shawsheen School Sensory Garden was officially opened.

A dedication ceremony was held in June and Moira O'Brien, Shawsheen School principal, was honored with the garden dedication. She was the driving force behind the pursuit of a sensory garden for the school, according to a release.

The garden provides an experience for the senses. There are bells and chimes to ring, herbs to taste and smell, flowers to see and touch, as well as rain and temperature gauges to read. The children can also feel the difference in the textures of sea glass, river rocks and sea shells.

"This special space is a peaceful reading spot and a perfect

area for some quiet time. It has become a sort of outdoor classroom where the children are responsible for maintaining the garden," according to a release from the school community.

The garden was both a school and community effort. Families donated plants, mulch, garden statues and their time, and the beautification committee said Brownie Troops 60329 and 2015, and custodians Hannah Buzby and Matthew Jaroché were also instrumental in helping create the garden. The Andona Society contributed the initial grant to get the project started. Local business owner Peter Breen donated mulch, James Watson offered pea stone, and Ace Hardware donated a wheelbarrow. The Andover Parks Department provided site excavation and loam.



Shawsheen Primary School Principal Moira O'Brien is pictured with students, from left, Abby Sleeper, Emily Nyhan and Julia Stabile in the school's newly-dedicated sensory garden.

BOOK REVIEW

Complex 'Wind-up' ultimately delivers

By MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

There are certain times when I purchase a book with every intention of reading it right away, only to have it buried by sheaves of paper and layers of dust. With summer finally here, I've been able to begin reading the pile of books I've amassed, including The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle by Haruki Murakami.

Having read the praises of Murakami's other novels, and harboring an interest in all things related to Japanese culture, I eagerly bought The Wind-Up

Bird a couple weeks ago. I read a few chapters, and then stopped abruptly, thrown a bit beyond my literary comfort zone by Murakami's supernatural and heterogeneous plot line. Despite this experience, I recently decided to give The Wind-Up Bird another shot, and I'm quite thankful I did.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

The Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras performed its final concert of the season on Sunday, June 14, at 3 p.m. at Sanders Theatre at Harvard University. The following students from Andover performed:

- George Cheng, violin, Andover High School, grade 11
- John Diodati, clarinet, Andover High School, grade 12
- Alexandra Morgan-Welch, viola, Andover High School, grade 11
- Sasha Scolnik-Brower, cello, Doherty Middle School, grade eight
- Miki Nagahara, violin, West Middle School, grade eight
- Brandon Lam, Rep, viola, Andover, grade 10

Rebecca Elizabeth Lindmark, Hope Caroline Fried, and William Francis Kavanagh III of Andover, graduated from The

Governor's Academy in Byfield on May 25.

Lindmark received the Sarah Ellen Avalon Award given to that senior who through four years of hard work, determination and strength of character, has worked to develop his or her potential to the fullest and in so doing, has been a true credit to the academy. This award carries a stipend to aid in buying books for college, Lindmark will attend Saint Anselm College in the fall.

Fried received the Moody Kent Prize for outstanding achievement in the study of English. She will study in England next year on a scholarship for the English-Speaking Union before attending Smith College in 2010.

Kavanagh received one of five special prizes awarded to members

of the senior class whose perseverance, courage, initiative, sense of responsibility, loyalty, and concern for others have contributed to the strength of the Academy. He will attend Villanova University.

Student winners of the North Shore Music Theatre fourth annual Spotlight Awards were announced at a Tony Award style program on the theatre's main stage Tuesday, June 2. The awards program is designed to honor the accomplishments of high school students and teachers as well as encourage them to achieve the highest levels of excellence in musical theater. This year's award winners from Andover High School were:

- Best Lighting Design, **Stephanie Simon** and **Christine Zhou** for A Chorus Line.

ON CAMPUS

Merrimack College 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 that received this award are: **Suzanne L. Chandler**, business administration; **Andrea Marie Faris**, psychology

Eric Cox, son of Jane Cox and Eric Cox Sr., of Andover, has received the William A. Feldman Scholarship from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Feldman Scholarship is granted annually to talented students from cities and towns in the Massachusetts Merrimack Valley, specifically Lawrence and Andover, who demonstrate financial need.

Cox is a member of the class of 2012 majoring in accounting. He is also a member of the Golden Key honor society and the Beta Alpha Psi honors accounting fraternity. Cox graduated from Andover High School in 2007.

Devin M. Geary of Andover, has made the dean's list at Bucknell University for outstanding

academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2008-09 academic year. A student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Geary is the daughter of Joseph and Ann Geary of Andover, and a 2008 graduate of Andover High School.

Kimball Union Academy's 192 Commencement took place May 23. Among the graduates was **Peter Maher**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maher of Andover. Maher will be attending Hamilton College.

Several Northern Essex Community College students received scholarships and awards for their business plans in NECC's inaugural Business Plan Competition. They presented their plans to a panel of judges and to the public last month in the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus.

The first place team was Michael R. Emery of Bradford, a business transfer major, and Kevin G. Schoenthaler of Derry, N.H., a business transfer major, for Sativa Surf and Snow, a marketable, cost effective, and ecologically friendly surfboard and snowboard prototypes. Each received a \$300 scholarship. The second place team was Corey T. Callahan of Plaistow, N.H., a business management major, and John R. Lynch of Bradford, a business management major, who

each received a \$150 scholarship for Bay State Custom Jersey, a business to create custom hockey jerseys. Kevin J. Smith of North Andover, business transfer major, was chosen as the third place winner and received a \$200 scholarship for Park and Ride, a community of skateboarders that would provide customer service and up-to-date skateboarding products.

A Dell laptop was awarded to Christopher Cote of Andover, a business management major, as the top entrepreneurial student in the competition, he co-wrote a business plan for Off the Bench Apparel offering quality sports apparel. The second place award of \$50 went to Smith for Park and Ride, and the third place award of \$25 went to Hector J. Andujar of Lawrence, an accounting major, who co-wrote a plan for Vitalities, a company that would provide American traditional foods with a nutritious twist.

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REVIEW: Book is poignant in some places

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The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle revolves around the passive, unemployed, Japanese suburbanite, Toru Okada. After Toru and his wife, Komiko's cat runs away, Toru investigates a series of strange and life-altering events in his search for the pet. Toru at first consults a pair of physic sisters, Creta and Malta Kano; later, he seeks the companionship of the atypical high-school dropout May Kasahara. And while the many characters of The Wind-Up Bird at first seem disconnected, as the story unfolds, their points of relation and interaction are revealed.

Sprinkled between the plot line of

Toru's journey are poignant scenes from the perspective of World War II characters. There is Lieutenant Mamiya, who undergoes brutal treatment in Outer Mongolia; and a young soldier in Japanese-occupied Manchuria, who makes the orders to kill all the animals in a local zoo. Beautifully written, Murakami uses these passages to add depth to The Wind-Up Bird by creating a multi-faceted story with a historical perspective. Here lies the greatest strength of The Wind-Up Bird: by drawing on both pop-culture and history, Murakami presents an intriguing and comprehensive portrait of Japanese life and the Japanese people.

I give The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle a 9 out of 10. Though Murakami's unique writing can at first be disarming and confusing, finishing this lengthy book is a rewarding and worthwhile experience. Due to its mature content and complex format, I would recommend this book to readers high school age and older. For anyone searching for a fresh summer novel that strays from his or her normal literary taste, look up to The Wind-Up Bird.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and student at Phillips Academy, a private high school in town.

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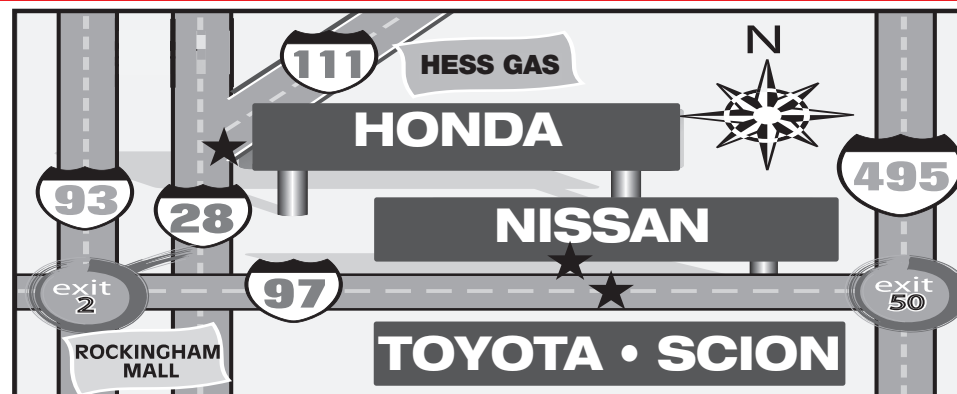
Matthew McDonald, 4, plays firefighter at the steering wheel of a fire engine at the annual Fire Engine Day, sponsored by the Department of Community Services.

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Taylor Henderson, 5, of Andover, holds her teddy bear and looks at light sticks before the fireworks at the Andover High School campus.



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Spectators take in the fireworks display at Andover High School on Sunday, July 5. The show was postponed from July 3 by rain.



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All ready in their restored "Bozomobile" for the Horribles Parade are sisters Elizabeth Payne, 4 1/2, left, and Katherine Payne, 8, center back. They are with their friend Anna Zduczyk, 8, and are all Andover residents.



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Members of The Hot Jazz Orchestra performed during the pancake breakfast held on Saturday morning at The Park. The group then led the Horribles Parade downtown. From left are Mike Hashem on banjo and Al Bernard on tuba.



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Many people were on hand Saturday morning to enjoy the pancake breakfast at the Park and then participate or watch the Horribles Parade downtown. The breakfast tradition is expected to continue. See page 1.



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Lots of children and their families were in the Horribles Parade after enjoying the pancake breakfast at the Park on Saturday morning.



BETH ADELSON/Staff photo

Helina Dicovitsky, 6, of Andover, picks out a light stick while vendor Tim Hillios of Boston looks on. Hillios and his fiancée sold light sticks and necklaces at the Andover fireworks display to help pay for their upcoming wedding.

Towers and truncation on Wood Hill

Bill Dalton



Back in 1927, Wood Hill was so remote that news of a major forest fire there spread slower than the fire. The four-day fire was in its

third day by the time many people downtown – or “uptown,” depending on your perspective – learned of it, from the Andover Townsman. Folks were offered 50 cents an hour to help the fight the fire.

Wood Hill is just west of Haggetts Pond and Route 495. It's 375 feet high and has towers on it, so it's hard to miss.

Wood Hill Road runs south to north on the east side of the hill. It lies between High Plain and Haggetts Pond roads.

Today, the town street directory lists only three homes on “Woodhill Road,” which is now only a short street off Haggetts

Pond Road. When Route 495 was built, it cut through and truncated the original Wood Hill Road, leaving most of it north of that highway.

Judy (West) Stevens sent me a description of a walk taken in 1981 on the north end of what had been Wood Hill Road. The description was written by Darcy Kirk. She was accompanied on the walk by Judy's parents. Mrs. Kirk lived at 65 Haggetts Pond Road, and Judy says she now lives with relatives in Connecticut.

Mrs. Kirk's description begins: “It was a beautiful early spring day that Mildred and Howard West and I started at High Plain Road. Armed with cameras, clipboards, etc. we parked my Jeep... and started out.” She notes that Wood Hill Road was one of the town's oldest byways, but the town had stopped maintaining it years earlier. She continues, “For 40 years or more no one has lived on this end of the route. Although the road is quite overgrown, you can see at one time

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Memory of in-law's passion fuels her cancer ride

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When she died just six months after being diagnosed with cancer, 44-year-old Wendy Smith of Andover left behind a sister-in-law who simply refuses to let her memory fade away.

“She just loved life, was so energetic, was so fun,” Susan Holzman, 46, of Holt Road said with a huge smile. “She just loved life and everything about it.”

It's the energy of her sister-in-law that will get Holzman through next month's Pan-Massachusetts Challenge. The Pan-Mass Challenge is the annual bike-ride fundraiser for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, and 44 Andoverites are signed up to ride, including Holzman. They range in age from 19 to 65.

This will be the second time that Holzman has made the 192-mile trek over two days, from Sturbridge to Provincetown. This year, all riders pledged to raise a minimum of \$4,200 for the cause. The event is Aug. 1 and 2.

Hilly, grueling climbs and fast descents describe the bike route's first 50 miles. The route



Wendy Smith

eases up with flatter terrain on the second day.

Holzman, a marketing specialist, was by no means a serious bike rider before she took on this challenge. She volunteered at the annual ride three years ago and was touched by what she saw.

One rider had a pair of baby shoes attached to his helmet, she said. That image would stay with Holzman, the mother of two healthy teens, and is a big part of the reason she wanted to become more involved.

Her “Live, Laugh, Love” cycle team was launched in memory of her Smith, who died in July, 2006, of uterine cancer and left three children behind. This year, the team also includes Paul Lamonica of Wakefield, Sharon Liszanckie of Jamaica Plain, Kristen Callahan O'Neil of Marblehead and Debby Foley of



Susan Holzman of Andover is ready to ride in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge in memory of her sister-in-law Wendy Smith.

Acton. Last year, Holzman and her team raised nearly \$50,000

for the cause.

Holzman's Andover family will cheer and volunteer along the route. Family members also are pitching in more at home these days as Holzman has been training for months.

“Now, my kids know they have to help more when the weather gets nice because Mom is in training,” Holzman said of children Joshua, 17 and Rachel, 14.

Susan is married to Wendy's brother, David Holzman, and the family has lived in town for 18 years.

Like other riders, Susan Holzman has been training in the rain lately, after spinning indoors all winter. Yet, a recent training ride in the rain to Ogunquit, Maine, had her smiling when she thought about it.

“Wendy would have said we were crazy...she was not athletic, whatsoever,” Holzman said. “She would have been laughing so hard.”

To make a donation supporting PMC's Team “Live-Love-Laugh,” go to www.pmc.org/egifts/TL0067 or send a check, payable to PMC, to Sharon & Robyn, 71 Rockview St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02138.



COURTESY PHOTO

Scouts Cassidy, Mikaela, Sasha and Amanda meet Jen Dupras and one of the animals that will benefit from their donation of blankets to the Methuen MSPCA location. The donation was part of the troop's effort for a Bronze Award, the highest honor given to Junior Level Girl Scouts.

West Elementary Scouts help people, animals

The Junior Girl Scout Troop 60156 from West Elementary School recently received a Bronze Award during a town-wide ceremony held at Camp Maude Eaton in Andover.

Former fifth-graders Cassidy Chapman, Mikaela Heywood, Sasha Kaminsky and Amanda Kamlet are members of the troop, which is led by Jacqui Kamlet. To earn the Bronze Award, the girls held a Spring Cleaning Drive to collect towels, blankets and sheets for Project Home Again and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The girls described the project by writing, "Good towels went to people; others went to the animals (because they don't mind holes and spots on their towels)."

The items were delivered to Project Home Again and the MSPCA during May.

The troop decided on this project because, "right now a lot of people and animals need help because of job loss and

other bad things."

Most of the items were collected through West Elementary School events, such as a Walk to School Day in March during which the girls collected more than 700 items, according to a release. They brought 19 bags of items to Project Home Again in Lawrence and five large bags of items to the MSPCA in Methuen.

Workers at the locations told the girls stories of people they helped and the girls visited animals at the MSPCA that need homes.

"We really liked our project, even though it was a lot of work collecting, carrying, sorting and delivering all the stuff. We helped a lot of people," the troop reported. "With over 150 families coming through Project Home Again each week, they need a donation drive like ours all the time. We learned that many people do not have as much as we do and that we need to help as much as we can. And animals need our help too."

ENGAGEMENT

Sarah Allen and Brian Reagan

Sarah Allen and Brian Reagan are engaged to marry in August.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Pam Allen of Alstead, N.H., graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School and from the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in business. Sarah is employed by a financial firm in Merrimack, N.H.

Her fiancé, son of James and Irene Reagan of Andover, graduated from Central Catholic High School and from Bentley



College with a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in financial planning. Brian also earned a master's in business

administration from Clark University. He is employed by a financial firm in Merrimack, N.H.

Rays of Light celebrated



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured at Emerson Hospital's recent gala, Rays of Light, are Andover residents Brian Callahan and his wife Stephanie. Brian Callahan, a general surgeon, recently joined Emerson Hospital. The Rays of Light dinner dance at The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel benefited Emerson Hospital's Bethke Cancer Center and was part of a larger \$4 million fundraising initiative. Emerson raised more than \$216,000 to be used to name the newly expanded and enhanced patient waiting area within the Bethke Cancer Center. The hospital will also redevelop patient care areas within the radiation oncology unit and construct a shielded vault to house a new linear accelerator, the centerpiece of radiation therapy. Emerson will build a new infusion center on the connecting floor between the Bethke Cancer Center and the hospital's main building. The center partners with Massachusetts General Hospital.

Local club cultivates awards given by Garden Club Federation

The Andover Garden Club received two awards at the 82nd annual meeting of the Garden Club Federation of

Massachusetts Inc., held during June in Westford.

The club received second place in the large-club category of the GCFM Publicity Press Book Award competition. The winning press book is a collection of 2008 media coverage of the club, its events, and its members.

Susan Johnston, incoming Andover Garden Club president, accepted the award certificate. Frances Wheeler, past president

and current publicity chairwoman, also attended.

The Andover Garden Club won the Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award for its newsletter "The Dirt," which is published several times a year and edited by Diane Climo. In recognition of this award, outgoing GCFM president Celeste Wilson presented the club, represented by Johnston, with an engraved silver tray and an award certificate.

Holes for hospice



The 10th annual VNA of Middlesex-East Golf Tournament on June 15 raised \$30,000 for the Sawtelle Family Hospice House. The event was held at Andover Country Club and sponsors included more than 70 area businesses and individuals. The Sawtelle Family Hospice House is owned and operated by VNA of Middlesex-East and offers compassionate residential end-of-life care to people facing terminal illness. It serves communities north of Boston, including Andover. A number of Andover residents enjoyed the day including Ken and Karen Williams and Dr. Roger and Sue Jenkins. Ken Williams is a member of the VNA of Middlesex-East Board of Directors.

DALTON: A walk dotted with parts of the past

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it was quite wide and a beautiful old country road."

Only parts of old structures were there in 1981. According to Mrs. Kirk, the first remains they found was a farm that had once been occupied by a Mr. Heneuset, who raised chickens, sold eggs, and walked back and forth to town to do his shopping. She quotes Howard and Mildred West as saying that a forest fire destroyed his home, and the local Red Cross helped him rebuild it. He, in return, held a party at his farm for the Red Cross ladies.

Mrs. Kirk said, "Further on down Wood Hill Road, we came to the remains of a brick wall. This was the farm of Mike Saba. Mike worked in the Lawrence Mills, raised chickens, had many dogs and by looking at the rotting and fallen down building, he had a rather extensive farm. Almost across from Mike Saba's farm we found Tom Barron's cellar foundation. Very little was left to identify, but we did manage to pull an old oak post out of the ground, and I now have it proudly in my yard. We only found three dwellings, and, according to Howard, that is all there ever were. I would love to have been there when they were flourishing."

I asked Judy Stevens what the road is like now, and she says, "Wood Hill Road at the High Plain end is more of a dirt path now. On the Haggetts Pond Road end there are some houses at the start of the old road."

Judy remembers what the top of Wood Hill was like years ago: "There was a tower with a beacon to warn planes. My brothers climbed the tower and even my sons did so, long after that beacon was gone. The tower part of it still is in the woods. When I was young, it was very quiet here, as there was no 495 and its hum. Tucked in my bed at night, I would try and open my eyes at the same time as the beacon light would shine in the room. It was very comforting, that light. A plane hit it once, and the plane landed in the woods behind our house. The pilot was not killed."

Judy says she takes her grandchildren for walks to the top of the hill and they love to hear the story "of when their fathers were so brave and climbed the tower."

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be reached at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Future in sales: Girl Scout sells over 500 boxes

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts has announced that Andover Girl Scout Rachel Cadet sold 508 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program allows girls to set goals, learn money management, and develop marketing skills. The entire troop sets a goal and follows a plan leading toward that goal. Girl Scout troops use funds from the cookie activity to fund a service project or to plan for an exciting trip.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 10

LIFE LECTURE, book signing with author Lauren Mackler, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover, 7-8 p.m., free; 978-474-8010.

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; <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, Maudslays 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.maudslaysartscenter.org.

HISTORICAL TOUR, Nathaniel Felton Senior House, 47 Felton St., Peabody, noon and 1 p.m., free. Owned and operated by the Peabody Historical Society, this was one of the first homes built on Mount Pleasant in the Brooksby area of Salem (now Peabody) around the year 1650. Visitors can tour the house, stroll the grounds, and visit the petting zoo and farm stand at Brooksby Farm; 978-977-0514, www.peabodyhistorical.org.

PARISI SPEED SCHOOL'S PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE, a series of five free performance tests that evaluate sprinting, jumping, change of direction, strength and endurance, for ages 7-18, 10 a.m. for ages 7-12, noon for ages 12-18, Cedarvale Health & Fitness in Haverhill; Dennis Castro at dcastro@cedarvale-health.net or Kelli McDonough at kmchdonough@cedarvale-health.net; contacts for reservations.

TIDEPOLING FOR KIDS, 8-9:30 a.m., ages 4-12. The walk will be in rocky and wet areas to see Hermit crabs, periwinkles and urchins, so parental supervision and sturdy shoes are a must. Shorts or pants that can be rolled up are recommended, Meet at Parker River Refuge Parking Lot 7, Plum Island.

MONDAY, JULY 13

GOLF TOURNAMENT, Merrimack Valley YMCA's Golf Tournament, Merrimack Golf Course, 210 Howe St., Methuen, registration: 7 to 8 a.m., cost per player: \$175; Melissa O'Brien, director of special events, at 978-725-6681 or mobrien@mvymca.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

NATURE ADVENTURES WITH PICTURE BOOKS, held on Tuesdays, July 14, 21 and 28, 9:30-11 a.m., for families with children ages 3-6. Listen to a story related to the topic of the day and then participate in hands-on activities inspired by the story. Sign up required, \$9/adults, \$7/children, Parker River Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

FREE FILM, The Last Picture Show, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, refreshments provided; 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32 or visit www.mhl.org.

LIVE ACOUSTIC ROCK MUSIC, with Siro-teau, part of the Department of Community Services' summer music series, free, 6 p.m., The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, bring chairs or blankets to sit on, if it rains, the concert moves indoors the following night to the Memorial Auditorium, next to The Park; 978-623-8276. The Andover Sister Towns Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. in The Park and will enjoy the show. New members from Andover and North Andover are always welcome to join the group; Joan Conroy, 978-475-5476.

LIVE MUSIC, The Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road, with Duo de L'Inconnue-Cosmopolitan Baroque, 8 p.m.; www.sohiposton.org to order tickets online, purchase at the door, or 508-212-6038, \$20/\$15 (seniors/students), six- and four-concert passes available.

LAWRENCE'S FARMERS MARKET, takes place every Wednesday through Oct. 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Appleton Way (in between Essex and Common streets), fresh fruits, vegetables and more; 978-974-0770.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

LIVE JAZZ, The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, a large jazz ensemble, part of Maudslays Arts Center summer season in Newburyport, 7 p.m., 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.maudslaysartscenter.org.

ARTIST RECEPTION, George Oommen's "A Retrospective," (through July 31), 5-7 p.m., Whistler Museum, Lowell.

TUESDAY JULY 21

TOTS-N-TYKES TUESDAYS, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5/child, There will be water experiments and activities. Bring swimsuit and towel for outdoor water play (weather permitting), bubbles by Dr. Goose, snacks provided. Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave. (Route 110) Haverhill.

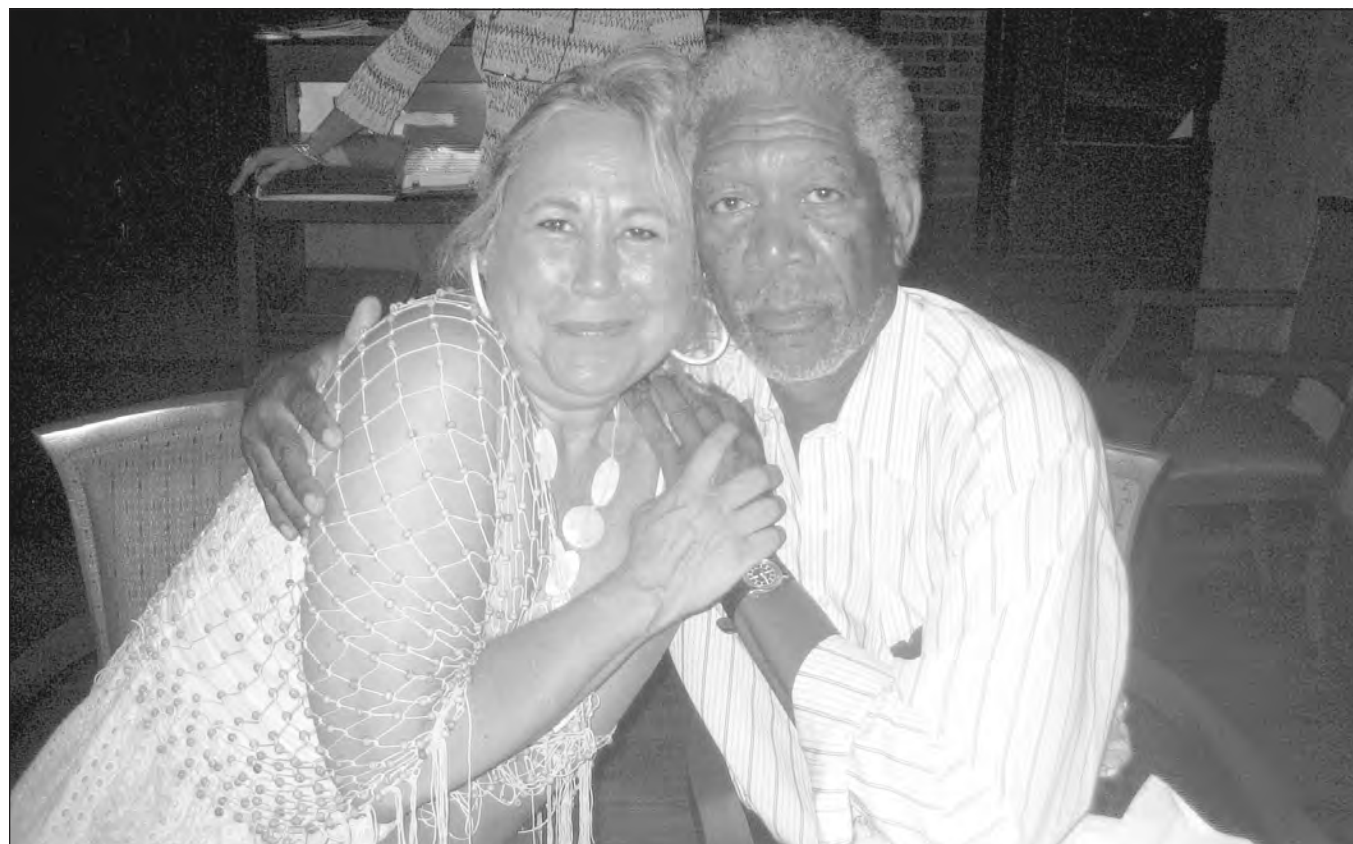
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

FREE FILM, Waltz With Bashir, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, refreshments provided; 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32 or www.mhl.org.

LIVE JAZZ, with Ricco Barr and the Jump n' Jive Review, part of the Department of Community Services' summer music series, free, 6 p.m., The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, bring chairs or blankets to sit on, if it rains, the concert moves indoors the following night to the Memorial Auditorium, next to the Park; 978-623-8276.

LIVE MUSIC, The Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road, Blackberry Jam: Modern Romance in 17th-century Style, 8 p.m.; www.

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FILE PHOTO

Producer Laura Bernieri of Andover with actor Morgan Freeman who narrates her documentary, "Delta Rising."

Crossroad of Andover and the blues

Bernieri's movie on Delta blues comes to town, with James Montgomery

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Local residents have another change to see Andover movie producer Laura Bernieri's much-talked-about film, "Delta Rising," a blues-music documentary.

It is being shown next Thursday, July 16 at the Tsang Theatre at Phillips Academy and Bernieri is thrilled for another chance to show local viewers the roots of that classic Delta blues sound.

This blues music documentary was screened in Andover late last year at Glory Restaurant. A screening in Arlington was also held and well-attended. Accolades came in from smaller film festivals in Newport and the Bahamas. But the big news came from Beverly Hills as Bernieri won a producer of the year award for her documentary on the blues at the Beverly Hills Film Festival. She's a longtime Andover resident who she lives on the campus of Phillips Academy and is married to Lou Bernieri, an English professor.

Now, she's gearing up for the New Hampshire Film Festival to be held in October.

Bernieri's film explores the origins and rich history of the blues in Clarksdale, Miss., the center of the Mississippi Delta and its port of entry, Memphis, Tenn.

"It was just so much fun to make," Bernieri said of her film, a musical journey through the Delta Blues with some of the best musicians around.



BRYAN EATON/Staff photo

James Montgomery and his namesake band played at the Salisbury Beach Center last month.

SEE THE MOVIE

What: Delta Rising, blues music documentary
Who: Producer is Laura Bernieri of Andover
When: Thursday, July 16, 5:45 p.m. doors open; movie at 6 p.m.
Where: Tsang Theatre, Phillips Academy
Cost: Free admission
Extra: Q&A with Bernieri follows

Hollywood actor and amateur historian Morgan Freeman narrates the 59-minute film while James Montgomery is among the several musicians featured. Like any good documentary, this one

HEAR THE MUSIC LIVE

Who: Musician James Montgomery joins Phillips professor Doug Bell for a live show after the movie.
Where: Palmer's Restaurant, Elm Street, Andover
When: 9 p.m. to midnight

hopes viewers come away with a new understanding and appreciation of the topic.

"I hope it helps you understand the blues. Please see **BLUES**, Page 14

Eight from Andover in Quebec World Choral Festival

Seven singers and a gifted pianist from Andover are joining with more than 65 singers from throughout greater Boston area to perform this week under the banner of the Boston Eastern Heritage Chorus in the 5th annual Loto-Quebec World Choral Festival in Montreal, Canada.

The festival, running July 8 to 12, is called the largest gathering

of national and international choirs in all of North America.

Competing in three musical categories with more than 100 other choruses from around the world, Andover performers with the BEHC include pianist Guo Ling and singers Wenjun Chen, Doreen Jiang, Xiaomon Shao, Tsouya Yang, Yu Li, Jim Sun and Charlie Wang.

Under the leadership of music

director and conductor Wanjun Qiao of Medford and accompanied by Ling, the BEHC one of only three choruses from the United States will perform in three categories of competition all today, Thursday, July 9.

Under festival rules, only amateur choirs are allowed to participate and they must sing "a capella," without instruments, or be accompanied only by a

single musical instrument without a sound system. All songs must be performed in the original language in which they were composed.

Veterans of many international competitions of both "amateur" and "professional" choruses since its founding in 2000, the BEHC consists completely of "amateur" vocalists from many walks of life: doctors, teachers,

writers, bankers, scientists, engineers, and more who join together to blend their voices and share their love of music, members wrote in a release.

Despite their amateur status, they have won several honors and awards in various world choir competitions. During the past nine years, the BEHC has made more than 30 classical and

contemporary choral presentations in venues such as Jordan Hall and John Hancock Hall in Boston, Yale University's Woolsey Hall in New Haven, Conn., MIT's Kresge Auditorium in Cambridge, and in choral competitions Pocatello, Idaho, Montreal, Canada, and Beijing, China.

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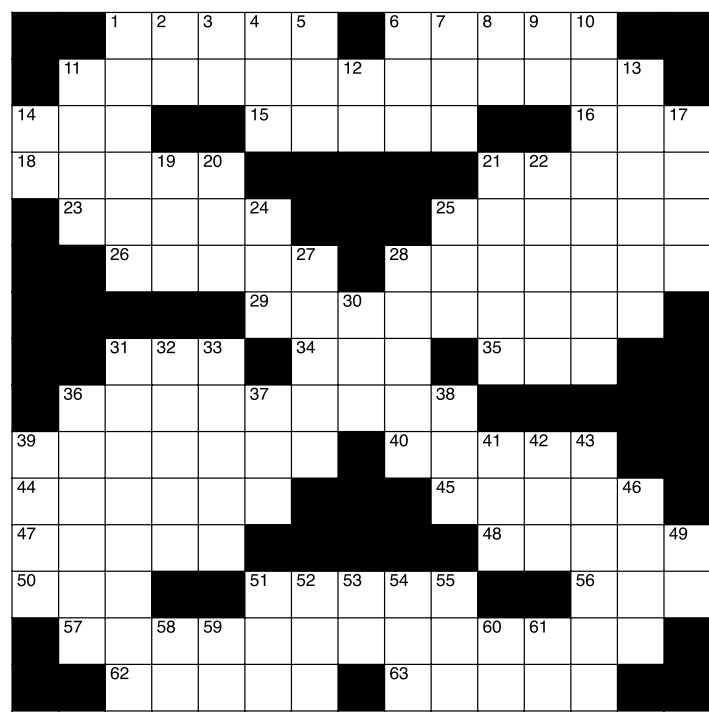
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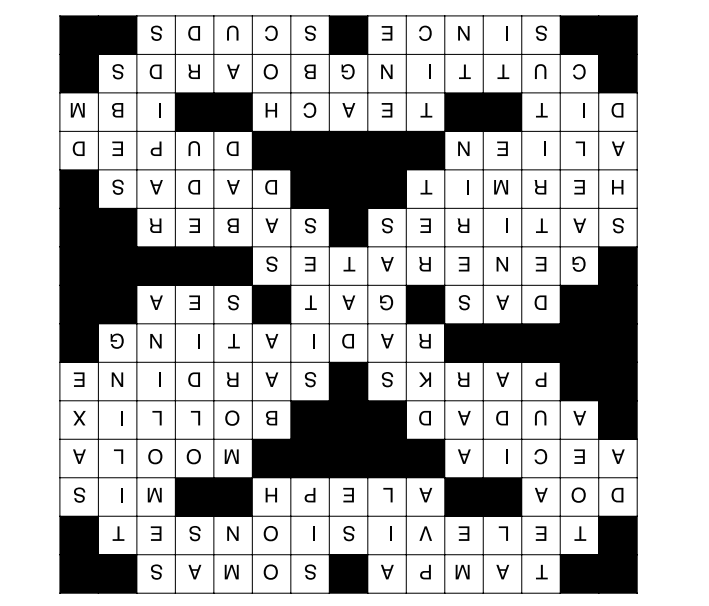
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 - Barbary sheep
 - Make a mess of (British)
 - Urban green areas
 - Small edible herring
 - Glowing
 - German "the"
 - ...away; portal
 - Large body of water
 - Produces electricity
 - Ironies
 - A stout sword
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 - Point between S and E
 - Ceramic tub covering
 - Algerian dinar
 - Coburg and Gotha
 - Lupino, actress
 - Swiss river
 - Belongs to comic Saul
 - But goodie
 - Denmark
 - The cry made by sheep
 - Heroic tales
 - Building plots
 - ...eless; stag
 - Rubbish
 - Copal resin
 - Small European finch
 - Celtic
 - A way to drench
 - Feel sorrow
 - Herringlike fish
 - Not good
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 - Very fast currents
 - Point one point S of SE
 - Blood sugar disease (abbr.)
 - Habitual facial twitch
 - Point midway between NE and E
 - Silver
 - Ed Murrow's home
 - Ad ...
 - Atomic #22
 - Tennessee
 - Gold
 - Rural delivery

Solution



BLUES: Documentary showing in Andover

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blues," Bernieri said. "There's so much to learn with the arrival of West Africans to their jobs in the cotton fields...singing while you work is at the root of this style of music."

She said the people living in that part of the country especially caught her attention. "I found them to be magical, wonderful people," she said. "It's a beautiful landscape there from Memphis to Clarksdale...and I hope it's the strength of its people that viewers will learn about."

See www.tincanfilms.com to learn more about "Delta Rising."

Learn to canoe for free

Have you ever thought about taking up canoeing? Paddling lazily along on a beautiful scenic New England pond? Well, you're in luck, because Harold Parker State Forest is now offering a free canoe program sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The park's interpreter, Bob Anderson, is instructing participants on the basics of canoe handling and water safety and lead a guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's picturesque ponds.

Remaining dates for this program, which started July 4, are Saturdays at noon on July 18, Aug. 2, Aug. 15 and Aug. 29. The program will generally run around two hours. Canoes are provided by DCR however, it is recommended that residents bring sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water, a camera and a life vest if they own one, otherwise one will be provided.

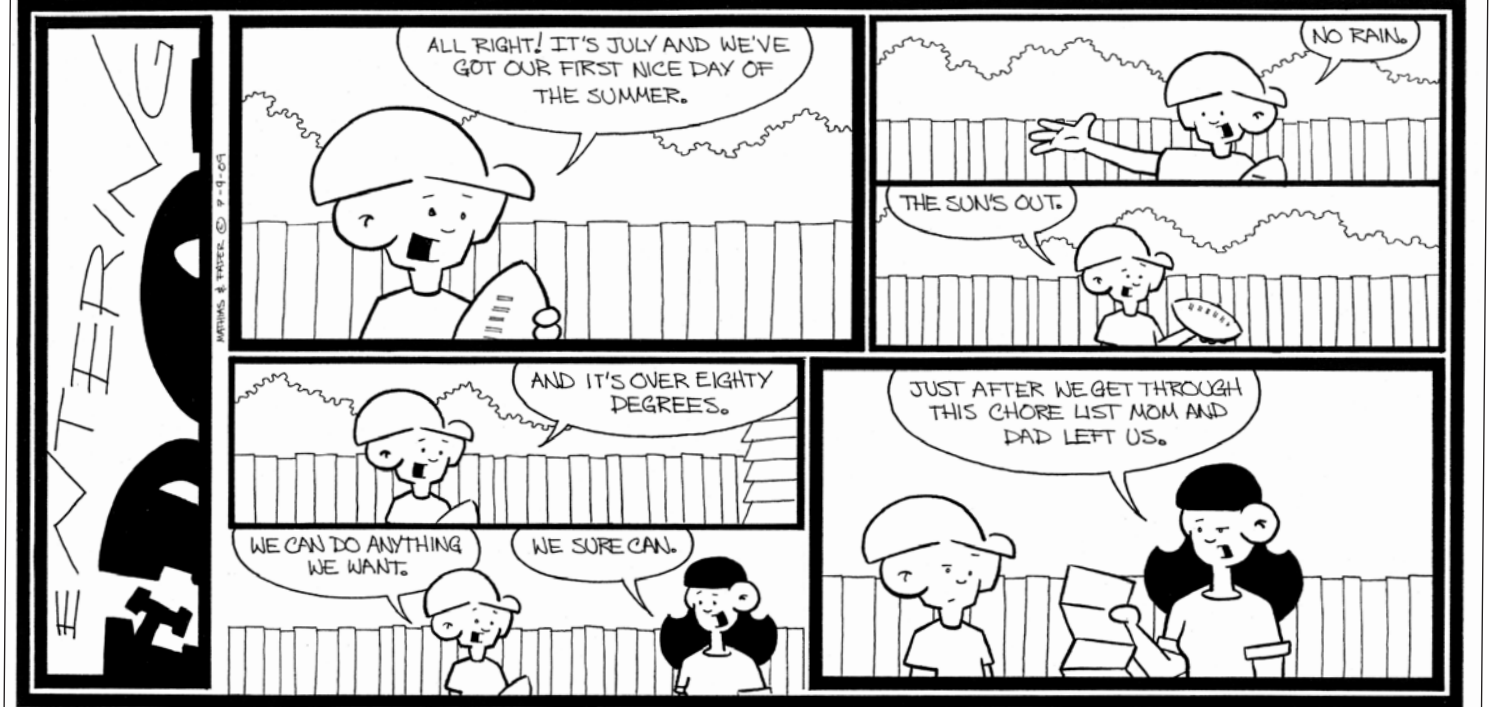
This program is limited to 16 adults over the age of 18 and a mandatory pre-registration is required by calling 978-475-7972.

This program will meet at the forest headquarters parking lot on Middleton Road, North Andover.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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- sohipboston.org to order tickets online, purchase at the door, or 508-212-6038, \$20/\$15 (seniors/students), six- and four-concert passes available.
- CLASSIC MOVIE SERIES, "The Mouse that Roared,"** the Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.
- THURSDAY, JULY 23**
- YMCA'S DALLAS NIGHT,** with family barbecue, square dancing games for children, 5:30 p.m. to dusk. There will also be pony rides for the children. Come in your finest western attire. Cost in advance is \$10 per person and \$35 per family; \$12 per person and \$40 per family on the night of the barbecue. Seating times are: 5:45, 6:15 and 6:45 p.m.; 978-685-3541. The YMCA is located at 165 Haverhill St., Andover.
- FREE LIVE MUSIC,** as the summer Concert Series kicks off at the Rogers Center, with the big band stylings of Monument Square Brass, 7 p.m., all summer series events will be held outdoors. In the event of inclement weather conditions concerts will be moved inside the Rogers Center; 978-837-5355.
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- SUNDAY, JULY 25**
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- ESSEX HERITAGE PHOTO SAFARI,** presented by the Essex National Heritage Commission, 7 a.m. to noon, Hallett Point State Park, Gott Avenue, Rockport, \$45 (\$30 for Essex Heritage Explorers), to register, visit essexheritage.org/photocontest/index.shtml or call 978-740-0444.
- SUNDAY, JULY 26**
- BUGS, BUGS, BUGS,** 9-10:30 a.m. ages 6-9, this hands-on program will search for incredible insect friends and learn about what makes them the most abundant animal on the planet. Meet at the Parker River Refuge Visitor Center, Plum Island.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**
- LIVE REQUESTS ONLY MUSIC,** with 4 Guys in Taxes, part of the Department of Community Services' summer music series, free, 6 p.m., The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, bring chairs or blankets to sit on, if it rains, the concert moves indoors the following night to the Memorial Auditorium next to The Park; 978-623-8276.

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Sports

Freshman coach hired as interim in place of Maglio

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

It took Andover High just two days to announce a replacement for Ken Maglio on the football field.

Last Wednesday, two days after athletic director Chris Bergeron announced the dismissal of long-time head coach Maglio, Bergeron confirmed that Andover freshman coach and Bancroft Elementary School teacher John Rex would be taking over as head football coach on an interim basis for the 2009 season.

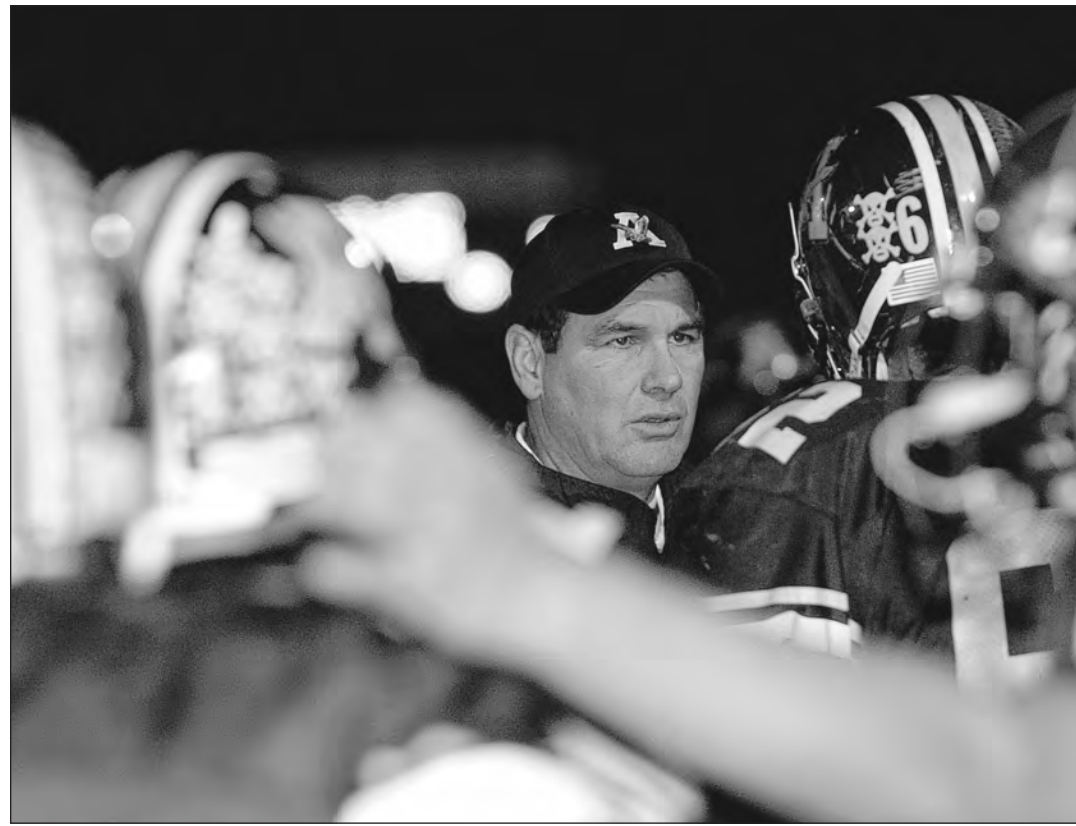
"(Bergeron) called me up at the Bancroft on Monday and asked if we could meet," said the 44-year-old Rex. "I checked with my wife, then I promised Chris I would be someone that would represent the school well, and leave no stone unturned."

"I don't like the way this happened, but it is out of my hands."

With the football preseason just five weeks away, Bergeron said that the school could not waste time finding a coach.

"We felt like we had to move quickly considering how close we are to the season," said Bergeron.

It will be the first head coaching position for Rex. He played football at North Reading (1979-82) during what he called "the only three good years in program history," which included a Super Bowl appearance. Following high school, he started three years at Bridgewater State.



Ken Maglio spent the last 13 years at the center of Andover High football. But after the head coach was let go last week, it was announced freshman coach John Rex will serve as interim head coach for the 2009 season.

Rex then worked as a freshman coach and varsity assistant at North Andover (1987-88) and as a graduate assistant at Springfield College while he was studying for his master's degree.

He also spent four years (1990-94) as an assistant basketball coach at Methuen, and had one-year stints coaching track at

North Andover and North Reading. He spent 13 years working in sales.

"John is a high-character person," said Bergeron. "He has familiarity with the players and he's a teacher in the district. I have plenty of confidence in him."

Rex was quick to complement the coach he was replacing.

"Back in 2004, I got a call from Ken Maglio," said Rex. "He asked me if I wanted to coach, and I am thrilled I accepted the offer. I have always been a big Ken fan, and he and I are fine."

Maglio continued to express

his disappointment over his dismissal from the jobs. But he has been uplifted from the support he has received from the Andover community.

There was a rally of about four dozen people in the Park Tuesday for Maglio and American Sign Language teacher Daniela Ioannides, who may also be out of her Andover job by September.

"The past weeks I have learned I have a lot of friends," said an emotional Maglio, who was head football coach for 13 years, posting a 65-68-2 record. "I have old players and current players wishing me well. I can walk away with my head held high, feeling like I have made a positive influence."

"My only problem is, I still want a reason. I have yet to hear one, and maybe I never will."

Maglio told the Eagle-Tribune he believes Bergeron was "the messenger" and said the superintendent denied his request for a one-on-one meeting.

One player who voiced his support of Maglio was former Warriors quarterback Geoff Stevens, who passed for 1,098 yards as a senior in 2004.

"I was in complete shock," said Stevens, whose brother Tripp was a starting linebacker for the Warriors. "We were always competitive, but it isn't all about the wins and losses with coach Maglio. He cares about the team and did the behind-the-scenes things. I think it's ludicrous the way the new AD handled it."

It was also announced that the

school would conduct an open search for Rex's coaching staff.

"All of the coaching positions are going to be opened up for interviews," said Bergeron. "(Maglio's staff) has been given the opportunity to interview. There have been some issues within the staff, and I thought it was necessary to go outside the current staff to move the program forward."

Offensive coordinator Joe Marinaro and quarterbacks coach Pat Finn did not return multiple messages seeking comment. Wide receivers coach Glenn Verrette declined to comment when reached.

Alec Yount (AHS '06), a starting offensive lineman for the Golden Warriors, did offer comments.

"It is ridiculous," said Yount. "How do you just fire someone that has been involved in Andover sports for so long? There were times he drove me crazy, but you realize he really loved being there. He loved the players and wanted to see everyone do well. And coach Marinaro knows more about football than anyone I have ever met."

"Most coaches could care less about you. I realized that when I went to play in college (at Bucknell). They don't care about your grades as long as you can play. You are just a means to an end. Andover had a staff of coaches that cared, and they threw it away."

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Legion baseball

Farrell keeps dominating

John Farrell continues to simply dominate all American Legion opponents.

The hard-throwing righty struck out a whopping 14 batters over 6 2/3 innings, allowing just five hits and walking one as Andover Post 8 drubbed Gloucester Post 3 8-1 on Monday night to improve to 9-0 for the season. The Post 3 squad sported many of the players that led Gloucester High to the Division 1 North title this season.

Andover wasted no time grabbing momentum. **Andrew Ruiz-Henriquez** led off the game with a walk, **John Hennessy** singled and both scored on an RBI double from **Mike Yastrzemski**. The outfielder then scored on a single by **Zach Burdeau**.

Ruiz-Henriquez recorded two hits and scored twice, Burdeau was 3 for 4 and **Dan Gusovsky** drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Yastrzemski also closed out the game on the mound, striking out the only batter he faced.

Andover 7, Lynn Gautreau 0

John Hennessy recorded three hits and drove in four runs as Andover Post 8 pounded Lynn Gautreau 7-0 on Sunday.

Shawn Carlson started on the mound and allowed just one hit over six innings, striking out nine. **Robin Lowe** came on in relief to pitch a shutout seventh.

Andrew Ruiz-Henriquez and **Mike Yastrzemski** each added a pair of hits and **Jake Ponti** excelled in the field for Post 8.

For week of July 5-11, 2009

Scientists dig deep for answers

What would you do with an old gold mine after it shut down? Make it an underground science laboratory, that's what!

The Homestake Mine is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Officials and scientists broke ground a few weeks ago for a new laboratory almost a mile underground in the old mine.

The Homestake Mine opened in 1876. It provided 2.5 million pounds of gold before it closed in 2001. The mine was the oldest, largest and deepest mine in the Western Hemisphere, reaching almost two miles below the town of Lead.

After it closed, it started filling with water. Last year, the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority started pumping it out.

Work crews will now stabilize the tunnels and build a new facility.

When the lab is ready, scientists will experiment with the Large Underground Xenon detector (called LUX).

They will look for "dark matter" to learn more about the Big Bang explosion that may have formed the universe.

What is dark matter?
Dark matter is one of the great mysteries of physics.

Scientists know it's out there, but they can't see it. Dark matter may make up about 22% of the universe. It may have been left over after the Big Bang.

Scientists think it has no atoms. It doesn't interact with ordinary matter through electromagnetic forces. However, they think they can find the gravitational effects it has on visible matter.

They want to answer these questions:
What is dark matter?
How much dark matter is there?
What effect does dark matter have on the future of the universe?

Dark matter may be a WIMP. (It's not the kind of wimp you're thinking of.) That stands for Weakly Interacting Massive Particle.

Seeing a weakly interacting WIMP is hard. That's why scientists will search for it in a deep, dark hole. Scientists hope the depth will shield out cosmic radiation noise.

The WIMP trap will be a 600-pound tank of liquid xenon surrounded by very sensitive detectors. Liquid xenon is a cold substance



Scientists hope to catch dark matter in this trap underground.

Illustration by LUX Dark Matter Experiment

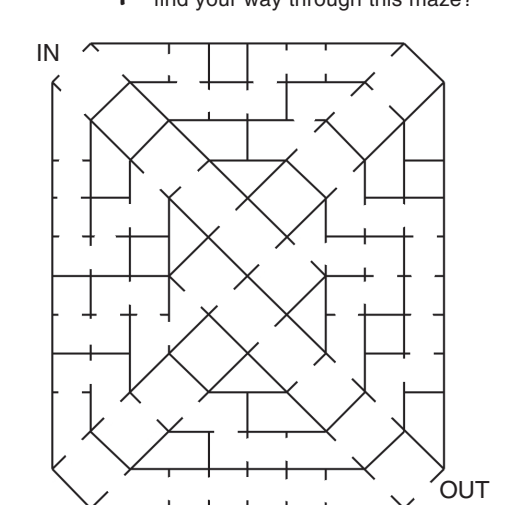
that is three times heavier than water. It reacts when hit by small particles.

Scientists hope to catch and detect the ghostly particles in the LUX.

The project will cost about \$550 million and will take several years to complete.

Finding a WIMP could be worth more than gold.

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ELITE PERFORMANCE - The Andover-based Shooting Stars Club team (U14G) won the Elite Division of the Delta FC Invitational Tournament held over Memorial Day Weekend at the Citizens Bank Fields, Progin Park in Lancaster, Mass. Pictured, back row from right, are Coach Cesar Gilbert, Morgan Havicani, Cate Wadman, Rachel Holzman, Sarah Eberth, Rachel Cope, Piper Curtis, Nicole Chaet, Jackie Parece and Manager Sue Curtis; and, front row, from right, are Siobhan McDonough, Sarah Bresette, Olivia Biles, Jaclyn Alois, Devon Cavenev and Michelle Gagnon.

A's make grade, capture championship

The American League A's captured the Andover Majors Little League Town Championship Saturday, June 27. The three-game series was an exciting series for the boys, parents, coaches and fans, according to A's coach Ron Amidon.

On Saturday evening, the American League champion Athletics (14-4 overall) took home the Andover Little League Majors Championship by defeating the National League champion Reds (14-4 overall), 7-4, in what Amidon described as a thrilling rubber-match game. "Despite persistent weather delays throughout the best of three series, both teams came highly prepared to each game and made the series a competitive one," he reported. Three A's players, Daniel Amidon, Alex Brickman and Colin



The A's include, back row, from left Coach Ron Amidon, Evan Hoerl, Brian McDonough, Dylan Zhang, Coach John McDonough; and, front row: Tom Feigenbaum, Danny Katz, Mike Moheban, Cameron Kerry, John Grady.

Flynn, combined for a league leading 15 home runs for the season. Amidon and Flynn are also members of the 12U New

England Firebirds White select AAU baseball team, which finished first in its division this season with a 15-3 record.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Gillis to Bentley gridiron

First-year Bentley University football coach Thom Boerman has announced his 2009 recruiting class.

Twenty-five of the newcomers are from Massachusetts, including Walter Gillis of Andover. Gillis was also captain of the lacrosse and track teams at Central Catholic High School. The two-time Merrimack Valley conference award winner can contribute to either side of the line, but will look to provide early on offense, according to a release.

"We are excited about this year's class of football recruits," said Boerman, a long-time Falcon assistant who was promoted to the head coaching position in December. "We had no specific targeted positions, we needed quality at all positions this year. We also have a number of QBs coming in, and which they were all very good quarterbacks in high school, we realize that they are also exceptionally good athletes and will be expected to play somewhere, and not just sit on the bench waiting for a turn."

"We are pleased that the quality of this class is represented by the number that are playing in All-Star and Charity games this summer. I believe we have 14 kids on rosters of Shriners and All-Star games in four starts," continued Boerman.

"I am looking forward to getting these young men into our pre-season camp (which starts Aug. 8), and see what we have as far as immediate impact talent. I know that the other programs in our conference had solid recruiting efforts as well, so I am glad that we got the type of recruits we did, academic, athletic and hard-nosed."

Bentley, 5-6 a year ago, will open its season Aug. 29 at Ohio Dominican University and will play the home-opener a week later against Curry College.

Local organizations team up to support disadvantaged children

The New England Aztec Soccer Organization and Playing It Forward Inc., have teamed up to create a "Passback" program to collect new and used soccer equipment for disadvantaged youth domestically and abroad. Playing It Forward is a charitable initiative that was founded by David Cohen who was a local athlete that played

at Babson College in Wellesley and Brooks School in North Andover. The mission of Playing It Forward is to provide sports to underprivileged children domestically and abroad through programs including the collection and donation of used and new sports equipment.



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JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPS - The Reds became Andover Little League Spring Baseball Junior Division champions following a come from behind victory in their last at bat against the Phillies on Sunday, June 28, according to parents. Pictured are coaches Ken Sawka and Frank Kimball, and players Alec Dean, Mike DeLaus, Steve Kimball, Jon Klayman, Carter Letsky, Nick Sawka, Prakirn Upadhyay, Solomon White, Nick Woods and Tim Yaghmoorian. Missing from the photo are Ben Aronovitz and Ethan Kurinsky.

For more information or to inquire about getting involved, visit www.playingitforward.org.
NE Aztec Team

Taylor Perkins of Phillips Academy is a member of the New England Aztec U15 Kodiak Boys team that became the first New England team to win a Mass State Cup championship. Winning means the boys will represent Massachusetts at the 2009 US Youth Soccer Region

I Championship in West Virginia in July.

First Massachusetts High School Ultimate All-Star Game

The Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance offered the 2009 High School Ultimate All-Star game, featuring some of the best young Ultimate Frisbee players in Massachusetts,

on Sunday, June 21, according to a release.

The White squad was coached by Scott Hoenig of top boys squad Phillips Academy included Andover residents Caroline Lyle and Eli Grober, plus other players from Rockport, Bridgewater-Raynham, Needham, Xaverian, Masconomet, Concord-Carlisle, and Sharon.

The Blue squad included Andover resident Kayla Walsh and players from

Amherst, Lexington, Weymouth, Nipmuc, Acton-Boxborough, Concord-Carlise, Belmont, Lincoln-Sudbury, Newton South, and Somerville.

Massachusetts high school Ultimate has grown from about a dozen teams in 2003 to over 70 teams this year. In the 2009 spring state championships, Amherst swept the boys and girls titles with decisive victories over Nipmuc and Longmeadow. The All-Star game was played as a mixed game with boys and girls competing together. Ultimate is one of the only sports in which men and women compete in mixed world championships.

Hyde School honors Samuels for athletic excellence

Bradley Samuels of Andover, son of David and Laurie Samuels, received the speaker and MIP awards in men's crew during his junior year at the independent, Hyde School in Bath, Maine. Head of School Don MacMillan said of the recent athletic award winners, "Whether playing for a championship or learning a brand new sport, Hyde's young athletes are tested daily on their work ethic, stamina, and ability to work together as a team. These individuals are among the finest examples of athletic character at Hyde School."



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Jillian Slotnick, 2, happily sits in a fire engine at the Park at the annual Fire Engine Day sponsored by DCS. More photos, Page 10.

TOWN TALK

Save the date: STM

This week, selectmen approved a date for a Special Town Meeting this fall. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct. 7. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Andover High School field house, 80 Shawshen Road.

The warrant for fall Town Meeting will open Monday, Aug. 31, and close Monday, Sept. 14, at 4:30 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the Special Town Meeting will be Sept. 25. To submit a warrant article or register to vote, visit the town clerk's office at Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

Selectmen chose to hold the fall Town Meeting in the field house

because they are hoping for a large voter turnout.

— Bethany Bray

Can you hear me now? Yes, finally

North Main Street resident Joanne Landers is relieved to have her phone and internet service back. Last week, the Townsman reported that Landers and eight of her neighbors had been without phone service from Verizon for over a week, starting on June 23.

Service was restored to homes on North Main by Friday, July 3. Landers used her grandson's cell

phone during the outage.

A Verizon representative said the outage was due to a gas leak in a manhole they needed to access.

— Bethany Bray

State won't pay for new curbing on Main Street

Despite an appeal from state Sen. Sue Tucker, the Massachusetts Highway Department will not pay to replace new curbing on North Main Street near Elm Square.

The curbing, across the street from the Mobil gas station on North Main Street, was installed

last year as part of the state's Route 28 redesign project.

Town officials contend the curbing is too wide and occasionally restricts the flow of northbound traffic travelling through the square.

MassHighway denied the town's initial request to have the curbing reinstated, prompting an appeal of the decision from Tucker, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

That appeal has since been denied by the state.

"If they're going to do it, we have to pay for it," Stapczynski told selectmen recently.

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