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South Elementary School fifth-grader Matthew Sharrjo launches a javelin during a field day at Andover High School for fourth- and fifth-graders from all Andover elementary schools.

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Summer Games sign ups to begin

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Andover Youth Services and a group of volunteers soon expect to unveil the list of events for what they've dubbed the Andover Summer Games.

Families of Andover kids who will enter grades three through eight in September will receive a registration form by e-mail this week, offering them the opportunity to participate in the Andover Summer Games, according to AYS assistant director Glenn Wilson. The Games are a free week-end event starting Friday night, Aug. 20, and the event is meant to give children a variety of exciting things to do at the end of the summer.

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Let the Games begin. Page 6.

"I just love the project. I really want to help children get out and play more, get out and enjoy themselves more," said Brendan Sheehy, a 1994 Andover High graduate heavily involved in bringing the event to life.

The idea of the event is to get youth to participate in a variety of fun activities, while acknowledging and celebrating high achievement. Kids can participate in as many or as few events as they want, from seeing who can throw the fastest pitch to who can draw the best cartoon character. There also will be some fun family events, such as a tug of war, a basketball shooting contest known as "knockout," and a relay race. The registration form will be available online at www.andoveryouthservices.com.

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Heading toward the finish line

Andover fourth and fifth grade students competed at track events as part of the annual field day run by the physical education department last Wednesday.

Now, a week later, students all across Andover are heading toward another kind of finish line – the last day of school on June 22.

While the calendar says summer starts on Monday, Andover students know that, for them, summer will really start with the next day, around noon.



West Elementary School fifth-grader Sam Gens competes in the long jump during field day.



High Plain Elementary School fifth-grader Courtney Nash cheers on her teammates before running her part in a relay race.

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Andover 13-year-old plays Carnegie Hall

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

It all started with Beethoven. Andover native Bryan McGuiggin was 9 years old when he "fell in love with classical music," he says, listening to Beethoven's opus 113, "Turkish March from the Ruins of Athens."

Now, four years later, that love – and plenty of hard work – allowed the young teenage to live out a musician's dream, performing at Carnegie Hall in New York on June 12.

Bryan, a Doherty Middle School student, has played the piano for seven years. He was

one of 36 youths from around the country chosen to perform at Carnegie Hall last weekend, the top prize of the American Fine Arts Festival, a student contest. More than 700 students auditioned for the festival, and some of the runners-up played at two other venues in New York.

Besides the euphoria of performing on Carnegie's world-famous stage, Bryan said he enjoyed chatting backstage with the contest's other young musicians from around the country.

"It was really wonderful. After I stepped out on stage, I don't

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Courtesy photo

Andover resident Bryan McGuiggin, 13, performed at Carnegie Hall in New York on June 12. McGuiggin was one of 36 youths chosen to perform at Carnegie, the top prize of the American Fine Arts Festival.

Shawsheen bank robber still at large

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Police are still looking for a man who robbed the Sovereign Bank at 211 North Main St. with a note but no weapon on Monday.

Police received a call reporting the robbery just after 2:30 p.m., June 14.

The alleged robber, a white male, roughly 5 feet, 6 inches tall, and wearing a green top, fled north on Route 28 after receiving an undetermined amount of cash. He was driving a grey S10 Chevy Blazer with a temporary New Hampshire license plate, said police Lt. Commander James Hashem.

The suspect had not been caught by late Wednesday morning, said Lt. Harry Collins. Hashem said the FBI had been notified of the robbery.

The alleged robber entered the bank alone, wearing a hat and sunglasses as he passed the note to a teller. "A number of witnesses" were in the bank at the time, said Hashem.

"It was very low-key, not a takeover style robbery," said Hashem.

No one was injured in the incident. Bank employees locked both entrances to the bank Monday afternoon, posting a sign that read

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State cash to help plan Shawsheen River dam removal

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover is one step closer to removing two obsolete dams from the Shawsheen River, after receiving a \$25,000 planning grant from the Mass. Environmental Trust.

The grant moves forward a two-year project studying the removal of three 100-year-old dams in Andover's stretch of the Shawsheen, opening the waterway up to the Merrimack River.

The \$25,000 grant will go toward planning the removal of

the two lower dams in Ballardvale and Stevens Street, said Bob Douglas, conservation director. The town is also studying the removal of the Balmoral dam near the intersection of Routes 28 and 133, in front of the Balmoral condominiums.

"Any major project like this takes a considerable amount of planning, and that's what the (grant) money will go towards," said Douglas. "Any project (to remove) those two dams would have to go through an extensive permitting process. We're pretty much through our feasibility

study, and it looks like removal would be possible. Planning and permitting for that could take place next year."

"This is certainly a multi-million dollar project, and can't be carried by any one agency. Any grant that we get helps contribute to the whole project," he said.

Last month, the Mass. Environmental Trust awarded \$627,951 in grants to 20 Massachusetts towns. Grants were funded largely by proceeds from the purchase of the trust's specialty environmental license plates.

Conservationists say the removal of Andover's Shawsheen River dams would restore native spawning runs of migratory fish and improve water quality, biodiversity and in-stream habitat.

For years, a partnership of nonprofit and governmental agencies have studied the possible removal of the Ballardvale dam near Andover Street, the Stevens Street dam near the Post Office and Marland Place and the Balmoral Street dam. The Stevens Street dam is owned by Atria Senior Living Group

and the Balmoral dam is owned by the Balmoral Condo Association, while the Ballardvale dam is owned by two abutting companies.

A public meeting about the Shawsheen dam removal was held Wednesday, June 9.

With the feasibility study coming to a close, Douglas said one thing is certain: removing the dams would not increase flooding, one of the chief concerns of those who live near the river.

"It's crystal clear the amount of water (in the river) would remain the same," he said. "It

was interesting to me, that at certain flood levels, with the Stevens Street dam removed, it would actually reduce the amount of flooding of the banks of the river upstream of the post office."

The dams, built during the 19th century era of mills and industry, are no longer used. The Ballardvale and Stevens Street dams were built to harness water power; the Balmoral was built as an ornamental dam by mill tycoon William Wood.

For more details on the Shawsheen dam removal study, visit ecorecognition.org

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CARNEGIE: Teen studies at New England Conservatory

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really remember much. I only remember when I make a mistake (in performance), and I don't remember any. It's kind of like an 'in the zone' type of thing," said Bryan.

"I've always liked music a lot. It's something that I find to express emotion, let off steam, after doing homework or whatever," said Bryan, who practices an average of three hours every day. "I really love the details (in a piece of music). Sometimes I find my sister begging me for mercy (to stop playing) at 9:30 at night."

Bryan likes to go beyond the notes on the page when he

plays, studying the composer and history of the piece to fill in details.

"I like to know what the composer was thinking," he said. "I like to think of myself as dedicated to what I do."

"In general, I'm a person who thinks a lot about the different things I do. I like to think things through," he said.

Bryan studies at New England Conservatory's preparatory school on the weekends, taking piano seminar, music theory and composition classes.

It was there he met pianist George Hu, his duet partner and friend, with whom he performed the Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian's waltz from

"Masquerade" for the American Fine Arts Festival. George is from Westford.

The two players compliment each other, George mastering a piece right away and Bryan filling in details and artistry along the way.

"We balance each other," said Bryan. "We are a little bit of opposites."

The Khachaturian piece is incidental music for a play, said Bryan. The waltz is music for a party, but foreshadows something bad that happens later. The story arc allows for a range of emotion in the music.

"It's a really, really fun piece. I like the passion that's inside of the piece," he said. "There are

some bright, happy parts and some dark, sonorous parts that are polar opposites."

Bryan traveled with his parents, Christine and John, and sister, Aiden, a South Elementary student, to New York last weekend. The family had a little time to sight-see and visit an aunt on Long Island before Bryan performed Saturday evening, June 12, at Carnegie Hall.

When he's not at the piano, Bryan competes on the academic bowl team and is vice president of the student council at Doherty Middle School. He also sings in the chorus at Doherty Middle and used to swim on the YMCA swim team.

GAMES: Event begins with swimming, track competitions

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"I'm a biology teacher during the day and I love to motivate kids academically, love when kids are motivated athletically," outside of school functions said volunteer Becky Pierce.

On opening night, kids will have the opportunity to compete in swimming competitions at the Greater Lawrence Technical School and in track events at the Andover High School campus.

On Saturday, Aug. 21, there will be a variety of other events, such as basketball, drawing, soccer, hockey, public speaking, lacrosse, skateboarding, art, baseball and

softball competitions.

"In my line of work I always see kids who are playing hockey and all they play is hockey," said Sheehy, who owns Total Sports Repair Inc. "When a kid's 11 years old, they don't know what they want to do. They should be trying everything under the sun. And I think kids do become better athletes when they do that."

Sheehy hopes the Summer Games will encourage Andover youth to "challenge yourself to do something you think you're not so good at," he said.

He noted the group of activities dubbed the "Brain Games," which will include activities such

as a spelling bee and musical competition.

"Try something different. If you're a baseball star, everyone knows you're a baseball star. What if you try something different and you're really good at soccer? You might show talents you didn't know you had," said Sheehy.

Sheehy said he hopes to see schools competing against other schools in future years, if the Andover Summer Games catches on.

"I hope it's really successful and word spreads and other towns see what Andover's doing and pick up on it," said Pierce, a Greater Lawrence Technical

School teacher who coaches the divers on the Andover High School swim and dive team.

A group of youth sitting on the porch of the Andover Youth Services house on Pearson Street Tuesday afternoon had not yet heard of the Summer Games, but seemed interested when told about the concept. High school student Amy Ginsberg, who is too old to compete in the Games, indicated that she would be interested in helping out at the event.

"We have the start of something here. In a couple of years, this could be great. It's a real community-building project," said Sheehy.

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THEN: The garage of Shawsheen Village. Shawsheen houses were designed without garages. Central garages on North Main Street (pictured) and Haverhill Street housed all automobiles.



NOW: The site as it looks today.

Computer classes for elders offered

The LACE (Learn about computers everyday) of the Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc. is offering a variety of computer workshops for the months of June and July. All Classes are based on the Windows Vista operating system and are held at 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence.

They are: You have a laptop computer, what's next?, June 16, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Maintaining your Computer, June 17, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; The Many Joys of Clip Art, June 22, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Are you ready to smile and say digital, June 23, 9 to 11 a.m.; Is e-mail blind?, June 23, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Should we be fearful of "Facebook", June 24, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Where's my stuff, June 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Creating Greeting Cards, June 29, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Gizmos explained, June 30, 9 to 11 a.m.

Control Panel, June 30, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; How to click right, July 20, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; How to Do Web Stuff, July 21, 9 to 11 a.m.; Health info. available on the Internet, July 26, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Keyboard shortcuts, July 27, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Internet Bargain shopping, July 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Exploring Picasa, July 29, 9 to 11 a.m.; The Wonderful World of the World Wide Web, June 22 and June 29, 9 to 11 a.m.; Understanding E-Mail and E-mail Attachments, July 1 and July 8, 9 to 11 a.m.

The two-hour one-day workshops are \$15 and the two-day workshops are \$30. Advanced registration is required by June 11, for more information, call 800-892-0890 Ext. 1516 and leave a message or e-mail lace1050@yahoo.com. Visit elderservices.tripod.com

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It was really wonderful. After I stepped out on stage, I don't really remember much. I only remember when I make a mistake, and I don't remember any. It's kind of like an 'in the zone' type of thing.
- 13-year-old resident Bryand McGuigin who played at Carnegie Hall last week. Story, Page 1.

People who depend on the shuttle bus to get food are at a loss to know what to do, and some are beginning to panic.
- Andover resident Karen Courtenay on difficulties for some people during the months between when Market Basket closes and Stop & Shop supermarket opens in Shawsheen Plaza. Letter, Page 10.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 17	MONDAY, JUNE 21	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
Andover's Future Housing Corp., annual meeting, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m. Housing Authority, regular monthly meeting, 100 Morton St., 7:15 p.m.	Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.	Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 4:30 p.m. Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 19	TUESDAY, JUNE 22	THURSDAY, JUNE 24
School Committee executive session, contract strategy meeting, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7:30 a.m.	Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m. Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.	Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m. Lowell Junction Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Last Disaster Recovery Center has closed its doors

Federal Emergency Management Agency recovery specialists are still available to help Andover disaster survivors, but the last of the recovery center's in Massachusetts has closed its doors.

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When using the free service, applicants should have their unique application identification number available so the correct file can be located quickly and

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Help is also available as FEMA specialists continue to be on-site at local home improvement stores on a rotating schedule until further notice. At these locations, mitigation specialists advise residents about risk-reduction projects, answer "how-to" questions as well as provide information on flood insurance. Recovery officials urge property owners to take charge of their own recovery by exploring mitigation options and by talking with their local insurance agent

about flood insurance.

It's also worth noting that registering with FEMA may result in a referral to the U.S. Small Business Administration for a low-interest disaster loan. SBA provides these loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, inventory and business assets that have been damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster.

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Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be returned to the Center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Lastly, Long-Term Recovery Committees continue to work year-round in hard-hit communities to fill needs that cannot be met by government programs. These committees are made up of volunteers from numerous local non-profit and religious affiliation groups who provide services to their neighbors on a case-by-case basis. They can be reached by dialing 2-1-1 in Massachusetts.

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■ POLICE LOG

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ARRESTS

Tuesday, June 8 – At 11:03 p.m., Steven J. Gerrior, 50, of 508 South Main St., was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a household member.

Wednesday, June 9 – At 11:29 a.m., a male juvenile Andover resident was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 1:57 p.m., Ralph E. Lewis, 41, of 57 Jackson St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license; also on warrants for a highway violation and driving with a suspended license.

At 2:10 p.m., Rachel J. Lewis, 41, of 57 Jackson St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for a vehicle equipment violation, driving without a license, a number plate violation

and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Thursday, June 10 – At 11:56 a.m., Zachary J. Teachout, 28, of 7 Dartmouth St. Somerville, was arrested and charged with a DPW sign violation, light or device violation and driving with a suspended license; also on a warrant for malicious damage.

Saturday, June 12 – At 12:09 p.m., Philip A. Kicelemos, 46, of 23 Elm St., Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for negligent operation.

Sunday, June 13 – At 3:09 a.m., a newspaper delivery person reported an assault going on inside of a vehicle at the Lowell Street Mobil Station. At 3:54 a.m., Catherine A. Cotter, 23, of 246 North Beacon St., Brighton, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, assault and battery on a household member, giving a false name during a booking and disorderly conduct; also on warrants for drug possession with intent to distribute,

assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and shoplifting.

THEFTS

Wednesday, June 9 – At 9:20 a.m., a person reported their credit cards were stolen while at the YMCA, Haverhill Street.

At 6:25 p.m., a resident reported identity fraud.

Thursday, June 10 – At 3:24 p.m., a resident reported identity fraud.

Sunday, June 13 – At 12:20 p.m., the Andover Gift Shop reported a shoplifter.

Monday, June 14 – At 9:53 a.m., a caller reporting confronting two males in the parking lot who allegedly had just stolen several cans of baby formula from Market Basket. The two males left on foot, heading south on Route 28, leaving the baby formula behind in a shopping cart.

At 2:32 p.m., a caller reported a bank robbery, North Main Street. Nine officers responded. The suspect left in a gray Chevy Blazer.

Massachusetts and New Hampshire state police were notified, as well as Lawrence and Plaistow, N.H. police.

BREAKS

Thursday, June 10 – At 2:51 p.m., a Rock O'Dundee Road resident returned home to find evidence of a break-in. Five officers responded.

At 4:04 p.m., an Orchard Street resident reported a home break-in. Five officers responded.

Sunday, June 13 – At 9:41 p.m., an attempted break-in was reported on River Street, with a kitchen window had been smashed but no entry had been made into the home.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, June 8 – At 3:37 a.m., a Dascomb Road resident reported hearing howling noises.

At 7:09 a.m., police were called to a student sit-in on Shawsheen Road. An officer reported a bus was hit with an egg.

At 2:51 p.m., a Balmoral Street caller reported an apparently intoxicated male wandering around the first floor, trying to get into a housing unit. Three officers responded and took one adult male Andover resident into protective custody.

At 4:59 p.m., a past assault at Andover High School was reported. A father called police because another student had lit his daughter's hair on fire earlier that day.

At 7:45 p.m., police and an ambulance responded to a female resident who had become ill from being intoxicated.

Wednesday, June 9 – At 4 a.m., an ambulance responded to a Salem Street resident who had called 911, reporting his brother had stabbed himself. An ambulance took the patient to the hospital.

Monday, June 14 – At 2:47 p.m., report of vehicle vandalism in the Andover High School senior lot, Shawsheen Road.

AUTO CRIME

Tuesday, June 8 – At 10:41 a.m., an Essex Street caller reported a past vehicle break-in.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, June 8 – At 10:09 p.m., a single-car crash with no injuries, with airbag deployment, was reported on Stevens Street. The vehicle was towed.

Friday, June 11 – At 7:25 p.m., a caller reported a car drove over the curb, hit a pole and drove onto the lawn at Sovereign Bank, North Main Street. A responding officer found it was an elderly driver who confused the gas and brake pedals. Damage was done to the bank's lawn and sign. An officer drove the elderly driver to Wild Rose Drive.

At 10:26 p.m., someone reported a two-car crash, with injuries, on River Road.

Sunday, June 13 – At 12:39 p.m., there was a two-car crash, with injuries, on North Main Street.

'My duty, as an inhabitant of this planet'

Boy, 9, volunteers to plant flowers, pick up trash on conservation land

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Among the usual building projects and wetlands discussions on the agenda for the June 15 Conservation Commission meeting was a presentation by resident Sam Matley. That's Sam Matley, age 9.

The commission was mildly surprised when a well-spoken elementary-school-aged bit stood before them, proposing a project to spruce up the entrances to Andover's conservation properties with the help of a youth environmental club he founded when he was 6 years old.

With youth volunteers from Nature's Helpers, his environmental organization, Matley hopes to pick up trash, pull weeds and plant flowers around signage at Andover's conservation properties.

"We've been looking for an ongoing project," said Matley. "This will make the entrances more attractive."

Nature's Helpers has a growing membership of between six and eight kids under the age of 12, said Matley. For the beautification project, members would split up between Andover's conservation properties.

After giving his presentation, aided by a poster board of photos, Matley answered questions from the commission and audience.

When asked how he would pay for the project, Matley said it would be a "family enterprise."

The commission thanked Matley for his thorough presentation, and later gave him the green light to start at a single conservation site. They also approved Conservation Director Bob Douglas'

suggestion to give Matley \$50 in matching funds for the project.

"We are always trying to get the public involved in conservation," said Commissioner Michael Walsh. "This is perfect."

"This is a great way to get Andover youth involved," agreed Commissioner Gail Ralston. "I commend your effort."

Matley, who is home-schooled, said he's been an environmentalist since he was 3. He's done a lot of research on the environment and global warming, and read both of Al Gore's books, he said.

"This is a really important thing. It's the biggest challenge facing our planet today. I consider it my duty, as an inhabitant of this planet (to help)," said Matley.

To get involved or for more information on Nature's Helpers, visit naturehelpers.org.



BETHANY BRAY/STAFF PHOTO

Nine-year-old Sam Matley presents the Conservation Commission with his idea to maintain and plant flowers at town conservation areas with a group of youth volunteers. The commission will give Sam \$50 in matching funds for his project.

ROBBERY: Suspect still at large

Continued from Page 1

"closed due to an emergency." A half-dozen marked and unmarked Andover police cruisers surrounded the bank.

Unaware of the situation, numerous customers arrived and pulled on the locked door before noticing the sign.

The stand-alone bank branch is located next to a Sunoco gas station, in front of Shawsheen Plaza.

"The area lends itself" to robbery, said Hashem, noting the bank's proximity to Routes 28 and 495 and Interstate 93.

Workers at the Sunoco witnessed the suspect leave the bank, and were being questioned by police, said Hashem.

As police began their investigation Monday afternoon, officers could be seen standing in the lobby with bank employees wearing name tags. Police detectives carried tool kits into the bank that afternoon. The bank does have good security camera footage of the robbery suspect, which will be used in the investigation, said Hashem.

Andover has a second Sovereign Bank location downtown, at 71 Main St.

Music, poetry performances to be held in the Park June 22

Just Jam, an acoustic music and spoken word performance, will be in the Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut Streets on June 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. The event,

sponsored by Andover Youth Services, will feature acoustic music performances by 10 Andover musicians and a group of students performing spoken word poetry.

The event is designed to celebrate human rights, as Amnesty International has deemed June 22, 2010 the Global Day of Action.

Andover High School's

Amnesty International Club will also make a presentation on human rights.

Just Jam is free and open to the public. Attendees may bring

blankets or beach chairs. Contact Alyssa Solomon with questions or to sign up to perform at solomon.a@comcast.net or call 978-852-7382.

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Mirroring this commitment, Arbia made a big investment in building a team of seventeen therapists - each with their own area of expertise. Swedish, deep tissue, trigger point, prenatal, hot stone, sports - just a sampling of the services offered and priced reasonably at Elements. If you've recently been injured in an accident or find yourself managing chronic illness, the Elements team also works in conjunction with local chiropractors, physical therapists as well as orthopedic surgeons to chart out custom wellness plans. Rarely do customers enjoy this broad level of talent and attention in one setting. When a customer books with Elements they have the luxury of having their specific needs met by a

massage therapist trained and experienced in that particular modality. "The right match is integral to the massage experience," says Arbia. "Massage should never be a one size fits all kind of deal. Everyone has such different needs. We really put a lot of effort into scouting out a variety of talent and tailoring our services to meet the clients' individual needs, and we always keep our eyes out for industry trends and all of the latest in terms of massage services. Believe me, we understand that the consumer has choices - especially in this economy. We pride ourselves in delivering a custom massage experience. This is how we continue to stand out from the others."

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Rotary honors those who care



Virginia Rossini is presented the Educator of the Year award during the second annual Educator of the Year and 13th Annual Citizens Who Care award presentations last Thursday.



Belva Hopkins accepts an award from state Sen. Sue Tucker for her contributions to the Andover community.



Roxann and Don Nickerson, left, are presented with awards for their contributions to the Andover community and congratulated by Mark Spencer at the award presentations hosted by the The Rotary Club of Andover at Wyndham Hotel Thursday.



John Schroeder, left, accepts his Citizens Who Care award from state Rep. Barry Finegold at Wyndham Hotel Thursday.

Andover residents applauded Citizens Who Care and the Educator of the Year, as chosen by the Rotary Club of Andover, at the Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel last Thursday night.

University of Massachusetts Lowell Chancellor and former U.S. Congressman Marty Meehan was the guest speaker.

Educator of the Year is Ginny Rossini. The long-time middle school teacher also leads the Adventure Club that organizes field trips and runs Kids on the Block, an after-school club that uses hand puppets to teach grade school kids about physically and emotionally challenged children.

Citizens of the Year for 2010 are Tom Barenboim, husband and wife Tom and Jo-Ann Deso, Shawsheen River Watershed Association's Jack Brady and Bob Rauseo, mother and son Julie and Matt Gdziala, Belva Hopkins, spouses Don and Roxann Nickerson, youth recipient



JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

Julie and her son Matthew Gdziala are presented with awards for their outstanding contributions to the Andover community during the 13th annual Citizens Who Care Award Presentations hosted by the The Rotary Club of Andover at Wyndham Hotel Thursday, June 10.

Ashleigh Ryans, Don Schroeder, Judy Trerotola and Andrea Zaimes.

Each of the winners had a portrait taken by local photographer Mark Spencer, and

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Youth Services

Glenn Wilson

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services. The staff serve as dedicated youth advocates, links to the community, and bridges between what a young person needs and the means to get it. That is our Legacy.

The AYS Summer Program 2010, Legacy, is a lineup of over 70 trips, clinics, and adventures open to the young people of Andover who have completed sixth through ninth grades. This summer features new elements such as a three-day excursion to the Jersey Shore, paddleboarding, and a whole summer session of technology classes at our new Pearson Street office. Don't worry, we haven't left out the classics like Six Flags, Tubing the Pemi, Red Sox games

and Cahoon's Cove.

The only way to get the information on this epic summer program is to pick up a detailed booklet at the AYS office.

Mail in registration began yesterday, Wednesday, June 16 and continues until Saturday, June 19. Walk in registration starts on Wednesday, June 23 at 37 Pearson St.

Don't forget, nearly every trip fills up quickly - so pick up a booklet, make your choices, and mail it in as soon as you can. If you have any questions, call the AYS at 978-623-8241. Get ready to create your own Legacy with the AYS this summer.

Glenn Wilson is AYS assistant director.

Let the Games begin

Ken Seifert



For the past month a group of volunteers have been working with the Andover Youth Services. We have been sharing ideas

and planning the First Annual Andover Summer Games. They will be held the weekend beginning Friday night, Aug. 20. The participants will be from grades 3 through 8. All students from Andover schools, public, parochial and private, are welcome and encouraged to participate.

We have established a variety of activities that we hope will appeal to a wide spectrum of talents, abilities and interests. There will be Indoor Games and Outdoor Games. A few of the outdoor games will be key activities in such sports as baseball, track, softball, football, skateboarding, tug of war and a hole in one contest to name a few. Some of the other games will be swimming, chess, writing, table tennis, music, art, public speaking and basketball. Within each activity there will be a variety of contests, such as a home run derby, fastest pitch and baserunning competition for baseball. There are also some family activities planned.

The overall intent is:
 ■ To conduct an event that would appeal to a wide audience
 ■ To have fun
 ■ To feel the thrill of



Photo by Neil Fater

Andrew Bottiger poses in front of the Summer Games sign built in front of the Andover Youth Services house on Pearson Street. The games for those entering grades 3 through 8 will begin Aug. 20, and registration forms will go out by e-mail before the end of the school year.

participation

■ To learn more about yourself
 ■ To reach outside your comfort zone

■ To recognize achievement
 This year is just a start. If successful, we would plan to expand, modify, or change the format and activities. We hope other communities would participate with us in future years.

As the summer progresses we will share information in the Andover Townsman, a Web page on the Andover Youth Services web site, and our local community TV station. Information will be shared as soon as it is finalized. It should provide assistance for the registration process, specifics of each event, location,

time and rules of the event.

There will be a need for volunteers. We will try to be as specific on the tasks that need special skill haaandsome general areas where volunteers are also invaluable. There will be a need for some financial contributors. The young participants will not be charged a fee of any kind.

The first major task is to get the registration process under way. It will be released in the very near future. Keep your eyes open for registration and activities. Be the first to sign up for an event you won't want to miss.

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

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Education

They can use that in a sentence

West Middle kids master words

Students representing Andover's West Middle School recently won highest honors in the WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition entered by over 220,000 students annually. The competition includes three separate meets held during the school year.

Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the Challenge, and coached by Sandra Lheron and Sarah Gagnon, a team of the school's seventh-graders placed seventh in the third and last meet of the year, and they placed sixth in the year-end cumulative standings among 289 teams participating from around the nation at this grade level and in this division.

In addition, two of the school's students won highest honors for individual achievement this year. Seamus Curtin-Orsmond was one of 37 students nationwide who earned a perfect score on

the second challenge and Basia Sudol was one of 33 students nationwide who earned a perfect score on the third challenge.

Others at the school who achieved outstanding results in the overall standings were Yearhahm Ahn, Jeremy Brownholtz, Jack Harrington, Dan MacDonald, Owen Meech, Wes Snyder and Michael Weber, according to Lheron.

The WordMasters Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words that are considerably harder than those normally learned at their grade level.

It then challenges the students to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of relationships. The idea is to help students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically, reports Lheron.

ON CAMPUS

Each spring, Northern Essex Community College English professors recognize their top students during the college's Writing Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony was held on April 30, and 45 students were honored, receiving certificates and scholarships ranging from \$25 to \$300. Over 200 sections of English Composition are offered at the college each semester and approximately 18,000 essays are written during the course of a year.

Andover students honored include:

- Steve Brown**, literature certificate and scholarship
- Leah Dearborn**, english comp. II certificate and scholarship
- Allison Doxsey**, english comp. II certificate and literature certificate
- Zachary Jachimowicz**, english comp. I certificate

Andover resident **David Hathaway**, son of Stephen Hathaway, was named to the Furman University dean's list for the 2010

spring semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts college of 2,600 students in Greenville, S.C.

Bucknell University has announced students from Andover that achieved the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2009-10 academic year. A student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Those students from your circulation area who met this standard are:

- Abigail A. Cook**, daughter of Douglas and Amy Cook.
- Devin M. Geary**, daughter of Joseph and Ann Geary.
- Julie E. Ingram**, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Ingram.
- Bradley A. Yount**, son of Bradley and Ann Yount.



Seventh-graders Meghan Flynn, left, and Molly Manuel speak at Wood Hill Middle School's "Celebration of Learning."

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Into the Wood

Wood Hill community enjoy showcase of student projects

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

From poetry to rockets, projects by Wood Hill Middle School students were showcased during "a celebration of learning" at the school on June 11.

The annual year-end event highlights projects students have completed during the year. Parents and school administrators were invited, and the morning ended with a multimedia slideshow narrated by students.

"It tells a story of what the year was like at Wood Hill," said Susan Healey, WHMS expeditionary learning instructional guide. "The turnout this year was unbelievable. We had an overflow of parents and community members, which was really nice to see. You couldn't go an inch without seeing another bunch of products and projects students had done."

The event focuses on Wood Hill Middle's expeditionary learning style, which has students study topics in interdisciplinary, in-depth thematic studies.

Student work was spread throughout the building as students read poetry, performed singing telegrams and spoke about posters they had made studying countries around the globe. Math tessellations, science-fair projects, posters on Isaac Newton's



A parent walks the halls of Wood Hill Middle School during the school's "Celebration of Learning," where the students showcase projects and lessons they have worked on throughout the year.

laws of motion, student-made origami and bottle rockets were among the multitude of projects displayed.

WHMS teachers compile a cache of student projects throughout the year, in preparation for the celebration, said Healey.

"It's something we look forward to at the end of every school year," she said. "It shows a little bit of each team

and grade level."

At the end of the morning, the entire school gathers in the auditorium for a multimedia slideshow, so they can see what their classmates have been up to.

The day ended with a walk-a-thon through the Wood Hill Middle neighborhood to raise money for the Lawrence YWCA, followed by a schoolwide cookout.

Show starters: West Elementary youth's talents help Kenyan school

Abdi Lidonde, Kenyan founder and chairman of the Beverly School of Kenya, has inspired thousands of people to help fund his school in Africa for impoverished and orphaned children. West Elementary students are proving to be some of his passionate supporters.

In 2008 and 2009, the West Elementary School children in Andover raised over \$5,000 to pay for and furnish one of the school's classrooms. The classroom is named after West Elementary.

Now the children have done it again with the second "Class Acts for Kenya" Talent Show. On May 27, dozens of children performed original acts and raised \$2,163, all of which will go directly to the Kenya School, according to Teresa Kelley.

In 2008 and 2009 the children held

walk-to-school events called "Quarters for Kenya" and they put on the first annual "Class Acts for Kenya" talent show.

The talent show was the idea of one young 10 year old girl from West Elementary, Katherine Burns.

After reading the true story "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson, Katherine became inspired and wanted to make a difference to help children in need. She came up with the idea of holding a talent show at West Elementary to raise money to support the Beverly School of Kenya in Africa.

The mission of the Beverly School of Kenya is to educate impoverished and orphaned children. "The school will equip the Kenyan children with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty and help them to become

productive, active members of the Kenyan and world societies. In a loving and supportive environment, they provide a high quality education, instill confidence, provide a path for higher education and prepare the students for diverse and complex lives as members of families and as citizens of their country," according to a release from Kelley.

In Africa, 1 in 3 children do not go to school and two thirds of the 40 million non-attendees are girls. In Kenya, 1 in 3 children do not attend school and of the non attendees, 2 are girls. In Kenya, the student-teacher ratios is 40:1 nationally and in many poorer communities, it ranges from 50 to over 80 to 1, reports Kelley. You can learn more about the Beverly School of Kenya at www.beverlyschoolofkenya.com.



Pictured are Michael Galatis, Kevin LaBrie, Kevin Carnie, Caleigh Cormier, school founder Abdi Lidonde, Emma Kelley, Katherine Burns and Kathleen Buck.

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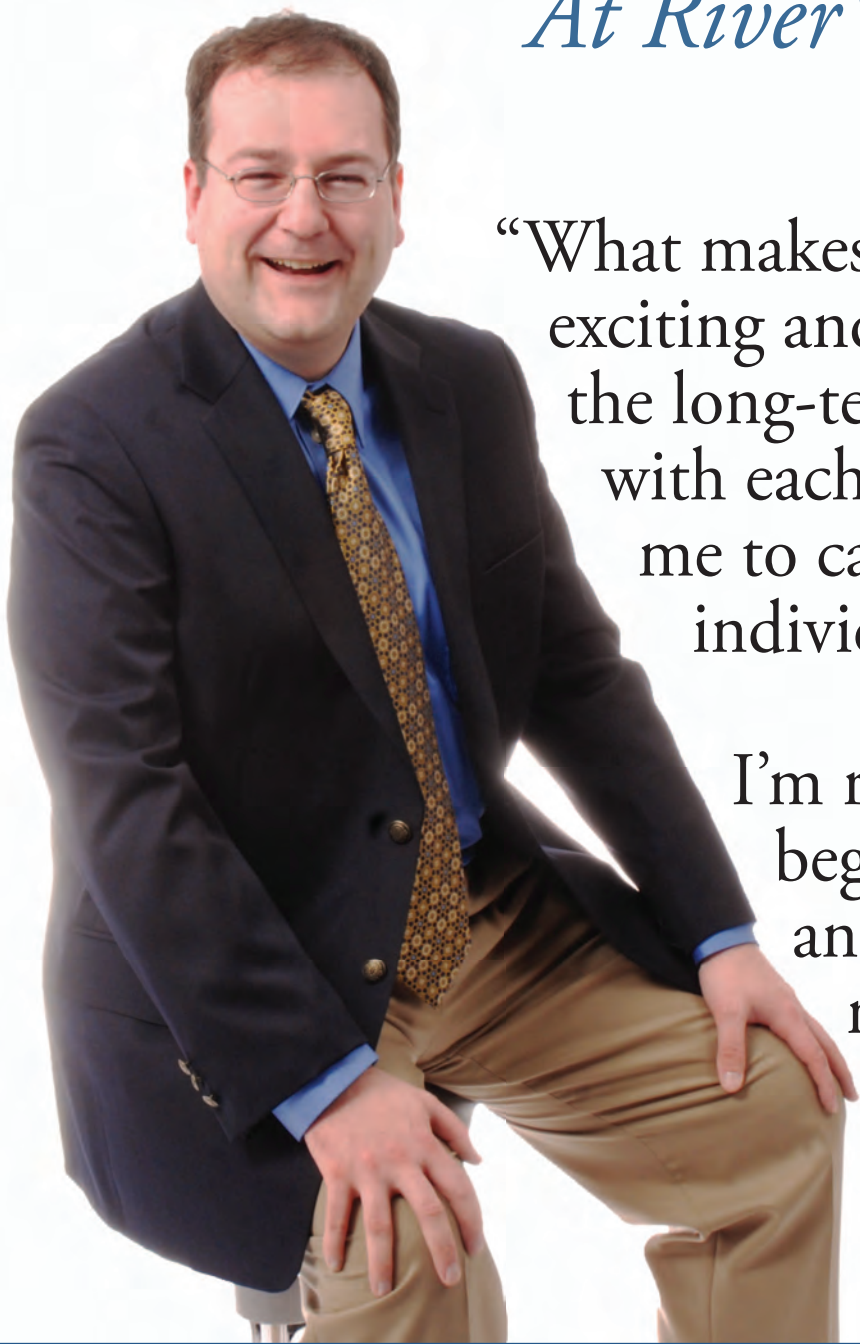
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Clay Wadman and Emma Horn help lay out the patio in honor of former principal Norah McCarthy.

Patio for a principal Wood Hill space dedicated to McCarthy

Wood Hill Middle School students from Team 6 East recently dedicated a new outdoor brick patio to Norah McCarthy, who was principal when the school opened.

According to a release from the school community, “Her mission always was to have a sense of community within the school, and with that in mind, the patio was named the Norah McCarthy Community Patio.” McCarthy was a longtime educator in the Andover and Lawrence school systems, and is now a real estate agent.

Students from last year's grade six classes came up with the original designs. This year's current sixth grade built the patio, laying 4,000 bricks in one week. The students were taught how to create scale drawings using drafting tools, learned to use surveying instruments, and used hand tools to grade and prepare the site for the brick. Math skills were used to calculate the perimeter and area of the site, the volume of the soil to be used for base material, the number of bricks to be ordered, and the volume of top soil and mulch.



Norah McCarthy and Steve Tisbert at the ribbon cutting.

Once the patio was completed, the students received instruction about landscape design and how to plant various plants and shrubs, which was done with assistance from Delahunty Nurseries of Windham, N.H.

During the last few days of school, students are using the patio as a gathering space and for classes and lunch.

This project was done under the direction of science teacher Steve Tisbert along with team members Amy Brady, Kathy Conti, Lisa Miller and Frank DeFusco. Excavation services were donated by J. White Contracting.

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Obituaries

Allan T. Heifetz, 64



FORTPIERCE, Fla. — Allan T. Heifetz, 64, died Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at his home in Fort Pierce, Fla.

He was born in Lawrence, grew up in Andover and raised a family in North Andover before moving to Fort Pierce in 2000.

Allan graduated from Yale University and the Stern School of Business at New York University. He was Chief Financial Officer for Key Packaging Industries in Salem, N.H. and Catalano Insurance in Methuen. In Florida, Allan was a Financial Advisor for AG Edwards/Wells Fargo before he retired in 2008.

Allan was an active participant in the communities in which he lived. He was a member of North Parish Church in North Andover and on the Board of Directors of Lawrence Family Service. In Fort Pierce, he was member of the

South Beach Association, active in the Fort Pierce Downtown Business Association, on the Board of Sea Pointe Towers and a volunteer for the A E Backus Museum. He was an avid and skilled poker player and loved living on the beach.

Allan will always be remembered for his brilliant mind, compassionate soul and impish sense of humor. He lived generously and brought joy into the lives of many people.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Eva Heifetz of Fort Pierce; daughter, Sarah Morrill and husband Chase of Wayne, Maine; granddaughters, Maggie, Nori and Eva Rose of Wayne, Maine; father, Harold Heifetz of Fort Pierce; and sister, Carol Wishcamper of Freeport, Maine. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Heifetz.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997.

Joseph M. Normandy Jr., 83



ANDOVER — Joseph M. Normandy, Jr., 83, a resident of Andover for 56 years, died Sunday, June 13, 2010 after a long struggle with cancer.

Joe was very involved in the Andover school system and began his educator's career as a teacher at South School. He was the first principal at Sanborn School and continued there for 35 years. Joe retired from the school system as the principal of South Elementary School. Joe's students, many of whom are Andover residents and business people would still stop him around town would refer to him as "Mr. Normandy" or "Coach." For years, Joe was also an adjunct professor at Leslie College.

Joe Normandy was born in Lowell. He was an outstanding high school athlete and lettered in football, basketball and track and field. He graduated from Lowell High in 1946 and then entered the Navy during the final years of World War II. He graduated from Boston University where he was the Senior Class President. He received his Bachelor of Education in 1951. He received his Masters in Administration from Boston State in 1954.

Joe is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeanne (Moore) Normandy, and their four children, Pamela Grant (Longmeadow), Joseph M. Normandy, III (Virginia), Katherine Hinman (Longmeadow) and

Jill Holliday (Longmeadow) and eight treasured grandchildren whom he adored. He is predeceased by his two sisters, Helene Normandy McCue and Elizabeth Normandy St. Pierre and both parents.

Joe's athleticism continued throughout his life. He was a swimming and diving instructor at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, he was one of the founders of the church league basketball program for Andover, and was a devoted life-long member in the YMCA. He owned and operated a boys and girls day camp on Big Island Pond in Derry, N.H.

During his retirement Joe volunteered his time at the Andover Public Library and was a board member for the Andover Home for the Aged. He thrilled in attending his grandchildren's sporting, drama and singing events and was exceedingly proud of all of their accomplishments. He was a music lover, a fabulous dancer and a Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots fan.

ARRANGEMENTS: A wake will be held today, Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m., June 17, 2010 at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Michael's Church in North Andover at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010. He will be laid to rest in a private service. Memorial contributions can be made in Joe's name to the American Cancer Society, and the National Shrine of St. Jude, 205 West Monroe St., POB 6262, Chicago IL 60680-6262. For online condolences please visit our Web site at www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Lillian C. Tremblay, 89

ANDOVER — Lillian C. (Carrier) Tremblay, formerly of Woburn, passed away quietly at Academy Manor of Andover, on Friday, June 11, 2010 with her family by her bedside. The beloved wife of the late Norman R. Tremblay, she was 89 years of age.

Born in Lawrence, she was the daughter of the late Ernest J. and Marie (Vaillencourt) Carrier. Raised in Lawrence along with her three siblings, Mrs. Tremblay was educated in the North Andover Public School System. During the 30s and 40s, she worked in the local mills. One afternoon at a high school football game she met her future husband. In 1945, she married Norman R. Tremblay and they made their home in Portland, Maine. From there they moved to West Newton and finally in 1962 made their permanent home in West Woburn.

The loving mother of two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Tremblay was completely devoted to her children and her home. She was a gifted seamstress and sewed much of her own clothing as well as her children's. Her talents didn't stop at sewing, she also reupholstered furniture, made curtains and drapes for her home. Additionally, she was a meticulous housekeeper and

a superb cook. Sunday dinners were wonderful, especially when she made her pork pies. Her creativity and artistic talents were equally matched by her sense of style and class.

In later years, she was blessed with eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, whom she cherished. Mrs. Tremblay was preceded in death by her husband, Norman R. Tremblay, who passed away in 1988 and her siblings, Wilfred Carrier, Rita Smith and Jeanette Platt.

She is lovingly by her children, Sally LeVan and her husband David of Pennsylvania, Norma Riley and her husband George of New Hampshire, David Tremblay and his wife Linda of North Andover and Kenneth J. Tremblay and his wife Kathy of Arlington; her grandchildren, Colin and Brandon Riley, Courtney Porter, Sandra, Lindsay, Suzanne, Evan, and Julie Tremblay; and great-grandmother of Riley. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services are private and under the direction of the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main St., Woburn. Donations may be made in Mrs. Tremblay's memory to the Arlington Boys and Girls Club Capital Fund, 60 Pond Lane, Arlington, MA 02474.

Krinsky's, the downtown junkyard: Eyesore or treasure trove?

Andover Stories

Don Robb

For nearly seventy years, downtown Andover was home to H. Krinsky & Sons Salvage Company. Hailed by some as part of the town's heritage, and by others as a public eyesore, Krinsky's junkyard was a familiar sight to everyone in Andover.

Located at the corner of Park and Florence Streets, Krinsky's consisted of several dilapidated buildings and a yard strewn with weeds, discarded furniture and appliances, screens and storm windows, old window frames, plumbing parts, and as many as 23 abandoned bathtubs.

Familiar too was the sight of the junkyard's venerable proprietor, Morris "Mo" Krinsky, sitting in his chair amidst the cast-off treasures of generations, greeting passers-by and offering pithy comments on the affairs of the town. "I don't think he sold ten cents worth of anything, and I don't think he cared," one of his neighbors once commented.

Krinsky's junkyard was founded around 1926 or 1928 by Mo's father, Hyman. (Mo could never remember just when!) "Hymie" and his wife, Rebecca, were Russian immigrants who settled in Andover in 1916, just before son Mo was born. The family lived in a Jenkins Road house without running water or electricity. Hymie Krinsky was so famous for paying his taxes on time that the assessor's office started sending his tax bill out a day or two early, so that he could be the first in town to pay up.

After graduating from



COURTESY PHOTO

Morris Krinsky ran a junk yard on Park Street in downtown Andover into the 1990s.

Punchard High School in 1934, Mo went to work for a short time at Tyer Rubber, before migrating to Colorado to work for an uncle. That job, too, was short-lived, and Mo was soon back in Andover, where he went to work for his father at the junkyard. Except for an occasional trip, that was where Mo Krinsky spent the rest of

his life.

Mo and his father were never close.

"We never communicated. He never took me to a ball game," Mo once told an interviewer.

Still, the young man was a devoted son; he never married, and would only go out in the evenings after his father had fallen asleep. In his younger

Memorial Hall Library: Legacy of literacy, remembrance

Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

Perhaps because of Andover's successful printing business and the town's commitment to education, books – and access to these books – were important to its townspeople. The reading public for many years enjoyed access to "Social Libraries," often available in local stores. One existed in North Andover as early as 1770. The Andover Frye District Circulation Library Association functioned in the 1840s, under the patronage of the successful and influential Smith & Dove flax mill business. The Smith Brothers even contributed \$80,000 to the Theological Seminary for the construction of Brechin Hall Library in 1865.

Then in 1870, with the country – and Andover – still reeling from the devastating losses of the Civil War, John Smith, one of the brothers, visited his hometown of Dresden, Scotland. Exploring that town's public library, Smith hit upon an idea. On July 2 of that year, he wrote a letter to his son back in Andover:

"I have thought the corner lot, where Joseph Abbott's shop stood, would be a fine place for a Memorial Hall to be built upon, to commemorate and keep in remembrance the names of those who gave



COURTESY PHOTO

The Andover Memorial Hall Library officially opened on May 30, 1873.

their lives in defending our national flag."

Smith went on to pledge \$25,000 on the condition that the town, within six month's time, pledge a like amount. Of this total, \$30,000 was to go for the building and land, "and \$20,000 to be invested, the interest only to be spent in taking care of the library, if there should be one, and a Reading-room."

On Dec. 31, 1870, town meeting heard that \$8,500 had been subscribed in sums ranging from \$350 to ten cents. Further pledges soon followed. Still, there remained a deficit of \$3,500. When an earlier 1866 sum of \$4,500 was remembered – money that the

Town had set aside for a Civil War Memorial – the sum of \$51,500 was reached, and the future of the Memorial Hall was secured.

Architect J.F. Eaton was hired in May of 1871, and the firm of Abbott & Jenkins was awarded the contract. The cornerstone was laid on Sept. 19, 1871, with a list of all the Andover men enrolled in the Army and Navy during the "War of Rebellion," and those who gave their lives.

Memorial Hall's official opening was May 30, 1873. Clergyman Phillips Brooks gave the dedicatory address. In part: "We are going to set apart forever a Hall of the Soldiers of Andover who

days, Mo was an avid sportsman who enjoyed wrestling, swimming, and diving at the Lawrence YMCA. He was also fond of square dancing and sang in a barbershop quartet.

During the 1960s and 1970s, people restoring old Lawrence triple-deckers would search the Krinsky junkyard and barns for usable doorframes, window sash weights, or steam radiators. And there was a time when "old junk" came to be viewed as "art" and students from Phillips Academy would visit Krinsky's to take photographs and search for interesting objects.

After Hymie Krinsky's death in 1973, Mo continued to operate the business alone. Though sales declined during the '80s and '90, Hymie Krinsky had left a trust fund that provided for Mo's limited needs. Mo described the slowdown in sales as a sign of changing times. "It's a throw-away society," was his comment.

So, even after he suffered a stroke in 1983, he continued to sit outside his property every day from 10 to noon and again from 2 to 4 p.m. "I can't sell the place," he said once. "This here is therapy."

And, in fact, Mo Krinsky never did sell what some of his fellow townspeople laughingly called "the porcelain recycling station." It wasn't until after his death, early in 1996, that the property went on the market, and it was 1999 before the existing office building at Park and Florence replaced a fondly-remembered piece of Andover's history.

Don Robb is a member of the Andover Historical Society

died for their country, and also a means of culture and education for the Town to which they belonged...If these Andover soldiers were indeed the best fruits of our institution, the best specimens of our character, then all that can educate that character is the best memorial of them."

From an original book purchase of 2,700 volumes, to over two million books today, Memorial Hall has seen many changes and grown to be a model for the surrounding communities. Physical changes included the removal of a Victorian roof line. A children's room was added and later enlarged. Ground was broken in 1985 for a new \$5.2 million addition. When work was completed in 1988, the library had doubled in size.

Internally, books were not the only focus. In 1978 a federal grant was awarded for the Information & Retrieval Program known as ANSWERS. A computer system was installed in 1981. The following year, MHL became the central site for the 36-member Merrimack Valley Consortium. Computer upgrades continue today as the library is now a computer center for 26 public libraries. Andover is the only library in Massachusetts to provide both functions.

Andover Stories are being published in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in April 2011.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Andover Young Widow and Widowers

The Andover Young Widow and Widowers organization offers support to those dealing with the devastating loss of a spouse. Group discussions are facilitated by a license social worker and provide a safe place where young widowed persons, up to the age of 58, can share experiences and mutual support. The meetings are governed by what their needs are at the time.

If you are a young widow or widower, that only adds to your isolation. Younger widows and widowers are 20 years younger than the traditional widowed population and they have needs that are not addressed in other groups. Many young widows

and widowers aren't able to find any place to go for comfort and support.

Each member has a unique story to tell and their losses are deeply personal, but they share a common experience of early widowhood that destroyed their hopes and dreams. They learn that there is growth through their grief and helping others in the process.

Since its founding in 1983, members have found that joining YWW was the best thing they did for themselves after being widowed. Let it make a difference for you or someone you know.

Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

For more information call 978-979-8993 or visit young-widowsandwidowers.org.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The public is invited to Windsor Place of Wilmington, an assisted living residence at 92 West St. in Wilmington, on Tuesday, June 8, from 6 to 7 p.m., for an Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting.

A special presenter will cover the topic "Time well spent with a loved one with dementia." The program will identify challenges in communicating with a person with Dementia. It will offer strategies and tips for a meaningful visit and how to adjust communication style as the disease progresses. Suggested activities to engage in, helpful tools to use, and pitfalls to avoid will also be discussed.

Please R.S.V.P. by calling 978-988-2300 Ext. 31. Light

refreshment will be provided.

Breastfeeding Support Group

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover 6 Locke St. off Main Street.

The meetings are free, informal discussions where mothers can meet and share thoughts and concerns about breastfeeding.

Trained breastfeeding support leaders are on hand at every meeting. Pregnant women, mothers, nursing babies, siblings and women interested in breastfeeding are welcome.

Upcoming meetings are May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26 and Dec. 24.

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Opinion

Give Summer Games a good look

Variety is the spice of life, the old cliché says. For children, it is the oxygen of life, too, which is one reason they are given a few months off from school each summer.

The Andover Summer Games, an event that will launch Aug. 20, will allow Andover youth entering grades 3 through 8 to get a taste for a wide variety of activities, both indoors and out. We hope parents and students will be discussing the free event during the last few days of school, and begin signing up for the numerous opportunities it offers. In the interest of disclosure, we should say that the Townsman is playing a small role in planning the free event.

Many youth will spend the summer months doing the same things they do the rest of the year, whether that's playing a single sport, or just sitting on the couch and bruising their thumbs texting or playing video games. The Andover Summer Games will give them the chance to try something new, whether that's drawing, trying to hit home runs, or swimming the fastest lap they can.

The idea of the event is to get youth to participate in a variety of fun activities, while acknowledging and celebrating high achievement. Kids can participate in as many or as few events as they want. There also will be some fun family events, such as a tug of war, wiffle ball and a fast-paced basketball shooting contest.

We know Andover has some amazing young talent. In this issue alone, one can read about 13-year-old pianist Bryan McGuiggin who has already played Carnegie Hall, and 9-year-old Sam Matley who petitioned the Conservation Commission to let him maintain and improve conservation areas. At Wood Hill Middle, students showcased a wide variety of accomplishments from the year, while West Middle youth showed their mastery of vocabulary. Students from all elementary schools showed that the future of the Andover High track program remains bright, with their track and field performances during a special competition last week.

Andover Summer Games will celebrate youth who excel in such different areas. But at its heart, it will be about getting youth to try something new, something that may be the thing they grow to love. Perhaps some youth will find a new activity that they'll want to do for the entire summer of 2011.

Registration forms are expected to be e-mailed to families by Andover Youth Services before the end of the school year.

ROAD TO SUMMER



COURTESY PHOTO

Images such as this one by Andover resident and Merrimack Valley Camera Club member Mary Ann Alwan are being displayed at the Andover Senior Center.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help needed during months Shawsheen market is closed

Editor, Townsman:

I am not sure if most people in Andover, including the powers that be, realize how many residents in the central part of town can't drive for various reasons including eyesight, or have no access to a car. Not all of these residents are seniors or people who live in low-income housing. Not all have relatives who can take them shopping. We manage with buses and the occasional train or taxi.

Many people will miss Andover's Market Basket, but for those of us without cars, its departure will make life very difficult. The new Stop & Shop is not due to open until November; what do we do in the meantime?

The organic-food store on Railroad Avenue is too expensive for many and doesn't carry the kinds of foods many people like to eat. I just checked it for foods I often buy and found that they carry fewer than half of them.

The only alternative is the Market Basket in the North Andover Mall on Route 114, but going there requires two buses each way – the Andover shuttle bus to Doctors Park, and a city bus; they don't coordinate very well. It is difficult, also, for many seniors or mothers with small children to manage several bags when changing buses.

The Andover Senior Center has a small bus of its own that goes to Market Basket in North Andover once a week, according to someone I spoke to at the center. It carries about 10 people and their groceries. I understand that it picks up seniors at their homes and returns them there. That will be of no help here, since there are dozens of people who use the shuttle bus to get to the Shawsheen Market Basket. Some go several times a week, to get fresh food or simply because they can't manage many bags at a time.

Could the current Andover shuttle, which makes a loop from downtown to the YMCA and Doctors Park, stopping at senior housing, the senior center, and the mall in Shawsheen, be rerouted temporarily to include the North Andover Market Basket?

Time is getting short – Market Basket closes near the end of the month, and as far as I have been able to find out nothing has been done by the town, the bus company, or the Council on Aging to address this problem. Already many products are gone from Market Basket and they are not restocking most of them. People who depend on the shuttle bus to get food are at a loss to know what to do, and some are beginning to panic.

KAREN COURTENAY
22 Morton St.

Wilson would be accountable as senator

Editor, Townsman:

In the Democratic race for state senate this year, Jack Wilson is

the one candidate who is talking about accountability to the taxpayers of the district. Wilson is a welcome change because he is taking on the political insiders who have drained the wallets of taxpayers. As a senior citizen, I greatly appreciate this.

We can no longer afford to keep electing the same people over and over again and then expect things to get better for people. We need new leadership that understands that the job of a state senator is to represent all the people, not just the privileged few. We need new leadership that will be accountable to us, the residents of the district. I am confident that Jack Wilson will be that kind of leader.

WALTER MCNAMARA
7 Cardinal Lane

Silberstein thanked, listened to supporters

Editor, Townsman:

I wish that the Townsman had covered the campaign kick-off for Deb Silberstein at Sal's last month. It was an unbelievable gathering of over 350 friends and supporters from throughout the four communities that make up our senate district. There was no question that Silberstein was engaged in thanking all for attending and listening first hand to issues and concerns of a substantial cross section of residents and voters who enthusiastically support Silberstein.

As you can imagine, a successful campaign kick-off is but the first step towards the goal of winning the state senate election. With a substantial grass roots network in place to reach out to the voters, Silberstein is increasing her name recognition and listening to the concerns and issues of voters in Lawrence, Tewksbury, and Drauc as well as her home community here in Andover. She has the amazing ability to just keep going all the time, every day and every hour. Transforming and scaling up her winning campaign strategies from past elections is a challenge that she and her campaign team are taking on every day.

JOHN ZIPETO
14 Canterbury St.

Condo owners pay for, should get trash pickup

Editor, Townsman:
Andover selectmen:

I write regarding trash and recycling pickup at multi-family residential units. I am a resident of Meredith Village on High Street, which is a small complex of 18 townhomes. We are one of the complexes affected by the enforcement of the rule that disallows town services for trash and recycling pickup at multi-family complexes with more than six units.

I am angry that the decision to enforce this arbitrary wording was made without the Selectmen having all of the background information regarding this issue and I am and disappointed in the board for supporting a

discriminatory practice. It is absolutely unfair and unethical for the town to mandate recycling for Andover residents, but to refuse this service to certain residents based off the type of housing we decided to buy, and for which we pay full town taxes. Our townhome is considered a condo, but we are taxed at the same rate as single family homes and should therefore receive the same town services as other Andover home owners.

As a more-than-25-year resident of Andover, I'm contacting you in the hope that you will revisit this decision with more information on how this action affects town residents unequally and unfairly. I urge you to reverse the action and further seek alternatives so that owners of townhomes and condominiums are able to receive the services for which we pay full taxes.

KRISSY DAY
197 High St. Unit #1

Kids support expanded deposit to encourage recycling efforts

As part of West Middle School's celebration of Earth Day this spring, nearly 100 of its students wrote letters to their state representative in support of the Updated Bottle Bill that would add a 5-cent deposit to juice and other bottles. More recently, the letters were presented to Rep. Barry Finegold at the Statehouse by representatives of the Go Green School Committee and the League of Women Voters, according to Go Green Committee Liaison Lynn Eikenberry. Three of these letters are included below.

Editor, Townsman:
Dear Rep. Finegold:

I think it is a great idea to have the bottle bill for a few different reasons. First off if we have this bill people will save their bottles instead of throwing them on the ground or on the street. People will not litter because they want to save their bottles to get money. Also, if you pass this bill then people will have a little bit of extra cash just in case they need it. It's almost like recycling money. You pay for the drink and when you bring the bottles back you get some money back. Just think if people littered less so many less animals would be going extinct. If you help pass this bill you will be helping to save many animals and stopping pollution.

KATHRYN VIERA
West Middle School

THURSDAY FILE

"You cannot keep determined people from success. If you place stumbling blocks in their way, they will use them for stepping stones and climb to new heights."

— Mary Kay Ash

"To be 70 years young is often far more hopeful and cheerful than to be 40 years old."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Your very silence shows you agree."

— Euripides

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."

— Robert Frost

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WEB QUESTION

Where will you be this summer?

Left in the dark

Extreme weather on June 5 left more than 2,000 National Grid customers in Andover without power, some for as long as 18 hours. Last week, we asked you if you felt left in the dark.

With 88 responses, top response was "We live in a town with large, old trees, what do you expect?" which received 29 votes, or 33 percent.

Second choice, with 16 votes and 18 percent, was "Town and utility company crews did the best they could."

Third place was a tie between "A few hours without power is not an inconvenience" and "It was the worst for restaurants and businesses without power on a Saturday night," which both received nine votes, or 10 percent of the response.

The option "It doesn't matter to me" received 8 percent.

Last place was a three-way tie between "The power should have been back on much sooner," "A few hours without

power is a major inconvenience" and "None of the above," which received 7 percent each.

Are you sticking around this summer?

With the economic downturn, last year was known as the summer of "stay-cations," with families staying close to home to save money. With the last day of public schools Tuesday, June 22, will 2010 be a stay-cation summer for you?

■ Yes. I'll just take day trips.
■ No. I have a big trip planned.

■ I'll be visiting relatives.
■ I'll be at my family's summer home.

■ I haven't made any plans yet.
■ The economy doesn't influence my summer plans.

■ None of the above.

To cast your vote, visit andovertownsm.com. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com

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Out of the (volcanic) ashes, a happy ending for a man and his dog

Tom Adams



Opportunity, it's said, knocks but once. So when the opportunity to bring home a beautiful year-old Scottish Terrier came knocking, we jumped at the chance. One hitch, though – "Rosie" lived in Sweden.

off to Gothenburg, Sweden to fetch Rosie. Seasoned traveler that I am, it seemed like a piece of cake. The flight over was uneventful (an encouraging sign these days!), the weather was gorgeous, and Amsterdam a spectacular sight.

And then the trouble began... I awoke the next morning to the late breaking news the rest of the world already knew. Iceland's recently erupted volcano was pushing an ominous, invisible cloud of ash across Western Europe and Scandinavia causing airports closings and disrupting travel. Having three days yet to spend in Amsterdam I thought, "Not to worry, this will all blow over quickly." Well, "quickly" stretched to eight days! Travel updates from the airlines were

basically non-existent, their 800 numbers were flooded, and hotels were so overwhelmed they couldn't extend reservations nor accept new ones. Not having the faintest idea of when flights would resume nor how or when I'd get to Sweden, I now faced the prospect of being "homeless" or some facsimile thereof. Frantic e-mails home, to the folks awaiting me in Sweden, and to my travel agent did little to ease my fears.

Alternative forms of travel – trains, busses, rental cars, horseback – soon became my obsession. Anything with wheels and engines, just to get moving again! Investing 5½ hours spread over two days standing in line, I was finally able to obtain train tickets from

Amsterdam to Gothenburg – a 17-hour albeit beautiful journey. Thus, one week after arriving in Amsterdam for my three-day reunion, I arrived in Gothenburg in the dead of night. I was exhausted but elated, too, that I was finally closer to meeting Rosie and the wonderful people who raised her.

Mother Nature was still holding court throughout Europe and Scandinavia with her cloud of volcanic ash. I had gotten as far as Sweden, but there was still no clear sign of when the airports, including Gothenburg's, would re-open. Of course, by then, this was getting to be rather old hat. My time in Sweden now extended, I spent the next three days getting to know Rosie, her human

"parents," and the 14 Scottish Terriers she lived with – and was that a sight to behold!

The scenery had changed, I was now with Rosie, but my days continued to be bracketed with a seemingly endless volley of e-mails and phone calls home and to my travel agent. The looming questions remained – when will Rosie and I be able to travel home? Will Gothenburg's airport be opened tomorrow, and the Paris airport, where we connect to Boston? Did I still have confirmed reservations? Was Rosie confirmed to fly in the cabin with me?

I checked my e-mail hourly. No answers. Sleep did not come easily nor last very long.

Roll forward. It's 3:30 a.m., Saturday, April 24 – D-Day, with

any modicum of luck. The house is now wide awake. We're off to Gothenburg airport with Rosie calmly sitting in her shipping container and my nervous stomach full of buzzing bees.

The airport was open, our airplane was actually at the gate, and people were waiting to board. Was I dreaming? As that plane lifted off I counted my blessings, not the least of which was that we were truly on our way home.

At 3:30 p.m. Boston-time that Saturday Rosie and I were reunited safe and sound. Her new life in Andover had finally begun.

Aren't happy endings just the best?

Tom Adams is a Pine Street, Andover resident.



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TOWN TALK

Effort offline: Baldwin out of senate race

Andover resident Mark Baldwin's hopes for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex State Senate seat have been dashed.

Baldwin, CEO of Baldwin Crane in Wilmington and a first-time candidate, says he turned in more than 500 signatures, or double what was required to run. The problem came with an ethics report filed online.

"The archaic state system encourages candidates to file online, only to demand that a receipt be printed and hand delivered to the same building in

Boston," wrote Baldwin in a June 14 press release.

Baldwin's attempts to fax and e-mail the receipt prior to deadline were rejected, he said. He was denied placement on the ballot, and a subsequent appeal has failed.

Baldwin said he has chosen to end his campaign, rather than spending thousands to challenge the Secretary of State's office in court.

"My desire is to serve, and I am confident I have the skills and experience to lead and bring necessary changes to our state. I will continue to seek opportunities to work for better, more efficient government," he wrote.

This leaves a field of seven candidates vying for the seat currently held by Sen. Sue Tucker. The primary is Sept. 14 and the general election will be Nov. 2.

- Bethany Bray

Cheer detergent: Car wash fundraiser Saturday

As the school year ends and with tryouts completed, the Andover High School cheerleaders are getting ready for their fall football season by working at a car wash. Residents with cars in need of a

cleaning can support the cheerleaders by visiting the Andover High School Cheerleaders Car Wash in the West Middle School parking lot, off Shawsheen Road, this Saturday June 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Physics phenom

He's done it again. Andover native David Field has been selected as one of five students to represent the U.S. at the International Physics Olympiad held in Zagreb, Croatia, from July 17 to 25.

Field brought home a gold medal for the U.S. from the 2009 physics olympiad, held in Mexico.

He graduated from Phillips Academy one year early, walking with the class of 2010 this month.

The olympiad, held each year at a different location around the globe, tests secondary school students on material that goes beyond the average high school class.

After a series of qualifying tests, the top 20 students from around the country are invited to a two-week training camp for the olympiad, and the U.S. team is selected at the camp.

While a middle-schooler at West Middle School, Field took math and science classes at Andover High School. He will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

David Field is the son of Joan and Randall Field.

- Bethany Bray

Trauma support

The pitch-man for Lawrence General Hospital's 2010 Annual Fund is an Andover man who is sharing details from an unfortunate accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Gene Doran of Andover was seated at a Shawsheen Square barber shop in April, 1986. Construction was going on in the business next door.

"The handyman thought he was shooting the 3-inch nail into concrete but it was only drywall," Doran says in the hospital's fundraising letter. Doran's spinal cord was severed by the nail.

Since then, he was once thrown from his van's transport lift and once suffered serious respiratory trouble. Lawrence General trauma specialists saved his life

Senior Center Art Show



Photo of a '49 Ford by Andover's John Lowe, one of many photos on display at the senior center on Whittier Court behind Town Offices.



The Merrimack Valley Camera Club, which includes several Andover members, will have members' photographs displayed at the Andover Senior Center through the end of June. Above is a photo by Andover resident Mary Ann Alwan. The exhibit is called "Feast for the Eyes."



Photo of the Mabry Mill in Virginia, by Andover resident John Lowe, on display at the Andover Senior Center.

traveled to Las Vegas last weekend for the contest's finale.

Perry won the competition last year with his comedic "Scrabble: the motion picture."

He summed up this year's competition in an email to the Townsman, saying "it was unbelievable."

"We won best comedy in the nation for the second time in a row, making us the first team to win two top three honors in a row in the competition's history," said Perry.

Watch "Grow Grass Grow" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdGGSS7mXYA (contains scenes of fake violence, may not be suitable for young children).

- Bethany Bray

each time and he signed the letter, "a very grateful patient."

- Judy Wakefield

Perry movie takes best comedy at festival

Andover native Alex Perry won best comedy in the nationwide Campus Movie Fest student film competition for his five-minute film "Grow Grass Grow." Perry, who will graduate from Bridgewater State College after finishing some summer coursework,

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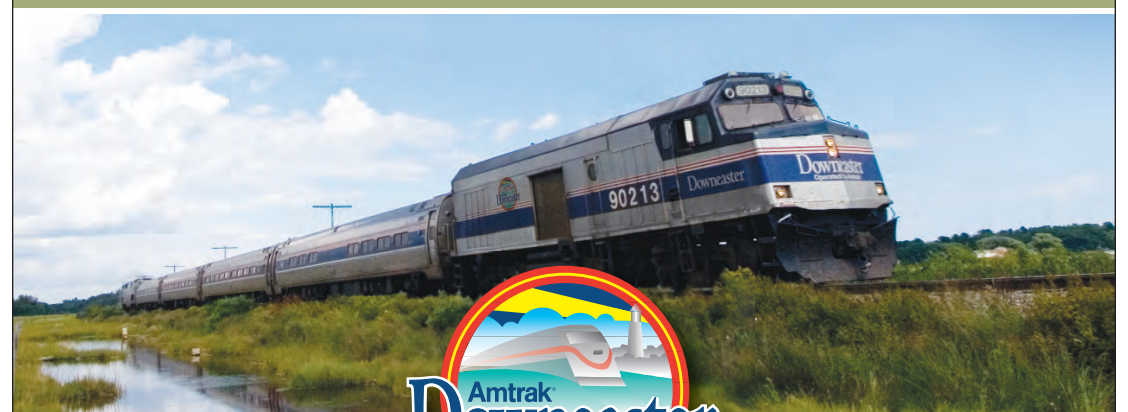
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HAVERHILL TO PORTLAND

Townspeople

Two heavyweights weigh in on growth

Bill Dalton



By accident, while looking for something else, I found two letters in a 1955 Andover Townsman that fascinated

me. They came from two prominent men, one schooled in business, the other in town and state government. The letters were about the Andover's endless issues: growth and taxes, which caused strong emotions in the mid 1950s.

Taxes had been climbing as the result of Andover's population surge, which began in the late 1940s. New families meant pressure on school and town services. Superintendent of Schools Ed Erickson suggested double sessions. New schools were planned.

The first letter came from Daniel E. Hogan Jr., a businessman who had married the daughter of John Bolten, the founder of an Andover holding company called Standard International (now called Standex International Corp. and headquartered in Salem, N.H.). Hogan became the CEO while the company expanded. Standard owned several brands, including Lestoil and Bon Ami. Dan Hogan was a likeable, intelligent man who later founded Indian Ridge Country Club (1961).

When he wrote his lengthy letter to the editor, Hogan was reacting to the Andover Townsman's editorial position that the town had to control growth if it wanted to control taxes. Hogan stated that the paper advocated the "status quo or at best the 'let's take care of ourselves first' position." He said the Townsman's stance was "frightening in its implications...the antithesis of everything that has made America a great and wonderful and expansive country."

He wondered how this country would have fared if it earlier had built a "Chinese wall" to prevent development, as Andover seemed to be considering. Hogan asked, "Are we already so old and tired and pathetically unproductive that we can't figure out how to solve our drainage and water problems while we grow instead [of finding solutions to these problems] as a prerequisite to further growth? Should we tell our young people to live somewhere else?"

Hogan mentioned he'd traveled extensively and seen few towns as attractive as Andover. He said, "To keep it that way we must expand and modernize. Certainly it's going to cost money, but you get what you pay for. I think only those who are selfish or unrealistic really hope to live in Andover at the same tax rate. We badly need some young blood to hasten the catching up."

This last sentence, I suspect, boiled the blood of J. Everett Collins, who was born over 60 years earlier in 1894. Collins had been an outstanding Punchard athlete, a veteran of World War I, a selectman for 20 years, a school committee member for a term, Andover's state representative for 14 years, and a man of musical and vocal talent so good that, years later, while he was still alive, the Collins Center was named after him.

Mr. Collins' response to Hogan was short and direct and was treated generously by the Townsman, being placed next to the paper's primary editorial and carrying a bold headline in capital letters: "COLLINS WRITES ON GROWTH."

Collins' letter to the editor began gently, saying he had "misgivings" about Hogan's letter. Then he warmed up: "One of his [Hogan's] quotes struck home to me.... 'We badly need some young blood



The Andover Soccer Association held a World Cup party last Saturday at Dylan's Restaurant to watch the opening match between the United States and England. Norman Papazian plays a game of table soccer with his son, Gabriel, 9 (right) as Aaron Minton, 15, watches before the start of the first U.S. World Cup match.



Rich Greenwood, top right, originally from Manchester, England, celebrates the English team scoring the first goal of the game while watching the opening match between the United States and England at the World Cup party at Dylan's. Greenwood, who coaches the Under-8 soccer team Indomitable Lions, shows his support for England by wearing the Flag of St. George as a cape and painted on his face.

FOOTBALL FEVER

Andover soccer players catch World Cup excitement

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

World Cup fever has come to Andover.

Dylan's Restaurant on Park Street was packed to capacity as young players from the Andover Soccer Association and their families gathered to watch the U.S. team's first game of the tournament, an exciting match against England on June 12.

Friends Julia Masterson, 12, and Wyllie Boughton, 11, were among the 150 people glued to the restaurant's big-screen televisions, watching their favorite "footballers" tie the score, 1-1.

"It was really down to the wire, both offensively and defensively," said Julia. "It inspires me, to know that someday I could be one of them. Seeing how they kick a ball, and seeing how it curves when their foot curls (as they kick), I can apply that the next day in practice."

"I like the feeling of learning, and becoming a better player every year. I like watching the professionals, and seeing how I can learn from them."

Julia and Wyllie have been playing soccer since preschool. Wyllie, a center forward, said she likes seeing the mix of professional and rookie players on World Cup teams, all playing at the same level.

"Seeing that they can play with whoever, and play with people they don't normally play with ... Usually it's an equal challenge. It's exciting to see a tie game, or a team leading only by one (point)," said Wyllie.

Julia is rooting for the Argentinian team, and Wyllie wants the team from Brazil and her favorite player, Ricardo Izcson dos Santos Leite who is known by his nickname Kaka, to win.

"I'm going for Argentina. But if it comes down to the wire between the U.S. and Argentina, I will pick the U.S.," said Julia.

Several Andover Soccer Association families came to the June 12 World Cup party decked out in England soccer jerseys and face paint.

"We have a couple of English families in ASA, and they were definitely showing their English pride ... One family showed up wrapped in an English flag," said Don Borenstein, ASA president.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The Andover Soccer Association held a World Cup party last Saturday at Dylan's Restaurant to watch the opening match between the United States and England. Thomas Ringler watches the game with his daughter, Kalista, 7 and son, Kieren, 2. They were rooting for the U.S. Thomas plays soccer for the Andover Green team, an over the age of 40 league. The World Cup game between U.S. and England ended 1-1.

ANDOVERITE IN YOUTH TOURNAMENT

Glen Martin of Andover is in Durham, England with his Seacoast United U16 Boys Academy team, representing the U.S. in the Four Nations Clubs for Young People Tournament during the World Cup.

Martin attends Brooks School in North Andover and is the goalie on the Brooks soccer team as well as Seacoast United, which is part of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program.

Like the World Cup, the tournament begins with a match between teams from the U.S. (Martin's Seacoast United) and England on June 18. Over four days, teams of select players from the U.S., England, Scotland and Wales will compete.

Martin and his team will stay two nights with the Oxford United Football Club, a professional English club that Seacoast United formed a partnership with last year.

soccer game can be, and how much excitement there is worldwide," said Borenstein. "It's good to have American home-

grown soccer players to watch on television.

"For the U.S., each World Cup is incremental, building more

excitement and interest for the sport. This year, the U.S. has a really strong team, and most of the players are playing on professional teams throughout the world," he said.

The World Cup happens every four years, with the 2010 tournament in South Africa. Matches are scheduled through the end of June. The U.S. team plays Slovenia tomorrow, June 18 and Algeria on June 23.

The Department of Community Services John Smith soccer program has already sold out for the summer -- further proof World Cup mania has hit Andover, said Recreation Director Kim Stamas.

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Mrs. Burton S. Flagg and children have gone to Kennebunk for the summer.

James Scott of Summer street is confined to his home by illness.

75 Years Ago: June 7, 1935

A huge bill-board, erected this week in Shawsheen square, has aroused much sentiment among the residents of the village, and there is a possibility that the

court will be asked to issue an order to have the board removed. It is understood that residents of the village had first known about the possibility of their being a billboard there on May 16, and indignation meetings have been held since that time. Attempts have been made to have the board removed, but to date nothing has been accomplished. The selectmen may later apply for a court order to have it removed.

Kenneth Sherman, present principal of the junior high school at Dedham, was Tuesday night elected principal of Andover's junior high school to take the place of Miss Clara A. Putnam, who is retiring.

50 Years Ago: June 9, 1960

Public Schools will hold close to 300 more pupils next September than were accommodated Jan. 1 of this year. Supt. Edward I. Erickson has warned the School Committee that the

Water creature



Members of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association playfully sicced "the Poms Pond Shark," a large floating fin, on paddlers such as Donald Circle residents Frank and Karen Pechinsky and their daughter Ellen, during their June Public Paddle. This Sunday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m. the group will offer a kayak and canoe safety demonstration at Poms Pond in Recreation Park, off Abbot Street.

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Kerri Ford elected LWV president

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover recently held its annual meeting, electing a new president.

The League recognized outgoing president, Stefani Traina, "for four years of outstanding leadership and service," according to the League. Traina will continue working with the local League, while expanding her involvement with the League of Women Voters at the state level.

The membership elected Kerri Ford as its new president along with a slate of officers who together will provide League leadership for 2010-11.

Overall, more than 60 members of the non-partisan civic group met to celebrate another year of service to the Andovers.

The first order of business at the meeting at Atria Marland Place was to award the Virginia Cole Scholarship to Iha Kaul, an Andover High School senior. Long-time league member Alix Driscoll presented Kaul with the \$500 scholarship, describing the student's involvement as a PALS tutor and mentor over the past four years. PALS is a partnership between AHS, Phillips Academy, and the Lawrence Public Schools that provides educational enrichment for talented seventh and eighth grade students from the Lawrence school system.

Featured guest State Sen. Sue Tucker spoke about following her passion for politics at a time when few women entered that arena.

"The League of Women Voters had much to do with why I got into this business," she said. She noted that skills gained as president of the League prepared her for legislative work. She served as a state representative from 1982 to 1992 prior to her 2001 election to the state senate.

As she approaches the end of her 18 years in the Massachusetts legislature, Tucker touched on the highlights of her career, including her efforts to rein in auto insurance fraud and the joys of mentoring young women on her staff. She also expressed concern about upcoming legislation on gambling and the general lack of civil discourse in politics. Now, she says, "It will be interesting to see how my life unfolds."

The League of Women Voters is a national non-partisan organization that encourages the active and informed participation of citizens in their government. The Andover/North Andover League has over 125 members. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. For more information or to join, go to www.LWV-Andovers.org.

DALTON: Local heavyweights talk about growth in Andover

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to hasten the catching up."

Then came the blast: "I fear Mr. Hogan has lost sight of the fact that we need taxes to hasten the catching up." In apparent reference to Hogan's wealth, Collins said, "It is not as easy for the majority of our overburdened taxpayers to find the wherewithal as it is apparently for Mr. Hogan. Andover needs to grow slowly for Rome wasn't built in a day."

Collins finished by dismissing Mr. Hogan's comment about Andover needing young blood to catch up, but instead of mentioning age, Collins said, "Wise heads made Andover grow."

Within a short time, Hogan worked with "young blood" on projects in downtown Andover. Phid Dantos and

John Davidson, young men who owned Danton Realty Trust, were able to construct an office building on the corner of High and Elm streets because Hogan's Standard International committed to lease much of the structure.

J. Everett Collins remained active and literally vocal for many years, but mostly in musical arts. An argument could be made that he was Andover's outstanding citizen of the Twentieth Century.

I write a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be reached at billdalton@andovertownie.com. My condolences to the family of Roger Collins who recently passed away. He was one of J. Everett Collins' children and was a former selectman, local businessman, and good guy.

ANDOVER SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Register now for all aerobics, strength training, yoga, tai chi, tap dancing, wood carving and art instruction. Most classes began June 1. Call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321 for information, or drop by for a tour at 30 Whittier Street. Hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Your Next Chapter: Andover Senior Center, BoomerVenture and Memorial Hall Library collaborate in this ongoing free four-week series for anyone approaching or already enjoying retirement. Pre-registration requested. Call ASC 978-623-8321 or MHL 978-623-8410 Ext. 49 depending on location. The two remaining sessions are:

- June 21 at 1 p.m.: at ASC: Embrace your Future Gov. Duval Patrick's statewide initiative to educate residents as to resources available specific to our state.
- June 28 at 7 p.m. at MHL: Living the Rest of your life: Life Coach suggests the best use of the rest of your life: discover and use your strengths, talents and

interests to optimize your time in the years ahead. Call 978-623-8410, Ext. 49.

BoomerBridge: Mondays through Aug. 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$125 for 6 weeks you pick convenient dates \$135 for 8 weeks. Overcalls, limit and cuebid raises, takeout doubles and bidding brush up. Get prepared for a more advanced class starting in the fall. Terry Kay Bargar, ACBL accredited bridge instructor, \$25 daily drop in rate.

Flexercise: Flexible Summer Outdoor drop-in classes: This class will follow the weather to be held outside near the center or if the weather is rainy the class will be held in the Andover Senior Center. A punch card for any 6 classes is available for \$25. Class runs through Aug. 16, 8 to 9 a.m. Any remaining "punches" can be used to sample classes you are not currently enrolled in. Meet at the center at 7:55 a.m. to check in and pick up your exercise bands.

Outdoor Adventures for Men:

Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, 9 a.m. Poms Pond and the Shawsheen River canoe and kayak adventure. Bring picnic, water, snack, sun block, bug and tick repellent. Call to reserve a spot. Health forms and registration necessary. Free.

Classical Recital and "mocktails": Thursday, June 24, 1 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of elegant music and merriment. Ernest Rakhlin, Moscow Conservatory trained musician and composer, and his student Susan Wolverton, have prepared an afternoon of exquisite classical music, focusing on Russian composers, such as Mendelssohn, Schumann, Schubert, and Tchaikovsky. Our afternoon will begin with the recital, to be followed by refreshing summer drinks and sweets to enjoy in our outdoor patio and the Four Season's room. Refreshments made possible by the generosity of the Jimmy Carmichael family free. Pre-registration requested.

Community Garden Forum: Friday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Come join the

discussion and learn about the community garden that is looking for attention on the corner of the senior center property. Seasonal vegetables are waiting to be planted along with ornamental flowers. We are looking for a project manager as well as willing hands to plant, water and weed. Please call to let us know you are planning to attend.

Fun and Games: Every Tuesday in our Four Seasons Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., play Wii, ping pong, Scrabble, checkers, etc. Free.

SCRPT Tax Abatement announcement: All volunteers age 60 and over wishing to participate in the FY 2011 tax abatement program must submit an application form at the Andover Senior Center before June 30 at 2 p.m. Each volunteer must also attend a mandatory information session, even if they have participated in prior years. Dates and times of meetings are available with application. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New officers for Quota Club of Andover



COURTESY PHOTO

Quota International of Andover has installed new officers for the 2010-2011 year. From left are: Tish Bachmann, president-elect; Elaine Pescatore, secretary; Louise Hadad, president; Mary Smith, treasurer; and four directors Maria Gaspar, June Braunlich, Vena Coco and Marsha Cohen, not pictured. Quota is a nonprofit group whose focus is to provide financial support, time and resources to help improve the lives of women and children in need and champion the education of hearing-impaired children in the Merrimack Valley area. The local chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month and new members are welcome. For more information call Tish Bachmann at 978-470-0290.

BIRTH

MURPHY — Born at Holy Family Hospital on June 4, 2010, a daughter, Charlotte, to Matthew and Jenna (Blanchette) Murphy of Andover. Grandparents are Robert and Patrice Blanchette of Andover, and James Murphy of Andover. Charlotte is welcomed home by her siblings, Benjamin and Shayla.

BOOMERVENTURE PROGRAMS

Energize with Exercise: Mondays, July 12 to Aug. 16 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Great basic exercise designed for 40+ bodies.

Boomer Zumba: Thursdays, July 8 to Aug. 19, 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. Cardio fitness with a Latin flair. Dance to Afro-caribbean music and Latin beats, with flamenco, belly dance, rock and hip hop thrown in to miss it up. You'll party instead of working out.

Boomer Bridge: Mondays, through Aug. 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Overcalls, limit and cuebid raises, takeout doubles and preemptive bidding brush up. Be prepared for a more advanced class starting Aug. 30. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for returning players and those who want to advance their games. Terry Kay Bargar, accredited bridge instructor.

Tai Chi: Call for information. Pre-registration began June 7, call 978-623-8321 for information or stop by the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, behind the Town Offices and next to the Park. Class sizes are limited and all classes are held at 30 Whittier Court.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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housing problem will be most acute in West Andover, where emergency measures must be used to care for an anticipated 80 kindergarten pupils. He anticipates 3,617 young people will be in school this fall based on present enrollments.

A building permit has been requested by John Phillips Enterprises for its proposed motel off

Lowell street near the interchange with Route 93. The area is zoned for a shopping center, with a motel as one of the permitted uses. The plans filed last week show 51 units with double size bedrooms, lavatories and dressing rooms. Also included is a restaurant and cocktail lounge with a capacity of 150 persons.

Many top awards are being presented this morning to Andover High students at the

year end award ceremony. The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science award goes to Robert L. Garrison; the M.E. Gutterson Botany prize goes to Virginia Perry; the Raytheon award will be presented to Herbert Kempton; Certificates for participation in the 1960 Technorama will be presented to George I. Whitcomb, Virginia Perry, Peter Lichtenberger, Herbert Kempton and Robert Garrison.

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Natural Health Care open house next week

Andover Natural Health Care, Pamela M. Seyler, N.H.D., practitioner, is holding an open house Thursday, June 24, 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday June 26, 9 a.m. to noon, to celebrate its expansion and relocation to 166 North Main St., Andover across from Whole Foods. Come enjoy healthy light snacks and beverages, door prizes, meet new friends and have a chance to ask Seyler your questions about how natural, holistic health care may be helpful for you. Learn more about Andover Natural Health Care at andovernhc.com.

Courtyard donation

Peter Breen has donated 10 yards of mulch to the West Elementary School courtyard. "The courtyard is a certified outdoor classroom, and Peter's generosity will help keep it looking beautiful," according to Ingrid O'Hara, West Elementary Courtyard Chairwoman.

Doctor joins Andover office

Lawrence General Hospital welcomes Sue Yeun Kim, M.D., a board certified obstetrician/gynecologist to its medical staff. Kim has joined Andover OB-GYN, which has offices in Andover, Haverhill, Lawrence and Salem, N.H. She provides comprehensive gynecologic care to women of all ages and has a special interest in management of abnormal PAP smears, treatment of abnormal bleeding, and surgical procedures. She is currently working in the Andover and Haverhill offices of Andover OB-GYN. Pap tests have been used since the 1950s to screen changes or abnormal Kim completed her undergraduate

education at Harvard University and her medical school training at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"Because it is a screening test, PAP smears can't be used for definitive diagnoses," says Kim, "but it does help identify those women who may be at higher risk for cervical cancer or cervical dysplasia, precancer. Women with abnormal PAPs may need further evaluation. Testing for high-risk types of human papilloma virus, or HPV, can be done with routine PAP smears for women over 30 years old. HPV infection is a factor in nearly all cases of cervical cancer."

She completed her internship and residency training at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. She is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Law professor writing for online forum

Ursula Furi-Perry, an adjunct professor at the Massachusetts School of Law and the school's director of academic support, was recently selected as a writer-in-residence for Ms. JD ms-jd.org, an online forum representing women in all segments of the legal profession.

Furi-Perry was one of five writers actually solicited for the year-long position based on her previous contributions to the site, as well as her other writings for various legal publications. Another 15 writers were chosen from a nationwide pool of applicants for the honor.

In the new position, Furi-Perry will produce a monthly column called "Ms. Prof." which will focus on academic issues in law school and the unique challenges faced by female students and professors.

Bazaar Days 'sidewalk sales' are indoors

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The sales the thing at this year's Bazaar Days, this Friday and Saturday.

This year, organizers say Bazaar Days is a simple retail clearance event happening inside several downtown stores.

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There are no activities or events on Main Street, and the outdoor sidewalk theme is also gone. Those looking for lively Main Street events should mark their calendars for Andover Day on Saturday, Sept. 25, said Merit Tukiainen, chairman, woman of the retail committee of Andover Business Center Association. On Bazaar Days, Main Street will be open to traffic as shoppers make their way to inside sales on Friday, June 18



Michele Maldari left, and her daughter Natalia, 20, of Andover looks over a sales rack on Main Street during the 2009 Bazaar Days, sponsored by Andover Business Center Association.

FILE PHOTO

and Saturday, June 19.

Bazaar Days participating stores will be designated with a jewel-toned balloon. As of Townsman presstime, 14 local businesses were taking part.

"This is a low cost, low impact

event, in that there is no cost to the stores to participate, nor are we limiting this event to the ABCA membership – the more the merrier," said Tukiainen, owner of Night & Day.

She said ABCA is streamlining

events this year and Bazaar Days "has been simplified to a bargain clearance sale event inside the stores" as a result.

"We're geared to making this a terrific bargain event, and concentrate on that," she said.

All-suite home-style hotel by Hilton opens

Homewood Suites by Hilton, the international brand of all-suite, residential-style hotels, has announced the opening of its newest property on Riverside Drive, off River Road in Andover. The three-story, 82-suite hotel is owned by Bayshore LLC and managed by Integrated Hotel Solutions.

General Manager Liz Stanton has been in the hotel industry for

11 years, and is assisted by Director of Sales, Caroline Nadeau, who has 10 years of experience.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston/Andover offers studio, one and two bedroom suites. Additional guest amenities include a daily complimentary full hot breakfast in the hotel's hospitality center, the "Lodge;" a full evening meal and beverages Monday through Thursday evenings, an

executive business center, and a 24-hour on-site pantry. The hotel also offers an outdoor pool, sports court, landscaped courtyard with barbecue area, fitness center, and approximately 600 square feet of meeting space.

Located at 4 Riverside Drive, Homewood Suites is located in the heart of the Merrimack Valley, within minutes of the Boston and Manchester (NH) airports,

I-93, Routes 95 and 128, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. It is expected to draw from those doing business for and with local businesses such as Raytheon, Wyeth, Bearingpoint, Siemens and Verizon.

Launched in 1989, the Homewood Suites by Hilton brand today has nearly 300 hotels open with approximately 110 in the development pipeline.

Andover producer wins Regional Emmy for coverage of Kennedy death

Rosemary Lappin, senior political producer at WCVB-TV Channel 5 and an Andover native, was awarded a Regional Emmy in the category of Outstanding Continuing Coverage for the entry "The Passing of Senator Kennedy."

The award, which Lappin shares with WCVB News Director Andrew Vrees and WCVB Assistant News Director Gerry Wardwell, was presented at the 33rd Annual Boston/New England Emmy Awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium's Patriot Place.

Lappin, who has worked at Channel 5 for 21 years, took the lead in the coverage of the senator's death producing stories that included a profile of Ted Kennedy, the significance of

his mother's influence on his political career and the impact living in the shadows of his famous brothers had on the late senator.

Prior to joining Channel 5, Lappin

spent 11 years as a reporter for the Lowell Sun and was news director at WLLH radio in Lowell. She has also held the position of managing editor at WEEI all-news radio in Boston. In

addition to this recent Emmy, Lappin has won AP awards, the Cronkite Award, the National Headliners Award and Radio Television Digital News Association awards. Lappin

currently resides in Andover, with her husband Brian Mooney, a political reporter for the Boston Globe also a former reporter for the Lowell Sun.

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From left, Conor Davidson, Brendan Paquette, Skate Park Manager and AYS employee Jame Grieco, Tim Gibson and Ian Whitney pose for a photo in front of a backhoe as \$91,000 in construction gets underway at the Andover Skate Park.

Stay-cation summer options available

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Pomps Pond opens Saturday, June 19 at noon and a surprise awaits local beachgoers.

With stay-cations on the rise, the Department of Community Services says it will continue its beach-sticker discount through the weekend, allowing Andover residents to buy a Pomps Pond summer parking sticker for \$75 instead of the usual \$100. Recreation Director Kim Stamas said the \$25 discount was supposed to end tomorrow, Friday, June 18. But she's hearing from lots of families who are staying local to keep cool this summer.

"It's definitely stay-cations, not vacations, being planned," Stamas said. "We decided to do this because we are hearing about stay-cations. We want to help."

People can buy the \$75 sticker though Sunday, and can buy it at Pomps Pond throughout the

weekend.

As of Tuesday, 151 local families had bought \$75 beach stickers.

Another stay-cation indicator is DCS-run summer programs. Several programs have already closed because families are staying close to home. Summer tennis and golf programs for kids have closed because they have filled to capacity.

"Parents have cut back on club memberships. Instead, they enrolled their kids in DCS programs for camps that offer what the clubs offer - golf and tennis," Stamas said.

A fourth golf program was just added for the summer and it is already filled to capacity, Stamas said.

Stamas expects more than 200 kids in the town's drop-in playground program this summer. Already, 121 kids are enrolled.

"Our numbers are huge already and that shows how families are staying in town this summer," she said.

Enjoy free canoe lessons at Harold Parker Forest

Harold Parker State Forest is offering a free canoe program sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation on Saturdays, July 3, July 17, July 31, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. for up to three hours at the Forest Headquarters parking lot at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover.

The park's interpreter, Bob Anderson will instruct participants on the basics of canoe handling and water safety and lead a

guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's picturesque ponds.

Canoes are provided by DCR however, it is recommended that people bring sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water, a camera and their own life vest if they have one. Life vests will be provided to those who do not have their own.

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

Renovation gives skate park 'California feel'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

School ends Tuesday, June 22, but there will be no town skate park open as it's being renovated. Work started this week and is expected to take about five weeks, according to Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services, which runs the skate park.

"I know, it's a disappointment but it's going to be awesome when it's done," he said.

The skate park, located behind West Middle School, opened 12 years ago. Normally, it's open by mid-June, just before school lets out. But with no budget to pay for annual repairs, Fahey said the park is in dire straits. The wooden ramps are worn and outdated while even the fencing is in disarray.

"We (AYS) take care of it with our kids, but it really needs to be totally renovated," he said.

A skate park design firm, Breaking Ground of Rhode Island, was hired. Designer Sam



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Do Not Enter and Under Construction signs line the entrance to the Andover Skate Park.

Batterson arrived this week with excavating trucks.

A \$91,000 renovation is being paid for in part with money from AYS fundraising events including the annual skate-athon held in memory of Paul King.

King took up aggressive

inline skating when he was in his late 30's. He went to the park often and befriended the kids and staff. He died in a sky-diving accident in 2003.

Plus, Converse donated \$50,000 to the project.

Local kids helped design the renovated skate park, which

Fahey said will be "state of the art with a California feel."

There will be new ramps, a cement bowl and new cement for smooth skateboarding. Plus, the tired fence surrounding the park will be replaced.

"Kids will be able to skateboard from one end of the skate park to the other...and it will be so smooth," Fahey said. "I'm psyched."

Fahey is hoping to open a section of the skate park during the renovation. But as of this week, no section has opened.

He said AYS has talked of the skate park's closing for months so local skateboarders will not be surprised to hear about the closing. The re-opening is planned for mid-July.

"They know they have to be patient," Fahey said.

Landscaping costs are not included in the skate park renovation budget. Fahey said contributions are now being collected. Call Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241, or visit www.andoveryouthservices.com or wfahey@andoverma.gov to contribute.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17

PHOTO EXHIBIT, "A Feast for the Eyes," Merrimack Valley Camera Club's images, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, featuring photographs by John Lowe and Mary Ann Alwan, both of Andover, through June; Les Wood, 978-685-3020, lesw@lwassoc.com.

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

LIVE THEATER, "The Edwards Twins" opens, it's a Las Vegas Impersonation show of superstar performers such as Elton John, Cher, Barbra Streisand and many others, 8 p.m., \$15-32, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through June 20; 781-279-2200, stonehamtheatre.org.

YIAYIA'S KITCHEN, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport, 5-7 p.m., featuring Greek food, adult \$12; seniors, students \$10; under 10 \$5; under 5: free; 978-465-5757.

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION, Winnekenni Castle, Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill, with art show on balcony, for ages 21+, 7 p.m., \$30 advance, \$35 door; winnekenni.com, winnekenni@yahoo.com.

EXHIBIT OPENS, American Textile History Museum, Lowell, "History of Hats," by designers from Lasell College Fashion Department, dozens of pieces, both vintage and contemporary, from the whimsical to the dramatic, through Aug. 1.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

GOLD RUSH FUNDRAISER, benefits Andover Youth Services, 1 to 4 p.m., Grecoe Jewelers, 26 Park St., Andover. Bring in unwanted or broken gold, silver and platinum jewelry for cash, jewelry will be appraised to its fullest value and purchased on the spot; 978-623-8241.

LIVE ACCORDION, with Accordionist Sebastian Farro, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

LIVE THEATER, Colonial Chorus Players, 8 p.m., a mystery fundraiser, \$10-12; colonialchorus.com and click on box office, 781-944-9780, colonialchorus@yahoo.com. Shows also happening on June 19, 25, 26 at 8 p.m. and June 27 at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

CAR WASH, Andover cheerleaders fundraiser, 10 a.m., West Middle School parking lot.

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. Performance also on June 20, same time.

ARTS FEST BEVERLY, free outdoor festival, over 100 juried fine artists and crafters, music and entertainment, kids' activities, art-on-the-spot creations, food; Gin Wallace, beverlymainstreets.org.

BEER TASTING, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

NEW EXHIBIT, the Peabody Essex Museum, "Eye Spy," featuring works by 11 contemporary artists challenging visual expectations and revealing an array of illusionary surprises, 5:15-8:66-745-1876, pem.org.

LIVE LATIN MUSIC, Sol y Canto, 8 p.m., Firehouse Center, Market Square, Newburyport, 521-24; 978/462-7336, firehouse.org.

LIVE FUNK/SOUL/DISCO, with Booty Vortex, a 12-piece funk extravaganza, 9 p.m., The Village Smokehouse, Lowell; venuevents.net/venue/villagesmokehouse.

GOLD RUSH FUNDRAISER, benefits Andover Youth Services, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Grecoe Jewelers, 26 Park St., Andover. Bring in unwanted or broken gold, silver and platinum jewelry for cash, jewelry will be appraised to its fullest value and purchased on the spot; 978-623-8241.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

KAYAK & CANOE SAFETY DEMO, practicing tipping over safely, 1:30 p.m., Pomps Pond, Andover; Bob Otter@comcast.net, Shawsheen-River@comcast.net, 978-851-9505.

DR. GUMDROP'S GOODTIME MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW, fun-filled family afternoon of music and comedy featuring many Andover acts, 1 p.m., Kismet Wellness Center, 204 Andover St., second floor; \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show; 978-289-4155.

NORTH SHORE CANCER WALK, registration begins at 7:30 a.m., walk starts at 8 a.m., beginning and ending at Salem Willows Park in Salem, Mass.; northshorcancerwalk.org, 1-866-296-6900.

NORTH SHORE CANCER RUN, begins immediately after the Cancer Walk, along the same route. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., run at 11 a.m.; northshorcancerwalk.org, 1-866-296-6900.

FREE FATHER'S DAY CONCERT, 2-4 p.m., with Lee Lewis and the Doo Wop Allstars, Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill; winnekenni.com, 978.521.1230, email winnekenni@yahoo.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

EMBRACE YOUR FUTURE, learn more about resources available through the aging process and prepare for the future, 1 p.m., Andover Senior Center. Presented by Ann Proli of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Pre-register; 978-623-8321.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

FREE LIVE ACOUSTIC MUSIC, performances by about 10 Andover musicians, The Park, Chestnut & Bartlett streets, 2-4 p.m., hosted by the Andover High School's Amnesty International Club, in honor of the Global Day of Action for Troy Davis, bring blankets, lawn chairs; Alyssa Solomon, solomon.a@comcast.net, 978-852-7382.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

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

LIVE ORGAN MUSIC, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, with Robert McDonald, 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 children, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-685-0693, mmh.org.

LIVE UKULELE, with player Jake

Shimabukuro, Firehouse Center, Market Square, Newburyport, two shows at 7 and 9 p.m., \$26-28; 978/462-7336, firehouse.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

FREE MOVIE, a one-hour documentary that explores the life of baseball's first Latino superstar Roberto Clemente, who was also a committed humanitarian, Showcase Cinema, Lawrence, 7 p.m., presented by Northern Essex Community College.

HEALTHY HEART TALK, 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill Campus in the Technology Center, Room 103, Sr. Dr. Kenneth Adams of Merrimack Valley Hospital, will discuss heart disease; Charlene Boucher 978-556-3825, cboucher@necc.mass.edu.

SALEM ATHENAEUM PARTY, The Salem Athenaeum, 221 Essex St., Suite 41, Salem, MA, 4-6 p.m., celebrating 200 years, hosted by the Essex National Heritage Commission, non-members \$15, register online at HeritageExplorers.org, 978-740-0444.

LIVE THEATER, Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot," Arakelian Theater in the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, 8 p.m., through June 27, \$14-18;

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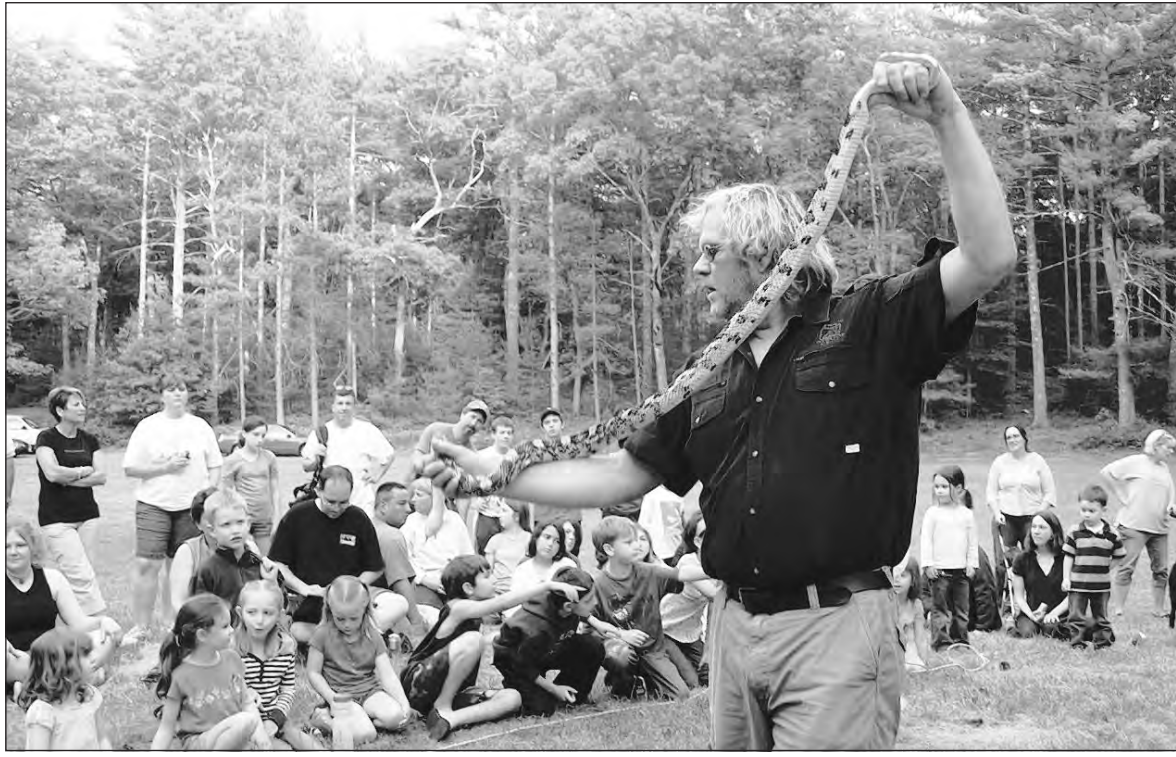
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Charmed, I'm sure

The Harold Parker State Forest Campground opened Memorial Day weekend and campers were greeted with a snake program by the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team sponsored by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. At right, Rick Roth, leader of the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team and life-time reptile keeper, displays one of the creatures. The presentation drew over 150 people at the Harold Parker Campground over Memorial Day weekend.



Educational, fun activities to keep kids busy this summer

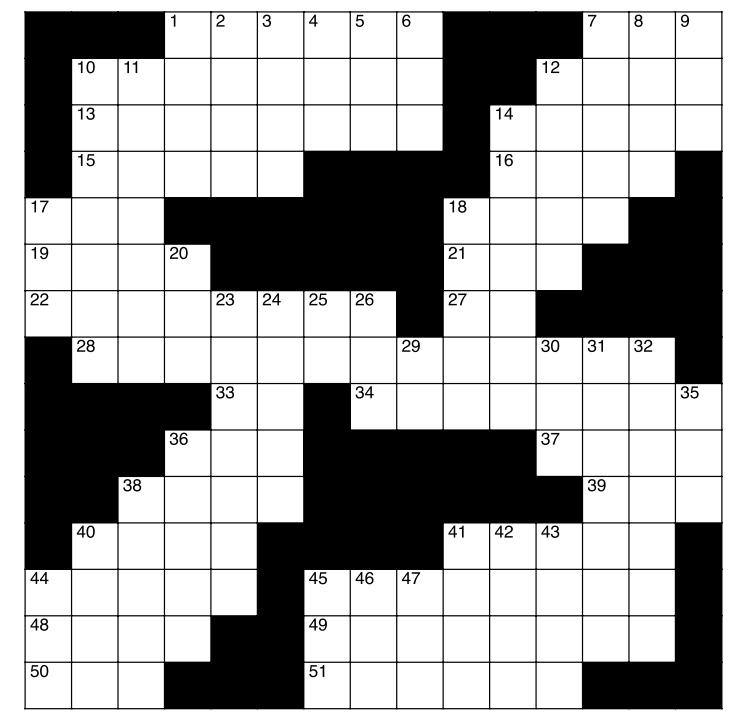
After the school year ends, you have approximately three months to spend with your kids. Without a schedule of fun activities to keep them occupied, it's easy for you to get frazzled and them to get bored. Finding some enjoyable educational outlets for your children will provide a stimulating summer for them and a relaxing one for you. There are many activities involving everything from nature to arts and crafts that can be enjoyed right around the house. With some space and supplies, a small patch in the yard can become a dynamic garden, giving children a project to focus on all summer long. Bring those

backyard vegetables into the kitchen, and together you can collaborate on cooking them. Have kids exercise their creative sides with summer art projects. After doodling with chalk on the sidewalk, building paper mache models, or painting portraits on cardboard canvases, you can display their art around the house. Just because the school year is over doesn't mean kids should stop learning. With many summer educational programs and camps available, your child could actually return to school with a head start on others. If your child is interested in science and experiments, consider a science camp, such as

Champions Science Adventures, which offers week-long day camps where kids can build robots, launch rockets, solve Egyptian mysteries and meet wild animals. These camps are available for students ages 5 to 12 throughout the summer, with a curriculum developed by top education experts. For information, visit www.scienceadventures.com. "The key to getting kids excited about a topic, is involving them in hands-on experiments that spur them to learn about the world around them," says Andy Allan, Director of Curriculum for Science Adventures. The local park could be your

best friend this summer. The jungle gym or baseball diamond are fun and free. They also give kids and parents opportunities to socialize with other families. The park also is great for picnics, reading, relay races, and can become your home away from home. Carefully feeding and observing ducks and/or birds allows for interaction with nature in a way not usually available to children. Summer should be a time for kids to play and learn in ways they don't get to enjoy as much during the school year. Take advantage of these opportunities and you can make memories your kids will cherish.

Crossword puzzle

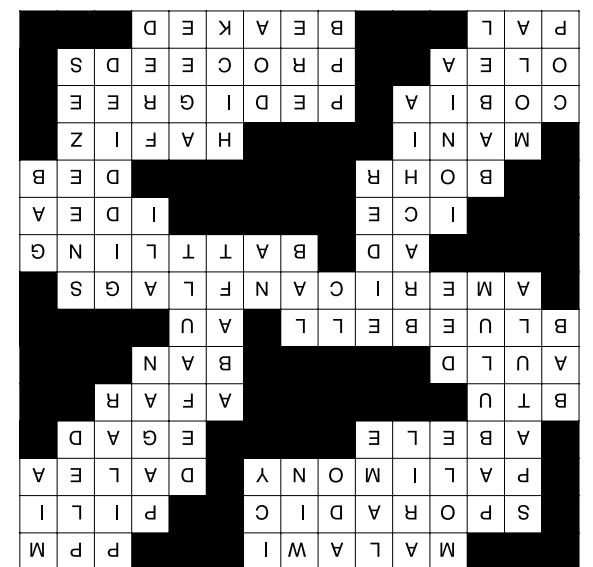


CLUES ACROSS

- African country
- Parts per million (abbr.)
- Recurring from time to time
- Edible seed of Phillipine tree
- Lee Marvin paid it first
- Indigo bush
- White aspen
- Oh, God!
- British thermal unit (abbr.)
- From a distance
- ___ lang syne, good old days
- Cast out
- Wood hyacinth
- A precious metal
- Patriotic banners
- In the year of Our Lord
- Fighting
- Water in the solid state
- The content of cognition
- Niels ___, physicist
- Short for debutante
- Founder of Manicheism
- Koran memorizer
- Sergeant fish
- Line of descent of a pure-bred animal
- Olive genus
- Goes onward
- Chum
- Having a bird's horny bill

- Covered with hair
- In a way, appealed
- Actress Farrow
- Spreader with a flexible blade
- Comestible
- Heathen
- Loss due to not showing up
- Founder of Babism
- Toward the stern
- River in NE Scotland
- Parts of a branching shape
- Sea duck
- Not caps
- Scientific workplace
- Sodium
- 4th Caliph of Islam
- Made dizzy
- Exhales spasmodically
- Idle talk
- Ancient region of W Asia Minor
- A confusion of voices
- Ocean sunfish
- Bumpkin or rube
- "A Death in the Family" author
- Radio comedian Allen
- A police officer
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Before
- Arrived extinct

Solution



CLUES DOWN

- Pigmented nevus
- Fleshy seed cover
- Walk with a limp
- Rapid bustling movement
- Come out first in a competition
- Devoid of warmth and cordiality

EVENTS CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, JUNE 26

MIGRATING BIRDS TALK, with biologist Kara Moody, 7-8 p.m., Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Plum Island.
PHOTO EXHIBIT, "A Feast for the Eyes," Merrimack Valley Camera Club's images, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, featuring photographs by John Lowe and Mary Ann Alwan, both of Andover, through June; Les Wood, 978-685-3020, lesw@lwsoc.com.

ANDOVER FARMERS' MARKET OPENS, 12:30-3:30 p.m., runs every Saturday through Oct. 9, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; andoverhistorical.org/farmersmarket/, 978-475-2236.

KAYAK & CANOE SAFETY DEMO, practicing tipping over safely, 1:30 Poms Pond, Andover; Bob Otter@comcast.net, Shaw-sheenRiver@comcast.net, 978-851-9505.

LIVE GUITAR, with guitarist Ed Murphy, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC, with Jeff and Sheri Easter, 7 p.m., First Church of Christ, 10 Church St., Bradford. To order tickets, email fcbradford_tickets@yahoo.com.

STRIPER TOURNAMENT & BARBEQUE, Ring+s Island Marina in Salisbury, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, \$35 entry fee per fisherman and proceeds benefit Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Fireworks display;

RingsIslandMarina.com, RingsIslandMarina.com/, 978.465.0307.

YOUTH BEACH SOCCER TOURNAMENT, Salisbury Beach, Salisbury, part of Sand & Sea Festival, open to anyone U6 through U14, \$10 per player; salisburybeachsoccer.org or email info@salisburybeachsoccer.org.

NEWBURYPORT ARTWALK, visit several participating galleries, 3 to 7 p.m.

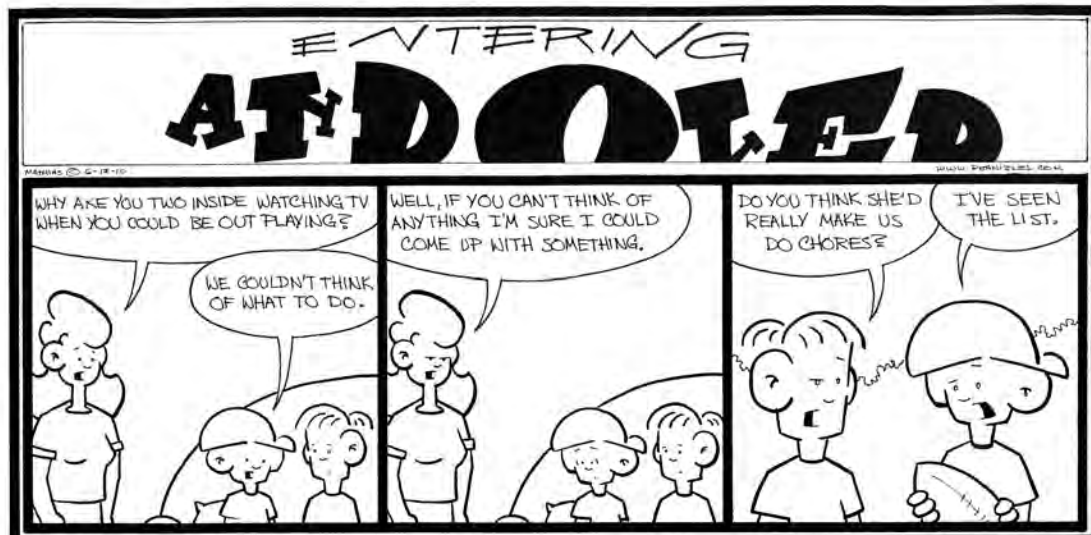
SUNDAY, JUNE 27

ANTIQUe APPRAISALS BENEFIT, with Gary Sohmers of PBS' "Antique Roadshow," 6-9 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel, 501 South Main St., Andover; 978 474-0540.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

LIVING THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library. Figure out your next chapter of life, learn how you can make sure the years ahead are satisfying and fulfilling. Presented by Roberta Taylor of Pathmaking for Life.

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Sports

FAB 5: MEMORIES FROM A SUPER SPRING

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Summer is in the air, and so too is the excitement of students ready for the well-deserved rest of summer vacation.

That school break means the end of another thrilling school year for Andover sports. But before the lights are turned off at Eugene V. Lovely Field, Dunn Gym and all over Andover High for the summer, it's time to take one last look back at the spring season that capped off the year. Thanks for the memories.

1. Can't be stopped

After having to settle for runner up in the high jump at All-States, Andover star **Moira Cronin** wasn't content with second. She was mad, steaming mad, and more importantly intensely motivated.

Anyone could see it on her face on the field at All-States. At New England's, she would settle for nothing less than the best. And despite rain and poor conditions, Cronin came through like a champion.

The junior flew to victory at the New England Track and Field Championships over the

weekend, jumping to victory with a stellar 5-9, an inch short of her school record.

The Andover girls tennis team's season hinged on the final event of the day, and the pair of seniors came through in style.

The duo of **Kirsten Arvidson** and **Philine Huizing** battled to take No. 2 doubles 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, the match that clinched top-seeded Andover's 3-2 win over No. 9 Lexington in the Division 1 North quarterfinals.

The Golden Warriors surged to a 17-2 record this season, led by the All-MVC singles players of **Kelsey Chapman**, **Sarah Arvidson** and **Reid Campbell**.

The Andover/Central Catholic rivalry was alive and well on the tennis court this season, especially between the No. 1 singles matchup of the Warriors' **Bjorn Merinder** and the Raiders' **Thomas Alaimo**.

It was Alaimo that won the first two battles of the year in the regular season, but Merinder found his revenge in the Boys North Individual Tennis tourney by downing his archrival.

The Golden Warriors wrapped up the year 17-4, with **Andrej Samardzic**, **Andrew Mack**, **Merinder**,



Andover's **Moira Cronin** flies over the bar with a jump of 5-9, good for victory at the New England Track and Field Championship.

Christian Waters, **Jeff Birenbaum** and **Nitin Mahesh** all honored as All-MVC.

2. Unsung heroes

Akira Sembomatsu could be described as multi-faceted. What else would you call someone that plays classic piano, tutors students in his free time and is known as a talented outfielder? But one talent that the senior proved he had this season was the ability to hit the baseball.

Finally given at-bats at the varsity level, Sembomatsu wowed Golden Warriors this season. The former reserve slugged his way to a .359 batting average with nine runs.

Lacrosse coach **John McVeigh's** request wasn't a simple one. Looking for a way to replace his graduated goalies, the coach asked field player **Anna Vicchi** to make the move between the pipes. But when other goalies began taking the playing time, the junior didn't become discouraged, she looked for other ways to help the team.

Late the regular season, **Vecchi** began her reeducation as a

defender. And, inserted late in the Division 1 North first round matchup, she made a key play on a ground ball late in a victory over Concord-Carlisle.

Being a captain is tough for anyone, let alone a sophomore. But that is exactly what **Joe Kuykendall** did this season. In only his second varsity season, Kuykendall served as the lone captain on the floor for the rebuilding Golden Warriors. He did, however, receive plenty of support from co-captain and senior **Brian McQuaide**, who was lost to a knee injury in the second game of the season.

3. Stat busters

Jen Caro could not have been more polite when correcting a certain sportswriter that had been spelling her name incorrectly for the better part of two years. She was, however, less polite to opposing defenses.

The junior torched opponents to the tune of 52 goals this season, including five in a tourney win over North Andover, and earned All-MVC honors. That all

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Akira Sembomatsu slides in safely in front of a tag. Finally earning at-bats this season, the senior, also a pianist, hit .359 for the Golden Warriors.



Philine Huizing, front, and **Kirsten Arvidson** prepare before a key win at No. 2 doubles that gave Andover a 3-2 victory in the Division 1 North first round.

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Firebirds torch competition to be New England champs

The New England Firebirds rallied for a dramatic 5-4 win over Legends Baseball Sunday, June 13, in the final of the New England AAU Baseball 11U Super Division Championships, held at Lucent Fields in North Andover. Ten of the team's 13 players and all three coaches are from Andover.

The Firebirds rolled through pool play with three consecutive shutouts against the Worcester Heat, Blackstone Valley (R.I.) Spinners and Rhode Island Reds to earn a bye into the semis, where they defeated the South Shore Sea Dogs, 3-2.

The Firebirds won their final 14 games, including six in Long Island, where they won the Memorial Day Championship at Baseball Heaven in Yaphank, N.Y. In N.Y., the team bested a total of 15 teams from five states in the 11U division to capture that championship. Only 10 runs were scored against them during the six games.

Sunday's Super Division Championship victory concluded a 34-game season which had been preceded by four months of training at DB's Baseball Academy in North Andover.



Shown following the Memorial Day tournament are, first row from left: Myles Bagley, Jackson Quinn, Nathaniel Wiley, Logan Bravo, Blake Hekmatpour; second row: Mitchell McQuate, E.J. Perry, Cedric Gillette, Sam Conte, Evan Christopoulos, Kellen Field, Daniel Walsh; third row: Coaches Sam Conte, Mike Bravo and Dave Walsh. Missing from the photo is Ben Andresen.

Tennis battles to tourney success

GIRLS TENNIS

With Andover's season coming down to the final set of the day, Golden Warriors coach **Jen Deschenes** looked to a pair of seniors to lead the way.

"It came down to the third set, it had gotten very windy and the pressure was intense," said Deschenes. "But they were able to stay positive and held it together. Mental toughness is so important, and it was huge."

Kirsten Arvidson and **Philine Huizing** battled to take No. 2 doubles 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 to lead top-seeded Andover past No. 9 Lexington 3-2 in the Division 1 North quarterfinals last Tuesday.

Rachel Ochs added an impressive 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 3 singles and **Sarah Arvidson**, the sophomore sister of Kirsten, took No. 2 singles.

The Golden Warriors fell to Acton-Boxboro 3-2 last Wednesday in the Division 1 North semifinals.

BOYS TENNIS

Sparked by a come-from-behind victory at No. 3 singles for **Christian Waters**, No. 3 Andover sailed past No. 11 Acton-Boxboro 5-0 in the Division 1 North quarterfinals last Tuesday.

Austin Bendetson added a 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 win at No. 2 singles while **Jeff Birenbaum** and **Shane Huggins** won No. 1 doubles for the Golden Warriors.

Jeff Birenbaum and **Shane Huggins** took No. 1 doubles, but Andover fell to Lexington 3-2 in the Division 1 North semifinals last Wednesday. **Christian Waters** added a win at No. 3 singles.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Andover struggled on defense and fell to Framingham 16-5 in the Division 1 North semifinals last Wednesday.

Andover went ahead 1-0 on a goal by **Jen Caro** 54 seconds into the game. The Golden Warriors held the lead until 18:53 seconds remained in the first half.

Andover coach **John McVeigh** said he hopes the underclassmen will learn from this game and take it as a challenge as they go forth in their careers.

"We have very talented underclassmen," **Alex Alois** said. "They just have to take this loss and use it as fire in their bellies and come back next year even stronger."

TRACK

Moir Cronin's victory in the pole vault (5-9) led a number of stellar finishes for Andover at the New England Track Championship on Saturday.

The boys 4x100 and 4x400 each earned seconds while **Christopher McConnell** (100) was seventh and **Pat Farnham** (200) was 16th.

For the girls, the 4x100 was second while **Eve Bishop** was sixth in the 200 and **Kayla Baldwin** was ninth in the 100.

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while missing time with a stress fracture in her back.

Also starring were the Farnham twins — **Kate** and **Anne** — who combined for 37 goals, **Meghan Morris** (30 goals) and **Ally Fazio** (27 goals).

Matt McIver wasted no time showing the Merrimack Valley Conference he can light up a scoreboard.

In his first varsity action this season, the sophomore led the Golden Warriors with a whopping 30 goals in 18 games, including five goals in a win over Lowell and four more against Chelmsford.

Talk about a tremendous debut. Just a freshman, **Meaghan Leary** led the Andover softball team with a stellar .349 batting average and was one off the team lead in runs.

And who led the Golden Warriors in runs? Fellow Frosh **Jordan Day** scored a team-best 15 runs to go with a .293 average, good for second on the squad.

Boston College-bound **John Hennessy** added a final stellar season to his resume. The senior infielder hit an even .400, 61 points higher than a season ago, with 22 runs and 16 RBIs. Fellow senior **Mike McQuillan** added a team-high .426 average and classmate **Jake Ponti** drove in a team-best 16 runs.

4. Shaking the slump, earning a title

No one could have shaken the smile of **Christopher McConnell's** face. His record-setting track career was incomplete without an outdoor All-State title. But UConn-bound senior broke the slump, winning the 100-meter All-State crown this season in 10.75, helping lead the Golden

Warrior boys to back-to-back All-State titles.

Adding titles were the 4x100 relay (**Pat Farnham, Kerrick Stevens, Troy Cayon, McConnell**) and 4x400 (**Stevens, Cayon, Connor O'Neill, Mark Vetere**) while the 4x800 (**Adam Vetere, Scott Waller, Chris Goodwin, Simon Voorhees**) was second.

The girls 4x100 squad (**Terra Organisciak, Eve Bishop, Vanessa Singleton, Kayla Baldwin**) was just as dominate, taking the All-State crown and leading the girls to the Eastern Mass. Division 1 state title.

5. Going to the Pros

Buddy Farnham has dominated every level of football he has played, from Andover High to Brown, so it's unwise to doubt the former Golden Warrior at the next level.

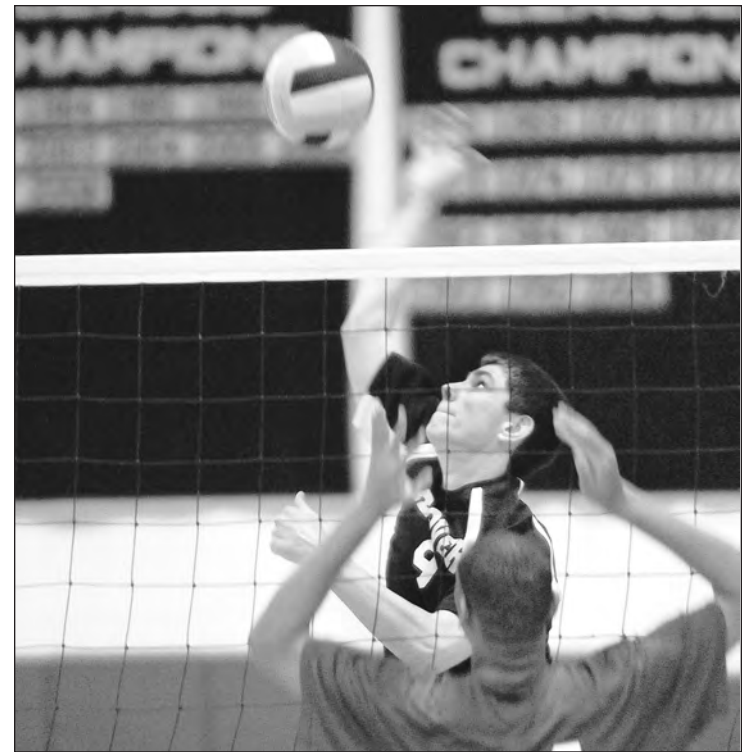
After not being drafted, Farnham signed a rookie free agent contract with the Patriots in May, and is currently taking the

field with future Hall of Famers Tom Brady and Randy Moss at Patriots' mandatory mini camp. He already participated in team workouts and is listed on the team's roster as a receiver.

In an oddity, when Country Music sensation **Taylor Swift** preformed at Gillette Stadium (home to the Patriots) earlier this month, she wore a No. 13 New England jersey on stage — the jersey of a certain Buddy Farnham.

While Farnham's professional career is just getting started, another former Andover High star is continuing to prove his abilities at the highest level.

Ryan Hanigan has torn the cover off of the ball so far this season for the Cincinnati Reds. While splitting time with high-priced **Ramon Hernandez**, Hanigan has hit .351 with two homers and a career-best 17 RBIs in 27 games. The only thing that has held him back is a trip to the disabled list with a thumb injury.



Joe Kuykendall spikes a ball against Greater Lowell. Just a sophomore, Kuykendall stepped up as a co-captain this season.

Author falls into Underland

What would Alice in Wonderland be like if it happened today? That idea inspired children's author **Suzanne Collins**.

"I liked the fact that this world was teeming under New York City and nobody was aware of it. That you could be going along preoccupied with your own problems and then whoosh! You take a wrong turn in your laundry room and suddenly a giant cockroach is right in your face," Collins said. "No magic, no space or time travel, there's just a ticket to another world behind your clothes dryer."

The hero of the book, 11-year-old Gregor, falls through a grate in the laundry room. He finds himself in a dark Underland populated with giant spiders, rats and cockroaches.

"The Underland Chronicles" is a five-book fantasy series for middle grade readers. It begins with "Gregor, the Overlander."

Does the author like all the creepy critters that dominate the Underland?

"Cockroaches aren't really scary, just a little germ, so I don't mind them much. I love bats... except these really loud ones that get in my attic in the summer and hold some kind of party all night long," Collins said. "Spiders still scare me some, although I'm also fascinated by them and I can happily watch them from a distance. But rats...not pet rats but the wild kind...I will



Author **Suzanne Collins** confronts a rat in New York City's Central Park

always have what I consider to be a healthy fear of rats. You should, too."

Through the Underland series, Gregor is faced with difficult quests and choices. He must protect his two-year-old sister and solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. He struggles to survive.

"I think I'm like Gregor because we both want to do the right thing but sometimes have trouble figuring out what it is," Collins said.

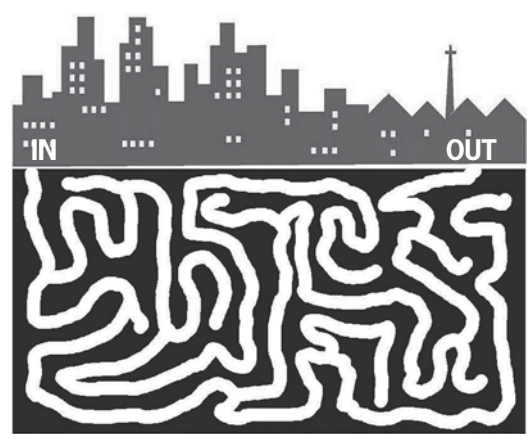
Collins began as a writer for children's television. She worked on several Nickelodeon shows, including "Clarissa Explains it All" and "The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo." She also was the co-writer of a Christmas special, "Santa, Baby!"

A children's author suggested that she try writing children's books.

The result was "Gregor, the Overlander." It became a best seller.

Collins just finished a science fiction trilogy called "The Hunger Games." It is a young adult series about children forced to play a reality survival game.

Collins lives in Connecticut with her family and a pair of feral kittens they adopted from their backyard.



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