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Group forming to host free Summer Games for kids

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Call it the A-lympics. Andover youth will have an opportunity this August to compete in a new Olympics-style event that will offer a wide variety of free indoor and outdoor sporting events, and also arts and academic competitions. A

group of community leaders is planning the three-day event for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20, 21 and 22.

The Andover Summer Games event is the brainchild of former superintendent Ken Seifert and will be sponsored by Andover Youth Services.

"It's meant to be fun, with a variety of activities [available].

It's to say 'We do want you to step outside of the typical things you do.' And at the end you will have a better sense of what are the things that you can do," said Seifert.

"We're trying to bring back that community feel," said Bill Fahey, Youth Services director. "There's a need for more community events."

Growing up in Buffalo, N.Y., the Boys Club gave Seifert the opportunity to pursue a number of different interests, from boxing to the trumpet, he said. He and others involved with creating the Andover event want the free offering to allow all kids in town to participate in new areas.

Although winners will be recognized, "the emphasis is not

on crowing a champion. It is the gathering of the community to participate together," said Seifert. "There are kids who stay in Andover all summer. It's the kind of thing that, as the summer unfolds, you have to look forward to."

"Hopefully, if it works well it could be another Andover tradition like the Fourth of July, like

ClownTown, like Andover Days," said Marilyn Fitzgerald, coach of the nine-time state champion girls swim and dive team. "I'm hoping to get everybody involved. They don't have to be the superstar. That's the idea of this."

Fitzgerald will organize a variety of swimming events, most of

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CLOWNING AROUND



Clown Ruth Masters of Andover catches James DiGianno, 5, in a game of Simon Says, as he waits in line to get his face painted during ClownTown, an annual carnival in the Park hosted by the Andona Society. For more photos from ClownTown, see page 11.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

For 155 families, no more trash pickup

Town to stop collecting at complexes with 7+ units

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

For the 30 years Jean Johns has lived in her High Street condominium, her trash and recycling have been picked up curbside.

As of July 1, that will change. The town plans on enforcing a long-standing rule that housing complexes with more than six units must take care of trash and recycling with a private contractor.

Johns lives in the Temple Place complex, which has 17 units. The condo association is looking into private trash and recycling pickup, said Johns, but hopes the town will change its mind.

"We have no space for a Dumpster," said Johns. "This creates a big problem for us. We don't have that much room in our complex."

They're not sure the large trucks needed to empty such a trash receptacle could get into the complex, Johns added.

Two weeks ago, the Department of Public Works sent out 155 letters to residents of seven multi-family

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TOWN TALK

Ex-principal now Realtor

No more pencils, no more books but plenty of homebuyers who want to look! That could be the new mantra for retired Wood Hill Middle School principal Norah McCarthy. She's now a Realtor for Carlson's North Andover office. McCarthy, who was also principal at Bancroft Elementary School before Wood Hill opened, sent out a mailing to Andover friends about her new career recently.

Philly-bound priest

A popular Andover priest, the Rev. Joe Narog, is leaving St. Augustine Parish on Essex Street. He has been reassigned as a pastor to a church in the Philadelphia area. Fr. Joe, who was previously a counterterrorism analyst, has been in town nearly five years. His

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Courtesy photo

Resident Gavin Liddell, 12, (front, left) won a contest and he and his sister, Sabria (front, right) were able to meet and play video games with wildly popular boy band the Jonas Brothers. The Jonas Brothers are the youngest group ever to appear on the cover of Rolling Stone. Story in Arts, page 6.

Market Basket enters its final month in town

Stop & Shop eyes October opening in Shawsheen Plaza

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

After 44 years at Shawsheen Plaza, Market Basket has less than a month left in Andover.

The supermarket that has served and employed generations of Andover shoppers and family members will close Saturday, June 26, as its lease expires on June 30.

A few months of renovation work by Stop & Shop will follow as that larger supermarket chain plans to open a store there in early October 2010.

"It's not a happy day for us," said David McLean, operations manager for Market Basket headquarters

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GAMES: Olympic-style events in August

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which will be shorter distance events to encourage participation. Andover High Track Coach Peter Comeau will oversee track events. Andover Youth Services will run some X Games-style events at the skate park.

There will be a variety of other sporting events, and also non-sporting events such as chess and musical and public speaking competitions, said Seifert.

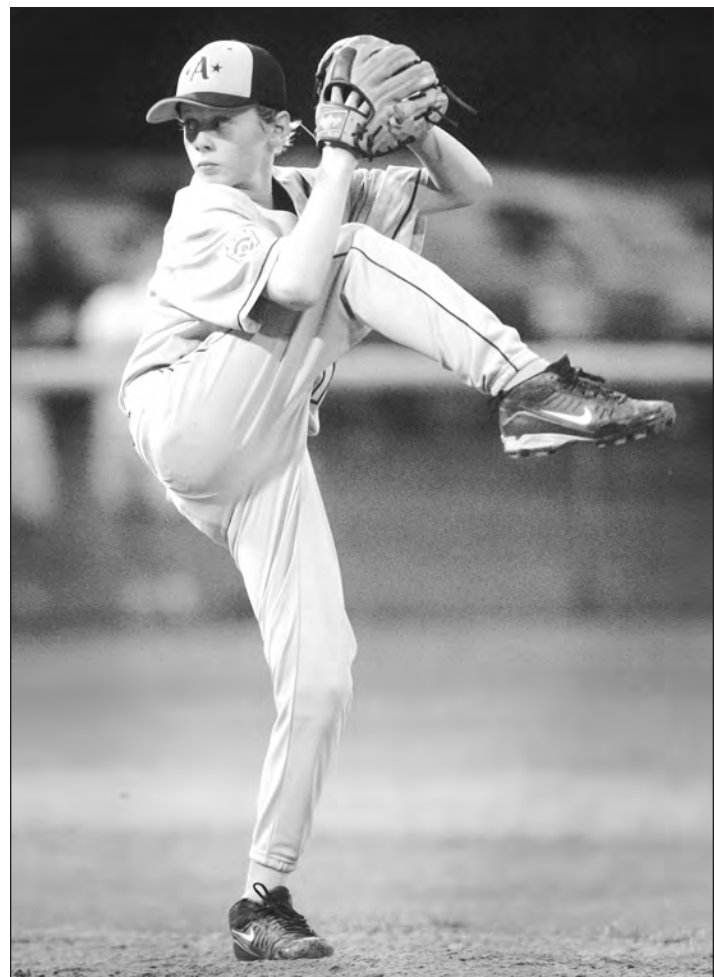
A coordinating committee is meeting the night of June 2 to iron out details of the event, which will be for youth in grades 3 through 8.

"The middle school age group is always the age group that everyone says there is no place for. I'd like to see them out there in droves," said Fitzgerald.

Organizers expect the event to take place at both Andover High on Shawsheen Road and the Greater Lawrence Technical High School on River Road, where Andover's public pool is located, and perhaps other locations. Andover adults and older youth will be needed to run the events.

"You can enjoy it, you can volunteer, your children can be involved. It can be a fun event," said Seifert. "We've got the Fourth of July, that's a good community event. Here is another one. We will have both young and old participating.

"We all lead busy lives. Sometimes the mothers and the fathers don't have time, they're all over the world, busy doing



STAFF FILE PHOTO

A fastest pitch competition is among the ideas being considered for a townwide summer games. Above, Luke Glancy pitches during Little League district play last summer.

many things. But we do live here. We need activities that are 'community,' which means common unity," said Seifert.

Ken Seifert is an Andover Townsman columnist and the Townsman is the media sponsor for this event.

MARKET: Stop & Shop eyes October opening

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in Tewksbury. "It's been an honor to be in Andover."

The Demoulas family owns the supermarket chain and has a long affiliation with Andover. According to the company's website, Telemachus "Mike" Demoulas and his brother George bought the supermarket chain from their parents in 1954. Their Andover store opened in 1966 and the business has grown to 60 Market Basket supermarkets.

Mike Demoulas died in 2003 at age 82 and is buried in Andover. He was the sole head of the supermarket chain for years after George Demoulas died of a heart attack in 1971 while vacationing in Greece.

"We are preparing (for the closing) and right now we are most concerned about our employees," McLean said.

There are about 100 employees and the company is offering each of them a job at another Market Basket store, McLean said.

"There are no layoffs," he said. "We are taking care of our employees."

The company will mail a goodbye letter to local customers to thank them for their business, he said.

Market Basket in Andover was a smaller-sized supermarket when compared to today's more popular super-sized supermarkets. McLean said that was part of its appeal.

"Our Andover store had that country charm feel," McLean said. "It was like a village, generations of families shopped and worked there."

McLean said Market Basket never had the chance to renew its lease after Shawsheen Plaza was sold in 2008. The Guys of Andover LLC of Salem, Mass., bought the plaza for \$12.7 million, according to the Registry of Deeds Northern Essex District. Stop & Shop now holds the master lease to the entire shopping center.

It's a much happier mood at the Quincy-based Stop & Shop as they are eager to start renovations. Spokesman Bob LaRochelle said the new store in Andover is a project on the fast track.

"We're anxious to get in there, spruce it up inside and outside, get some new signage and do this as quickly as we can," LaRochelle said. "It usually takes six months, but we want to expedite this project and get it on the fast track."

Work is scheduled to begin by July 15 and the renovation will not expand the store. Town zoning laws will not allow that.

LaRochelle said none of the other tenants at the plaza have been asked to vacate and his company is pushing for an early October opening for its grocery store.

He said the company got to know its future shoppers at last fall's Andover Day event as Stop & Shop was a key sponsor.

"We got a great reception from Andover residents at Andover Day," LaRochelle said. "We look forward to our Andover opening."

Stop & Shop will once again be a key sponsor at this year's Andover Day event set for Saturday, Sept. 25.

IN THE BAG, BOTH ENDS OF TOWN

Grocery shoppers on Andover's south side neighborhoods - off South Main Street (Route 28), near the North Reading border - will soon have two Stop & Shop grocery stores to choose from. Stop & Shop is moving its Route 28 store in North Reading closer to Andover. The store will be located at the former Shaw's supermarket, in the strip mall just over the Andover town line in North Reading, according to company spokesman Bob LaRochelle. He said it's a "better location, with more traffic."

Stop & Shop's current location on Route 28 in North Reading will be converted into retail space, he said.

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TRASH: Condo associations will have to pay for their waste pickup

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complexes with more than six units using town curbside trash or recycling pickup, stating service would stop July 1.

The rule has been in place since the 1980s but not uniformly enforced, said Sandy Gerraughty, DPW business manager. Although most housing complexes use private services, some with more than six units fell through the cracks and have been putting trash and recycling out to the curb.

Enforcing the rule, to the letter, makes it fair to everyone who lives in multi-family complexes, she said. No money is built into the

Here is the list of housing complexes currently using town trash or recycling pickup that have been asked by the town to hire a private contractor:

- Ballardvale Crossing condominiums, 18 Dale St., 68 units
- Hillcrest Townhouse condominiums, 49 Lupine Road, 12 units
- Hunter's Ridge condominiums,

- Martingale Lane, 27 units
- Meredith Village condominiums, High Street, 18 units
- Temple Place condominiums, High Street/Temple Place, 17 units
- 70-84 Essex St. apartments, 8 units
- 6-12 Maple Ave. apartments, 12 units

Source: Sandy Gerraughty, business manager, department of public works

DPW budget for trash or recycling pickup at housing complexes with more than six units.

Contrary to public belief, the town does not make any money from recycling, said Gerraughty.

Gerraughty will be at the June 7 Board of Selectmen meeting, where the issue will be discussed. If any changes are to be made to the trash and recycling pickup rule, it would have to come from the board, she

said. "The policy is in place. If selectmen decide they want to re-look at the policy, that's their decision," said Gerraughty. "The argument is condos pay taxes. We understand that."

"We're trying to figure out the rhyme and reason to (the trash pickup rule), to make sure everything is fair," said Selectman Mary Lyman. "We certainly don't want to stop people from recycling."

Lyman said she would be in favor of enforcing the rule while providing a public drop-off location for condo and apartment residents to bring their recyclables.

The town of Andover does not have a recycling facility. Complexes that don't hire a private contractor for recycling must throw everything in the trash or find a recycling center. Lyman and Gerraughty noted that all residents can put paper recycling in green and yellow-colored receptacles around town. The Paper Retriever recycling company has bins at St. Augustine School, Temple Emanuel, St. Robert

Bellarmine, the Andover School of Montessori and Greater Lawrence Technical High School.

Trash and recycling has proved to be a controversial issue in Andover. Past pay-as-you-throw and trash-limit proposals have been hotly debated and eventually discarded.

Last spring's SMART (Saves Money and Reduces Trash) plan would have charged residents for every bag of trash they put to the curb beyond what can fit in one barrel. The plan, conceived by the town's recycling committee and League of Women Voters, was ultimately not supported by selectmen.

The outcome of the SMART debate was a June 2009 selectmen vote to make recycling mandatory, but not enforced.

That's the irony in the change in trash pickup for Temple Place, said Johns. Unless her condo association pays to have a private contractor pick up recyclables, she will not be able to recycle in a town where recycling is "mandatory."

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THEN: The German Club in Ballardvale built a clubhouse in 1885 at 154 Andover St., Andover. The club was known for its singing and the classes it organized in the 1890s.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: 154 Andover St., Andover, site of the former German Club in the Ballardvale part of town, looks quite different today.

Memorial Day events

Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 31 at 10 a.m. There will be a colation at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for all parade participants. The route starts at Elm and Florence streets to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue, to Bartlet Street and ends at The Park. In the event of heavy rain, all observances will be held

inside the Memorial Auditorium. As per custom, no political activity can be accommodated in and during the parade.

Service

The Andover Firemen's Relief Association's annual Memorial Day service will be held at the Andover Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St., at 9:10 a.m. on Monday, May 31.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Housing Authority, Frye Circle community room, 256 North Main St., 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

School Committee subcommittee on negotiations strategy, executive session with

legal counsel, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 10 a.m.
Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Interstate 93 Tri-Town Task Force/Lowell Jct. Task Force, Wilmington Town Hall, Wilmington, 8 a.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

Citizens Who Care awards dinner is June 10

The Rotary Club of Andover announces that tickets are now available for the banquet celebrating their 13th annual Citizens Who Care and second annual Educator of the Year awards.

This year's CWC awards go to: Judy Treratola, Don Schroeder, Don and Roxanne Nickerson,

Tom and JoAnne Deso, Bvela Hopkins, Tom Barenboim, Julie and Matthew Gadziala, Bob Raseo and Jack Brady, Andrea Zaimas, and Ashleigh Ryans of Andover High School.

The Educator of the Year is Virginia "Ginny" Rossini, teacher for 30 years at West Middle School.

Residents are invited by the Rotary Club of Andover to "come and meet these very deserving people who are making such a difference in the lives of so many people in Andover."

The gala event will be Thursday, June 10, at the Wyndham Hotel, Old River Road, Andover, beginning at 6 p.m., with a

reception and silent auction.

Keynote speaker is the University of Massachusetts Lowell Chancellor and former Congressman Marty Meehan. Tickets are \$45 per person, and space is limited.

To order tickets online, visit the Andover Rotary Web site www.rotaryandover.org.

Put your stamp on effort to help animals

You can help Andover animals on Saturday, June 5.

The U.S. Post Office recently began selling animal rescue stamps to help animals that are in animal shelters. In support of this effort, CoPAL (Coalition to Protect Animals Locally), an Andover non-profit group of area volunteers, will collect donations of pet food and pet supplies in front of the main Andover Post Office on Stevens Street on Saturday, June 5.

"Bring some pet food to help support our four-legged companions when you come to the post office that day. All donated food is given to area food shelters including Neighbors in Need which feeds 500 families a week, Merrimack Valley Food Bank whose food bank works with 96 non-profits, and Lazarus House," says

a CoPAL release.

As part of CoPAL's "Keeping Families Together" program, the group has donated over 3,000 pounds of pet food during the past several months so that pet owners experiencing financial difficulties are able to keep their companion animals and not have to surrender them to the already overwhelmed area animal shelters. CoPAL is also partnering with SARL to create the first pet food bank in the Merrimack Valley.

For more information, see protectanimalslocally.org.

MSL Commencement

Judge Phillip Rapoza, the chief justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and an expert in international justice, will deliver the commencement address at the Massachusetts School of Law graduation ceremonies on June 4.

Next Leaders Program at Glory tomorrow

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and co-sponsor Devine, Millimet Attorneys at Law will introduce the Next Generation Leaders Program on Friday, May 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Glory's, 19 Essex St., Andover. The program is for young entrepreneurs 21-45, who want to get involved in the community to make new business and professional contacts while enhancing

their professional and leadership skills. They will host networking events, offer workshops on business development and leadership, and offer volunteer opportunities to get involved in the community. The Merrimack Valley Chamber encourages members to become more involved in the community and serve as future leaders. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Memorial dedication at Andover YMCA

A memorial dedication in honor of Robert "Bobby" Benedict and Danyelle Winch will be held on Thursday, June 10, at 6 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

Benedict passed away on June 10 of last year and Winch passed away on Sept. 13 of last year. Join YMCA members, staffers and

friends to celebrate the lives of both, who were "great friends, YMCA staff and leaders."

During the ceremony the YMCA will dedicate two resting benches with memorials to Benedict and Winch. The benches will flank a Rock-n-Cross playground structure that has been donated to the Andover/North Andover YMCA by Big Toys Inc., in memory of Benedict.

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Men who ran Lowell Street meth lab get 5 years

Jay Keough, 44, and Ryan Emmett, 31 have each been sentenced to five years in prison. The duo, both of Andover, were arrested in March 2009 after local police and federal drug enforcement officials raided Keough's parents' home at 487 Lowell St. (Route 133) and discovered a small methamphetamine lab there. Keough and Emmett pleaded guilty to manufacturing the drug in September 2009. They were sentenced May 12 in federal court by U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro

to five years of imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release. The case against Keough and Emmett was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Crowley. The two men had been detained by U.S. marshals since their arrest. According to a court affidavit written by a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, Keough and Emmett cooked methamphetamine every four to five days at 487 Lowell St., beginning in 2008. Methamphetamine is an addictive stimulant of the central nervous system.

The drug is commonly made by distilling ephedrine from cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine. The town condemned the home at 487 Lowell St. last year, and ordered property owners Walter and Gertrude Keough to make a number of repairs and hire a consultant to conduct air sampling in the room where the crystal meth was cooked. Town records show that such tests revealed no remnants of harmful chemicals. *- Brian Messenger*

Parents advised after case of Fifth Disease confirmed at West Elementary

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

and urged parents to contact Nurse Melinda Gibbons with questions.

West Elementary parents have been cautioned after a case of Fifth Disease was confirmed at the Beacon Street school last week. Fifth Disease, or Parvovirus B19, begins with cold-like symptoms, including fever, headache and bodyaches and leads to a red, sometimes itchy rash on the face, trunk and limbs. It is most contagious before the rash appears, when an infected person seems to have a common cold.

Due to patient confidentiality, Casper said she could not confirm a case of Fifth Disease at West Elementary or any other Andover school, but said "there's been at least one case, and we've suspected other cases this spring (in Andover schools). It's typical of this time of year." The virus is spread from person to person through saliva or mucus, such as sneezing or sharing a water bottle. According to the Center for Disease Control, a person with Fifth Disease may have a low-grade fever or cold symptoms a few days before the rash breaks out. In most cases, joint pain or swelling, fever and itching are not severe and the rash resolves in seven to 10 days. According to the CDC website: "There is no vaccine or medicine that prevents parvovirus B19 infection. Frequent hand washing is recommended as a practical and probably effective method to decrease the chance of becoming infected. Excluding persons with Fifth Disease from work, child care centers, or schools is not likely to prevent the spread of the virus, since people are contagious before they develop the rash." For more information on Fifth Disease, visit the Center for Disease Control's website at www.cdc.gov.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

This week's police log contains items from the past two weeks, from Tuesday, May 11, through Monday, May 24.

ARRESTS

Tuesday, May 11 - At 12:03 p.m., a juvenile from Lawrence was arrested at 57 River Road and charged with assault and battery and disturbing a school assembly.
Wednesday, May 12 - At 11:50 a.m., a 47-year-old Andover female was taken into protective custody.
At 7:25 p.m., Tura J. Purnell, 23, of 8 Junction Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged on a warrant.
Friday, May 14 - At 10:54 a.m., Daniel J. Wilkins, 49, of 7 Hidden Way, Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, driving with a suspended license, attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, driving an unregistered vehicle with an uninsured vehicle trailer.
At 8:29 p.m., an Elm Square caller reported he just had a client "trash" his office. The caller said he thought the person was high on drugs and had a knife on him.
At 10:25 p.m., Jonathan A. Durot, 49, of 7 Jeffrey Road, Newport, R.I., was arrested and charged on warrants for trespassing and motor vehicle violations.
Saturday, May 15 - At 11:29 a.m., Joseph Lanciotti, 20, of 17 Wild Rose Drive, was arrested and charged on a warrant for possession of a class D substance.
Sunday, May 16 - At 5:06 p.m., Augusto Matias, 31, of 23 Albany St., Apt. 3, Lynn, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, uninsured vehicle trailer and unregistered vehicle.
At 5:28 p.m., Stephanie M. Pepin, 17, of 9 North St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.
Monday, May 17 - At 2:01 p.m., Kamal Boothe, 27, of 124 Cedar St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for conspiracy. Andover police assisted Lawrence Police with Boothe's arrest.
Tuesday, May 18 - At 3:10 a.m.,

Richard M. Diaz, 28, of 5 Holt St., Apt. 1, Fitchburg, was arrested and charged on warrants.
Thursday, May 20 - At 8:30 a.m., a male juvenile from Andover was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.
Friday, May 21 - At 8:48 p.m., Kyle J. Destefano, 21, of 50 Market St., Apt. 5, Amesbury, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.
Sunday, May 23 - At 1:52 p.m., Michelle E. Donaher, 26, of 27 Victor St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.
At 7:59 p.m., Awilda Guerrero, 38, of 800 Bullfinch Drive Apt. 606, was arrested and charged with assault and battery and assault on a disabled person over 60.
THEFTS
Tuesday, May 11 - At 2:49 p.m., a person reported theft of some medication, a camera and an ipod at the library, Elm Square.
At 6:04 p.m., someone reported that a cell phone and money had been stolen from a gym bag in a girls locker room on River Road.
Wednesday, May 12 - At 3:29 p.m., larceny was reported at Phillips Academy, Main Street.
Thursday, May 13 - At 5:15 p.m., a resident reported fraud after allegedly being scammed out of \$200 while trying to rent an apartment.
Tuesday, May 18 - At 8:52 a.m., a Colonial Drive resident reported being the victim of identity fraud.
Wednesday, May 19 - At 11:43 a.m., a person reported the theft of a camera while she was shopping at Marshall's, North Main Street, yesterday.
Friday, May 21 - At 11:45 a.m., an Enmore Street resident reported the theft of a stroller from her yard sometime after 8 a.m.
AUTO CRIME
Tuesday, May 11 - At 4:07 p.m., there was a report of a vehicle break-in, River Road.

Sunday, May 16 - At 10:39 a.m., two Honda Accords were found on Bullfinch Drive up on blocks with their wheels missing.
Monday, May 17 - At 8 and 8:11 a.m., Longwood and Crescent Drive residents called police after finding their cars up on blocks.
At 5:35 p.m., a Harold Parker Road resident reported a vehicle break-in sometime during the previous hour.
Tuesday, May 18 - At 11:35 a.m., Marlborough police recovered a Dodge minivan that had been reported stolen out of Andover.
Thursday, May 20 - At 10:19 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported an overnight vehicle break-in.
Monday, May 24 - The Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, reported their van had been broken into sometime over the weekend.
INCIDENTS
Tuesday, May 11 - At 1:18 p.m., a summons was served to a Main Street resident. At 1:27 p.m., a summons was served to a Washington Park Drive resident.
Friday, May 14 - At 11:54 a.m., a Dascomb Road security manager reported finding a pill bottle with a white powder substance inside.
Monday, May 17 - At 11:03 a.m., a person reported they had just been assaulted at Dundee Park.
At 12:50 p.m., six officers responded to a motor vehicle stop on Lowell Street. Two town bylaw violations were issued for possession of a class D substance (marijuana) under one ounce; also citations for having no vehicle registration, no inspection sticker and defective equipment.
At 3:11 p.m., a restraining order was served on Hall Avenue.
At 1:06 p.m., eight officers responded to direct traffic and close roads as Andover Fire personnel were working on an active house fire on Lovejoy Road.
At 2:32 p.m., five officers responded to a domestic situation, where a husband claimed his wife tried to run him over with her car.
At 5:38 p.m., a 911 caller reported vandalism, with youths

spray-painting benches in the Park, Bartlet Street. A responding officer found the youths were doing a project for Andover Youth Services.
At 8:49 p.m., a harassment order was served to a High Vale Lane resident.
Thursday, May 20 - At 7:30 a.m., a harassment order was served on Beech Circle.
At 9:34 a.m., a Corbett Street caller reported a pit bill was loose in Sacred Heart cemetery, with its leash stuck in a tree. Animal Control Officer Wayne Nader took the dog into custody.
At 12:07 p.m. a River Road resident reported a bow hunter was on her property, but left when asked.
Monday, May 24 - At 11:49 a.m., a caller reported an assault on Chestnut Street.
At 3:23 p.m., a witness summons was served on Minuteman Road.
At 3:49 p.m., police assisted fire personnel with an unresponsive male on Main Street. The person was found to be taking a nap.
At 8:38 p.m., a Shawsheen Road caller reported a past assault.
AUTO ACCIDENTS
Friday, May 14 - At 11:59 p.m., single car crash, with injuries, on Porter Road. The driver was taken to the hospital.
Tuesday, May 18 - At 8:47 a.m., multi-vehicle crash, with injuries, on High Street. Two cars were towed and one person transported to the hospital in an ambulance.
At 11:47 a.m., multiple 911 calls for a car crashed into the woods on Lowell Street. The driver was taken to the hospital.
Wednesday, May 19 - At 12:17 p.m., Officer Kyle Kiberd reported Andover Fire Department's ladder truck was hit on Main Street.
At 12:35 p.m., nine officers responded to a car that had hit a pole on Central Street. The driver was ejected from the vehicle.
Saturday, May 22 - At 7:41 a.m., multiple 911 calls were received reporting a two-car crash with possible entrapment. Officers responded and two vehicles were towed.

Former court officer gets 3 years for drug distribution

Andover resident Eric Bevilacqua was sentenced May 13 to 35 months in prison and eight years of probation after pleading guilty in February to distributing oxycodone, a powerful prescription painkiller. He formerly worked as a Massachusetts Trial Court officer, according to Associated Press reports. Bevilacqua, 28, of 16 Balmorel St., #419 was arrested Oct. 7 and charged by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration with "knowingly and intentionally" distributing oxycodone. Before his arrest, Bevilacqua allowed DEA agents to search his house and admitted to obtaining and selling approximately 1,000 30-milligram oxycodone pills a week. Agents also found \$40,000 in a safe in his bedroom.

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Andover's coconut connection on Memorial Day

Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

"To an Andover child, a coconut on Decoration Day is as obvious an association as fireworks and the Fourth of July." So asserted Bessie Goldsmith, one-time Townsman column-writer and resident (deserving, later on, of her own story). Miss Goldsmith attempted to explore the unique history of this Andover tradition and found many differing opinions and accounts. Today's story will continue that investigation.

We know that before "super" markets and automobiles brought

people to one central location, early downtown Andover boasted a variety of markets, produce shops and candy stores. Of these many stores, most long-time residents associate coconuts with the Dantos family (at the "Andover Spa") or perhaps "Simeone's" or "Basso's." Miss Goldsmith would tell you definitively, however, that the first coconuts were sold at "Bacigalupo's" Market on Main Street.

Wherever the children bought their coconuts, the coconut connection to Andover's observance of Memorial Day might simply be coincidence, lying in the fact that spring was the only season when coconuts were available in stores.

And, historically, Miss Goldsmith recalled that coconuts were also seen by children as an "indulgent treat."

"If one had but five cents to spend on the holiday, it always went for a coconut; a second nickel might be spent for peanuts or candy, but a coconut was unquestionably the first purchase. A coconut smashed against a stone wall or even on a (grave)stone in the churchyard and gnawed from the shell while listening to the band has a flavor of peculiar excellence as anyone who has tried it will testify."

Put those two facts together and one might see how a holiday (Memorial Day) coupled with a

special treat (a coconut) would be met with great enthusiasm.

In the interest of full disclosure, apparently not everyone shared this enthusiasm. Charlotte Helen Abbot, well-known genealogist, wrote a letter to the Townsman in 1920 bemoaning the extra work that the South Church sexton had to do, picking up the coconut shell remains and scrubbing off the "dirty, sticky fluid from the expensive monuments."

Miss Abbot went on to state, "I strongly object to having my [grave]stones used as nutcrackers!" While she admits that she did get "Decoration Day" coconuts from Bacigalupo's, she urged that

part of the practice be changed so that "our lads be constrained to pound their [co]conuts on the stones of the folks who approve of the practice and who see no reason for serious and devout observance of conduct in a burial place."

By 1951, George and Peter Dantos' Andover Spa became THE place to get your coconuts. (Also, by that time, most of the downtown markets had closed.) It is reported that George Dantos' son, Phidias, who later ran the Spa until 1969, sold 1,600 coconuts before noon in that year alone. A few years back, with annual sales down to around 72, owner Bill Stevens

decided to forego coconuts. "Big mistake," said Spa employee Lori Kelley, "people went ballistic! For some, buying their coconut is like a superstition."

An Internet check uncovers no other town in the nation which can claim this custom. Let's see this year how many keep – or begin – this practice by attending the Memorial Day Parade, showing support for the Andover men and women who have fought for our freedom, and, of course, buying a coconut – a symbol of the value that Andover puts on just one of its many traditions. (Just don't crack your coconuts in your neighborhood graveyard!)

TALK: Post office staying; town recognized for going green

Continued from Page 1

last day at St. Augustine is Aug. 9.

West Middle School computer bugs

West Middle School closed its computer lab and disinfected equipment after finding tiny white bugs on several computers stationed by a window.

The bugs reappeared after a thorough cleaning last week, and a pest control company was called. The bugs were found to be mites, coming from a bird's nest above the computer lab window, built into an opening on the exterior wall of the school.

The pest control company removed the bird's nest and cleaned inside and outside of the classroom, using hot water and steam.

WMS computer technicians also took all of the computers out of the computer lab gave them a thorough cleaning, inside and out, wrote WMS Principal Steve Murray in an e-mail to parents.

"As a precaution, we will keep the computer lab closed until it is determined that our 'new friends' are no longer visiting," wrote Murray on May 24. "The pest control company estimates that this might take 3-4 days."

-Bethany Bray

Selectmen vote to keep downtown PO

A small post office will likely remain downtown, but Andover officials want the federal government to pay rent.

Selectmen voted May 17 to have Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski

begin negotiations with the U.S. Postal Service to keep its substation in the Old Town Hall but for a more competitive lease rate than the current buck a year.

Since 1989, the U.S. Postal Service has leased the approximately 1,000-square-foot space in the town-owned building for \$1 annually, plus its share of utilities. The lease ends July 31.

Helicopter drop

It will be raining golf balls in Andover on June 21.

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence is raising funds by offering a Helicopter Golf Ball Drop.

Numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter on Monday, June 21 at Indian Ridge Country Club. The first ball in the hole wins \$2,500. If there is no hole in one, the closest to the pin wins. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and help disadvantaged kids in the city of Lawrence gain access to educational and recreational services in a safe after-school setting.

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Andover business suing Conn. town

Andover-based Cambridge Mutual Fire Insurance Co. is suing the town and tree warden of Manchester, Conn. to recover the cost of fixing a home that was partly crushed by a tree last year.

The Hartford Courant reports the total bill for repairs and losses at 129 N. Elm St. in that community was "in excess of" \$112,847.98. The Cambridge Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has paid the bill and is seeking

reimbursement from the Connecticut town. Cambridge Mutual is part of The Andover Companies at 95 Old River Road.

The company contends that tree warden Michael Tupper and Manchester, Conn., were negligent and careless because the tree was not inspected and removed before falling on the home of John and Allison Trifari on April 6, 2009. The Courant reports the Trifaris had been concerned the tree would come down and had called Tupper earlier in the year.

Two days before a crew was scheduled to remove it, the tree fell on the home, punching a large hole in the roof. No one was hurt.

Bach, Hanson to be honored June 3

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2010 Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony and Breakfast on Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club.

The morning's program will include high school student community service award winners, who will be presented college scholarships, and this year's winners of the Andover Chamber of Commerce awards for distinguished community service: Claudia Bach and Randy Hanson.

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Andover resident, GLTS grad, to be superintendent

Andover resident John Lavoie will return to Greater Lawrence Technical High School, his alma mater, as superintendent-director.



Mentor Lora Brugnaro and Alyssa Clark pose with Wally, the Red Sox mascot before the May 20 game at Fenway Park.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Andover resident Gavin Liddell, seated in center, plays X-Box with international sensations the Jonas Brothers, after winning a contest.

Text wins boy meeting with Jonas Brothers

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Gavin Liddell, 12, could hardly wait to tell his mom about entering a sweepstakes to win an X-Box and play games with the pop boy band, the Jonas Brothers. Like a typical mom, Jeanie Liddell sat her son down and launched into the “don’t get your hopes up” discussion. “I remember thinking it was probably a scam,” said the Andover mom. That was last November when Gavin said he texted the Disney-sponsored sweepstakes telephone number 49 times in hopes of winning. The contest

The Jonas Brothers gained popularity from the Disney Channel children’s television network. The band consists of three New Jersey brothers, Kevin, Joe and Nick Jonas, and has sold millions of albums worldwide. It became the youngest band to appear on the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine in July 2008.

attracted some 500,000 respondents, Jeanie Liddell said. Apparently, 49 is Gavin’s lucky number. Gavin, a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle School, won. Two weeks ago, the whole family was flown to Los Angeles, courtesy of Disney, to pick up Gavin’s prize. The Jonas Brothers had to fly onto the roof of the hotel and take a service elevator

to meet the Liddells, and avoid a crowd, said Jeanie Liddell. Gavin, a Green Day fan, has become a bigger fan of the Jonas Brothers as a result of the trip. He had a great time meeting the band and playing games against them saying they were “really fun and really cool.” “My friends really don’t care because the Jonas Brothers are for girls,” Gavin said of the talk

around Doherty Middle School. “But the X-Box is pretty cool.” You can bet girls at Doherty Middle and all over the world are jealous of Gavin. “I have some nieces who can’t believe the trip was ‘wasted’ on Gavin. They were saying we should be the ones who won,” said Jeanie Liddell. Gavin said he played the games NBA 2010 and Tony Hawk’s Ride with the Jonas trio of brothers. The foursome played for about an hour. “I beat two of them,” he said of his game-playing results. Nick Jonas tripped him up.

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EVENTS CALENDAR



Courtesy photo

The Society for Historically Informed Performance’s Wednesday summer concert series in Andover starts June 9 at the Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road, with Long And Away.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

- FANCY NANCY PARTY**, 6 p.m., free. Dress up as this series of books is celebrated. (Don’t forget your feather bo!) Elegant refreshments, posh prizes, dolls invited, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.
- LIVE THEATER**, Stoneham Theatre’s “Gaslight” opens, through June 13, \$38-\$44; 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.
- LIVE PUNK ROCK**, Washington Square Park of New Jersey kicks off tour, 8 p.m., Anchors Up, 58 River St., Haverhill; www.myspace.com/washingtonsquarepark.
- UNVEILING OF MURAL PROJECT**, Immigrant Murals by students from Lowell High School who created 17 large-scale portable mural panels depicting Lowell’s immigrant history, 6-9 p.m., at the United Teen Equality Center (UTEC), 34 Hurd St., Lowell; refreshments and music.
- PSYCHIC READINGS**, Psychic readers, Winnekenni Castle, Haverhill, 6-9:30 p.m., \$20 for 15 minutes. Appointments are booked at the door only; 978-521-1686,

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FRIDAY, MAY 28

- AUTHORS VISIT**, “A Conversation with Dick and Doris,” with Doris Kearns Goodwin, historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, and Richard Goodwin, author and former presidential adviser, the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell, 4 p.m. The program will be moderated by former U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II; Elaine Dalton, 978-934-3689, www.uml.edu/commencement.
- STEAK-OUT**, The Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich hosts at The Hellenic Center, 117 County Road, Ipswich, 6 p.m., large variety of Greek appetizers, \$5-20; George Karras 978-502-3533, Stella Spyropoulos 508-662-7990.

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SATURDAY, MAY 29

Free family day outdoors, June 6

To celebrate National Trails Day, the Andover Trails Committee, the Friends of North Andover Trails and The Trustees of Reservations will kick off the summer outdoor season with a free event for families at the Ward Reservation on June 6. Residents will be able to enjoy free programs and entertainment throughout the day and discover upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities happening this summer. The celebration will take place at the summit of Holt Hill at the Ward Reservation in Andover on Sunday June 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parking will be located at the main lot for the Ward Reservation on Prospect Road.

The summit of Holt Hill, from which one can see the Boston skyline, is one of the special features of the reservation. Visitors wonder at the Solstice Stones, a compass-like arrangement of boulders near the observation tower. According to Trustees Superintendent Chris Ward, “This place is a gift for everyone, forever. If we look closely, we can see how people and nature have shaped one another over thousands of years.” Scheduled activities include a butterfly presentation and walk with Howard Hoople at 11:30 a.m. and a guided edible plants hike at 1 p.m. led by Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of “Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten.”

Volunteers will be on hand all day giving demonstrations and teaching people about geocaching, Nordic walking, woodcarving, birds of prey and the history of the Ward Reservation. Also throughout the event, acoustic music will be provided by members of the Clay Tiles. Directions to the Ward Reservation are available at www.thetrustees.org.

Event Programs

1 p.m.: Guided Edible Plants Hike
The Merrimack Valley is home to over 100 species of edible wild plants, many of which are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts. Residents can join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of “Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten,” on a ramble through the Ward Reservation to learn about at least two dozen species of edible wild plants. Pending favorable weather conditions, several edible mushroom species may be encountered as well. Keys to the identification of each species will be provided, along with

information on edible portion(s), season(s) of availability and preparation methods, along with general guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging.

11:30 a.m.: Butterfly Presentation by Howard Hoople
Howard Hoople will offer a slide-show tour of the butterflies found on the Ward Reservation for butterfly fans of all ages, and then will lead a butterfly walk on the reservation. Following a lifelong interest, Hoople has pursued butterflies enthusiastically with his camera in the Andover area for the past 10 years. He is active in the Massachusetts Butterfly Club, publishes the Andover Butterflies calendar series.

Ongoing throughout day

Geocaching presentation with Jerry Witt
Geocaching is like a high-tech treasure hunt, according to organizers. Participants use GPS units to find hidden caches that typically contain small prizes for the finder to trade (take one and leave one). Geocaches are found in more than 100 countries around the world with dozens of caches hidden right here in Andover. Witt will be giving instructions and will have clues for participants to try finding a special National Trails Day geocache that he’ll be hiding in the Ward Reservation for this event. Bring a GPS unit if you have one.

Nordic Walking with Denise Boucher

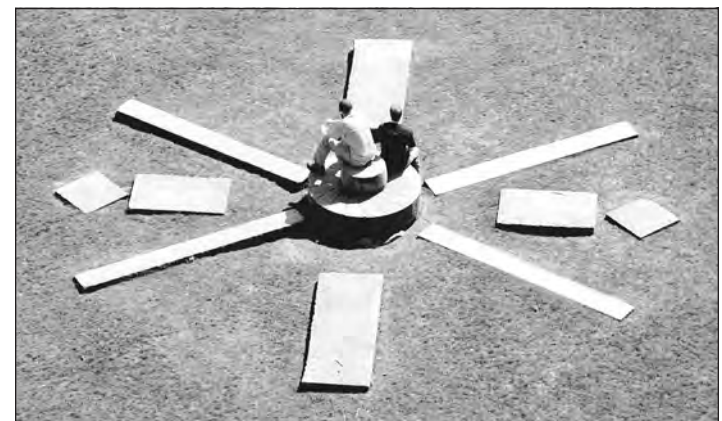
Using specially designed poles when walking or hiking activates both the upper and lower body, resulting in a nearly 50 percent increase in caloric expenditure over regular walking. Low impact on joints, Nordic walking increases upper body strength and releases shoulder and neck tension. Boucher will give demonstrations and poles will be available to borrow.

Woodcarving Presentation

North Andover Wood Carvers will demonstrate their craft. Their exhibit will include bird carvings by the group which meets regularly on Thursday mornings at the Senior Center. Carvings will be for sale.

Birds of Prey Presentation

Local resident Jack Holt has been banding eagles, hawks, owls and other birds almost all of his life. It’s a hobby turned job that has led him all over the United States.



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Two hikers take a rest on the sundial atop of Holt Hill in Andover.

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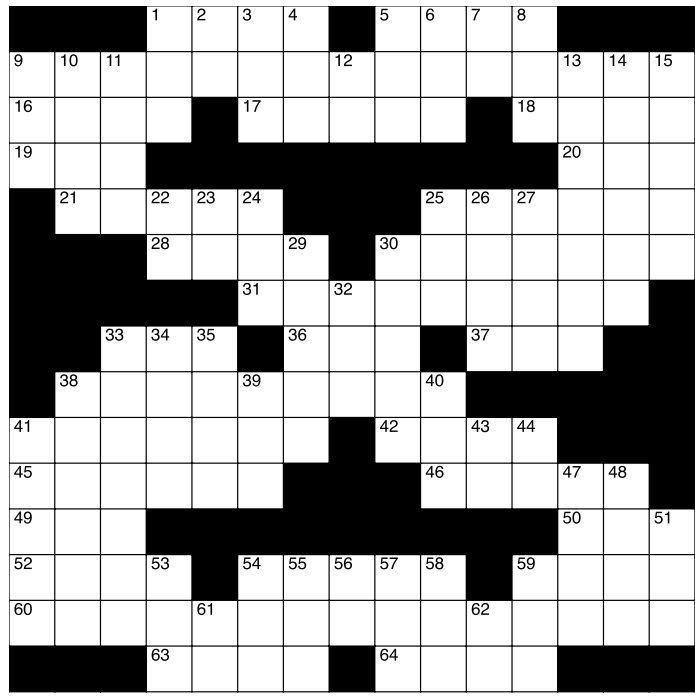
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Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hebrew unit of measurement
- 5. Falls back
- 9. Short Montmartre artist
- 16. Apulia region capital
- 17. Teamster boss
- 18. Blackbird
- 19. They ___
- 20. Doctors' group
- 21. Heavy cavalry sword
- 25. Plain-woven cotton fabric
- 28. Twosomes
- 30. Misrepresenting
- 31. Cotillion lady
- 33. One and only
- 36. Tell on
- 37. Horse noise
- 38. Honed to a point
- 41. More igneous
- 42. ___ and ends
- 45. Concurs
- 46. Low, ebb and high
- 49. Point midway between NE and E
- 50. Tap gently

- 52. Not messy
- 54. Khans variation
- 59. Watch over
- 60. Chief law officer
- 63. Simple
- 64. Abba ___ Honeymoon

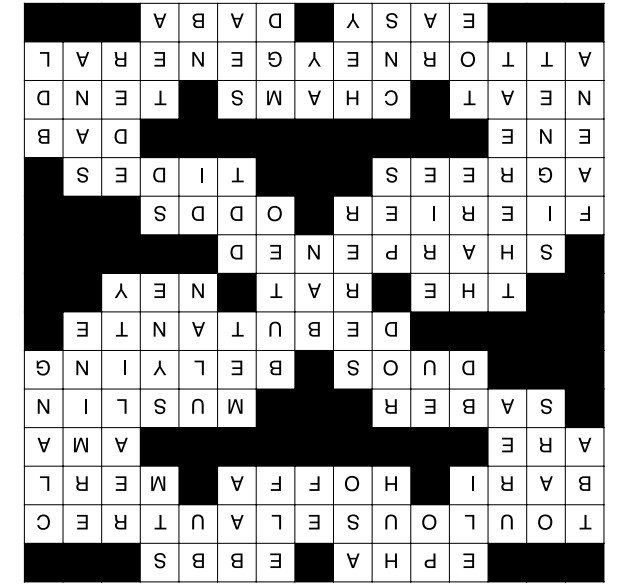
CLUES DOWN

- 1. ___ Lilly, drug company
- 2. River in N. Italy
- 3. Expression of bafflement
- 4. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 5. Will Ferrell movie
- 6. The cry made by sheep
- 7. Unit of volume
- 8. Immediate memory
- 9. Don't know when yet
- 10. Paddles
- 11. Carbamide
- 12. After E
- 13. Actual state of being
- 14. Winter weasel
- 15. Metallic sound
- 22. Bahrain dinar
- 23. I, Portuguese

- 24. Singer Stewart
- 25. Just introduced
- 26. ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 27. Auld lang ___
- 29. W. African language
- 30. Red-tailed hawk genus
- 32. Cast out
- 33. At that event
- 34. Larger than a rabbit
- 35. One of the Greats
- 38. Small seal ring
- 39. Foot (Latin)
- 40. Insecticide
- 41. Matador's final passes
- 43. Didiymium
- 44. South Dakota
- 47. Central German river
- 48. Capital of Yemen
- 51. Windsor Locks, CT airport code
- 53. Drive obliquely, as of a nail
- 54. System consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- 55. Call to attract attention
- 56. ___ Carumba!
- 57. Million gallons per day (abbr.)

- 58. A large body of water
- 59. Earl Grey or green
- 61. Egyptian sun god
- 62. Atomic #41

Solution



Concert by Academy Chorus to be held tomorrow, May 28

On Friday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present a concert with the Academy Chorus under the direction of faculty member Christopher Walter. The program will feature Carl Orff's Carmina Burana.

Carmina Burana, songs from the Beuern district is the title given to an anthology of some 200 poems written in the 12th and 13th centuries by wandering scholars and monks, and originally collected in the monastery of Benediktuern in Bavaria. Discovered upon the secularization of the Bavarian monasteries in 1803, the poems

stand today as the most significant collection of Latin lyrics of the Middle Ages. While most of them are in Latin, there is the occasional song in German and French. All three languages are featured in Orff's setting.

The work was originally conceived as a staged Cantata, and, indeed, early performances were often supplemented by scenery. A film was made in the '50s under the composer's supervision. However, the piece makes just as impressive an impact without the trappings of the stage, and that is the way it is usually performed today, according to a release from Phillips.

Orff selected 25 of the original poems and arranged them

according to their subject: Springtime, Drinking Songs and Love Songs. The whole is framed by the Fortuna chorus, which depicts the harsh Goddess of Fortune presiding over the affairs of the world, turning her wheel and sparing nobody. Yet, in defiance of a world filled with suffering, much of the poetry is celebration: of the joys of youth, the beauty of spring, dancing, drinking and lovemaking.

This concert is free and open to the public. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

For further information contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

JONAS

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Overall, it was a fun experience as Gavin remembers "jumping up and down" when he found out he won while skiing

in Colorado during February school vacation.

"My parents told me and I was just running all around with my sister," he said.

The Liddell family lives on Timothy Drive and also includes dad, David, and sister,

Sabria, 8.

As for Gavin's taste of the Hollywood area, he said it was cool to see costumed Disney characters walking around.

"But, it's really busy out there," he said. "...The X-Box is a lot of fun."

CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, MAY 30

FLAG CEREMONY, w/ Cub Scout Pack 76 followed by Patriotic music w/ the Goddings and an Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St. Andover; 978-475-4225.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Wear hiking footwear; bring water and sunscreen, will cover all the trails in the park; 617-828-1728, www.mass.gov/dcr.

LIVE ORGAN MUSIC, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, with Brink Bush, 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 children, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-685-0693, www.mmmh.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

AUTHOR READING, Karl Marlantes: Matternhorn, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FUNDRAISER, 7 p.m., free admission, \$10 first item, \$5 each additional, First-Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Mass. Ave., North Andover.

Auditions for regional youth orchestra begin June 7

The Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra will hold auditions for the 2010-11 season for all new and returning students from June 7 to 12 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Topsfield.

Strings auditions will be held on June 7, 9 and 11 from 3 to 7 p.m., flutes will be on June 10 from 3 to 7 p.m., winds, brass, percussion, clarinet choir and chorale will be on June 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a \$25 audition fee for new members.

Student between 6 and 18 years of age who plays an orchestral instrument or sings and would like the challenge of participating in an exciting instrumental or vocal ensemble with area-wide musicians

of all levels are encouraged to audition, according to a release from the group. NYSO students are also expected to continue participating in their school ensembles.

NYSO consists of 290 young musicians from 40 communities across the north shore, Merrimack Valley, New Hampshire and Maine, including Andover. The nonprofit's mission is "to create the opportunity for young people to join a musical community that provides a nurturing and challenging learning environment, promotes excellence and serves audiences through performance and outreach." NYSO currently offers four

levels of orchestra: Prelude, Overture, Intermezzo and Symphony, a wind ensemble, three flute choirs, and a clarinet choir.

NYSO musicians also participate in "Youth Serving through Music," a NYSO outreach program aimed at bringing music to underserved groups in the community and to audiences with limited access to high-quality classical music, including senior centers, nursing homes, after-school programs, rehabilitation centers and hospitals.

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Opinion

Put summer games on your calendar

A group of community leaders are putting together a summer event meant to allow kids to try out and compete in a variety of fields. The summer games – expected to include both sporting events and some non-sports events such as chess and musical competitions – is being planned for Aug. 20, 21 and 22. The Townsman is in full support of the effort and will serve as media sponsor.

The games are expected to be a rare, free event that will therefore be accessible to everyone in town. It will give kids not going away to a summer camp a big event to look forward to attending. It is meant to be a community affair that attracts people from all corners. While the events are for youth entering grades 2 to 8, people of all ages can volunteer to help, or come to watch the competitions.

The idea is to encourage participation, but outstanding achievement will be acknowledged. We hope to see Andover youth explore a number of new and favorite events. Who knows? Maybe the games will turn someone on to a fun activity they will enjoy doing for years to come.

Nepotism all too common

Queried this week about the number of friends and relatives of those in elected office who end up receiving lucrative government jobs, state Treasurer Tim Cahill responded, “Does that not happen in government all the time?”

His chances of being elected governor this November may have been damaged by reports of his close relationship with embattled state Probation Commissioner John O’Brien. But unfortunately, Cahill was speaking the truth.

In applying for jobs with the state, at courthouses throughout the commonwealth, and even at the local level, too often who you know counts much more than what you know. A recent Boston Globe Spotlight report revealed in excruciating detail the web of relationships that allowed O’Brien to fashion a mini-empire from his position as head of probation functions statewide. O’Brien was suspended from that job Monday; but this being Massachusetts, will continue to receive full pay while an outside counsel determines just how bad things are in a department the Globe had described as being rife with patronage and financial mismanagement.

The abuse of the public trust seen in the operation of agencies like the Probation Department and the Essex Regional Retirement system is why taxpayer anger is on the rise. People like O’Brien and former Essex Regional Retirement Board head Timothy Bassett simply became too comfortable spending your money as if it were their own.

Cahill, whose own agency employs O’Brien’s wife and one of his daughters, is right when he says that’s just the way things have always been done here. But it doesn’t mean it always has to be that way.

Reforming this corrupt system is the challenge now facing Gov. Deval Patrick and the Legislature. If they can’t change the culture of corruption and nepotism that has prevailed for too long, voters may do it for them in November.

WEB QUESTION

40 percent say ban the pit bull

After an Andover woman suffered a pit-bull attack, discussion in town began on whether the breed should be banned. Last week, we asked readers their opinions and 117 responded as of late Tuesday night.

The top choice was “Andover should ban pit bulls, they are a proven danger,” which received 40 percent of responses.

Second choice, with 27 percent, was “Instead of a ban on pit bulls, let’s have legislation for responsible ownership of all dogs.”

The response “Keep things how they are – all Andover dog owners and breeders must license and leash” received 19 percent.

“Pit bulls are misunderstood. Any animal or dog breed can bite” received 12 percent of the votes.

The options “I’m not sure” and “None of the above” each received one vote.

Talkin’ trash

Some condominium and apartment residents are upset the town will begin enforcing a decades-old rule that housing complexes with more than six units must hire private trash and recycling pickup. Your opinion?

■ The rule should be enforced to make it fair for all in multi-family complexes.

■ Everyone who pays property taxes, including condominiums, are entitled to trash pickup.

■ Apartment and condo complexes should have to hire private trash and recycling pickup.

■ If you take away curbside recycling pickup, apartment and condo residents will stop recycling.

■ Andover should have a drop-off recycling center for those without curb pickup.

■ None of the above.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

ON SECOND THOUGHT ...



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Having made it to the front of the amusement line, Sabrina Merino, 3, of Andover watches the ride she’ll be going on next during Clowntown, an annual carnival sponsored by the Andona Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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E-mail: Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.

We’re hoping to have a banner up by Andover Day on Sept. 25.

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MERIT TUKIAINEN

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School Committee: Start with facts, work collaboratively

Editor, Townsman:

While it is neither the practice nor the desire of the School Committee to engage in debate with the Andover Education Association through the newspaper, we do wish to clarify statements made in a May 20 letter to the Townsman, signed by several members of the AEA Executive Board.

First, no meetings to discuss a new collective bargaining agreement have been scheduled, let alone canceled, by the School Committee. Two weeks prior to Town Meeting, while the School Committee was consumed with budget negotiations, our attorney had a preliminary exchange with the AEA’s consultant in which possible dates for meetings were discussed; however, none of these had been confirmed, nor even brought forward to the School Committee’s attention. In a letter dated May 5, the AEA’s consultant states he “misplaced the sheet of paper” upon which he had written these potential dates; our attorney subsequently replied in a letter dated May 10 that she would consult with the School Committee to determine new meeting times, with a goal of commencing negotiations prior to June 30. We regret any confusion that may have arisen from this series of events, but we find it deeply disappointing that members of the AEA Board have chosen to characterize this as “canceled dates” indicating a “refusal to meet.”

We would also like to clarify that Committee Member Annie Gilbert’s request that the AEA provide cost-saving ideas was in no way meant to be “duplicious.” Rather, it was made during one of a series of budget meetings focused on fiscal year 2011, and was reflective of the entire committee’s hope that all stakeholders come forward with ideas to avoid or mitigate the impact of next year’s painful budget reductions prior to Town Meeting. The

AEA chose not to do so, though they have expressed their willingness to discuss cost-saving measures within the realm of upcoming contract negotiations. We will be pleased to work with them to explore those and other ideas.

The School Committee worked diligently this spring to reach consensus with selectmen and Finance Committee on a balanced budget agreement for Town Meeting. It was a very painful process for all concerned, but we believed our energies were best spent tackling difficult fiscal challenges collaboratively rather than leveling accusations at the other boards. We are now dedicated to bringing this same collaborative approach to our upcoming negotiations with the AEA on a new collective bargaining agreement. We recognize the outstanding group of teachers we employ in Andover, and are committed to maintaining this core of excellence. To do so, however, all sides must first operate from a common set of accurate facts.

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Tabit will get government ‘off our backs’

Editor, Townsman:

Voters in the 17th Essex District, which includes parts of Lawrence, Andover and Tewksbury, have an opportunity to elect common sense leadership to Beacon Hill this November through the candidacy of Sal Tabit for state representative.

I first met Mr. Tabit when he worked for the Essex County District Attorney’s Office as an Assistant District Attorney. His hard work representing the Commonwealth and victims of crimes in the courtroom was impressive. As a prosecutor, Tabit was always prepared and ready to ensure that justice was done.

However it is his passion for the community and the issues that impact all of us that impresses me most about Tabit and his potential to be a State Representative. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Andover School of Montessori, is a member of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and runs a small law practice in the Merrimack Valley.

His wife is a physician deeply involved in public health and works in Lawrence.

At his crowded kickoff event, he outlined his family’s history of immigrating from Cuba and the hard work his mother and father did to provide him with opportunity. He understands the concerns that families and small business have in these challenging economic times.

When we support and elect Tabit as state representative, we will have someone who will fight against tax increases and who will seek to roll back our state income tax to 5 percent and to repeal the state’s recent 25

percent increase on sale taxes.

Tabit understands that what is best for families and businesses is for Beacon Hill to get out of our way and off our backs. The towns of Andover, Tewksbury and Lawrence need a fighter for us on Beacon Hill – Sal Tabit will get my vote for state representative.

MICHAEL R. SWEENEY

104 Dascomb Road

Flooding and Lowell Junction development

Editor, Townsman:

The undeveloped land west of Lowell Junction in Tewksbury acts as a sponge during downpours, including extended downpours that lead to floods in Andover. The soils naturally absorb, then slowly release rain water into the Shawshen River and the aquifer below.

Roads, parking lots, and rooftops absorb nothing. Rain water runs off these surfaces, and without special treatment, quickly adds to the height of a rising river. The use of porous pavement and “green roofs,” roofs covered with vegetation, reduces the problem, but is no cure.

Development in the Lowell Junction area will bring in jobs and revenue, along with more stormwater runoff. In times of economic distress, the temptation is to focus solely on economic development. I believe our primary focus should be to ensure flooding in Andover is not exasperated by upstream development.

JOHN D. RAMSDELL

16 Burton Farm Drive

THURSDAY FILE

“We are often unable to tell people what they need to know because they want to know something else.”

— George MacDonald from *Huntly*, poet and novelist, 1824-1905

“I don’t think there is any great heroic act in going in slavishly every day and saying, ‘I must do this.’ So what I find is that I do it when I am inspired. And that’s how I can combine it with music. Some days the inspiration is a musical one and other days it has just got to be painting.”

— Paul McCartney

“If you want to govern the people, you must place yourself below them. If you want to lead the people, you must learn how to follow them.”

— Lao-tzu

“Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Sometimes it is more important to discover what one cannot do, than what one can.”

— Lin Yutang

“The hardest thing about communications is communicating.”

— Kem Meyer (twitter)

“I think you have to wake up an optimist every morning, otherwise you could drive yourself crazy.”

— Marlo Raymonds

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Breast cancer coping

The American Cancer Society and Lawrence General Hospital will present I Can Cope, a series of workshops for people with

breast cancer, their families, and friends on Thursday, June 3, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Lawrence General Hospital, South Pavilion Conference Room, 1 General St., Lawrence.. I Can Cope workshops

are free and open to anyone affected by cancer, but registration is required. Those interested in attending should register by calling Penny Bardsley at 978-683-4000 Ext. 2023.

Ultimate game



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Andover High School girls and boys ultimate frisbee teams played for the Andover Cup on Friday, May 21. Andover player David Lyle, No. 48, center, secures a pass during a game against Exeter Philips Academy. Ultimate frisbee is popular at AHS, and the annual Andover Cup tournament takes place on Lovely Field. Players also held a car-wash fundraiser in the parking lot of West Middle School on Saturday, May 22.

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A. The coupon takes 75 cents off your total, giving you free gum and 20 cents in overage applied to your end total.
B. The register automatically adjusts the coupon value down to 55 cents, making the gum free.
C. The register beeps when the coupon is scanned and the cashier manually adjusts the savings to 55 cents, giving you free gum with no overage.
- You have a \$4 manufacturer coupon for a razor. You have another manufacturer coupon for "Buy razor, get shaving gel free." Can you buy one razor and one shaving gel using these two coupons together?
A. Yes
B. No
- Your store advertises a coupon with the offer, "\$10 off a purchase of \$50 or more." What is the best way to use this coupon?
A. Give it to the cashier first, ahead of all other coupons.
B. The order in which you present your coupons does not matter.
- Your store has a Buy One, Get One Free sale on shampoo. You have two \$2 coupons for shampoo. Can you use a coupon on each bottle of shampoo?
A. Yes
B. No
- You spot a pad of coupons in the produce department. The coupons state, "Buy two bags of salads, get 2 pounds of bananas free." The coupons expire in one month. How many coupons do you take?
A. One to four
B. Half the pad

ANSWERS:

- All answers can be correct, depending on your store's policy. Answer A is the best one from a shopper's perspective. Regardless of whether or not the store adjusts the value of the coupon down, it will receive the full 75-cent value when it redeems the coupon. Stores that allow shoppers to receive overage pass along that extra 20 cents to the customer versus keeping it for themselves.
- A. Yes. While a razor purchase is a required qualifier under the terms of the free shaving gel coupon, the shaving gel coupon actually applies to the razor, not to both items. So, you can also use a coupon on the razor. You can always use one manufacturer coupon per item; this case presents two manufacturer coupons for two items. What you could not do, in this instance, is also apply a \$1 coupon to the shaving gel. The shaving gel is already free with the first coupon, and you could not apply another manufacturer coupon to it.
- A. Always give this kind of coupon first, if the terms of the coupon allow, since it's likely that your total will dip below \$50 once your other coupons are applied. When the total dips below \$50, the \$10-off-\$50 coupon will not scan. Put it at the top of your stack.
- This one depends on your store's policy on BOGO sales. Many stores allow shoppers to use one coupon on each item; even though the second is "free," you're still purchasing it in that you're buying two for the price of one. Other stores will only allow a coupon on the first item in this scenario.
- A is the correct answer... if you like salad and bananas! With any in-store pad of coupons you should only take what you can reasonably use before the coupons expire. If you will eat two salads and two pounds of bananas each week, take four coupons and buy them for the next four weeks. (Produce coupons are great finds!) But you should never take half a pad. You're taking much more than you'll use before the coupons expire, and you're also depriving other shoppers of the deal.
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The Coupon Queen

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Townspeople

Taking aim at Clowntown



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Andover friends, from left, Alivia Fazio, 14, Julia Hoyt, 14, and Bryce Jenkins, 14, compete with water guns at one of the many arcade games during Clowntown, a carnival in the Park, Friday evening. Fazio walked away as the grand prize-winner of the game.



Having had her face painted with the American flag, Ava Sidley, 6, of Andover watches as her sister, Lila Sidley, 5, gets hers painted as a cat, by artist Jessica Plummer, of Andover, during Clowntown on Saturday. Clowntown is organized by the Andona Society, and raises money for a variety of Andover programs.



Kids practice netting and releasing plastic fish with, from left, Alyssa Walsh, 2, of Andover, Emma Robb, 3, of Windham, Tucker Harris, 2, of Burlington, Vt., and Erin Salazar, 2, of Andover, doing a thorough job of cleaning out the pool. Saturday is typically a day for younger children at Clowntown, while Friday night generally has a larger number of older youth.



Andover friends ride side-by-side on a motorcycle ride, during the Clowntown carnival in the Park on Saturday, May 22. They are, from left, Paige Hackett, 5, Lauren Dennehy, 5, Grace Gwiazda, 5, and Ben Gwiazda, 3.



Three generations of women in the same family whirl together in the Dizzy Dragons, a spinning amusement ride. They are, from left, grandmother Shumei Dong, granddaughter Jacqueline Zhu, 5, Lanhua Qiao, Lynn Qiao, and Geoffrey Zhu, 3, all of Andover.



Emily Nyhan, 9, of Andover, waves to her parents standing on the sideline as she rides the merry-go-round during Clowntown on Friday night.

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100 Years Ago May 27, 1910

Harry Gank of Red Spring road, while at work in the McTernan rubber shop at Reading last Monday morning, had one of his hands quite badly hurt by being caught in the machine he was attending.

New awnings, furnished by Buchan and Francis have been placed over the Metropolitan, J.P. West's, and the Cross Coal and Co.'s office. New gilt signs have also appeared on the windows of the latter's office and H.F. Chase's store.

The Polander who was arrested a few weeks ago for breaking and entering some freight cars near the depot was sentenced to two years in the house of corrections in the session of the superior court held in Newburyport on Wednesday.

75 Years Ago May 24, 1935

The possibility that Andover might in the near future have a five-cent fare experiment tried between Shawsheen village and Andover square was advanced Monday afternoon when a committee representing the local service club interviewed Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway officials in Boston. This is the first ray of hope for a five-cent fare here since the agitation began over a year ago.

A speed survey along Route 28 in Andover is soon to be made here by the Highway Traffic Research, an E.R.A. project, according to a letter received recently by J. Augustus Remington, Director and Chief Traffic Engineer.

Over thirty pupils of Miss Francis Dalton and Birney Quick were represented in the exhibit held Sunday and Wednesday afternoons in the Barn Studio of School street. Water colors, oils, pastels, wood carving and soap carvings were all represented. The school had grown in the past year from five to over thirty pupils.

50 Years Ago May 26, 1960

One hundred and two members of the graduating class at Andover High will continue their education, according to information released this week. Headmaster Lindsay J. March indicated that 66 of the 165 graduates will attend 58 degree-granting colleges located in 20 states.

Ceremonies tomorrow will mark the official opening of a 15.2-mile, \$19 million section of Interstate and Defense Highway Route 93, it was reported to Governor Foster Furcolo by State Public Works Commissioner Anthony N. DiNatale. The new northern expressway segment will handle traffic between Route 128 in Reading and the junction of Routes 110 and 113 in Methuen.

An acting principal for the Junior High School may be appointed by the School Committee when it meets June 3. In reference to legal activities on behalf of Benjamin F. Dimlich who was not retained as principal of the school, Chairman Milton Myers said he had no further word from Town Counsel Fredric S. O'Brien on the status of the legal action.

Losing their marbles and sneaking out

Bill Dalton



My Andover Playhouse columns brought in a spate of stories from readers.

Cathy Wojtkun sums it: "There are so many memories from your articles. Saturday morning was the DAY... yes, the DAY to go to the movies at the Andover Playhouse! Good times, not destructive times, and just a great town to be a kid!!"

The Saturday morning movies were for kids, and it cost

11 cents to get in. Candy was 6 cents and as much of it was thrown at other kids as eaten. (I know the Saturday morning movies began years before I started going in 1949 and years after I stopped in 1956.)

Cathy describes a creative prank at the Playhouse: "A group of us, all girls, decided we were going to outdo 'candy throwing.' We each hid as many marbles as possible in our pockets. Then we positioned ourselves in the back of the theater a row or two apart and a few seats away from each other. We had hundreds and hundreds of marbles, ready to release! Then, half way through the movie, on a signal, the first person, last row, let go of all her marbles.

Seconds later, the second person, next row, a few seats over from the first person released her marbles, and so on. That way, there were marbles rolling down all over that sloped floor. It created a few minutes of total laughter and shouts from the audience until the usher and his flashlight came along. We suddenly were afraid of being evicted from the movies! How would we explain to our parents? But we weren't caught. I still think that Mr. Manning [the usher] qualified as a saint for putting up with our antics."

Cathy says, "No boys were included because we wanted to outdo them." Her prankster friends included Gayle Hutchinson and Elaina Lani and others

girls who all went to Indian Ridge and then West Elementary schools.

Cathy finishes the story with an amusing comment and question, "Maybe once the story is printed, I can tell my mom! Do

you think I'll get grounded?"

Brenda (McKittrick) Coletti, who was in the Punched Class of 1959 and now lives in Peabody, tells a story about a hole

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MAY 2010 FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Quinn Feeley

Samuel Quinn Feeley celebrated his first birthday on May 8. He is the son of Dan and Molly Feeley of Andover. Grandparents are Tom and Joan Feeley of Andover and Charlie and Gail Lupica of Rome, N.Y. Sammy loves books, being outside, and laughing with his adoring sister.



Matthew William Robinson

Matthew William Robinson turned 1 on May 24. He is the son of Keith and Sarah Robinson of Andover. Grandparents are Wyley and Suelen Robinson of Andover and Bill and Sooty Tanguay of Durham, N.H. Matt is an energetic guy who loves to explore and make people laugh. He loves to swim, dance, read books and be outside.



Luke John Inglese

Luke John Inglese turned 1 on May 17. He is the son of Laura and Sandra Inglese of Andover. Grandparents are John and Maureen Lovell of North Andover and Giovanni and Carmelinda Inglese of Medford. Luke enjoys being outside and loves cuddling.



The Townsman usually publishes photos and brief items about children celebrating first birthdays in the last issue of the month. Families interested in submitting first birthday information for June should send the information by Friday, June 18 to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com, or mail or drop it off at 33 Chestnut St., Andover MA 01810.

Scout Troop 76 wins contests for open-fire cooking

Scouts hike through Andover

On Saturday, May 22, Scouts of Troop 76, Ballard Vale, hiked through Andover along parts of the Bay Circuit Trail and many of the Andover Village Improvement Society's reservations. After starting near Harold Parker State Forest, the troop finished its hike with an overnight at the Pole Hill Reservation, of the Andover Conservation Commission.

The troop has a stewardship of this reservation, which has been the site of two Eagle Scout projects.

The Bay Circuit trail passes through the town of Andover as part of an "emerald necklace" of trails and open spaces that extends from Plum Island down to Kingston Bay. While the 200-mile trail still has some parts unfinished, is largely complete in this area and well marked.

The troop started at the Jenkins Quarry Reservation trail (site of an Eagle Project completed by one of the troop members) and connected with the Bay Circuit in the Skug River AVIS reservation. After passing through the Hammond, Mary French (AVIS), and Charles W. Ward Reservations (Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations), the Scouts followed the trail through Phillips Academy down to the Purdon (AVIS) reservation. It was in this natural amphitheatre that Daniel Webster addressed a crowd of over 3,000 in 1843, according to the troop. The boys hiked down Lupine Road to the AVIS reservation of the same name, which was site of the Andover Canoe Club.

From here the troop left the Bay Circuit and followed the paths through the Shawsheen and AVIS reservations. Lunch was held at the Octopus Tree, beside the Shawsheen River. In Ballardvale, the troop passed through the Burns AVIS reservation on their way to Pole Hill, and a supper cooked in Dutch ovens on an open fire.

Those involved in the hike included Dylan Knepper, Steve Knepper, Leo Lynch, Derek Witt, Chris Byrne, Scott Kaluzny, Jason Felton, Max Li, Cole Spencer, Sloan Lynch, Devin Witt, Tom Witt, Mark Kaluzny, Rich Barton and Nick Solimini.

Boy Scouts in Troop 76 of Ballardvale know how to cook a lot more than hotdogs on sticks.

When the North Essex District of Yankee Clipper Council held its Spring Camporee at Camp Wah-tut-Ca in Northwood, N.H., the theme was "Food, Glorious Food." Over 50 Scouts and adults from four area troops participated.

Scouts worked on their Cooking Merit Badge during the day and competed in cooking competitions in the afternoon. Four contests were held, in Tin Foil Cooking, Reflector/Box Oven Cooking, Hobo Stove Cooking and Dutch Oven Cooking. Everything was prepared and cooked by the Scouts on the coals of open fires.

Ballardvale's Troop 76 won three first prizes and a second in the challenges.

For the Tin Foil challenge the Scouts cooked a dinner of ham, yams, and pineapple, sweetened with brown sugar and a dessert of banana stuffed with marshmallow and chocolate. The Reflector/Box Oven is a cardboard box lined with heavy foil. The coals with the



Courtesy photo

Troop 76 with their mascot, the Super Duck. In the front row are Sam McClory, Logan Kumar, Yen Wu, Jason Spencer, Marshal Su, Devin Witt, Leo Wu and John Andon; and in the back row are Craig Milligan, Tom Witt, Derek Witt, Chris McClory, Ross Barton and Scott McClory.

food on top are put under the box. The Scouts impressed the Judges with their scratch-made jalapeno-bread, drizzled with honey, according to Assistant Scoutmaster Craig Milligan.

A Hobo Stove is a cooking device made out of empty tin cans. Troop 76, in a twist of irony that was not lost on the judges, prepared Eggs Benedict using the tin can cookers.

The Troop's second place award was for their Apple Spice cake that was cooked in the Dutch oven. This was the toughest competition as they were up against another troop with an apple crisp, a troop with chocolate cake, and a troop with a scratch made Shepherd's Pie, which won the first place for the challenge. A Dutch oven is a cast iron pot and lid that can be used many ways to cook meals and desserts on the coals of a fire.

Troop 76 meets at 7 p.m. on Fridays at the Ballard Vale United Church, on Clark Road, Andover.

DALTON: Theater memories

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in the Andover Playhouse screen. Brenda's brother Larry, a boy everybody liked, was leaving the Playhouse when he saw a kid who was crawling under the seats for some reason. The kid's sneaker came off. Larry grabbed it and flung it over his shoulder, while he continued to walk toward the exit. He threw it harder than he thought and the sneaker hit the screen, putting a hole in it.

Brenda says, "A few hours later, the police came to our house and told my dad what happened. Someone thought they recognized Larry, and the police wanted him to come down to the station. My dad said OK and told Larry to get his jacket. When Larry came out with an old jacket - not the new "ANDOVER" jacket he'd worn to the movies - my dad turned to the police and said Larry did it. Mr. Resnick (the owner of the Andover Playhouse) wanted my dad to replace the screen, and dad's lawyer found out that the screen came in four sections. So dad only replaced 1/4 of screen."

A couple of years later, another hole in the screen was caused by someone intentionally throwing a shoe through it. That hole was more like a gash and it was near the top left corner. It was there until the Playhouse was sold and made into offices.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. He enjoys hearing from you, especially if you have old stories about Andover. His email address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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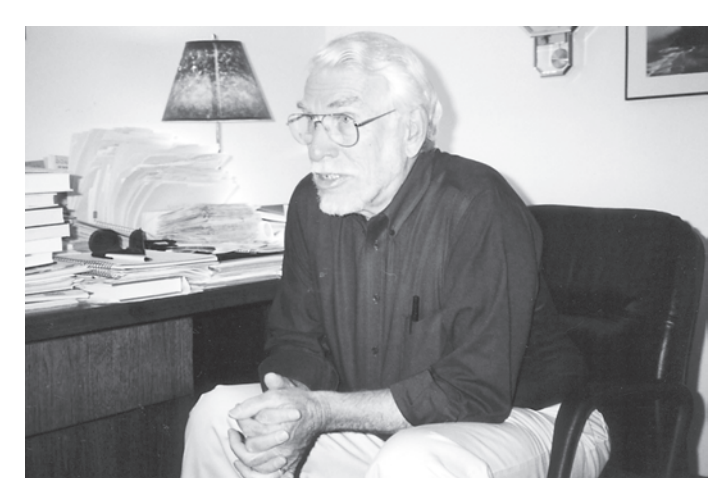
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Business

Andover company powers Esperanza opportunities

An Andover-based company's non-profit organization is helping Esperanza Academy, a tuition-free middle school for 70 girls from Lawrence.

Enel Cuore, a not for profit organization founded in 2003 by Enel Spa, has given more than \$20,000 to the school. Enal North America is based in Andover, and its Enal Green Power owns and operates the hydroelectric

facility at the Great Stone Dam in Lawrence.

The grant represents the capstone of what has been a diverse and successful partnership between the two organizations. Enel Green Power, through Esperanza Academy, will use the funding to purchase a passenger van to transport students on field trips and to weekend and extended day activities. This will

be first transport vehicle for Esperanza, a private school founded in 2005. The school anticipates that the addition of a passenger van will open many new avenues of development to the girls; it will now be possible for the school to accept invitations to participate in academic and athletic competitions throughout the region and to truly take advantage of all the educational and cultural

activities the Merrimack Valley and the Northeast have to offer.

Esperanza and Enel have been working together for over four years and their partnership is a broad-ranging one, according to a release. Representatives from Enel have served as guest judges at the past two Esperanza Academy Science Fairs. This grant award has further united the two organizations as both look

forward to the positive outcomes the funding has made possible.

"Esperanza Academy is fortunate and grateful for the support of Enel Cuore and Enel North America," said Esperanza Head of School Laurie Bottiger. "It is a rare opportunity to have a true corporate partner. I know that together, we can change lives."

"We're very happy that the first Enel Cuore grant awarded

in North America is going to Esperanza Academy," Toni Volpe, executive vice president of the North American Area of Enel Green Power, said. "We've experienced first hand the positive impact that the school has on young people and know that the van will help provide even greater opportunities for Esperanza students."

Cardio for a Cure at Fitness Together

Fitness Together Massachusetts Owners Group, which specializes in one-on-one personal training, has assembled a record-setting 40 fitness studios across Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including one in Andover, to serve as the Official Health and Fitness Sponsor for the American Diabetes Association of Eastern New England's Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes.

From May through September, participating Fitness Together studios will raise a minimum of \$40,000, \$1,000 per studio for the ADA Eastern New England Chapter. Clients at each studio will have a chance to sign up for the Fitness Together "Cardio for a Cure" program, collecting donations from family and friends for each mile they log doing exercises like walking, running, biking and swimming. The public is invited to join in and can sign up for free at any participating Fitness Together studio.

"It's a natural fit for our clients to make the most of their workouts and support a fantastic cause at the same time," said Jeff Jervik, president and CEO of Fitness Together Holdings, Inc. "Diabetes is a major health issue affecting more than 24 million

Americans. Diabetes incidence continues to grow, now reaching epidemic proportions and it's a disease that deserves more attention, deeper support, broader education and swifter action from people and organizations that can help like Fitness Together."

Proceeds from the "Cardio for a Cure" program will be tallied in October when Fitness Together also sponsors three ADA Step Out: Walk for Diabetes events. The walks will take place Oct. 16, in Worcester, Oct. 17 in Providence, R.I. and Oct. 23 in Boston.

"We are very appreciative of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Fitness Together studios and their teams of trainers for taking on this important issue", said Chris Boynton, Executive Director for the Eastern New England area of the American Diabetes Association.

Separate from the money that Fitness Together raises for the ADA chapter, the studios have announced that they will also sponsor a six-month health study to examine the impact of fitness and exercise on type 2 diabetics who sign up at their studios this summer.

Flowers by Steve opens shop at Holy Family

Flowers by Steve, which has a locations at 74 Main St., Andover and at 14 Cross Road in Bradford, has opened a third location at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

The store was unveiled Tuesday, May 25 with a grand opening at 10 a.m.

Owner Steve Janavicus already

supplies flowers to the hospital and will now take over the gift shop. The shop will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m.

A percentage of all sales will go to the hospital's auxiliary.



David Hildt, Adelante executive director, and Nancy Cronin, development director, at the recent 5% Day at the Whole Foods on Railroad Street.

Whole Foods in the market to help Adelante

Just by buying groceries, Andover residents helped Adelante Inc., a non-profit after school test prep, academic enrichment, scholarship and community service organization for underprivileged youth in the greater Lawrence area.

Whole Foods supermarket offers period community giving days called 5% Days.

"We had a fundraiser with Whole Foods which was a great community partnership and 'giving back' in helping

meet the needs of the community," Andover's Nancy Collins, development director of Adelante, said in a release.

A portion of the money - which amounted to about \$3,000- spent in the store during a recent day went to the Lawrence-based organization. The \$3,000 donation will help Adelante offer its School Success programs for underserved girls and boys in grades 7-12 hoping to attend a tuition-based private high school in the greater Lawrence area.

Pfizer to cut 300 jobs in Andover

About one in five Pfizer employees working at the pharmaceutical giant's Burr Road facility will be without a job by 2015, the company announced last week as part of a global realignment strategy that will eliminate 6,000 positions.

Included in that total is 300 jobs in Andover, where Pfizer currently employs 1,600 at its drug research and development and manufacturing operation.

In all, Pfizer will shut down eight drug manufacturing plants across the globe and scale back work at six other locations in the next five years.

The changes come just seven months after Pfizer Inc., the No. 1 drug maker in world, finalized the purchase of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals last fall for \$68 billion.

Lipitor, Rebif, Viagra, Xanax and Zoloft are among the well-known drugs developed and manufactured by Pfizer.

With a \$1.5 million property tax bill this year, Pfizer is among Andover's top taxpayers.

- Brian Messenger

Forum on social media in the workplace

Local residents and business people can attend "FaceBook, YouTube and other social media, Friend or Foe in the Workplace?" on June 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at Schwartz Hannum PC, 11 Chestnut St., Andover.

Organizers say people will learn how to use social media to their advantage and how to minimize the associated risks. Topics include:

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Education

Contract-year debate begins for teachers, School Committee

You can tell it's a contract year.

The Andover teachers union, the School Committee and their legal representatives have been engaging in both a public and a private back-and-forth argument this month – and at the heart of the argument is the simple issue of when they will meet to begin ironing out the truly controversial issues.

Last week, the members of the Andover Education Association Executive Board wrote a letter to the Townsman accusing the School Committee of cancelling meetings and only pretending to be interested in teachers' ideas for change.

This week, the School

Committee wrote a response saying it has not set or cancelled any meetings, and that it first had to set next year's budget before it could look at teachers' ideas for the future.

School Committee lawyer Naomi Stonberg and teachers union consultant Mark Sheehan have been debating the issue through letters to each other. Below are excerpts from these letters.

The current contact ends June 30.

May 3

Dear Mark:

It has come to our attention that the Union has been informing its membership that the School Committee has

cancelled meetings with the Association. The School Committee has been involved in the budget process and the process of hiring a Superintendent. Therefore, the Committee has not confirmed any meeting dates. We will contact you with dates once the Committee is ready to commence negotiations.

Naomi R. Stonberg

May 5

Dear Naomi:

To be precise, during the week of April 11, 2010 you and I engaged in a telephone conversation wherein you offered several dates as possibilities for initial meetings to commence collective bargaining. I indicated that I would run those dates past my client and get back to you. That same week I notified Andover Education Association

leadership that such a conversation had occurred. Subsequently, however, I misplaced the sheet of paper upon which I had written the dates and contacted your office requesting that you remind me of what you had previously provided.

Your response was that you would be meeting with your client on Friday, April 3, 2010 and would contact me afterward. Now, in your May 3, 2010 letter you indicate that no dates are available and by implication no offerings will be forthcoming in the near future. Given the totality of these circumstances it is understandable that the Union may be confused by this response...

Your client has been on notice for a period in excess of seven months of its need to prepare for comprehensive collective bargaining...

If we do not hear from you on this

matter by the close of business on May 14, 2010 the Andover Education Association can only assume that your client is not interested in engaging in a good-faith attempt to secure a successor collective bargaining agreement under Massachusetts Gen. Law Chapter 150E.

Mark Sheehan, Consultant

May 10

Dear Mark:

As you are aware, the members of the School Committee, all of whom are volunteers, have been involved in several major issues this year including a search for a new Superintendent, a very long deliberation regarding a new school building effort that involved many public meetings and time-consuming activities, and has just completed the process of closing a large budget gap for fiscal year

2011 and a deficit from fiscal year 2010. The School Committee has been and has always been committed to negotiating in good faith. We trust that the Union will also engage in this process.

We believe that it is not productive to the bargaining process to threaten the School Committee with an unfair labor practice...

The School Committee has been working practically full time in addressing all the issues that need to be addressed for the upcoming fiscal year including preparing for negotiations. Once the School Committee finalizes plans for fiscal year 2011, they would be pleased to commence negotiations with the Association. At that point I will provide you with several dates. Our goal will be to have an initial meeting before June 30, 2010.

Naomi R. Stonberg

Graduates, commerce is the new frontier

Ken Seifert



Congratulations to the graduates of 2010. Each year the media remind us of a wonderful time in the lives of our youth, our hope for a better tomorrow.

It is during these times I think of many years ago, when we old timers were about to face our future with childhood as a rapidly closing chapter in our lives.

In my section of town, the annual graduates fell into two groups. Some were thinking of continuing formal education, a choice of jobs and eventually marriage. We were not sure where that path would lead us, but there were dreams. Most of us thought about getting a job, marrying the love of your life, buying a home and having as many children as the Good Lord would allow. Neither path was considered better; it was the choice you made.

There was a certain air of confidence and perhaps arrogance as we plotted our future, long or short term. We Americans believed we had the power to do what we wanted and the rest of the world had to adjust to our plan. The only threat, we thought, was the Soviet Union, which dared to stand up to us.

There is a quote: East is east and west is west and ne'er the twain shall meet. Guess what? They have met and the world is changed forever. The global forces are much too strong to reverse. We can modify, but we cannot reverse the trend. As a student of history I find that to be the case. To think that we, in this country, with some adjustment can bring back predictability, prosperity and global leadership based on what we do alone is sheer folly.

I am optimistic when I see the number of young adults who get it. They have made assumptions of the future and constructed dreams, plans and committed themselves to make a difference in this world. They are people who have competence and character. They are also achievers and know what it takes to make the world a better place. They

are not showy. They just go about the business of doing it. I believe they are good as or better than past generations. They understand the world and know how they fit. How many of those graduating this year do not? It is always the percentage in each group that makes the difference. What is the score?

Those paying attention do see the new frontier. They recognize interdependence. They can evaluate what is right and wrong and have the strength of their convictions. They are not afraid of the future and welcome the challenge. Of those who do not, how well have we prepared them?

How are things different? Yesterday is past history. After the Second World War we were the chief architects for integrating countries for national economies in an international exchange of people, goods, services, money and technology. It was this process, and not military strength and threats, that lifted billions of people out of poverty and created centers of wealth and power throughout the world. In Asia, Japan became the second largest economy in the world. In Europe, a union emerged from six to over 20 nations. The Euro became the first common currency since Roman times. Mexico and Brazil are flourishing from foreign investment. All of this happened before the dawn of the 21st century. American corporations initially led international globalization. That is no longer the case. The list of changes boggles the mind.

Today how shall we play the world game? I think the graduates in the next decade will know much more about the world commerce game than we do today. They had better!

Graduates of 2010, welcome to the challenge of the new frontier: Commerce. I am optimistic for you. You will need to change the way we consume and the way we do business. I wish I were graduating from high school this year. What a future!

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools. He noted, "Next week I think it would be interesting to explore a few thoughts on the topic 'where did the Chinese get all their money?'"



JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

Emily Tsai, 3, of Andover, chooses strawberries as she goes down the line of condiments with her mother, Amy Colantuoni, during the Ice Cream Social at West Elementary in Andover last Thursday evening.



Sundae Thursday

Mike McPherson of Andover relaxes with his family during the Ice Cream Social at West Elementary in Andover Thursday, with Maya McPherson, 3, having moved on to playing with balloons, while Sommer McPherson, 7, cleans up following the hearty ice cream feed.

Summer interviews for those interested in Phillips

Local students interested in attending private Phillips Academy in the fall of 2011 are being encouraged to schedule an interview during the summer because of an increase in applicants during the last few years.

Phillips Academy will conduct interviews June 7 through Aug. 31 for local students planning to apply for admission to the 2011-12 school year. Each applicant to Phillips Academy is required to have a personal interview.

The school reports a 23-percent increase in the number of applications received during the last two years.

In addition to interviewing students who intend to apply for admission into grade 9, the academy also welcomes interview requests from local students interested in applying for admission to grades 10, 11, and 12 or for a post-graduate year.

Students residing in Andover and North Andover must apply

as day students.

Interviews and student-guided tours are being offered Monday through Friday, beginning June 7. These visits provide time to learn about the school and to speak with admission counselors and student tour guides. All summer tour guides are current local students who are eager to share their perspectives and experiences, according to the school.

The Office of Admission also

will host two open houses, on Nov. 7, 2010 and Jan. 15, 2011 so local families can visit while school is in session.

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

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ON CAMPUS

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Amy Hanes, of the class of 2010 received the Kyle M. Larsson Memorial Scholarship Award in Business and Economics. This award is given annually to a rising junior or senior who exemplifies the personal attributes of Kyle M. Larsson including intellectual curiosity, achievement of academic success in business and economics, and a commitment to high ethical standards in all business practices.

Hanes is an economics major from Andover. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hanes and is a graduate of Andover High School.

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 Worcester Juvenile Court Judge and Massachusetts School of Law alumna **Deborah A.S. Capuano** delivered the keynote address at the school's annual Law Day Dinner in May.

Capuano, the first MSL graduate to be appointed to the bench, also received the Thurgood Marshall Award from her alma mater. Prior to her appointment, Judge Capuano was a sole practitioner in the Worcester area for 16 years with a specialty in juvenile and family law. She is also the former regional coordinator for the Committee for Public Services Children and Family Law Program.

"Deborah is highly regarded both for her first-rate legal skills and for her long-time commitment to serving youth and families," Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick stated when he announced her nomination to the bench in June 2009. "Her experience, compassion and appreciation for the communities she will serve make her uniquely qualified to adjudicate these sensitive and important matters."

Special recognition also was given to MSL's trial advocacy teams which excelled in national competitions against the many of the finest law schools in the country this year. The Black Law Students Association Trial Advocacy Team made it all the way to the national finals of the 2010 Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition for the third time in four years, another Trial Advocacy Team from MSL competed in the national finals of the American Association of Justice competition, and two teams from MSL participated in the West Regionals of the American Constitutional Society Moot Court Competition. MSL second-year

student **Paul Stewart** was named the best overall advocate in those West Regionals.

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 Merrimack College recently announced students from Andover that were part of the 2010 presidential scholar award recipients at an honors convocation. The presidential scholar designation is awarded to those students who have achieved a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade-point average, based on a 4.0.

- Emily Ann Cummings**, business administration
- Matthew R. Hogan**, psychology
- Sarah Lopes**, liberal arts
- Cristina J. Lucin**, criminology
- Cortney Anne Martel**, english
- Dameuris D. Pichardo**, business administration
- Jacquelyn Elizabeth Powers**, communication studies
- Amanda J. Stumpf**, business administration
- Andrew E. Whiting**, english
- Mark T. Zytovicz**, electrical engineering.

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 Andover residents **He Li**, a Political Science Professor at Merrimack College; and **George Heffernan**, Philosophy Professor at Merrimack, have both been selected as National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholars from a national applicant pool to attend one of 21 summer study opportunities supported by NEH.

The Endowment is a federal agency that each summer supports seminars and institutes at colleges and universities so that teachers can work in collaboration and study with experts in the humanities and related disciplines.

Li will participate in an institute titled "Teaching the History of Political Economy." The three-week program, which begins June 6, will be held at Duke University and directed by Dr. Bruce Caldwell, Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for the History of Political Economy at Duke.

Heffernan was chosen from 113 applicants to participate in a seminar titled "Ask of Me Spiritual Things. Ask of Me Myself: The Autobiographies of Perpetua and Augustine" from July 1 to Aug. 6 in Carthage, Tunisia.

The teachers selected to participate in the program each receive a stipend of \$2,700 to cover their travel, study, and living expenses.



COURTESY PHOTOS
 Using a balloon car, third-grader Caela Flanagan demonstrates Newton's Third Law of Motion at the Bancroft Elementary School science fair.



Using a rubber band to simulate vocal chords, third-grader Caroline Hall explains her project comparing vocal ranges at the Bancroft Elementary School science fair.

Lighting the world with trash, and other scientific pursuits

More than 100 students in second- through fifth-grades stepped into the shoes of scientists for the Bancroft Elementary School science fair this month.

The students demonstrated projects on a variety of topics, including water quality, rocket cars, paper airplanes, lighting the world with trash, finding your blind spot, electromagnets, water pressure, moldy bread, "know your gum," comparing vocal ranges and testing live guinea pigs' senses. The fair was organized by Phalguni Shah and Pauline Flanagan.



Bancroft fifth-graders Michelle Durling and Julia Beckwith show the results of their paper airplane project at the school science fair.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here is what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, May 31 to June 4:

Elementary schools

Monday: No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday: French toast sticks, sausage links, scrambled eggs with cheese, manager's breakfast choice, roasted red bliss potatoes, cinnamon applesauce and orange juice.

Wednesday: Ziti, broccoli and chicken, yogurt parfait, grilled cheese, sun chips, steamed broccoli, garden salad and fruit

cocktail.

Thursday: Taco bar, grilled hot-dog, manager's choice, black bean salad, whole kernel corn and chilled pineapple tidbits.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, assorted salads and fresh melon.

Middle schools

Monday: No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday: Chicken fajita on soft shell, cheddar bacon burger, meatball sub with cheese, black bean salad, cole slaw and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Turkey tetrazzini, bread stick, "Rib-A-Q" on a roll, hummus and tabouli salad plate, seasoned veggies, blueberry shortcake with topping.

Thursday: Spaghetti, meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, beef and bean burrito with refried beans, manager's choice, roasted green beans and fresh fruit.

Friday: Turkey monte cristo, orange chicken, manager's choice, roasted veggies, jello with topping and juice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle

schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice, low-fat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season and milk.

Andover High School will create its menu on a day-to-day basis through the end of the year. There is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials and panini specials.

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

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Two Andover students were recognized at Lawrence Academy's Cum Laude Day awards assembly on April 27. **Jamie Newsome**, a junior, daughter of Tracy Harris and Glenn Newsome, was inducted into the school's chapter of the Cum Laude Society. With academic achievement as its main criterion, the national Cum Laude Society requires

that its members have also demonstrated good character, honor, and integrity in all aspects of their school life. **Brett McQuaide**, a sophomore, son of Denise and Earle McQuaide, received The Harry J. Davidson Prize in recognition of his sincere effort to achieve to the best of his ability

in all academic areas.

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 Home Health VNA has awarded **Evelyn Santos**, a graduate from the Allied Health Technology program at Greater Lawrence Technical School, their scholarship given annually in memory of a former employee.

The \$500 scholarship was established in 1995 as a tribute to Lisa Santiago Ventura, an employee of the home care agency, who was killed during a high speed police chase. Ms. Ventura was an innocent bystander whose vehicle was fatally struck during the chase.



A day to remember

On Memorial Day, people barbecue, take off work and kick off summer activities. But it is also a day to honor those who died in war.

Memorial Day was established on May 30, 1868. It was originally called "Decoration Day" because people put flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers.

Today, it is still important to honor our nation's defenders.

During the Memorial Day weekend, many people visit cemeteries. They place flowers on both military graves and the graves of family members and loved ones.

On Memorial Day, we fly the American flag at half-staff from dawn until noon. Move it to the top of the pole after noon. Volunteers often place small American flags on the gravesites of those who served in the armed forces.

Hundreds of people gather on the west lawn of the United

States Capitol for a national Memorial Day Concert. They enjoy the music while paying respect to the men and women who gave their lives for this country. The concert will be broadcast on PBS and NPR.

Today the United States has troops spread throughout the world.

Memorial Day is a good time to say, "Thank You" to those protecting our country today.

You could visit veterans who are living in your community. If there is a Veterans' Hospital near by, stop in. The veterans love company and you can thank them for their service.

After the observances, many families get together for a barbecue or picnic. It's a great opportunity to tell family stories and trade photos and history. You might even want to get out the ball gloves and have a neighborhood game.

Whatever you choose to do, be safe!

Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" march alongside the caisson as part of a funeral with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Photo courtesy of Jerry Hughes
 Arlington National Cemetery

Word Scramble

Unscramble these words:

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Sports

OUT OF NOWHERE

In his debut season, junior Farnham a 'godsend' on the track

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

For the first two springs of his high school career, he was playing drums in a local band. He then spent the early part of this spring trying out for the lacrosse team.

But now, Pat Farnham has emerged as one of the top sprinters in Massachusetts, and a member of a 4x100 relay team that broke the Andover High school record over the weekend and will test the all-time state mark before the season is up.

"I'm very surprised," Farnham said. "I just decided to give track a go, and I still don't know what I'm doing out there most of the time. I'm still learning the form. I can't believe how well it has worked out. I'm so thankful I didn't wait until my senior season."

Being an athlete at Andover brings a unique challenge for Farnham — facing the pressure of living up to not one but two well-known athletic families.

Pat is a member of the legendary Farnham athletic family. His father Paul was All-Ivy second team in 1982 as a receiver for Brown University, and Pat's brother P.J. is a starting outfielder for the Merrimack College baseball team.

Pat is also the cousin of Buddy Farnham, who recently signed with the New England Patriots as a rookie free agent after record careers at Brown and Andover and Paul Farnham, a forward for the Brown hockey team. Both of their fathers, Mark and Paul Sr., were All-Ivy receivers at Brown and members of the school's Hall of Fame.

But now, Pat Farnham has begun to build a legacy of his own — in track.

"Track is my own sport," he said. "Buddy has football, P.J. has baseball and Bobby has hockey. I have track, and we all have different sports we can succeed in."

Track also happens to be in Farnham's blood. His father Paul still holds the Andover



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

It hasn't taken Pat Farnham long to emerge as a star on the track. In his first season competing for the track team, the junior is the Golden Warriors' top 200 runner and ran on the school record-setting 4x100 relay team.

High record in the triple jump (46-6 1/2) and his mother Elizabeth is the sister of former Andover track star and current longtime Golden Warriors head coach Peter Comeau.

So Comeau said he began trying to persuade his nephew to go out for track when he was just a youngster. But for his first two high school seasons, Farnham was a one-sport athlete, playing only football.

"We knew that he was quick," Comeau said. "So I'd always be saying, 'Pat, you should run.'"

But Pat's his own man. It's not easy to be a Farnham. But we had told him that if he hoped to earn playing time, he should really play a spring sport.

Farnham first tried out for the lacrosse team. But after that was unsuccessful, he finally began to strongly contemplate taking his speed to the track.

"I had considered it a little last year by hesitated," he said. "What really picked me up was my father saying, 'You could do really well.' It gave me the start to finally give it a try this

year. He was the one that really impacted me to do it the most. And uncle Peter knew I had some speed."

It didn't take long for Farnham to find the winner's circle. In Andover's first race of the season, he ran on the winning 4x400 relay. But he received an even great rush on May 5 when he recorded his first individual win, taking the 400 in 51.3.

"That first win was amazing," he said. "I didn't think track would be so exciting. But after running in a race it really is

thrilling. You think track is boring, but it's a real challenge and it takes a lot out of you."

Hardly a giant, listed at 5-foot-4 and 125 pounds, Farnham has emerged as one of the top sprinters in the state. Against Central Catholic, he established career highs while winning the 200-meter (22.2) and taking second in the 100 (11.0). He also took second in the 200 at the Merrimack Valley Conference meet over the weekend with a 22.38.

"I won't be surprised if he is

— in fact I'll be disappointed if he isn't — the 200 state champ next season," said Comeau. "If not this season. He's going to test Bruce Brown's school record in the 200 (21.98)."

Farnham has also earned his way onto Andover's elite 4x100 relay team. He ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 squad that ran a stunning 42.63 at the MVC Meet on Saturday, shattering the team record (42.93) set a season ago and the all-time Eagle-Tribune mark (42.73) set by Lawrence last season. Mark Vetere, Troy Cayon and superstar Christopher McConnell also ran on the relay.

"At first I was worried the other sprinters would not accept him because he was going to be a member of the relay team and someone was being booted off the relay," Comeau said. "But they have accepted him and it has worked out great."

"Pat may not be the biggest kid, but he has a huge heart and his determination makes him who he is. He's been a godsend."

That determination allowed Farnham to earn a spot on the varsity football team last season despite his small stature. He saw playing time as a defensive back and regularly returned kicks. He wears the family's traditional No. 46.

But he is also now dedicated to his new sport.

"Right now I'm winging it a lot in track," he said. "Form is a key to running faster. Coach (Scott) Price is teaching me the ways so I can learn the form. I am very excited for the future in track."

Making music

While sports are one of Farnham's loves, he shares an equal passion for another endeavor — drumming. Farnham is the drummer for the local band Contained Chaos.

"I'm a self-taught drummer and have been doing it since the fifth grade," he said. "It's pretty good. We are all caught up in things now, but we are hoping for more gigs in the summer."

Weekly Roundup: Andover takes boys, girls titles at MVC meet

GIRLS TRACK

When Moira Cronin prepared to test her school-record in the high jump, she was far from frozen by fear.

"I love the pressure," said Cronin. "Pressure is my best friend. I was just thinking this is my last jump so I better clear it. I just love high jumping, it gets me so excited."

Cronin nailed her jump of 5-10 to match her record, and help lead Andover High to victory at the Merrimack Valley Conference meet on Saturday with 127 points, outlasting Tewksbury (116).

Also adding victories for the Golden Warriors were Kayla Baldwin in the 100 (12.52), Abbey Pettoruto in the long jump (16-8 1/5), Emily Belluche in the triple jump (35-5 1/5) and the 4x100 team. Chipping in with seconds were Eve Bishop in the pole vault (9-6), Belluche in the 100 hurdles (15.88) and Jess Salley in the high jump (5-6) and 400 hurdles (1:04.47).

"This was big for us," said Andover coach Peter Comeau. "We always knew how good our boys are, but the girls really stepped it up."

BOYS TRACK

His season appeared in jeopardy when he suffered a rib injury playing baseball. But Mark Vetere was back to his own tricks on Saturday.

The senior won the pole vault (15-0), the 400 (49.17) and ran on the 4x100 team that won in a school-record 42.53 as Andover won the Merrimack Valley Conference meet, holding off Central Catholic 142-128.

"I was sliding into second base and got kneed in the ribs," said Vetere. "That was about two weeks ago know. It was just a fracture on one of them. I knew I



File photo

Bjorn Merinder returns a shot against Central Catholic. The No. 1 singles player has helped the Golden Warriors fly to a 14-3 regular season record.

couldn't really match what I was doing (before the injury), so I was just trying to do as close as I could."

Christopher McConnell also excelled, setting a new school record in the 100 in 10.75, besting his own mark from two seasons ago (10.78).

Chris Chu added a victory in the 110 hurdles (14.74) and a second in the triple jump (42-11) while Andrew Osborne won

the long jump (21-10), Kerrick Stevens took the javelin (169-01) and the 4x400 team earned a victory.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Farnhams strike

Anne Farnham scored four goals and twin sister Kate Farnham scored three times as Andover blasted Billerica 18-7 on Friday.

Meghan Morris added three goals and Ally Fazio scored twice and added a pair of assists for the winners.

Jenn Caro had a hat trick and Rosie Foster and Meagan Keefe each scored twice as Andover bested Marblehead 17-5 last Tuesday. Anne Farnham (assist) and Emily Shields (assist) were two of the 10 Golden Warriors to add a single goal each.

Jenn Caro tallied a whopping seven goals, but Andover fell just short to unbeaten Westboro 14-13 last Monday. Anne Farnham and Sara Miller each scored twice for the Warriors.

BOYS TENNIS

Warriors sweep

Andrej Smardzec won top singles and Injoong Yoon swept No. 2 singles as Andover eased past Methuen 5-0 on Friday. Cam McCarthy added a win at No. 3 singles and Zach DeLuca and Andrew Gray won No. 2 doubles.

Bjorn Merinder won No. 1 singles and Austin Bendetson added a victory at No. 3 singles as Andover downed St. John's Prep 4-1 last Tuesday. Andrew Mack and Andrej Smardzec added a win at No. 2 doubles.

Christian Waters and Nitin Mahesh battled for a victory at No. 1 doubles, but Andover fell to powerhouse Lexington 4-1 last Thursday.

BASEBALL

Levenson spins gem in loss

Andover's Jon Levenson did not allow an earned run in a complete-game effort, but the Golden Warriors fell to

Masconomet 1-0 last Thursday. Alex Driscoll and Sean McQuillan each had two hits for the Warriors.

John Hennessy had two hits and scored three runs, but Andover fell to non-league rival North Andover 13-6 on Saturday. Jake Ponti added two hits and two RBIs and Mike McQuillan also had a pair of hits.

BOYS LACROSSE

Fiorentino tallies five goals

Despite five goals for John Fiorentino, Andover lost to Exeter (N.H.) 11-7 last Monday. Matt McIver scored two goals and assisted on another for the Warriors.

Nick Price and Matt McIver each scored three goals, but Andover fell to Billerica 17-8 on Friday. Jimmy Johnson and Timmy LaBrie each scored once for the Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Freshman's efforts for naught

Freshman Meaghan Leary had two hits and drove in a run, but Andover dropped a 15-2 contest to Dracont on Saturday. Joanna Robie also drove in a run for the Warriors.

Katie Kucharski drove in Andover's lone run in a 9-1 loss to Methuen last Monday. Samantha Okun scored the Warriors' run.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Warriors drop finale

Andover fell to red-hot Haverhill 25-14, 25-20, 25-6 last Monday at the MVC Volleyball Night.

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Squirt all-stars capture Valley Cup

A group of Andover Squirt All Stars represented the town in style, winning the 2010 Merrimack Valley Cup Tournament earlier this month.

There were 16 all-star teams representing the towns in the Merrimack Valley during the three-day tournament held

at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury. The group of Andover boys won the championship game against Reading 2-1, on Sunday, May 9.

This is the second year in a row this team has participated in the tournament and it has won the championship both

times.

Players include Joe Biddle, Trey Deloury, Caedan Dillman, Alexander Duncan, Andrew King, John Kuta, Jake Lachance, Jack O'Connell, Stephan Serrao, Riley Smith, Will Winship and the coaches include Will Winship and Scott Lachance.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Hamilton College student-athletes **Becky Cairns** of Andover has been named by the New England Small College Athletic Conference to its 2009-10 winter all-academic team.

The NESAC all-academic honorees consist of 465 winter sport student-athletes. Each honoree is a varsity letter winner with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.35. The student-athlete must have reached junior academic standing at his or her

institution to be considered for honors.

Cairns is an Andover High graduate and member of Hamilton's women's ice hockey team.

The Andover Tennis Club offers outdoor recreational tennis at Phillips Academy to its members during the summer months. No courts fees during the summer. During the winter season, the club plays indoors at the Willows Racquet Club. It is a

club for men, women and youth and features singles, doubles and mixed-doubles play at all levels. The club is accepting new family \$75 per year and individual \$50 per year memberships through the end of May. Those interested in more information may visit www.andovertennis.org. Membership dues and information should be mailed to the Andover Tennis Club, P.O. Box 404, Andover, 01810.



COURTESY PHOTO

Hannah Osborne, Andover High sophomore, as the stroke (first position) of the Greater Lawrence Rowing Lightweight Varsity 4+ at the NE Districts from earlier this month, prior to the Lowell Invitational.

Andover rowers strike gold, silver at regatta

They didn't mind the rain, and they knew how to race against the clock. That helped Andover rowers win the recent Lowell Invitational Regatta, where weather delays forced the premier events - the girls and boys varsity eights - to be run in a heats-only format to determine the winners by time.

Andover rowers Camille Black (coxswain), Tracey Alexander, Molly Treratola, Jill Wybenga, Morgan Muggia, and Arielle Gillette, along with Jenna Bueno (Methuen), Rachael Lahey (North Andover) and Allison Lawman (Derry, N.H.) rowing under Greater Lawrence Rowing, clocked a blistering 4:54.4 over the 1,500 meter course, and beat perennial powerhouse CRI (Boston) by just 6/10ths of a second.

"I saw the heat draw and realized that most of the teams we wanted to go up against were in the other heats, so I knew it was going to be difficult. We

would have to go all out from start to finish without ever seeing those other teams. I am really impressed with how they pulled that off," Greater Lawrence Rowing varsity coach Ellen Minzner, a two-time world rowing champion and St. Mary's (Lawrence) alum said in a release.

There were 19 teams in the division, including top programs from across New England such as CRI, Weston-Wayland, Duxbury Bay Maritime, and Manchester (N.H.) Central.

"Camille did a great job, reminding us that we wanted to row proud the entire way. We were up right from the start in our heat, so we knew we were going to have only ourselves and the clock to race against," said senior captain Molly Treratola.

Treratola has been recruited by the University of Wisconsin and will join its national champion lightweight squad next fall. Also coming home with

hardware were boys varsity 4+ from Greater Lawrence Rowing, composed of an all-Andover crew with Zach Weiss as coxswain, Casey Schuh, Dmitri Roumeliotis, PJ D'Ambra and Matt Liffman in the bow. They were second in their heat, and second overall to claim the silver medal.

The girls novice or first-year rowers also took gold in their event, with Andover rowers Shannon Conway, Taylor Gugger, Rachel Aninno, Lauren Buhner, Megan Burke, and Abby Smith rounding out the crew with Emily Lawler of Haverhill, and Marwah Sayed and Charlotte Ozirsky, both of Methuen.

Greater Lawrence Rowing is the competitive division of the Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program in Lawrence, and is open to area high school students. For more information on competitive and recreational rowing programs, call 978-681-8675 or visit www.growing.org.



Pumas run down championship

Andover girls helped the local Pumas Zircon team win the 12U Championship at Hollis/Brookline High School in New Hampshire earlier this month.

Pumas is an Andover-based Junior Olympic volleyball team with players from many

surrounding towns. The club belongs to the New England Region Volleyball Association and girls compete in local tournaments throughout the region from January to May, according to a release.

Pictured are, from left, front

row: Coach Nancy Hartmann, Alicia Green of Andover, Julia Crugnale, Olivia Gaspar of Andover and Bynn Moynihan; back row: Lauren Kramer, Madeilyn Reppucci, Evelyn Mesler and Molly Aumais, all of Andover; and Ashlie Dykeman and Rachel McIntosh.



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