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Great-grandma knows best

Atria Marland Place seniors offer advice to younger moms

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Jessie Rousmaniere knows a thing or two about the broken hearts of middle-schoolers. She and her husband, Jim, raised eight children.

"It's just terrible...those years aged me," laughed the 91-year-old as she spoke with a group of much younger moms. These younger moms, members of the Mother Connection, have 11- and 12-year-olds. They want to be prepared when puppy love barks and leads to

that sure-to-happen broken heart. The young moms were relieved to hear their worries have been around – and handled by parents – for decades.

The moms, grand-moms and even great-grand-moms of Atria Marland Place are the ones

alleviating those worries. This monthly get-together between them and the Mother Connection women is dubbed the "Women of Wisdom" support group meeting. Held at Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street, it's an hour-long intergenerational gabfest where

the 30-something moms talk about the worries they have raising kids today. A group of 70, 80 and 90-something moms patiently listen, then calm fears with their stories of surviving children's puppy

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"I didn't think my mother had an intelligent thing to say. That all changes when you have children of your own."
Jessie Rousmaniere



ASPIRING FILM MAKER ON TARGET



ANN HERMES/Staff photo

"Grow Grass Grow," a short film directed by Andover native Alex Perry (above, with some of the "extras" in his film) is now entering in the final round of judging in the student film competition, Campus Movie Fest. Perry, a senior at Bridgewater State University, won the contest last year for his short film, "Scrabble: The Motion Picture."

Andover's Perry takes aim at national recognition

By BETHANY BRAYS
STAFF WRITER

How do you top a film that beat out thousands of entries from college kids around the country, taking first prize in a student film competition?

You make another film, bigger and better.

And so it has been for Bridgewater State College student and Andover native Alex Perry, who wrote and directed a five-minute film that has risen to the top, once again, of the Campus Movie Fest student film competition. Last year, Perry won the nationwide competition with his comedic "Scrabble: the motion picture."

"We left 'Scrabble' in the dust. This movie is way better," said Perry. "My goal was to make a move that was just as

entertaining, but with a production value three times as good. It took harder work, but we pulled it off, absolutely."

Perry's film, "Grow Grass Grow," follows the plight of a man trying to rid his lawn of gophers to keep a best lawn award he's held for years. Perry injects plenty of humor as the main character goes to extreme measures, from explosives to chainsaws, to outsmart the rodents.

The main character of "Grow Grass Grow" is based on Perry's uncle, who spends many hours perfecting his lawn.

"This is all him ... He's killed some animals to preserve his greenery," said Perry, breaking into a smile. "I took that concept and took it to the extreme (for the film)."

Perry used his uncle's immaculate lawn, surrounded by the woods of Groton, Mass., to film the movie.

Despite making the film crew fill in the 60 gopher holes they dug while filming, his uncle loves the finished film, said Perry.

"Grow Grass Grow" has been nominated for best actor and best director at Campus Movie Fest. Perry will travel to Las Vegas for the competition's grand finale on June 12, where it will be judged by a panel of celebrity actors and directors.

Campus Movie Fest, dubbed "the world's largest student film competition," loans teams of college students a camera and a laptop with editing software, giving them one week to make a short film. Entries advance to one of three regional finals and winners are chosen at the International Grand Finale in Las Vegas.

What makes Perry stand out in the

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Town residents dominate state primary ballot

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Even with two Andover residents dropping off last week, Andoverites will see 11 of their neighbors on the ballot for state primaries in September.

The most crowded ticket will be for state senator, the 2nd Essex and Middlesex seat being vacated by Sue Tucker. Of the seven candidates from three political parties, five are Andover residents.

In Andover's two state representative races, for the 17th and 18th Essex, seats, only one of the seven candidates is from another town.

Candidates returned paperwork and signatures to run for state office last week. Most notably absent was Peter Cotch, an Andover lawyer who declared he would run against State Rep. Barbara L'Italien in November.

"Frankly, I'm just too busy with my practice. I have clients that depend upon me and they come first," said Cotch this week. "Unfortunately there's

not enough time to do both (be a state representative and lawyer). It's all a matter of priorities."

Cotch said the decision has "nothing whatsoever" to do with his Dec. 30 arrest and charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after an altercation with police near his office on School Street. Cotch denies police accounts of the scuffle.

Also left off the ballot is Republican Mark Baldwin, Andover native and CEO of Baldwin Crane and Equipment Corp., who took out papers to run for state senate.

Baldwin said he turned in the required 300 signatures, but a discrepancy arose over forms filled out online instead of in hard copy.

"By the May 25 filing deadline, I had completed all of the required documents including a certified list of voter signatures," said Baldwin in an e-mail to the Townsman. "I am currently awaiting verification from the Secretary of State's Office regarding my submission."

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State approves early Bancroft replacement plans

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover has another green light. Now it will try to create a greener plan to replace Bancroft Elementary School.

The project has moved into the design phase, after the Massachusetts School Building Authority's board of directors approved on May 26 the Andover School Building Committee's feasibility study – preliminary plans to replace the Bancroft Road school with new construction.

Andover's building committee has already scheduled a June 9 meeting to get public feedback on green or sustainable design

Second access road approved. Story, page 2

elements for the new school.

The MSBA board's support of the Bancroft project was unanimous, including board chairman and State Treasurer Tim Cahill.

"Treasurer Cahill was pleased with the progress. All of our board members are happy that it's moving forward. It's taken a lot of hard work and collaboration to get us to this point. They voted knowing it's the best decision for the town," said Carrie Sullivan, MSBA press secretary. "We're looking forward, as is the town is

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: George Washington once ate breakfast at the Priscilla Abbot House at 70 Elm St., shown above in an undated photo.



NOW: The Priscilla Abbot House at 70 Elm St. as it looks today.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

AS A CHILD, I REMEMBER SAYING THE ROSARY for the Red Sox again and again. I may have gotten my vocation that way.

— *The Rev. Richard Foley, joking about his childhood. He will celebrate 50 years as a priest later this week. Story in Townspeople, page 11.*

FOR DECADES, STELLA PRESIDED OVER MAIN Street from the window. Sharing a wave and a smile with Stella was part of the fabric of Andover.

— *State Sen. Susan Tucker of Andover, about Stella Koravos, the owner of the former Ford's Coffee Shop. Stella Koravos died Monday at age 90. Her obituary is on page 8.*

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Interstate 93 Tri-town Task Force/Lowell Junction 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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Board of Selectmen executive session, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

School Committee executive session, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7:30 a.m.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Board of Health Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

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

Planning Board, Wilmington Town Hall, Wilmington, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

School Building Committee, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., third-floor

conference room, 8 a.m.

Andover Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

School Building Committee's sustainable design charrette, West Middle School Auditorium, 70 Shawsheen Road, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., 8 a.m.

Board of Assessors Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, Public Safety Center training room, 32 North Main St., 7 p.m.

MSL Commencement is tomorrow, June 4

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

For his work in the fields of American criminal law, international criminal law, and the American justice system, MSL will award Rapoza its highest honor, the degree of Doctor of

Laws Honoris Causa.

"As the son of immigrants who has risen to the highest levels in the legal profession, Rapoza has contributed a great deal in both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and internationally to advancing the cause of justice for all," said MSL Associate Dean Michael Coyne. "Justice Rapoza is uniquely qualified to provide the message of justice, equality, and the good work that the legal profession can provide."

June health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, June 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, June 28, from 1 to 2 p.m.

at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, June 9, 16, 23 and 30. No appointment necessary.

Farmers' Market to return starting June 26

The Andover Historical Society announces the return of the Andover Farmers' Market opening June 26 and running every Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. through Oct. 9. The market is at 97 Main St., Andover. After three immensely successful years, the Farmers' Market will return with many favorite vendors as well as several new vendors. The market will be

held on both sides of the Andover Historical Society property. Family friendly activities will take place in the barn including facepainting, crafts, and games. Demonstrators and musicians will show their skills and talents every week too. To stay posted on all market happenings visit www.andoverhistorical.org/farmersmarket/ or call 978-475-2236.

Doherty could have a new leader this week

The two finalists in the running to become the next principal of Doherty Middle School visited Andover last week, meeting parents and school staff. The search committee hopes to make a hiring decision by the end of

this week, said Susan Nicholson, acting superintendent, at the June 1 School Committee meeting.

The finalists are Lawrence Fliegelman, principal at Spofford Pond School in Boxford,

which serves third through sixth grades; and Robin Wilson, principal at Pentucket Regional Middle School in West Newbury, which serves seventh and eighth grades.

"They are two outstanding

candidates," said Nicholson.

Doherty Middle Principal Theresa McGuinness Darby is leaving the job to pursue a doctorate degree.

— *Bethany Bray*

Residents granted an extra month to apply for disaster assistance

Disaster officials overseeing recovery operations in the Massachusetts record-setting spring floods announced that the registration deadline for homeowners, renters and business owners to apply for disaster assistance has been extended until close-of-business, Monday, June 28, 2010.

The extension was agreed upon by Commonwealth and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials after reviewing the steady and consistent flow of new registrations throughout the last month. Since May 1, nearly 5,000 applications have been recorded by FEMA.

To date, more than 33,000 residents or people doing business in Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk or Worcester counties have registered for some form of disaster assistance.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties may apply for

assistance by registering online 24/7 at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY) for people with speech or hearing disabilities.

The toll-free telephone numbers are open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. multi-lingual assistance is available.

Four-week program on living in retirement starting June 11

The Andover Senior Center, BoomerVenture, and Memorial Hall Library present a free four-week series for anyone approaching or already enjoying retirement.

It begins with "Explore Your Health Care Options" on Friday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the Andover Senior Center. What happens to my insurance if I retire before 65? What if I work

past 65? What about coverage for my spouse? Find answers to these common questions about health insurance coverage for retirees. Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA. All are welcome regardless of insurance coverage. Please call 978-623-8321 to preregister.

Next up is "Preparing for a Comfortable Retirement" on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at the

Memorial Hall Library. Learn how to build a sensible plan to retire on your own financial terms. This program will cover strategies for optimizing Social Security benefits, getting the most out of your money, and determining how much you need to retire well. Presented by John Spoto, Financial Planner/founder of Sentry Financial Planning LLC. Call 978-623-8401,

ext. 49, to pre-register.

The "Your Next Chapter" programs will be held at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., and the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, Andover.

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Arts & Entertainment

SoHIP brings early music concerts to town

The Society for Historically Informed Performance announces its 24th summer season of Early Music concerts in Andover, Weston and Boston. From June 8 to July 22, SoHIP presents music from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Early Romantic eras. The SoHIP series debuts several new artists and ensembles, and the return of many of the areas acclaimed musicians.

"Audiences will experience the lush resonance of early music through voice, authentic instruments and informed dramatic interpretation. The musical programs for the 2010 series follow a thematic arc that explores the dynamic social and intellectual changes of 17th and 18th century Europe," according to the group. "Travel back in time to early 17th century Italy to the epicenter of the Early Modern era through 7 Hills Renaissance Wind Band's program, Eppur Si Muove: Music From The Lives of Galilei and Rubens, dedicated to the humanist

spirit that changed the face of Europe. La Donna expands on the social changes of the time through, Viva Le Italiane! 18th-Century Italian Women Composers. Seven Times Salt explores the crossroads of Scottish folk and classical traditions through the energetic music of Scotland, Rantin' Pipe And Tremblin' Strings: Scottish

Music Of The 18th-Century." The concerts will be in Weston on Tuesdays, at St. Peter's Church, 320 Boston Post Road; in Andover on Wednesdays, at the Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road; and in Boston on Thursdays, at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St. All concerts begin at 8 p.m.

The complete schedule, with dates for Andover performances:

June 9 - Long and Away: Swept Away by the Winds of Fashion: 17th Century Italian Music for Viols

June 16 - Seven Times Salt: Rantin' Pipe and Tremblin' Strings: Scottish Music in the 18th Century

June 23 - La Donna Musicale: Viva le Italiane! 18th-Century Italian Women Composers

June 30 - 7Hills Renaissance Wind Band: Eppur Se Muove: Music from the Life and Times of Galilei and Rubens

July 7 - Le Tourbillon: Taste and See: Nature and Invention in Music from Hamburg and Berlin

July 14 - Saltarello: The Owl and the Nightingale

July 21 - Zefiro: Light and Shadows: Music of Victoria and Gesualdo

For tickets visit www.sohip-boston.org for online orders, or purchase at the door. The cost is \$20, \$15 for seniors and students, 6 and 4 concert passes available.



The first Krit Classic in 2009 was not just a road race, but a community event that raised money for the Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship Fund. Above, Emma and Jack Keefe hold hands as their grandmother and aunt push them through the start.

FILE PHOTO

Sunday's community road race remembers Krit Kearins

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Expect more than 1,000 residents to provide a special birthday gathering for the late Krit Kearins.

The second annual Krit Classic road race and walk is set for this Sunday, June 6, which would have been the Andover High graduate's 28th birthday. While the family expects the race to always be the week of Krit Kearins



The late Krit Kearins

birthday, this is one of the years it will actually take place on her birthday itself. "I think it makes it a little

bit more special. We kind of got that word out that it would have been her 28th birthday, so it makes it a real celebration of Krit," said her mom, Pam Sheehy.

Kearins died at age 26 in September 2008 after a bicycle accident in Boston.

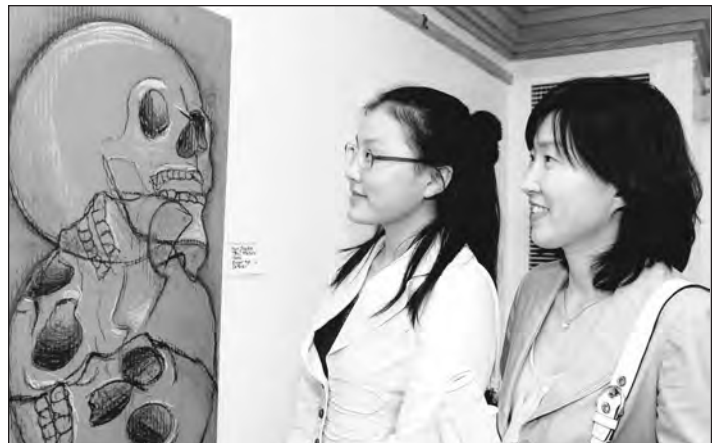
"Krit's last birthday, her 26th, was spent with her sisters in Naples, Fla.," according to Sheehy. "They had a relaxing, girl's weekend and shared many laughs. Since their lives

were so busy at the time, it was nice for them to be able to get away and celebrate Krit's birthday poolside."

The family believes they were able to get together that year for a reason.

Sheehy and other family and friends created the 5 kilometer road race last year to provide money to the Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship Fund. A memorial scholarship

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At left, Hyun Doug Kim, a junior at Andover High, with her mom, Jung Min Lee Kim, with Hyun's "Skull Fractures" pastel painting, both are from Andover, at the Greater Lawrence Education Collaborative, 2010 Visual Arts Awards and Exhibit at Lawrence Heritage State Park, Lawrence.

AHS junior makes Art All-State

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When Ed Parker, an instructor in Andover High School's fine arts department, talks about

student-artist Hyun Doug Kim in relationship to what other students her age are able to do, the talk becomes serious.

"She is advanced not only in her technical skills but in her ability to truly perceive what it is she is drawing," Parker wrote about the budding artist in an e-mail. "By that I don't mean a

literal photographic rendering of the subject, but rather a creative perception of lights, darks, form and space."

Doug Kim spent Memorial Day weekend taking part in the 23rd annual Massachusetts Art All-State program at Worcester Art Museum. She was one of 145 high school juniors throughout the state chosen. Parker recommended her.

"She has the ability to capture

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

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

ART IN WHISTLER PARK, 5 to 8 p.m., hosted by the Lowell Art Association. Members will be selling their work. Light refreshments served.

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

THE NEW PAINT AUCTION, with 35 artists including Christie Bensley, Karla Cook, Diane Grieco, Janet Hamlin, Tamara Krendel, Jane Loveys and Susan Welch, all of Andover. Artists will have just 8 hours to paint scenes in and around Lawrence and the Andovers. Benefits The Essex Art Center of Lawrence. Silent and live auctions, food, wine and music, 6 p.m., Jackson Lumber & Millwork, 215 Market St., Lawrence, \$50 advance, \$65 door; 978-685-2343, info@EssexArtCenter.com, www.EssexArtCenter.org.

HISTORIC WALK, through the West Parish Garden Cemetery, 10 a.m., rain or shine, free,

donations accepted; 978-475-3902, www.west-parishgardencemetery.org.

PLANT SALE, hosted by Andover Garden Club, 9 a.m. to noon, Old Town House, 20 Main St., Andover. AGC members will be on hand to offer "how to" advice on planting and growing the plants; Judy Wright, 978-337-7942, wright-spaces@comcast.net.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, a free family event, Ward Reservation, at the summit of Holt Hill, Andover, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., park at the main lot on Prospect Road, hosted by the Andover Trails Committee, the Friends of North Andover Trails and The Trustees of Reservations, butterfly presentation, walk with Howard Hoople at 11:30 a.m., author of "Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten"; www.thetrustees.org, David Bunting, Andover Trails Committee, dbunting@andover-trails.org.

ARTS FESTIVAL AT ROLLING RIDGE, Celebrating the Natural World with Open-Air Painting, Poetry, Music, the Environment and More, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rolling Ridge, 660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, admission is \$5 per car, artists are welcome to enter the grounds and begin painting at 9 a.m., a la carte lunch and dessert menu, and the North Andover High School Jazz Band will perform at noon; 978-



FILE PHOTO

Residents can enjoy a free afternoon of nature events at the Ward Reservation and the summit of Holt Hill (above) 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.

682-8815, www.rollingridge.org.

AUDUBON NATURE FESTIVAL, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., live owl presentations by Marcia and Mark Wilson's "Eyes on Owls" program, many activities for adults and families including nature walks, ponding and exhibits to learn about birds, beavers and butterflies.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gossard, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, 7-9 p.m., dessert and coffee follow. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums supplied or bring your own, \$15 advance, \$20 door; 978-682-8815, www.rollingridge.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

WINE TASTING, hosted by the Harvard Club of Andover, 7 to 9 p.m. Fine wines selected by Andrew Bishop of Oz Wine Company in Lawrence and Cathy Huyghe, who leads the Harvard Alumni Food and Wine Special Interest Group and writes the daily WGBH Foodie blog, will educate attendees, Andover Carriage House; Steve Chapman, Schapi0077@aol.com.

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library Community Meeting Room, 345 Main St., North Andover; Mike Mosca, 978-681-1890.

FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Wear hiking

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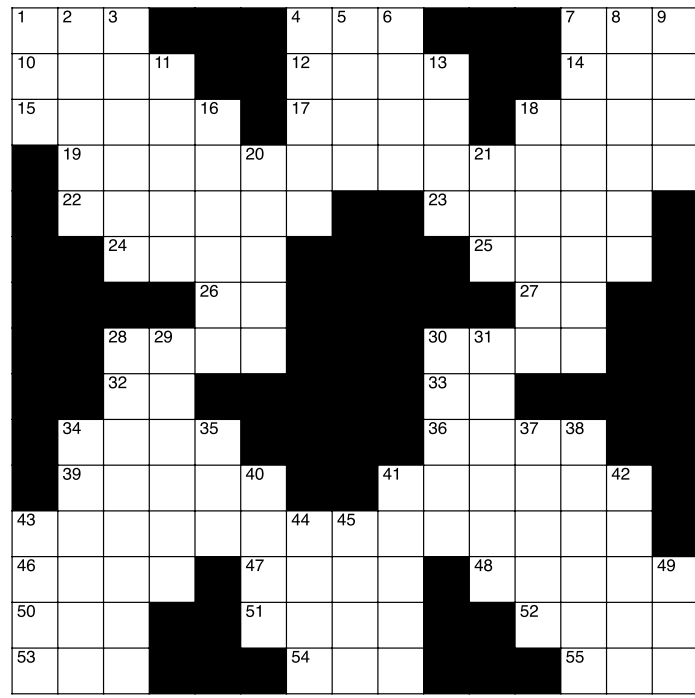
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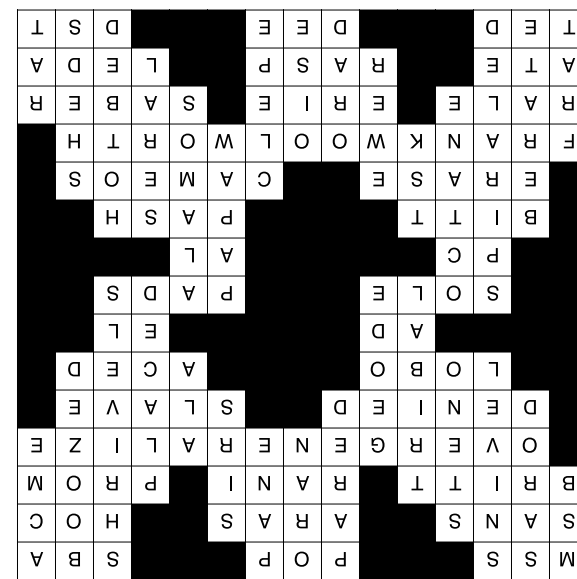
CLUES ACROSS

1. Manuscripts (abbr.)
4. Small explosive noise
7. Helps little firms
10. Without (French)
12. Macaw genus
14. Ad ____; improvise
15. Actress Eckland
17. Raja's wife
18. Cotillion
19. Make too non-specific
22. Turned down
23. One who is owned by another
24. Wolf (Spanish)
25. Breezed through
26. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
27. Railroad track
28. Lean-fleshed fish
30. Bachelor quarters
32. Laptop
33. Aluminum (abbr.)
34. Bollard
36. A brief infatuation
39. Wipe out information
41. Shell glyptography
43. Dime store founder
46. Abnormal breathing
47. One of the Greats
48. Curved sword
50. Digested
51. Coarse file
52. Queen of Sparta
53. CNN's founder

CLUES DOWN

1. Mutual savings bank (abbr.)
2. Indian lute
3. Talk in a tearful manner
4. Skinned
5. NW Algerian port
6. A sheet of glass in a window
7. Shrinks up
8. Drank excessively
9. The highest point
11. Takes dictation
13. Gentlemen
16. Nonindustrial society
18. Finished second
20. Hollow stone
21. An insect wing
28. Corkscrewed
29. Hydrocarbon in fuel
30. Genus asimina
31. Poplar trees (Spanish)
34. Angrily rebuke
35. Expression of disappointment
37. Relating to an ecological sere
38. Heated earth
40. Pitcher
41. To call (archaic)
42. Storage structures
43. Male undergraduate social club
44. Towards the oral region
45. Belgian River
49. Long tailed rodent

Solution



KRIT

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will be awarded annually to a student athlete at Andover High School who "exhibits superior sportsmanship and team spirit."

Sheehy said on Tuesday that about 600 people had signed up

to run this year's race, which is similar to last year's pace.

Kearins was a captain of the Andover High gymnastics and swim and dive teams. She also taught many people how to swim at Indian Ridge Country Club, and was working as a nurse's assistant at Children's Hospital when she died.

As proof that Kearins touched many people's lives, the first

road race in her honor attracted more than 1,400 people.

The first 500 people who signed up for this year's event will receive a free T-shirt, and additional T-shirts will also be on sale for \$10. After Kearins died, the family found a children's story she had written called Surf's Up, Penny! They published the book, and it also will be available for purchase at

the race, for \$15.

People can sign up to participate in the race for \$25 at kritkearinsclassic.com. Those who preregister will be able to pick up their numbers and T-shirts at IPF, the Institute of Performance & Fitness, near Grassfield's and Papa Gino's, set back from North Main Street. People can also sign up for the race there, rather than wait until race day.

ARTIST

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the essence of the subject matter and interpret it with artistic sensibilities giving the viewer a new

understanding and perspective on the subject," Parker said.

For this exhibit, students were led by professional artists and designed and produced art inspired by works from the museum's collection.

Art All-State focuses on the art-making process, and encouraging artistically talented high school students to continue on in art beyond high school, according to a press release.

Doug Kim was an easy

nomination for Parker.

"She is also willing and anxious to try new mediums and techniques. This innate curiosity and willingness to take creative risks is an important part of any artist's development," he said.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, JUNE 12

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 Jennifer Pascual, 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 children, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-685-0693, www.mmmh.org.

LECTURE, "Dear Diary: Plantings, Parties, and Progress at the Stevens-Coolidge Place in 1922," 6:30 p.m., Stevens Coolidge Place, 139 Andover St., North Andover, \$8, reservations necessary; 978-682-3580, ext. 1.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

SUNSET TAPPERS PERFORM, Northern Essex Community College, 2 p.m., on the Haverhill Campus in the Technology Center, Room 103. \$2. The SunSet Tappers is a group of senior citizens; Charlene Boucher, 978-556-3825, cboucher@necc.mass.edu.

YARD SALE, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., RAIN OR SHINE. Proceeds support various charities.

LIVE OUTDOOR THEATER, Cyrano de Bergerac, a free outdoor theater production for the whole family, 3 p.m., 513 Lowell St., Andover. Sponsored by the March of Dimes; Christopher Lockheart, clockheart@yahoo.com. Performances also on June 13, 19, 20.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, and craft fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, Topsfield Town Common, Topsfield; 508-641-8814.

ARMENIAN FOOD FAIR, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., hosted by St. Gregory Ladies Guild, Jaffarian Hall, 158 Main St., North Andover; 978-685-5038.

LOWELL RIVERFEST: ART GOES GREEN, Lowell Greenway hosts WXRV 92.5's annual family festival, live music, recycled art, canal tours and more, noon to 5 p.m., free, Concord

River Greenway, behind 30 Merrimack St., Lowell.

LIVE CELLO, Celloist Kristen Miller's CD Release Concert, Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, Newburyport, 8 p.m., \$22; 978-462-7336, www.firehouse.org, www.kristenmillermusic.com.

GREEN FOR PINK FUNDRAISER, Goffland, 1591 Osgood St., North Andover, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 for children under 12, proceeds benefit the Avon Walk For Breast Cancer. Rain date is Sunday, June 13.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

LIVE PIANO, concert recital by the piano and voice students of Andover voice teacher Sandy Bedrosian accompanied by pianist John F. Hyde, (Sandy's husband), contemporary and classic repertoire, 4 p.m., The Chapel at West Parish Gardens, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, donation \$5 per person; Sandy, 508-246-9645, John, 978-340-4117.

Diary shows seeds that led to historic garden

Area historians and gardeners might be interested in a lecture by Kathryn Ward titled "Dear Diary: Plantings, Parties, and Progress at the Stevens-Coolidge Place in 1922" to be given on June 9 at 7 p.m. at Stevens-Coolidge Place, 139 Andover St., North Andover.

The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. at the Trustees of Reservations property in North Andover.

Ward is a volunteer transcriptionist of the diaries of Helen Stevens Coolidge and John Gardner Coolidge. "While the diaries afford an invaluable insight into the Coolidge's vision for their summer home, Ashdale Farm, now known as the Stevens-Coolidge Place, those of 1922 recount Mrs. Coolidge's planning of the well-known and much-visited gardens that enhance the estate today," according to a release.

A nominal cost of \$5 for TTOR members and \$8 for non-members will be charged. Because seating is limited, reservations should be made by calling 978-682-3580.

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Opinion

Packed races deserve summertime attention

Several months ago, when more than a dozen people declared an interest in running for the state legislature to represent Andover, it seemed reasonable to expect that many of these potential candidates might change their mind. Often, when a first-time candidate sees there are several candidates, they decide to withdraw their names. And how often do we see a dozen names on the local ballot? However, to the benefit of voters, that has not happened this year, in the races for Andover's state senator and its two state representative seats. The deadline to submit signatures has passed, and most of the candidates plan to run. In fact, 11 residents of Andover alone will be on the ballot for the three positions, which represent sections of other towns besides Andover. Another candidate still is hoping to be on the ballot, pending a review of his paperwork. Barbara L'Italien is the only incumbent running to retain her seat.

Most of us who vote complain about a lack of candidates, but no one can make that claim this year.

Still, with the primary scheduled for Sept. 14, residents who check out during the summer and don't return until Labor Day might have little opportunity to learn about the candidates. Therefore, the Townsman expects to begin questioning the candidates this month, to provide early information to residents. We encourage people to learn as much as they can, and be prepared to vote, so that they can create a legislative delegation that matches their desires.

Outside of the Andover-specific races, few candidates for state office will have a free ride this summer and fall. From Gov. Deval Patrick on down, incumbents will have to defend actions being taken on Beacon Hill, while challengers will be out trying to convince voters they can do a better job. Everything from the Congressional seat held by Niki Tsongas to the sheriff's seat will be up for grabs this November. It's important we all pay attention.

WEB QUESTION

Trash pickup rule seen as unfair

Last week, we asked you how you felt about the town's decision to enforce a rule that housing complexes with six units or more must pay for private trash/recycling pickup.

With 106 responses, the top choice was "No. Everyone who pays property taxes, including condominiums, should get pickup." It received 46.2 percent of the vote.

Second choice, with 19.8 percent, was "Yes. Enforcing this now makes it fair for all in multi-family complexes."

Third was "No. Taking away curbside recycling pickup, means apartment/condo residents will stop recycling," which received 16 percent of the responses.

The options "Andover should have a drop-off recycling center for those without curb pickup" and "Yes. Apartment, condo complexes should have to hire private trash/recycling pickup" both received 7.5 percent.

"None of the above" received 2.8 percent of the votes.

Signs of 'summah'

Andover has seen plenty of sunshine and warm weather in the last few weeks, and the summer season began with a Memorial Day parade, ceremony and plenty of cook-outs around town last weekend. How do you know it's summer in Andover?

- Little League season opens.
- The hot dog cart shows up in front of Old Town Hall.
- I switch from hot to iced coffee.
- Sarkisian Farms opens their ice cream stand and driving range.
- Poms Pond opens for the season.
- The last day of public schools (June 22).
- Andover High School graduation (June 7).
- Memorial Day.
- All of the above.
- Something else.

To vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com. For different or lengthier answers, email

MAKE S'MORES, NOT WAR?



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Members of Boy Scout Pack 76 load their cornstarch and marshmallow firing guns during the Andover Memorial Day parade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Denying trash pickup at condos is discriminatory

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing as a 20-year resident of 44R High St, part of the nine antique houses which comprise the Temple Place Condominiums. I recently received my 2010 real estate bill, reflecting a total of \$4,185 I will pay this year as an Andover homeowner. Three other families live in my building, bringing our combined annual real estate taxes to nearly \$15,000. Imagine my shock and confusion when I learned that the town will no longer pick up my trash or recycling, simply because of the fee structure of my dwelling.

This practice has been ruled illegal in other New England states, for good reason. Condo owners pay taxes at the same tax rate as single family dwellings. Why should we be denied the full benefit of those taxes any more than any other Andover resident? The ruling is arbitrary and discriminatory, and makes no more sense than if the ruling were against houses with blue shutters or houses with two dogs.

I am disturbed by the total lack of transparency around this issue. There is no record of any discussion about the ruling at recent open selectmen meetings, and the trash company was unaware of the decision when contacted last week. It appears this decision lies solely with the Department of Public Works.

While DPW Business Manager Sandy Gerraughty cites a ruling dating back to the 1980s, the ruling nonetheless places an unfair burden of condo owners who pay full taxes. The ruling also makes no sense. How can it possibly cost the town any more to dispose of a combined four bags of trash placed side-by-side on the curb by the four residents of 44 High St. than if we were four individual houses putting out our trash?

We at Temple Place are avid recyclers. For the town to deny pick up of our recycling in this "go green" era is beyond reprehensible. Gerraughty states there will be local drop-off points where we can deliver our recycling. Most condo owners work full time or more. If we have to add this burden to our already busy lives I, for one, will no longer be recycling.

I urge selectmen to reconsider this ruling and see the unfair, arbitrary and discriminatory burden it places on Andover citizens.

CHRISTINE MICHELINIE
44R High St

Learn more on TAVAH

Editor, Townsman:

As members of the task force for The Andovers Village at Home (TAVAH), we feel a need to respond to Mark Gauthier's May 27 letter. While we certainly commend the care he and his sister have provided for their elderly parents in town for the past several years, we were somewhat taken aback by the dismissive tone of some of his comments regarding TAVAH.

We have also cared for our

elderly parents for the past several years, but from the distance of 200 miles, as they live in New York. We have only our mothers left now, and they both are in nursing homes. Prior to that, they lived at home, but were isolated and would not avail themselves of the services that existed locally. Our fear for their well-being and comfort was constant in the last period of time before they were forced to leave their homes due to medical conditions, but they insisted on staying at home as long as they could, in fact, longer than was practicable. Had an organization such as TAVAH existed in Albany, we would have happily had our parents be members for the peace of mind, general chore assistance, and sociability it would have provided.

Gauthier admits that there may be a "small demographic of Andover seniors who are healthy, fit, and mobile..." We would suggest there is a very large demographic of such seniors in Andover. They volunteer in the schools, Town Offices, the library, and in a myriad of other ways. They partake in the many social opportunities available through existing organizations, such as the senior centers in Andover and North Andover, the YMCA and church groups. They lead active and vibrant lives, driven, in part, by a desire to help others and to give back.

TAVAH, one of the hundreds of such organizations in operation or in development across the country, recognizes the strengths of seniors in our community, and seeks to enhance the quality of their lives based on their individual needs for support. We are a volunteer, member-driven organization, and our shape and services will be driven by the desires of our members. We invite Mr. Gauthier, his sister, and others in Andover and North Andover, to check us out, learn more about TAVAH, and see if we might be a fit for their needs or the needs of their family members.

JO-ANN AND TOM DESO
81 High St.

Creating a greener energy future

Editor, Townsman:

I am excited to see that the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources has designated the town of Andover as a "Green Community." In earning this status, the town will now be eligible for "Green Communities" grants for locally based clean energy projects - up to \$1 million for green initiatives in town for this fiscal year and possibly more in the future.

Joe Piantedosi and the town have been working on energy reduction for years - and this great work has saved thousands of dollars through energy-efficiency efforts. Getting designated as a green community will bring in additional funds for projects we would not have been able to do otherwise, projects that will save Andover taxpayers additional money in the long run.

During these tough economic times, this community has had to make tough budget cuts to public

safety, education, and valuable programs for our seniors. The savings that these energy efficiency programs will create will allow the town to restore this essential funding while also providing a cleaner environment for future generations of Andover residents.

BARRY FINEGOLD
Stirling Street
State Representative

TAVAH offers new types of support

Editor, Townsman:

We are writing to clarify some of the issues raised by Mark Gauthier's May 27 letter about the services offered by The Andovers Village at Home or TAVAH. Gauthier believes TAVAH's services are only marginally important to supporting seniors to remain at home. He cites his experience in caring for elderly parents and indicates that all of the information and referral was available through the Andover Senior Center.

As long-time members of the Andover Council on Aging, we are well aware of the wonderful staff and the services available through the Senior Center. Since we work closely with the Elder Services Department staff, we are pleased and proud that he and his family have found them helpful and supportive. But the mandate of the Council is to identify the total needs of seniors in the community as well as to design, promote and advocate for services to fill these needs. For whatever reasons, there are thousands of seniors in Andover whose needs are not met through the senior center, whether by choice or by availability of types of services. As the over age 60 group already exceeds 20 percent of the total population, and town budgets shrink, the unmet needs will increase.

This was the impetus behind our interest in the Village concept, as initially developed by Beacon Hill Village, and our formation of a private, non-profit corporation. We are committed to working closely with all agencies, departments, faith communities and providers who serve seniors in Andover and North Andover so that we can fill in the gaps in existing services and develop new ways to meet the varying and individual needs in our communities. Far from being "laughable" and "insulting," TAVAH's personal approach is focused on providing services not available elsewhere, and these include: daily phone check-ins if desired; after-hours response for non-911 emergencies; the names of vetted providers who offer discounted services to our members; and a cadre of volunteers to help with such things as household tasks, home-safety assessments and transportation for visits to friends, hairdresser, shopping and errands.

Many of us have also cared for elderly family members and certainly identify with, and respect, the efforts of Gauthier and his sister to care for their parents at home. In many of our situations, we have had to do this long distance and would have been

grateful for the availability of a service such as TAVAH offers, with one phone call to identify and receive information and assistance, and the peace of mind that is created by such support.

NANCY MULVEY
104 High Plain Road
NANCY GUMP
12 Pioneer Circle

Lamenting the loss of Market Basket

Editor, Townsman:

DeMoulas has been in Shawshen Plaza as long as I have been alive. Yup, we both arrived here in 1966. I have seen other grocery chains come, and they just don't have that "feel." You can honestly see the same people in the same aisles every time you go in. We've watched our families grow up as customers, clerks and friends. It will not be the same shopping at another location or at this location under another name.

Not much in Andover has that small-town, quaint village feel anymore. It feels more like a small city. We used to have Saturday mornings at the dump, at the town hall and at the bank where we could socialize, enjoy coffee and doughnuts and speak of things that concerned us, our town and our families. DeMoulas (Market Basket) has become the epitome of all that, as life in a quaint old town has slowly dissolved to today's busy lives.

People I work have stopped there on the way home to pick up a few things and always say, "It's so tiny!" or "It's like stepping back in time to an old-fashioned grocery store!" like it's a bad thing. But to those of us who grew up here knowing the man at the deli, the man in the vegetable and the boys pushing in unbelievably long lines of carriages from the parking lot, it's like coming home. They've seen me grow up to become a mom with two boys who now wander the aisles in search of their favorite snacks, and I've seen many of them grow and even leave for retirement.

We will miss the comfort, the regularity, the convenience and the special whisperings of yesterday in those aisles. We will miss the strange little office high above the courtesy booth and the odd little restroom up that flight of stairs, past the employee break area. We will miss the funky little tables and shelves. We will miss the yellow and orange squares and every kid at a certain age playing "don't step on that color" as they hop down the aisles.

I, for one, have no intention of ever stepping into Stop and Shop. Just the way it snuck in and expected us to accept its new and fresher chain leaves a bad taste. Stop and Shop said it was well-received at the last Andover Days. I guess if they want to come into town with a fresh new approach they can let themselves think that. All I ever hear from everyone I speak with is how much they will miss DeMoulas/Market Basket.

How sad it is that there just is not room for it anymore.

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TOWN TALK

Walkathon for young amputee

Sanborn Elementary School children will walk today in hopes of helping a girl who has lost her legs and arms.

Bella Tucker, an 8-year-old gymnast on the Phantom Gymnastics team in Hampstead, N.H., came down with a near fatal infection of Streptococcus Pneumonia Sepsis this spring. She survived, but doctors had to amputate her arms and legs.

Haley Traub, a Sanborn student who also competes with Phantom Gymnastics is one of many children in the area who has sought to help Bella, according to her

mom, Sherry Traub. At today's walkathon, Haley and other students at the school will pitch in from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. A bake sale will follow the walkathon.

For more information about Bella, visit www.bellatucker.org.

You're invited

It sure didn't take long to fill the retail space abruptly vacated last month by Native Sun on Main Street. Soirée, Andover, a fine stationery store on Essex Street, is moving there this month.

"Here we come Main Street" is how owner Trish Martini blasted her good news in an e-mail to customers. The move comes as the next-door bridal destination

building (the former Kaps building) is moving ahead full steam.

— Judy Wakefield

Green-dover

Andover is one of 35 municipalities in the Commonwealth to be awarded the "Green Community" designation, according to Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo and Paul Materazzo, director of community development and planning. AGC Gov. Deval Patrick announced the designation at a press conference May 25. To be a Green Community, towns must meet a set of criteria from the state Department of Energy Resources.

— Bethany Bray

Flowers, front and center

Andover's Old Town Hall will be in bloom this Saturday, June 5, as the Andover Garden Club hosts a plant sale from 9 a.m. to noon.

A variety of plants will be offered for sale, primarily perennials that are proven performers in Andover-area gardens. AGC members will be on hand to offer "how to" advice on planting and growing the plants. Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, is at 20 Main St.

Growing humor

Rose Mula, a frequent visitor to the Andover Senior Center, has released another humor book about aging, *The Beautiful People and Other Aggravations*. She will sign copies of the book today, June 3 at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, 98 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington.

In this collection of compositions, she complains about the consequences of growing old. "Whether she is holding up a sign that says 'Will Work for

Botox' or counting the ketchup on her fries as a vegetable, Rose reminds us how to approach our elder years with a sense of humor and grace," says a release from the publisher.

Backyard de Bergerac

Andover's newest theater troupe, The Backyard Players, will perform Edmond Rostand's classic romance *Cyrano de Bergerac* this month as a fundraiser for the March of Dimes. The free outdoor production features sword fights, mud pies, rope swings, Twinkies, and Fourth of July sparklers and is intended "to be a fun afternoon for the whole family." The production will be held at 513 Lowell St. in Andover. The performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m., June 12, 13, 19 and 20.

Studying swine flu

If Andover's Department of Public Health needs any new ideas about stopping the spread of the H1N1 virus, it can get them from some of the very students it tries to protect.

Team 8 East at Wood Hill

Middle School will have a public health forum next Tuesday, June 8, at 9 a.m. in its auditorium. Tom Carbone, director of public health, asked the school to study the effectiveness of interventions to stop the spread of the H1N1 virus in Andover Public Schools and students will present the results of their study.

Young Authors Tea

Using assistive technology, nine children with special needs will be able to "read" books they created to their families and friends today, Thursday, June 3, at 12:30 p.m., during a Young Author's Tea at The Professional Center for Child Development.

The children, all non-verbal with moderate to severe special needs, used special computer software to craft stories and will use voice output devices and pointers to present their books, according to the center.

The Young Authors Tea is a way to highlight the literary works of the children in the Osgood Street center's Developmental Day School, for ages 3 through 7.



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Memorial Day's Amazing Grace

Images from 2010

Bill Dalton



Each Memorial Day I think about a beautiful thing that happened at Andover's Memorial Day ceremony in 1986. I wrote a column about it

that year.

Following the parade, I was seated in the second row behind the lectern with my fellow selectmen and other town officials. We were in front of Memorial Auditorium. Early morning showers had departed and the weather was turning perfect with a sweet freshness in the air. John Doherty, who served in Vietnam and provided exemplary service to Andover's veterans for many years, was the master of ceremonies.

In front of me in the first row were a number of veterans. Four of them were being honored by the town. They were veterans of World War I and Andover didn't want these ancient men to think we'd ever forget their service. Each was to be given a document explaining that they were remembered and esteemed by Andover's citizens.

Immediately before the ceremony, the old men were lively, chatting with each other and the rest of us seated nearby. They were happy to be there and appreciative of the honors being bestowed to them. During the ceremony, each of the four men walked to the lectern (two of them needing assistance) and thanked the several hundred onlookers.

The oldest and most gregarious of these was Frank Tolsen. He was 94 and had served in the U.S. Army from 1917 to 1919, the entire time the United States was in the Great War. Seated directly in front of me and next to Mr. Tolsen was my good friend P. K. Allen, who was a veteran of the Second World War. Forty years earlier, in 1946, at the first Memorial Day service in Andover following World War II, Mr. Allen gave the main address. In the years that followed, he helped the town in many ways, including being a selectman, and he served with extraordinary grace and intelligence. On this day, he had driven two of the old veterans in his convertible during the parade.

There was a moment during the ceremonies that I will never forget. John Doherty had just introduced the hymn "Amazing Grace," explaining that it had been adopted by his fellow Vietnam War veterans as their anthem. He mentioned that we should never forget the people missing in action in that war, and there was emotion in his voice that unfurled itself over the audience.

As "Amazing Grace" was played, emotions grew. Then, Mr. Tolsen, who had been a bugler in the Army, began to hum along with the band. It was a quiet hum and only those of us near him could hear it. Mr. Allen glanced at Mr. Tolsen, then he too started to hum. Within seconds everyone near them was humming, and then the humming spread throughout the group seated behind the lectern and then throughout the entire audience. When it was over, I put my hands around Allen's and Tolsen's shoulders, and they turned and smiled to each other and me.

I believe it was one of the most beautiful things that ever happened in Andover.

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Madeline Parrish, 5, of Andover hugs her dad Sgt. Richard Scott Parrish during the ceremony rededicating the World War I memorial in Andover. Memorial Auditorium, located on the left of Town Offices, facing the Park, honors the men and women who served in the Great War now referred to as World War I. It was originally dedicated in 1935.

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Parade grand marshal Frank J. Miniscalco is presented an award by state Sen. Susan C. Tucker during the rededication of what is known as Memorial Auditorium, Andover's World War I Memorial.



Master of Ceremonies Michael Burke, director of Andover's Veterans Services, left, shakes hands with World War II Army Sgt. Milton A. Burke as the veteran receives a Bronze Star for action against a hostile enemy.



Revolutionary War re-enactors fire their guns in downtown Andover during the town's Memorial Day parade.



Charlie Parrish, 2, of Andover, plays with his crayons on the lawn during the Rededicating of the World War I Memorial in Andover.



Blissfully unaware of their full meaning, Ellie Maesurette, 4, of Andover, counts the 84 flags representing fallen servicemen at the rededication of the World War I Memorial in Andover.

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100 Years Ago June 3, 1910

It is rumored that several houses in West Andover have been entered recently and a number of articles stolen. No clue as to the intruder has yet been found.

Miss Mary E.H. Dern, formerly a teacher in the Pynchard school, sailed for the Mediterranean on Thursday on the Pannonia, one of the Cunard liners sailing from New York.

Miss Rosalind Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wood, was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of her cousin, Beatrice Banning Ayer, and Lieutenant Smith Patton Jr., at Pride's Crossing last week.

Frank McDonald and family have moved into the house on Maple avenue formerly occupied by Harry M. Randlett.

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75 Years Ago May 31, 1935

Nathan D. Hamblin, principal of Pynchard high school, who will finish his 25th year in that position this June, was the guest of honor at a surprise party tendered him by the high school faculty at Crane's Beach Ipswich. During the evening he received a gift of \$25.

Johnny Kelley, and Clarence DeMar, too, are going to run over the Andover by-pass on June 17, Bunker Hill Day. Both the newest B.A.A. marathon king and the all-time king will take part in the Bunker Hill day marathon between Lawrence Memorial stadium on the Den Rock Road to City Square, Charlestown. Local police officials have agreed to give ample police protection along the Andover stretch.

Two fires, believed to have been set simultaneously, called the entire Andover fire department out shortly before five last night, with the result that Engine 8 of Lawrence had to be called in to cover in at the Central Station in case of any other alarm. The first call came from Box 25, Argilla Road and Andover Street at 4:40 for a fire at the coal sheds of Benjamin Jacques. At 4:53, Box 28 at the Ballardvale fire house was sounded for a fire at the old plant of the Beaver Chemical company on Dale Street.

50 Years Ago June 2, 1960

Shawsheen residents have again appealed to the Selectmen for better traffic and speed control in the Village. And they have, through the Village Improvement Association, renewed their request for no parking on many streets all day. Included in the suggested 8 a.m.-to-5 p.m. parking ban are Enmore, Balmoral, Argyle, Arundel, Carisbrooke, and York streets. However, the Selectmen promptly frowned on this request, pointing out that some residents certainly would be inconvenienced. Various Board members recalled that this idea, when originally presented, brought protests from some Village folk, some of whom have no driveways in which to put their cars.

The Memorial Hall Library was the first stop on the parade route Monday, when services were held under the direction of Post 8 members.

St. Augustine's priest celebrates his golden jubilee

50 years at the pulpit

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Even as a child, Father Richard Foley says he knew he knew he wanted to be a priest.

As a fifth-grader, he slipped away from his own birthday party to walk to his family's church and stand in the pulpit "just to see how it felt."

That feeling is now familiar to Foley, who will celebrate 50 years as a priest with a special Mass and lunch at St. Augustine on June 6. Twenty-five of those



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo
Fr. Richard Foley poses for a photo as he prepares for a celebration of his 50 years as a priest.

years have been spent in two assignments at St. Augustine

Parish on Essex street.

"Truly, it's been wonderful. No one is a priest for 50 years without enduring difficulties, and I've had my share. But I blissfully forget the hard times," said Foley. "It's God that has supported me and guided me. I wouldn't have become a priest but for the grace of God, and wouldn't have stayed a priest for 50 years without the grace of God."

A St. John's Prep graduate, Foley has a bachelor's in philosophy from Villanova University and a masters in religious education from LaSalle College. He has served at parishes in Massachusetts and New York and taught at Austin Prep. in Reading.

He was ordained June 4, 1960 and served as associate pastor at St. Augustine's from 1976 to 1982 and 1993 to the present.

Foley, 76, retired from full-time ministry last July. He continues

to work as senior priest-in-residence at St. A's, hearing confessions and leading three or four Masses per week.

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Foley calls leading Mass his "greatest joy."

"As priest, leading the congregation in worship, that is what is thrilling. Nothing else can touch it. It's the people there that are praying with me, it's really being in the place of Christ. It's an enormous privilege," he said. "To be a priest is a dream come true."

Foley's parents were often ill and in the hospital when he was young, so he spent a lot of time with nuns at the Sisters at St. Joseph in Danvers, where he grew up.

"I remember stopping in the hallway, and looking at a picture of Mary, thinking of the life the nuns were living and thinking 'I wouldn't mind this type of life,'" said Foley.

Foley also sees his life's calling as a reflection of the love he received from his biological and church family as a child.

"My admiration for the nuns and priests, for what they did (inspired me). As I got older, I realized I was blessed with loving parents... They showed me an immense amount of love," said Foley. "I wanted to give to those who didn't have so much, out of gratitude for all I've been given."

For years, Foley was known as "the priest who rides the bike," he said, before he gave riding and jogging up because of his knees. He also enjoys photography, listening to music and talking walks around Andover.

As lifetime Red Sox fans know all too well, his love of listening to ballgames on the radio has not come without its frustrations.

"As I child, I remember saying the rosary for the Red Sox again and again. I may have gotten my vocation that way," he said, chuckling.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Residents can still register for all aerobics, strength training, yoga, tai chi, tap dancing, wood carving and art instruction classes. The classes began this Tuesday, June 1. Call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321 for information, or drop by for a tour of the 30 Whittier St. center Hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Your Next Chapter: Andover Senior Center, BoomerVenture and Memorial Hall Library collaborate in this free, four-week series for anyone approaching

or already enjoying retirement. Pre-registration requested. Call ASC at 978-623-8321 or MHL at 978-623-8410, Ext. 49, depending on the location of the seminar.

June 11, 9:30 a.m. at ASC: Explore your health care options. Look at all insurance options for those approaching retirement or working past 65.

June 15, 7 p.m. at MHL: Prepare for a Comfortable Retirement. Financial guidance for getting the most from your social security & private investments. Call MHL

June 21, 1 p.m. at ASC: Embrace your Future. Gov. Patrick Duval's statewide initiative to educate Massachusetts residents as to resources available specific to our state.

June 28, 7 p.m. at MHL: Living the Rest of Your life. A life coach suggests the best use of the rest of your life. Discover an use your strengths, talents and interests to optimize your time in the years ahead.

Shifting Gears: On Friday June 4, at 9:30 a.m., a Registry of Motor

Vehicles Safe Driving workshop let's people see how age can affect one's driving. Tips for safe driving offered. Free, call to pre-register.

BoomerBridge: Mondays, June 7 to Aug. 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; \$125 for six weeks (you pick convenient dates) or \$135 for eight weeks. Overcalls, limit and cue-bid raises, takeout doubles and bidding brush up, with Terry Kay Bargar, ACBL accredited bridge instructor. Get prepared for a more advanced class starting in

the fall. There is a \$25 daily drop in rate.

Outdoor Adventures for Women: Join a free, Level 2 hike and picnic on June 8, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Phillips Academy Bird Sanctuary. Good walking shoes will be essential. Bring picnic, water, snack, sun block, bug and tick repellent. Call to reserve a spot. Health forms and registration necessary.

Fun and Games: Offered every Tuesday in our Four Seasons Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



Team Hoo-ya, Andover natives Mike Tiberii, left, Kirk McConville, center, and Steve Pouliot relax after the Boston Brain Tumor bike ride recently. McConville has survived a stage four brain tumor, and reunited with his childhood friends to ride and raise money for the National Brain Tumor Society. Together, the trio has raised close to \$14,000.

Former Andover boys ride bikes for fight against brain tumors

During the 1980s you would have seen Mike Tiberii, Steve Pouliot, and Kirk McConville riding their bikes through Andover headed to Indian Ridge Country Club or Depot Pizza.

As they grew into adults and started families, the rides were replaced by occasional family barbecues and sporting events together. Until something catastrophic happened.

In October 2006, McConville was walking through a mall in Natick when he suffered a grand

mal seizure. He was diagnosed with a stage 4 brain tumor. In the weeks, months and years following, McConville, a former Navy SEAL, endured surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and continuing MRI scans. Throughout the ordeal, McConville promised himself that upon recovery he would do whatever he could to help make sure other people didn't have to go through what he did.

Last month, McConville, Tiberii, and Pouliot hopped on their bikes

once again. This time they were not going for a swim, or for pizza. Together with family and friends, their objective was to wipe out brain tumors. After participating in the Boston Brain Tumor ride alone in 2009 McConville decided to form Team Hoo-Ya for 2010, and the team reports raising close to \$14,000. Donations can still be made to team Hoo-Ya through the team Web site, www.brainumorcommunity.org/site/TR/Events/BTR-MA?team_id=36980&pg=team&fr_id=1520.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Andover paddlers conquer Run Of The Charles canoe and kayak race

Andover residents Shawn Burke, Alexander Day and James Doucett were among the 1,300 competitors at the 28th Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race, the signature event of the Charles River Watershed Association.

More than a hundred volunteers and thousands of spectators gathered along the race route for CRWA's annual celebration on the river, according to the organization.

The Run of the Charles supports the CRWA, which seeks to protect and enhance the health, beauty and enjoyment of the Charles River and its tributaries.

At the Finish Line Festival where all races ended, day-long activities for the public were held free of charge. The Festival featured live music by the Dixieland-style New Orleans Jazz Band, various food vendors and exhibits from groups such as Boston Duck Tours, Bosch, L and M Slush, New England Canoe and Kayak Racing Association, Owens Corning, Radio

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ENGAGEMENT



Nicole M. Nesbitt and Edward H. Finneran

John and Luanne Nesbitt of Methuen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole M. Nesbitt to Edward H. Finneran, son of Mrs. Finneran of Andover.

Nicole is a graduate of Methuen High School and Tulane University where she received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. She

works as a teacher for the Lawrence School Department.

Edward is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and the University of New Hampshire where he received a bachelor's degree. He works as a teacher for the Lawrence Public Schools.

The couple plan a July 2010 wedding.

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Spring benefit



Andover resident and Silent Spring Institute Board member Cynthia Barakatt, right, and Susan Helms Daly of Brookline attend the recent Friends of Silent Spring Institute Dinner at Boston's InterContinental Hotel, benefitting the Susan S. Bailis Breast Cancer Research Fund.

'Wicked' talented, and sharing their abilities



Andover Girl Scout Cadette troop 60104 spent the evening of Thursday, May 20 performing a talent showcase for the residents of Wingate Nursing Home. The girls did soccer and volleyball demonstrations, read poetry, showed artwork and a trio sang "Defying Gravity" from the Broadway show "Wicked." Pictured are, top row: Madelyn Reppucci, Meghan Stickney, Amanda Devine, Kristina Day, Dayna Thibodeau and Lydia Kelley; bottom row: Taylor Day, Mary Cate Sullivan, Rachel Major and Andrea Papa. Not pictured are Cara Cahill, Elizabeth Day and Allie Morgenstern.



From left, honoree Albert Retelle; Elaine Clements, Andover Historical Society executive director; honoree Joanne Marden and Donald Robb, Historical Society president at the May 20 Andover Historical Society Andover Heritage Awards, at the Andover Country Club.

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Disney and more. The Run of the Charles builds support for the Charles River Watershed Association which seeks to protect and enhance the health, beauty and enjoyment

of the Charles River and its tributaries. CRWA's prominent role in protecting and restoring the Charles River since 1965 accounts for a much healthier Charles River today. For more information or full results from the Run of the

Charles Canoe and Kayak Race, please visit www.charlesriver.org. To become a sponsor of next year's Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race, please contact 508-698-6810 or rotc@crwa.org.

Frishman honored with Dengler History Award

The Lawrence History Center will present Kay Bethold Frishman, executive director of Family Service Inc., with this year's Eartha Dengler History Award on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 6 p.m. at a celebration event at the Abe Bashara Boathouse, 1 Eaton St., in Lawrence. Frishman is an Andover native. "Kay Frishman is a leader, a builder, a preservationist, an

artist - and a tireless and committed advocate for Lawrence and its people. Born to parents who were 'people of service,' Kay has lived her life in the same spirit. She has built Family Service into one of the city's most important providers of services to strengthen families. She has helped to build and lead a cohort of agency directors who work together to strengthen the

broader social fabric of our city," said Andover resident Marcia Sharp, LHC Board vice president, said in a release. "And as a lover and painter of the Merrimack and its vistas, she has captured the vibrancy of our city in her own work, and won her persistent battle to preserve the city's most iconic vista - the view of the dam from Falls Bridge - for future generations to enjoy."

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Chinese growth shows nothing ever stays the same

Ken Seifert



When I was about 11 or 12 and World War II had recently ended, the United States was the only superpower whose cities were not devastated by warfare. Albert Einstein made the observation that the next global struggle would not be atomic warfare, but commerce. That statement seemed rather odd, coming from a man some of us figured as the man who didn't know how to comb his hair, and thought only of test tubes, nuclear fission and galactic universes.

We are now through the first decade of the 21st century. TV and other media report daily about the Chinese global plan. Billions invested in Africa. China is buying vineyards all over the world. China owns much of the United States and we hope they don't ask for the money they have loaned us anytime soon. How did this happen? Where in blue blazes did they get the money?

Part of the answer was laid out in a very straightforward manner. In 1997 John Naisbett wrote a bestseller, "Megatrends Asia," about eight megatrends that are reshaping our world. Here were a few of his observations and predictions. Keep in mind this was 13 years ago.

■ The West now needs the East a lot more than the East needs the West.

■ The modernization of Asia must not be thought of as the westernization of Asia, but the modernization of Asia the "Asian way."

■ What is happening in Asia today is by far the most important development in the world of today. It is being driven by the awakening of one's own potential and propelled by the power of determination. Progress will be achieved by toil and sacrifice. It is not a change the rest of the world will accept readily. It is a time for all of us to face reality and to devise a strategy to adapt to it.

■ Down the road imagine a big economically and politically powerful China threatening to withhold financial aid from the United States until we do something about our urban slums, high divorce rates, low SAT scores and our concentration on sex and violence. It is widely believed in the East that the West is losing its moral compass.

■ The Cold War is over and China won.

He specifically addresses the amassing of wealth. (Once again, he wrote this in 1997.)

In the West one of the least understood

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High Plain Elementary School student David Zhou works with teammates to build a three-dimensional item out of straws and twist-ties during the "Math Masters" competition held at West Elementary

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos



Andover elementary school students from left, Andrew Cortner of Sanborn, Victoria Norton of South, Peter Heckendorn of West, Devin Dean of High Plain and Ethan Borenstein of Bancroft work on a math problem during the "Math Masters" competition.



Andover students Gianna Truchon of Sanborn and Cole Sawyer of High Plain talk with teammates during the "Math Masters" competition held last Friday, May 28.

Calculated effort launches Math Masters

Five elementary schools. Times 10 top math students. That equals 50 students – plus a math lesson to remember.

Last Friday, May 28, 10 fifth-graders from five public elementary schools in town – Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn, South and West Elementary – took part in a "Math Masters Meet." Gathering at West Elementary School, the students competed math challenges all day, according to West Elementary Principal Liz Roos. The competition was the first of what educators hope is a continuing effort.

Donna Pappalardo, Andover's math program advisor for grades 6-12, looks forward to the participants' arrival in middle school math classes in the fall. "I am happy there is so much excitement about math," she said.

– Judy Wakefield

SHED filled with a wide variety of artwork

SHED Inc.'s programs – even its prekindergarten program – have been creating art that might be too good for the refrigerator door.

■ Inspired by the Masters, the SHED "Springboard to Kindergarten" readiness program displayed pieces reflecting the children's interpretation of paintings by Monet, Van Gogh, Pollack and O'Keefe. The entire class worked on a few "group" pieces which were offered to parents through a silent auction.

Mom Tracy Connor said she was impressed with the job teachers did for children like her son Dane in the kindergarten readiness program.

"It's amazing what they did. And it's with 5 year olds," said Connor. "They called it the art show and they put out little drinks and little finger foods for the parents to come by."

■ The students experimented with various techniques such as silk screening, clay pinch pots and gelatin prints. Teachers painted an outline of the Mona



Children in the Springboard program, Maeve Hurley, Megan Veneto and Samantha Jenney, admire the group's work.

Lisa and placed it in front of a mirror. Kids were able to put their heads through a hole and use that visual to create a painting as if they were the Mona Lisa.

"They did sponge art. They did abstract. I was just thinking, 'How did you [teachers] do

it all?' They're 5 years old," said Connor.

■ The SHED Kindergarten half-day Enrichment program's work was displayed for two weeks in the children's room at the Memorial Hall Library.

"Also inspired and unique, the annual SHED Kindergarten Art



Dane Connor prepares a piece for an after-school program's art show.

Exhibit shows the broad range of creativity and ability that children can exhibit when given the time and motivation," according to Sydney Bialo SHED executive director.

Some of the techniques used in this exhibit include tempera paint, chalk, batik, cut paper, origami, paper sculpture, water color and paper weaving.

■ SHED Kid's Club program for children in first through eighth grade, produced the show "Peter Pan" for friends and family. The children spent two to three months practicing, making sets and costumes and getting ready for opening night. Youth, their families and the Kid's Club teachers enjoyed both the play and an after-party, said Bialo.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, June 7-11:

Elementary schools

Monday: "Rib-A-Q" on a roll, chicken parmesan sandwich, veggie and cheese wrap, roasted carrot fries, chilled fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Beach Day - assorted sandwiches, chips, pickles, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Baked chicken with a dinner roll, thin and trim roast beef wrap, pretzels, yogurt parfait, buttered noodles, seasoned veggies and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Mini pizza, garden salad and "icy juicy."

Friday: No Lunch - Early Release

Middle schools

Monday: Tacos with all the fixings, grilled ham and cheese panini, yogurt parfait, graham crackers, mexican corn, refried cheesy beans and chilled pineapple.

Tuesday: Rotini with chicken parmesan, yogurt parfait, graham crackers, egg salad pocket, chips, caesar salad, fresh melon and juice.

Wednesday: Veggie wrap, fish sticks, crispy chicken sandwich, cole slaw, potato salad and icy juicy.

Thursday: Turkey pie calzone, steak and cheese sub, manager's choice, carrot and jicama dip, sun chips and cantaloupe and strawberries.

Friday: Macaroni and cheese, bread stick, hummus, tabouli and feta in a pita, hot ham and cheese croissant with pretzels, garden salad, applesauce and banana.

Andover High School will create its menu on a day-to-day basis through the end of the year.

At Andover High there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

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.

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

Energetic experimentation



COURTESY PHOTO

Fifth-graders at South Elementary School such as Cedric Gillette are exploring potential and kinetic energy as they work in teams to build marble run boards as part of their science unit. Peg boards, tracks and pulleys donated by Home Depot were used by students in Beth Kennedy's classroom in May and are rotating through the fifth-grade classrooms.

SEIFERT

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phenomenons is the role of the Chinese Overseas. They are the ethnic Chinese who live outside the mainland of China. They live not only in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore, but also in Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Thailand - and in Vancouver and Los Angeles and London. The most successful entrepreneurs in the world, they are the force that will catapult Asia to economic dominance. It is the Chinese Overseas who will dominate the

region, not China. Fugitsu Research in Tokyo looked at listed companies in six key Asian countries. Its findings below illustrate that the overwhelming majority were owned by Chinese Overseas.

CHINESE-OWNED BUSINESSES

- Thailand 81%
- Singapore 81%
- Indonesia 73%
- Malaysia 61%
- Philippines 50%.

In Indonesia the 3.5 percent Chinese population control 73 percent of the economy. In Thailand 10 percent control 81 percent of the economy. In the Philippines, 2 percent control 50 to 60 percent of the economy.

The economy of the Borderless Chinese is the third largest in the world. This inner entrepreneurial drive makes the Chinese very proactive, risk-taking and enterprising.

I have a great deal of respect for a predictor of the future who bases his assumptions on trends. You can see the list of the eight

megatrends he discusses in his book online. This book is a must read for those who have an interest in understanding modern Eastern History from a well informed Westerner's perspective.

I agree with his comment that we all need to face reality and to prepare strategies that will enable us and our children to adapt to global changes. What is our economic policy and what assumptions of the future have we made? If there is a game plan, it is not working? Do we even know what game we are in? My assumption of the future

May 15, at the Hanover Theater in Worcester. They are:

- Francis M. Fitzpatrick, master of science in criminal justice
- Garrett M. Antanavica, master of public administration

Salem State College has announced its recent graduates from Andover.

- Undergraduate degrees**
- Elisabeth Davidson, bachelor of science education
- Scott Lonnie, bachelor of arts english
- Lydia Pustell, bachelor of fine arts theatre
- Abigail Reilly, bachelor of science communications
- James Riopelle, bachelor of science criminal justice
- Heather Stocks, bachelor of science psychology
- Graduate degrees**
- Rebecca Devendorf, master of education elementary education
- Denise Huntley, master of science in nursing
- Jennifer Keene-Crouse, master of education higher education studies
- Karen Landers, master of education reading
- Andrew Long, certificate of advanced grad. study
- Robin Reid, master of social work

- Norma Villarreal, certificate of advanced grad. study
- Alistair Weida, master of science criminal justice
- Carol Weldin, certificate of advanced grad. study

The Andover residents were among 599 students scheduled to receive masters degrees at the college's graduate commencement at 4 pm Thursday, May 20.

The following Andover students were among the graduates of the 70th commencement exercises at Endicott College in Beverly: Tyler LeBlanc, bachelor of science, Kyle Morander, bachelor of science, and Lesley Scull, master of education.

Anna Maria College announces that the following students from Andover received the following degrees at its commencement held on Saturday,

is: we have about 15 to 20 years to really get with it or we will be on the sidelines for a mighty long time.

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

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Sports

A PERFECT DAY

Andover boys and girls run away with Division 1 crown

Farnham joins NFL veterans in Foxboro

By HECTOR LONGO

FOXBORO — Future Hall of Famer Torry Holt stood in the blazing sun, introducing himself to a gaggle of Patriots media members.

Ten feet away, 36-year-old, second-time Patriot David Patten exchanged smiles and embraces with a handful of past acquaintances.

And about 100 yards removed, there was Andover's Buddy Farnham, the last player off the practice field at Gillette Place last Wednesday, working sideline routes with rookie seventh-round pick Zac Robinson.

"I'm having a good time, learning," said Farnham. "It's the first week with most of the team back. It's football. I'm more excited than nervous."

Farnham spent the two-hour session in the 90-plus degree heat, catching passes and punts and even took some reps at cornerback when the offense split away from the defense.

"If they want me to play (corner) I can. You have to do everything you can. I'm trying to work on every little thing to get better," said Farnham. "Do the best I can at whatever they tell me to do, try to be an asset to this team, help them win. I'm going to go out there and do everything 100 percent."

The 6-foot, 185-pounder is among a dozen receivers on the roster, including Patten and Holt.

Ironically, those guys are resources that Farnham continues to tap.

"I'm learning from them, being a sponge," said Farnham. "You don't even need to talk to them, just watch them and study them. You see how professional they are on and off the field, you can learn from them. It's great."

Patten says that for himself or a youngster like Farnham, the battle to get there can only make you stronger.

"I just want to help give them the best opportunity to make it," said Patten. "You can never lift anybody or push anybody without going higher yourself. Competition breeds greatness. If you don't feel like there's someone competing with you or pushing you, you're not doing the best for yourself."

Holt, Farnham and Patten will join the likes of Tom Brady, Randy Moss and Vince Wilfork at training camp in the final days of July.

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

SOMERVILLE — Talk about an exclamation point.

"There aren't many times a year our coach says (a meet) comes down to the 4x400," said Andover's Connor O'Neill. "But that's what he said to us, and it was the best feeling in the world to come though for the team."

With the Eastern Mass. Division 1 track meet hinging on the final event of the day, the Golden Warriors went out and made a little history.

The team of Kerrick Stevens, Troy Cayon, O'Neill and Mark Vetere won the 4x400 in a stunning 3:21.21, shattering the school record (3:21.91) set earlier this year, the meet record (3:21.7) set by Xaverian in 1999 and The Eagle-Tribune area record (3:21.83) set by Methuen in 1977.

"We're on Cloud 9 right now," said Andover coach Peter Comeau. "This is a great day for Andover High track."

In fact, Friday was a picture perfect day for the Golden Warriors.

Not only did the Andover boys repeat as Eastern Mass. Division 1 track champions, but the Golden Warrior girls took their first title 2005.

That marks the first time since the Andover Townsman began keeping complete records in 1987 that the Golden Warriors swept the Eastern Mass. titles. The boys took first and the girls took second in the 1992 Class B meet.

The two teams will compete for the All-State crowns on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Westfield State College.

"This is just awesome," said senior Vanessa Singleton. "Everyone was very focused on the boys, and we were kind of an underdog. I am so proud of this team."

While has squad ran a victory lap around the track, an elated Comeau could hardly capture his excitement.

"I am more relieved for the boys because they did what everyone felt they should do," said the coach. "It's hard to win when you are expected to win. I'm so proud of the girls. They were sleepers. No one gave the girls a chance, but they began to believe that they could be



FILE PHOTO
Maggie Mullens, shown above in earlier action, set a school record (5:10:39) with her third-place finish in the mile.



FILE PHOTO
Eve Bishop set a new school record (25.58) on the way to second in the 200.



ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

Christopher McConnell flies to the finish, and her second straight Eastern Mass. Division 1 state title, in the 100 with a 10.86. McConnell's win helped lead the boys to a second straight team title.



ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

Andover's Moria Cronin easily sails over 5-9, setting a meet record and leading the Golden Warriors to a team title at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 state meet. Cronin later just missed a 5-11, which would have broken her school record.

champions.

"Division 1 is an amazing division, and to win them on the same day is quite an honor. Our goals is still (All-States), but we can celebrate this."

Relay dominance

Andover's Eve Bishop best described the stellar final leg of the 4x100 run by teammate Kayla Baldwin.

"When Kayla gets the baton,

she's just gone," said Bishop.

Thanks in part to Baldwin's explosive final leg, Andover took first in the 4x100. But while Baldwin was far outdoing the competition, she thought someone was gaining on her.

"I was so fired up after a tough 100 (dash)," said Baldwin. "I was so pumped that once Vanessa got me the baton I just went. I thought someone was right beside me, but it was just my

shadow."

The boys 4x100 matched the girls with a victory, but with a tweak. Before the day before the event Kerrick Stevens was added to the team of Pat Farnham, Cayon and Christopher McConnell.

"We put in Kerrick at the last minute and we had total confidence in him," said McConnell, who also repeated as 100 champion. "We knew Farnham would

give us a good lead and Troy ran a great third leg."

The girls 4x400 chipped in with a second-place finish.

Record day

Andover High records were falling throughout Friday

Bishop set a new school record on the way to second in the 200 (25.58), Maggie Mullens set a school mark with a third-place finish in the mile (5:10.39) while Baldwin set a new school record in the 100 with a 12.46 in the preliminaries.

The boys 4x800 relay added a school record (8:00.91), finishing second to Methuen.

Moria Cronin challenged her own school record in the high jump, settling for a meet-record 5-9.

"I'm so thrilled," said Cronin. "Setting the record was cool. And my coach said I just missed 5-11 on my final approach. I just nicked it with my leg, so I have to work on my lower body."

Emily Belluche added a second in the 100 hurdles and a fourth

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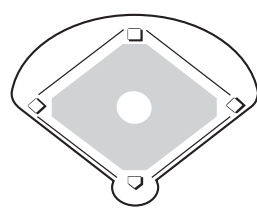
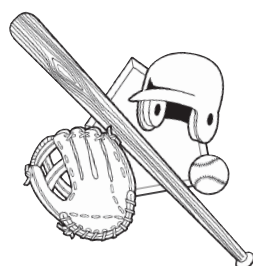
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Roundup: Boys double up on rivals

BOYS TENNIS

Nitin Mahesh and Jeff Birenbaum won No. 1 doubles and Christian Waters and Evan Birenbaum took No. 2 doubles as Andover edged archrival Central Catholic 3-2 last Wednesday. Andrew Mack added the Golden Warriors' other win, at No. 3 singles.

InJoon Yoon earned a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles, and the team of Alex Kutchin and Cam McCarthy swept No. 2 doubles as Andover topped Billerica 5-0 last Monday. Josh Holzman and Evan Birenbaum also added victories wins for the winners.

BASEBALL

Hennessy, Ponti slug to win John Hennessy was 3 for 3 with three runs and Jake Ponti had two hits and scored three more runs as Andover pounded Methuen 16-6 on Sunday. Alex Driscoll chipped in with two hits and two runs and Akira Sembomatsu added two hits and two runs for the winners.

Nate Bryant fired 1 2/3 innings of shutout relief to back up five

strong innings for Bennett Deady as Andover took home the Spinner Cup title with a 3-2 win over Dracut last Tuesday. Jake Ponti, Ned Deane and Christian Lightner each had a hit and drove in a run for the Golden Warriors.

Mike Davidson dazzled in four innings of relief, allowing two hits without a walk and striking out four, but Andover could not get over the hump, falling to Masconomet 6-3 on Saturday in the Lawrence Invitational. John Hennessy, Vince Bellino and Adam Risman each drove in a run for the Golden Warriors.

John Hennessy was 2 for 2 with a home run, four RBIs and three runs as Andover blasted Lowell 10-2 in the Spinner Tourney last Monday. Sean McQuillan added a pair of RBIs and Alex Driscoll and Jake Ponti each scored twice for the winners.

GIRLS TENNIS

Warriors tally two sweeps Tilana Simardzic, Rachel Holzman and Nikki Rawat swept singles as Andover topped Methuen 5-0 last Tuesday. Jenny Levenson and

Melanie Zakin added a sweep at No. 1 doubles for the winners.

Kelsey Chapman and Reid Campbell took a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 doubles to help Andover cruise past Billerica 5-0 last Monday. Maggie Carter won No. 1 singles while Sarah Arvidson took No. 2 singles for the winners

GIRLS LACROSSE

Caro tallied hat trick in loss

Despite three goals for Jenn Caro, Andover fell to powerhouse Framingham 12-8 last Tuesday. Sara Miller and Emily Shields each added a pair of goals and Jaclyn Torres tallied one score for the Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Awisuzus' efforts for naught Molly Awisuzus had two hits, but Andover lost to Lawrence 13-3 in the Methuen tourney on Saturday. Meaghan Leary and Irena Kushner each added two more hits for the Warriors.

Jess Musto had two hits and

scored a run for Andover, which dropped a 12-7 decision to Amesbury in the first round of the Methuen tourney. Meaghan Leary scored twice and Joanna Robie drove in a run for the Warriors.

Jordan Day had a hit and scored three runs, but Andover lost to Whittier 7-5 last Wednesday. Joanna Robie and Shannon Tulley each added two hits for the Warriors.

Jess Musto had a hit and drove in a run for Andover, which fell to Lawrence 7-1 last Monday. Meaghan Leary added a hit and scored a run for the Warriors.

BOYS LACROSSE

Warriors drop two

Despite a pair of goals for Jake Gilman, Andover fell to Lincoln-Sudbury 14-4 last Wednesday. Matt McIver and Jimmy Johnson each chipped in with a goal for the Golden Warriors.

Nick Price scored once and added an assist, but Andover lost to Lexington 8-3 on Monday. Matt McIver and Connor Gaffney each recorded a goal for the Warriors.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is pleased to announce that registration for the 2010 Bay State Summer Games is now open. The annual Olympic-style amateur sports festival has added bowling, flag football and weight lifting to the docket this year and now features 29 sports for athletes of all ages and ability levels.

"We're always looking for opportunities to expand the scope of our athletic programming so that Massachusetts citizens have every opportunity to take part in the Bay State Games," explained Kevin Cumming, executive director of the Games. "These new sports are well represented in Massachusetts and have a successful track

record in other state games across the country, as well. Organizers have shown a great amount of ambition and excitement in bringing these sports to the Summer Games, and we are very much looking forward to this year's events."

The 2010 Bay State Summer Games are scheduled for July 5-18. Regional qualifiers and

tryouts will be held throughout June. Competitions will be held at top notch sporting venues including Bentley University, Harvard University, Emmanuel College, Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of Massachusetts Lowell and the New England Sports Center.

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