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TOWN TALK Two AHS students in court July 21

Two 17-year-old Andover High School students will be arraigned in Lawrence District Court on July 21 following a June 18 incident where they allegedly brought a pellet gun to school and one shot it at other students in the parking lot.

One of the students faces charges of assault and battery with dangerous weapon and carrying a firearm on school grounds; the second faces the charge of carrying a firearm on school grounds, according to the Lawrence District Court clerk's office.

Neither student was arrested and no injuries were reported in the June 18 incident, which occurred two days before school ended for the summer.

—Bethany Bray

Bin28 nears opening

Downtown Andover's new wine bar sure is looking ready to pour its first glass as Bin28 has window signs, a shiny state-of-the-art kitchen and lots of seating visible from Elm Square. Main Street shoppers have been peering in the windows at the site for a couple of weeks.

Owner Matthew Morello, an Andover native, said he's planning a "soft opening" after July 4. He has couple of loose ends to tidy up, he said, and then the pouring begins.

"I'm excited. Things are going well," Morello said.

—Judy Wakefield

Good call

Rebecca Ingalls, co-owner of Palmers Restaurant & Tavern with husband John Ingalls, sure knows how to review movies. The movie "Don McKay" filmed some scenes at the Elm Street restaurant, and at Letourneau's Pharmacy and Carriage House Photography, all in Andover in 2008. Hollywood actors Elisabeth Shue (who can forget her huge white trailer!) and Thomas Haden Church were in town and shared a dinner scene at Palmers. The Ingalls saw the movie when it opened on April 2 and Rebecca happily reported that Palmers made the cut. She also predicted a quick DVD for the indie movie and she was right. It was announced this week that the movie is already on DVD.

—Judy Wakefield

Getting ready for the Fourth



Laura Mahania, left, 8, with the Rec Park Playground summer camp, decorates a banner for the July 4th Horribles Parade in Andover. Many campers will march in the parade this Sunday morning, July 4. For the full schedule of July 3 and 4 events, see page 4.

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Fireworks still fueled by late leader Jerry Silverman's iconic collection jars

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The Andover sky will be illuminated, as always, by fireworks on July 3 the night before the Fourth of July, in part thanks to donations to Independence Day fireworks collection jars spread throughout town.

The late Jerry Silverman gave countless hours augmenting the money available for the town's fireworks display by placing such jars around town and writing letters to businesses requesting donations. He wanted Andover residents to enjoy the American tradition of fireworks and old-fashioned family fun in the Park on the Fourth of July. While Silverman passed away in July of 2009, his spirit, love for Andover and devotion to a proper town celebration of July 4th lives on.

"Everyone thinks of him at the Fourth of July, especially. It was his tradition to make sure Andover had a great Fourth," said Mary Donohue, director of Department of Community Services. "We are carrying that on."

"It was his holiday and we're going forward. It's what he wanted," added Selectman Ted Teichert.

Teichert and Silverman's widow, Myrna Silverman, handled the fireworks collection jar project this year, placing the jars on business counters around town. About \$400 was collected this year, according to Myrna Silverman. Another \$3,000 was collected from bigger businesses as Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski mailed solicitation letters, she said.

"I just couldn't let the Fourth go by," said Myrna Silverman, acknowledging that the holiday was indeed a favorite for her late husband.

Jerry Silverman had spoken with Teichert last year to make sure the fireworks donation jars were put on the counters of designated businesses in 2009. Those businesses included the Spa, Perfecto's, Village Deli, Ultimate Perk, Dylan's, downtown hotdog man Dave Cowan and the Credit Union on Lupine Road that Silverman helped form.

"He took Ted to all of those businesses," Myrna Silverman said.

It took almost two hours and is a day Teichert said he will always remember.

"I picked him up one day and we just went," Teichert said. "It was his holiday and something he wanted to do."

The Fireman's Relief Association, which includes Teichert's brother, Eric Teichert, is another new addition to the town's celebration. Firefighters will flip pancakes this July 4 at the pancake breakfast and cover its cost (see story in Arts, page 4.)

The late Jerry Silverman, at last year's July 4 pancake breakfast. Others have continued his tradition of raising money to augment the fireworks display.



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Supermarket shelved

Many Andover residents bid a sad goodbye to Market Basket in Shawsheen Plaza this week. Ethan Lazar, 3, and Anya Lazar, 6, shop with their mother, Karen Lazar, of Andover at the market on North Main Street. "We've been shopping here for as long as we've been here," Karen said of the closing store. Story, more photos, page 11.

New bridge won't shut Main St.

State to eye other options

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

As the state begins to make plans to replace the North Main Street bridge over the commuter rail tracks, one thing is for sure: construction won't close the thoroughfare.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's preliminary plans called for Route 28 (North Main Street) to be closed completely and traffic detoured while the bridge is replaced. But DOT has now agreed to look at alternatives to closing North Main Street, including erecting a temporary bridge over the old one while work is done, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

A public hearing on the project is planned for September, when designs should be one-quarter complete, said Stapczynski. Although still in the design phase, the project won't include closing that portion of North Main Street, he said this week.

Construction should begin sometime in 2011. The bridge, near Railroad Street and Sweeney Court, is a stone's throw from the public safety center and right in the thick of downtown traffic.

"We'll be meeting over the summer. The goal is to have a public hearing on design in September," he said. "The design downfall of keeping the bridge open is that it will take longer to construct."

Although safe, the state says the bridge is structurally deficient and requires frequent maintenance and inspections. The length of time needed to replace the bridge varies with different designs. Estimates range from one to four years.

In April, Stapczynski had sent the state a letter stating that any design calling for complete closure of the bridge would be "unacceptable."

Selectmen no longer name new hires at meeting

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Finding out who the town is hiring with taxpayer money has become more difficult.

Before this spring, selectmen would take time every meeting to approve people recommended by the town manager and department heads to fill vacant town positions, usually with little discussion. Now, there will be no mention of the individuals hired at all.

Jerry Stabile Jr. became board chairman this spring, and has instituted a new procedure of voting once on the entire batch of hires instead of going through the list and reading the names aloud, one-by-one.

With the change, taxpayers who want to know who is being hired to fill town positions would need to come to selectmen's meeting and pick up a list of that week's hires, or request one from the town manager's office.

Previously, people not at the meeting could hear the list read on the cable recording of the meeting, broadcast both on television and online.

"What I'm doing is [making it so] that we don't have to go through, line item by line item. We

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MHL budget pays to hire asst. director, reopen library Thursday nights

A town position intentionally left vacant to save money in fiscal year 2010 has been filled. Susan Katzenstein, assistant director of the Haverhill Public Library, has been hired as assistant director of Memorial Hall Library and will make \$69,861 per year. Katzenstein starts in Andover July 12. With the hire comes the elimination of another library job, a full-time interlibrary loan director position vacated June 30 by a retirement. The savings created by eliminating the interlibrary

loan job will allow the library to reopen on Thursday nights, said MHL Director Beth Mazin. Fiscal year 2010 budget constraints caused the library to close at 5 p.m. on Thursdays for the past year. "The assistant director will take up some of those tasks (of interlibrary loan)," said MHL Director Beth Mazin. "In reorganizing as well, we were able to reopen for Thursday nights, starting July 1." The assistant director position remained vacant after Mazin was

promoted from assistant director to director of MHL in July 2009. Mazin, who has worked at MHL since 1987, replaced retiring director Jim Sutton. The plan was to keep the assistant director position open through FY2010, with Mazin covering as many tasks for both assistant director and director as she could, said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. "Because I had been assistant director, I knew I was going to try it (both jobs) for a year," said Mazin. "We hunkered down and

we got it done for a year, but in the long run, we need an assistant director. We can't move forward without that layer of management." For fiscal year 2011, which begins today, July 1, eliminating the interlibrary loan position allows for the hiring of the assistant director and reopening Thursday nights, said Stapeczynski. Between fiscal years 2010 and 2011 the library's budget is essentially level-funded, said Mazin, increasing just 0.7 percent.

"She (Mazin) had laid out a whole budget program. It was very clear in her budget presentation (before Town Meeting), her staffing plan and change in hours, and it was supported by all," said Stapeczynski. "The assistant director position was posted, and we had both internal and external applicants (apply). She really thought this out and presented it in a way that was supported. It was very well organized, and orderly on her part." Katzenstein was selected by a search committee of Mazin,

two library employees and two library trustees. She has worked at the Haverhill library for two decades and was head of their reference department before becoming assistant director, said Mazin. "She has excellent interpersonal skills," said Mazin of Katzenstein. "She also instituted self-checkout in Haverhill (where patrons check themselves out if they want to). We would like to implement that here in Andover, so she has skills that will be helpful."

Winners on the water



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The team of Shawn Burke of North Andover and Kirk Olson of Andover were the first to cross the finish line in the annual Canoe Race on Lake Gardner in Amesbury.

POLICY: Want to know who was hired? Go to the meeting

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just say we approve the list 'as printed in the agenda.' We're not trying to keep it from anyone, it's printed in the agenda," said Stabile. "It's a public document,

you can come to the meeting and get it, or call the town manager's office."

Stabile later told the Townsman he also would look into having the list of hires and appointments included with selectmen agendas that are posted on the town Web

site, andoverma.gov.

The procedure change came after Stabile sat down with Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski to discuss how selectmen's meeting could be run more efficiently as he became chairman, he said. "The board is there to discuss

items on the agenda, and then move on. From my perspective, all I'm trying to do is run the meeting more efficiently," said Stabile. "It's just trying to keep the meeting moving."

FY2011 brings leadership turnover

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Fiscal year 2011, which begins today, July 1, will bring many new faces into the ranks of town and school leadership.

A new superintendent will welcome students on the first day of school, a new town clerk will run town elections and Town Meeting, and over the winter, new directors will take over the Plant and Facilities Department and the Department of Public Works.

An assistant director for Memorial Hall Library was hired in mid-June, and a new principal begins at Doherty Middle School this week.

The turnover is mostly due to a crop of employees reaching retirement age at the same time, said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

"We've been talking about succession planning and this turnover for several years," said Stapeczynski. "Just as when these folks were hired - they brought new ideas in, changes and good practices - we're looking for that same kind of energy, enthusiasm and passion they brought to the job, in the people that will replace them."

SUPERINTENDENT

The superintendent's large, windowed office on the second-floor of the school administration building will be occupied once more on Tuesday, July 6.

Marinel McGrath will begin as Andover's new superintendent after the July 4 holiday, said School Committee Chairman Dennis Fergie.

McGrath, Andover's former assistant superintendent and superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham regional schools, was

hired in March to replace Superintendent Claudia Bach, who left the district April 29.

McGrath signed a three-year contract with the district and will be paid \$195,000 per year.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Longtime DPW Director Jack Petkus will retire in early December 2010, said Stapeczynski. The town will start advertising the position in October, do interviews over the fall and hire Petkus' replacement to start in January 2011.

As Petkus retires, the take-home vehicle included in the DPW director job description will be removed, said Stapeczynski.

PLANT AND FACILITIES

The retirement date for Joe Piantedosi, Plant and Facilities Department director, was officially June 30. Although town staff threw Piantedosi a retirement party June 22, he will remain working as "acting plant and facilities department director" until the end of January.

Piantedosi is the owner's project manager for the new school being built to replace Bancroft Elementary. He will continue with the project through the summer and fall, as many of the major design decisions are made.

"He's got so much on his plate, particularly with the school. We were hesitant on changing someone so early into the project," said Stapeczynski.

For FY2011, Piantedosi will continue in the same capacity but will be paid hourly instead of a salary, said Stapeczynski.

The town will start advertising and collecting applications

for Piantedosi's replacement in the fall, said Stapeczynski.

As with the DPW director, the take-home vehicle included in the plant and facilities director job description will be removed, said Stapeczynski.

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Robin Wilson will begin at Doherty Middle School this month, hired in June to replace outgoing Principal Theresa McGuinness Darby.

Wilson, principal of Pentucket Regional Middle School, was picked after a two-month search process. She will make \$115,608 per year in Andover.

McGuinness Darby, Doherty principal since 2008, left to pursue a doctorate full-time at Boston University.

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

This month, a search committee referred two candidates to incoming Superintendent Marinel McGrath to consider for school business administrator, said School Committee Chairman Dennis Fergie.

The schools have operated with an interim business manager since October; the search for a permanent replacement was stalled as the state studied the possibility of combining Andover's town and school finance departments. After the state recommended hiring a permanent school business administrator this spring, the search resumed and interviews were conducted by the search committee, said Fergie.

How soon a business manager is hired is up to McGrath, who

could pick between the two recommended candidates or reopen the search, said Fergie.

The business administrator job had been advertised offering a salary range of \$105,000 to \$115,000 annually.

TOWN CLERK

Longtime Town Clerk Randy Hanson retired March 12, but has been filling in as "acting town clerk" as the town searches for her replacement.

Hanson will stay through July, as candidates are being interviewed.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski collected a first batch of resumes for a Jan. 22 deadline but did not hire any of the four candidates he interviewed, reopening the search and accepting another batch of resumes through May. Stapeczynski said he hopes to hire a new town clerk this month.

As acting town clerk, Hanson makes \$50.43 per hour. She also collects a retirement pension of \$4,820.91 per month, according to human resources.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department is seeing three men retire during June and July: Firefighter James Landry Sr., Lieutenant Armand Guilmette and Deputy Chief Lincoln Clark.

Four rookie firefighters will begin July 1, hired for department vacancies carried through fiscal year 2010, said Chief Michael Mansfield.

The vacancies created by Landry, Guilmette and Clark's retirements will go unfilled.

"The three vacancies will be for FY2011. My budget is built on carrying those vacancies," said Mansfield.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This is what Main Street in downtown Andover looked like in the 1950s. Old Town Hall is the gabled building in the center.



NOW: This is today's downtown Main Street.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



A lot of kids wanted to be part of the event, but I was selected. I think that puts a lot of responsibility on my shoulders to do a really good job.
 - Andover resident Amanda Muzzey, 10, a member of the Youth Corps supporting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day 60-mile walk, who has already met her goal of raising \$1,000, thanks to meeting the band Boys Like Girls. Story in Townspeople, page 9.

President Franklin Pierce found a second home in Andover, known as the "Summer White House." Andover was also the site of a heartbreaking event in the then-president-elect's life... The accident killed his 12-year-old son.
 - From this week's "Andover Stories" column, about presidential visits to Andover through the years. Column, page 6.



Misconduct investigation at water plant continues

Town officials are not releasing any additional information as police and the district attorney continue to investigate possible "improprieties" by one or more employees at Andover's Water Treatment Plant.

When asked if any town employees had been put on paid or unpaid leave, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he could not comment.

Stapczynski released a brief statement on Wednesday, June 23, stating a report of employee misconduct at the Water

Treatment Plant was being investigated. He refused to give further information this week, only saying "it's an active police investigation."

John Pollano, water treatment superintendent, has been "on vacation" last week and this week, said Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus. Petkus said he could not comment on the investigation.

The water treatment plant on Lowell Street is one of seven divisions within the Department of Public Works.

Selectmen, Stapczynski, Police Chief Brian Pattullo and Tom Urbelis, the town's lawyer, met in a closed-door session on Monday, June 21 to discuss the allegations.

When reached Tuesday, June 29, Major said the group will have more executive session meetings on the issue, but another meeting has not yet been scheduled. The board is "in waiting mode" this week, he said, and has no new information to release.

An internal investigation was launched after Stapczynski

received a report of "alleged improprieties by an employee or employees of the town of Andover water treatment plant," read Stapczynski's June 23 statement.

"Upon the town manager determining that there may be credibility to the allegations, the town manager directed the Andover Police Department to investigate further. That investigation is currently ongoing in conjunction with the Essex County District Attorney's office."

- Bethany Bray

14 River Street trees could be cut to make way for homes

Selectmen have approved the removal of 14 trees directly across the street from 83 River St., the location of Taylor Cove, a proposed affordable housing subdivision by developer Todd Wacome.

The approval is contingent on Wacome's receiving all the necessary permits and beginning construction. If he does not get all his permits, or never starts construction, the trees will stay. The group includes three

14-inch diameter white oak trees and 11 red oak trees ranging from 10 to 24 inches in diameter.

Under the business name Taylor Cove Development, Wacome, an Andover resident, has applied

to build 32 three-bedroom townhouses. One-quarter of the units, eight condos, would be affordable housing units. Some neighbors have opposed the development.

- Bethany Bray

Lottery for affordable home

There will be a lottery for an affordable home off Route 133 in Andover.

MCO Housing Services will hold a public information meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2010 at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover to discuss the

affordable three-bedroom townhome unit at Wild Rose Estates, available to qualified people for \$175,000. Contact MCO Housing Services at 978-456-8388 for questions, or view the affordable unit online at mcohousingservices.com.

Lyons given CLT's endorsement

James J. Lyons, Jr. has won the endorsement of CLT's 2 1/2 Political Action Committee in his election bid for State Representative from the 18th Essex District.

CLT's 2 1/2 PAC, the political arm of Citizens for Limited Taxation, was created to support candidates who would defend Proposition 2 1/2 in the State Legislature. It now endorses candidates who support taxpayers on a variety of issues, and uses the CLT Legislative rating to identify pro-taxpayer legislators.

Francis J. Faulkner, executive director of the PAC, said in a release that the group endorsed Lyons based on his strong support for tax limitation. "We need to put people like Jim Lyons in the State Legislature to continue the fight for the income tax rollback and to block any attempt to impose new taxes. Lyons has proudly taken the taxpayer protection pledge. This pledge asks candidates to 'oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes,'" she said.

L'Italien office hour July 12

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien will hold constituent office hours at the Andover Senior Center on Monday, July 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Either L'Italien or her legislative aide will be available to meet with any interested

residents. Residents can also speak directly with L'Italien's office anytime by calling 617-722-2380. L'Italien represents the 18th Essex District which includes precincts 1, 7 and 8 in Andover.

License plates fund Merrimack River monitoring

A grant from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust was recently received by the Merrimack River Watershed Council. The \$30,000 grant will be used to continue monitoring the quality of the water in the Merrimack River.

The Trust has grown to

become the Commonwealth's premiere environmental philanthropy since its inception in 1988. Its primary source of income is environmental license plate revenue which has funded more than 400 grants totaling approximately \$15 million.

Book a road test via the information superhighway

As part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's ongoing efforts to strengthen customer service and reduce wait times at the Registry of Motor Vehicles customer service center, MassDOT Registrar Rachel Kaprielien today announced that road tests can now be booked online at Web site mass.gov/rmv.

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convenience to the RMV online branch could help reduce the demand on the call center by approximately 260,000 callers a year.

In the last 18 months, MassDOT RMV has made the online branch at mass.gov/rmv the busiest by adding a dozen new website transactions, which resulted in 39 percent more customer traffic.

Astronomy camera donated to Merrimack

Merrimack College's astronomy students will be able to observe the night sky much more clearly with the recent donation of an Apogee U16M CCD camera to the Mendel Observatory. The new camera will be used to study image detail in deep sky objects to an extent that was not possible before.

Valued at about \$10,000, the new camera was installed on the Mendel Observatory's OGS telescope and will allow students to gain experience on the use of a wide-field imager on a large aperture telescope. Students in introductory astronomy courses will use the camera, in addition

to advanced astronomy classes where the telescope and CCD cameras will be used to study short period variable stars.

"We are grateful to Apogee Instruments for this generous gift. The experience that our students get with our current narrow field imagers is one of the highlights of the course," said Dr. Ralph Pass, adjunct professor of physics at Merrimack. "This new camera will only make this extraordinary experience better by extending the area that can be observed and allowing students to view short-period variable stars in globular clusters."

Elder Services of Merrimack Valley wins award

The Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention has recognized Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. with an award "for its commitment, awareness, and efforts to prevent suicide within the elder population." By working with the Mass Coalition, Elder Services was instrumental in developing an intervention and counseling program, and training over 195

professionals and volunteers about elder suicide, signs of risk, and the appropriate response and action for an elder at imminent risk of suicide according to the group.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 1

FOURTH OF JULY COOKOUT, hosted by Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, Haverhill Campus, Technology Center, Room 103, S10 and must be purchased in advance; Charlene, from NECC's Life Long Learning, 978-556-3825, cboucher@necc.mass.edu.

EXHIBIT OPENS, "Cycles & Seasons," with works by artists Margot Stage and Glenn Szegedy, through July 25, The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS, North Andover, music by Stephen Savio from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Town Common, North Andover.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

FREE CANOE PROGRAM, 11 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at Forest Headquarters parking lot, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, with park interpreter, Bob Anderson. Basics of canoe handling and water safety discussed with a guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's ponds. Canoes provided, bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, a camera and your own life vest if you have one, otherwise one will be provided. Limited to 16 adults over 18. Pre-registration required; 978-475-7972.

ANDOVER FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS, dusk, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road.

LIVE MUSIC, Summer Series opens, Maudslay Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, with Barrence Whitfield & the Savages, 7 p.m., \$18-20, under 12 free, rain or shine; maudslayartscenter.org, (978) 499-0050.

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS, North Andover, noon to 9 p.m., live music by Singer, Guitarist Joe Sambo, free tours of Parson Barnard House, family picnic on the Common from 5 to 8 p.m., Road Race at Drummond Playground at noon, VFW Beer and Wine Tent at 9 p.m., fireworks at dusk at NA Middle School.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

ANDOVER FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS, 8 to 11 a.m., pancake breakfast, live jazz, 8 to 9:30

a.m., Horribles parade, 10 a.m., kids entertainment until noon, The Park, Chestnut & Bartlet streets; 978-623-8274.

MONDAY, JULY 5

PATRIOTIC SING-A-LONG, The Gooding's sing Patriotic tunes, 2:30 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

BIBLE STUDY, with Wendy Werin of Free Christian Church, 10 a.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC, Tim Barrett-country singer, 2:30 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

TOTS-N-TYKES, Tuesday summer series through Sept. 15, led by teachers from Little Sprouts & Imagine That, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5 per child, Winnekini Castle, Kenozia Avenue, Haverhill; pre-registration is www.imaginehat.com/WinnekeniCastle, 978-521-1686.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

LIVE THEATER, Stoneham Theatre presents "Always ...Patsy Cline," starring Becky Barta, 7:30 p.m., through July 25, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, stonehamtheatre.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

LIVE FOLK MUSIC, with Sarah Harmer, the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, 8 p.m., \$22-24; 978/462-7336, firehouse.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

GRECIAN FESTIVAL & CLAMBAKE, hosted by The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich, at Hellenic Community Center, 117 County Road, located at the intersection of Rtes. 1A and 133 in Ipswich, 1 to 11 p.m.,

LIVE PIANO, with pianist Matt McCabe, 3:15 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

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FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES



All ready in their restored "Bozomobile" for the 2009 Horribles Parade are sisters Elizabeth Payne, left, and Katherine Payne, center back. They are with their friend Anna Zdunczyk, all of Andover.

Schedule of events

Saturday, July 3

■ Fireworks at dusk, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road

Sunday, July 4

Family Fun, the Park, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets
 ■ 8-11 a.m.: Pancake breakfast
 ■ 8-9:30 a.m.: Live jazz
 ■ 9 a.m.: Line-up for Horribles Parade
 ■ 9:30 a.m.: Horribles Parade
 ■ 10-11 a.m.: Monkey & Me Entertainer
 ■ 10-11:30 a.m.: games & prizes for the kids
 ■ 10:30-noon: Live music with Middlesex Concert Band

Fireworks July 3, parade and pancakes July 4

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover residents might not notice the difference as they eat their pancakes and celebrate Independence Day in town, but Andover firefighters will be running the show for the first time. The spatula was turned over to them because the Department of Community Services' Recreation Director Kim Stamas has said paying for the event, which can attract 6,000 people, is impossible due to DCS budget cuts. The event ends up costing the host about \$3,000.

Selectmen briefly voted to cancel the breakfast in 2009 after a similar concern last year but changed their minds quickly.

This year, firefighters have stepped in, with the 64-member Andover Fire Department offering to take over. Apron-clad



Spectators take in the fireworks display at Andover High School last year. The display is held at dusk July 3.

firefighters will voluntarily staff the grills, pour the batter and park a fire truck at the Independence Day party.

"It will be a seamless

transition," said Lt. Scott Gibson of the AFD. "We had a great response from the guys and are looking forward to the Fourth." Dues deducted from

firefighters' paychecks for the Firemen's Relief Association will cover costs. While about \$8,000 is needed up front, about \$5,000 of that comes back to the account from breakfast sales.

"They're even paying the salaries of our kids (from DCS) who staff all of the games on the Fourth. It's such a huge help," DCS Director Mary Donohue said.

The pancake breakfast runs from 8 to 11 a.m. The Horribles Parade, filled largely with youth and their red, white and blue-decorated bicycles and wagons, kicks off at 9:30 a.m., with those interested lining up at 9. There is other entertainment, including music and games during the morning.

Fireworks in Andover are always set off the night before on Saturday, July 3, at dusk, at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

Sunday ride



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Tim Gibson, 16, of Andover, does a skateboard trick as he and his friends, left, Ian Whitney, 15, Lorenzo Raponi, 16, and Maximilian Centrella, 16, all of Andover, hang out with their skateboards in the parking lot of Ann's Cleaners on Sunday.

Free concerts in Park begin Wednesday

Free summer concerts are ready to fill the air downtown with music each Wednesday, starting next week.

Community services' summer concert series in the Park, at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, will kick off with a free performance of "Ben Rudnick and Friends" on Wednesday, July 7 at 6 p.m. Andover families are invited to bring picnic blankets and arrive early to get a good spot. Last year, one Andover family brought a card table complete with tablecloth and picnic nibbles for the extended family.

Since the release of Emily Songs in 2000, Ben Rudnick and Friends have been playing family friendly music featuring "instantly humable, original songs and fun spins on well known traditional material." Their recordings range from light folk to bluegrass, calypso and rock. Booklist Magazine said in its January 2003 issue, "What comes though is a distinct personality, far from the slick, polished anonymity found on some popular recordings for this age group."

The group, however, believes its music appeals to all age groups. Drawing on the



Tony and Theresa DiToria dance during one of last year's Wednesday night concerts in the Park.

original songs and traditional material from their recordings, Ben Rudnick and Friends integrate classic songs such as "Route 66," "Oh Boy!," "Jambalaya/Hey Good Looking," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and Beatles' tunes into their sets.

Ben Rudnick began writing family music

SUMMER SELECTIONS

July 14: 60s Invasion Music from the 60s
 July 21: The BackBeat Stage Band Beatles
 July 28: The Riverboat Stompers Dixieland Jazz
 Aug. 4: Peking & The Mystics (a cappella)
 Aug. 11: Four Guys in Tuxes requests
 Aug. 18 and 25: Rain Make-up dates

for his daughter's fourth birthday party. Ben Rudnick and Friends began playing these songs in libraries and on town greens and before long found themselves in much larger and more diverse venues: New York's Lincoln Center, Boston's Hynes Auditorium, repeat engagements at notable folk venues such as Club Passim and Café Lena, baseball stadiums, Lowell's Boarding House Park, and theaters, museums and celebrations from Maine to Colorado.

In the event of rain, the concert will be postponed to Aug. 25. Call the Andover Community Services info line after 3 p.m. for a rain schedule at 978-623-8279.

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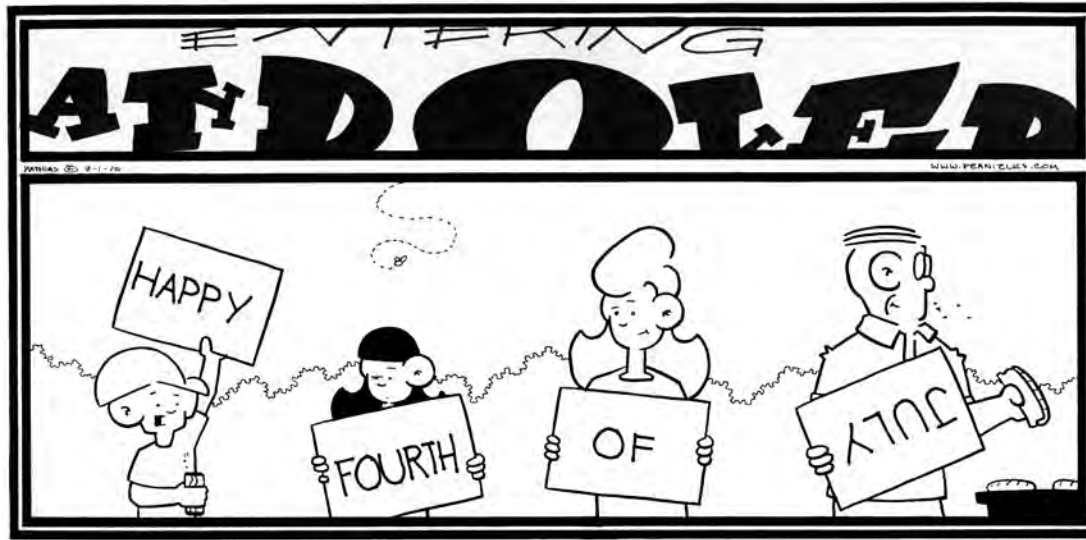
Weather permitting, all summer series events will be held outdoors. In the event of inclement weather conditions concerts will be moved inside the Rogers Center. All events are subject to change. For more information, contact the Merrimack Box Office at 978-837-5355. All events are free of charge.

The movie series - complete with both movies and thought-provoking commentary - gets underway on Wednesday, July 14 with "Young Mr. Lincoln." On Wednesday, July 28, the Rogers Center will be screening "My Darling Clementine." The movie series comes to a conclusion on Wednesday, Aug. 4th with "San Francisco." All of the movies begin with a commentary at 6:30 p.m., followed by the film at 7 p.m.

The Concert Series kicks off on Wednesday, July 21, with the big band styling's of Monument Square Brass. On Thursday, Aug. 18, veteran singer-songwriter Jon Shain, combines improvised piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing, and ragtime. Both concerts begin at 7 p.m.

These events are made possible by the contribution of the Tambakos Film Collection, and are supported in part by grants from the Methuen, Andover and North Andover Cultural Councils, and local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, JULY 11

LIVE MUSIC, Maudslay Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, with Black Sea Salsa, 2 p.m., \$8-10, under 12 free, rain or shine; maudslayartscenter.org, (978) 499-0050.

GRECIAN FESTIVAL & CLAMBAKE, hosted by The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich, 1 p.m.-dusk, see July 10 listing.

MONDAY, JULY 12

MEET MISS TEEN MASSACHUSETTS, Kendall Wipff of Andover visits Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, 2:30 p.m.; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

TOTS-N-TYKES, Tuesday summer series through Sept. 15, led by teachers from Little Sprouts & Imagine That, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5 per child, Winnekenni Castle, Kenzoza Avenue, Haverhill; pre-registration is www.imaginehat.com/WinnekeniCastle.

GALLERY RECEPTION, Endicott College, 5 to 7 p.m., free, for show of 28 reduction woodcuts of Gloucester and Essex by Don Gorvett,

gallery talk at 6 p.m., live music follows with Daisy Nell and Captain Stan and their band "Crabgrass," Heffler Visiting Artist Gallery at the Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETING, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 32 Park St., North Andover, speaker is Chip Faulkner, CLT Associate Director; Mike Mosca, 978-681-1890.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

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, 10 a.m., presented by Northern Essex Community College; Ernie Greenslade 978-556-3862, egreenslade@nec.mass.edu.

MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER, in the ballroom of The Tewksbury Country Club, 7 to 11 p.m., adults only, in memory of Raymond A. Lalumiere of Haverhill, who died of cancer last April. Money raised cover the costs of his funeral expenses; hgazette.com/obituaries for obituary, Lauren Boccelli of online radio show THE VOID is the contact.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

FREE CANOE PROGRAM, 11 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at Forest Headquarters parking lot, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, with park interpreter, Bob Anderson. Basics of canoe handling and water safety discussed with a guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's ponds. Canoes provided, bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, a camera and your own life vest if you have one, otherwise one will be provided. Limited to 16 adults over 18. Pre-registration required; (978)475-7972.

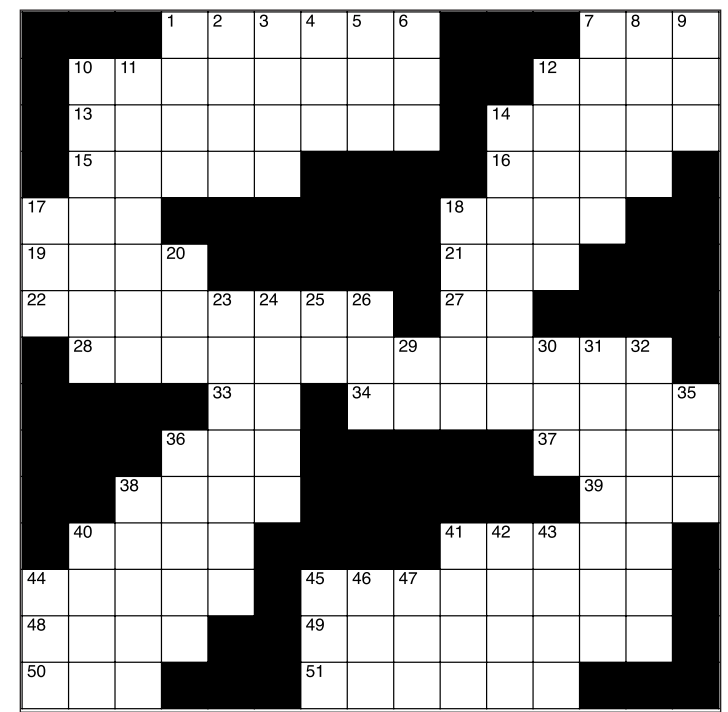
LIVE A CAPELLA, Boston's own Five o'Clock Shadow group, 8 p.m., \$18-20, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport; 978/462-7336, firehouse.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

BENEFIT GOLF OUTING, for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer programs, 4 p.m., Rolling Green Golf Course, 311 Lowell St. (Rt. 133), Andover, \$50 for golf and a cookout after; Carrie, carrierorisi@gmail.com or 415-420-1450.

FAMILY FUN DAY, Camp Hadar, 92 Hooker Farm Road, Salem, NH, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., swimming, kayaking, arts and crafts, sports, music and kosher lunch; reservations at 603-898-6883, info@camphadar.org.

Crossword puzzle



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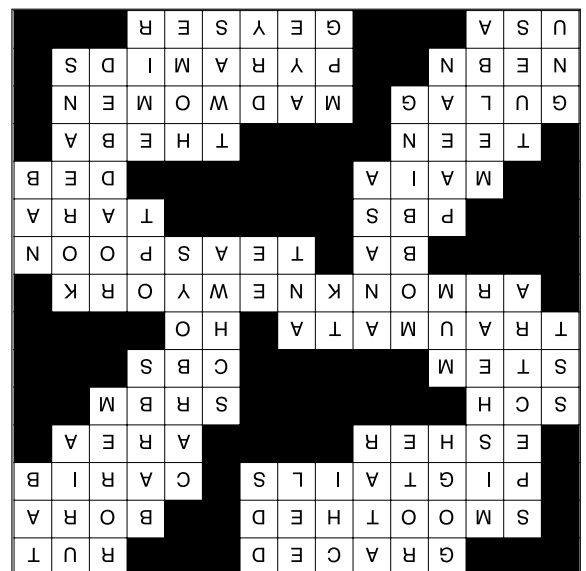
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- Expanse of a surface
- Schedule (abbr.)
- Nuclear near reach weapon
- Flower stalk
- Ed Murrow's network
- Serious injury
- Atomic #67 (abbr.)
- IBM's home town
- Undergraduate degree
- Small cutlery for fluids
- Non commercial network
- Scarlett's home
- Mother of Hermes
- A young woman
- White garden snail genus
- Network of Russian prison camps
- Insane females
- North-east by North (abbr.)
- Figures with

CLUES DOWN

- Painter Vincent Van
- Memorization
- Essential oil from flowers
- 22nd Greek letter
- Snakelike fish
- Tooth caregiver
- "Air Music" composer
- Lord of Searing Flames
- The bill in a restaurant
- Rainbows and ranges
- Misunderstand speech
- Cutting remarks
- Bottles for corrosives
- Very fast airplane
- Neutral middle vowel

- Not inclined to speak
- Thronging
- Squash bug genus
- Bangladesh currency (abbr.)
- Emmet
- Poet ___ Cummings
- Make a choice
- Highway foundation
- Citizens of Seoul
- Grab
- Panegyric
- Peach ____, dessert
- Weekday (abbr.)
- ___ the night before Christmas
- Family residence
- Muslim ruler title
- Large African antelope
- Gas usage measurement
- Yes vote
- Not wet

Solution



Free flicks in July for grandparents, grandkids

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

For many kids, visiting grandparents is a summer ritual. But catching a movie with the grandkids can be a bank-breaker for grandparents on a fixed income.

"The movie theater snacks are more than the movie ticket. It's crazy," said Karen Payne Taylor of Andover Senior Center.

A trip to the movies is easily a \$15 per person event and out-of-the-question for some grandparents.

Payne Taylor said grandchildren's visits are very much looked forward to by Andover seniors and the Andover Senior Center wants to help this summer.

A three-part summer series featuring free G-rated movies is planned. Held on three Mondays

FREE MOVIES

- Monday, July 12: Up
 - Monday, July 19: Fantastic Mr. Fox
 - Monday, July 26: The Princess and the Frog
- All movies shown at 1 p.m., on big screen TV, in the air-conditioned Andover Senior Center.

Popcorn, candy, soda under \$1 each.

said. "We think this is a good way to do that."

In addition, the center is planning other inexpensive events for grandparents and grandkids, such as puppet shows. Dates and times are still being worked out.

Seniors will be able to enjoy a more adult big screen experience in August, when movie classics

will be shown each Monday. Give My Regards to Broadway, 42nd Street, Oklahoma and The King and I are planned.

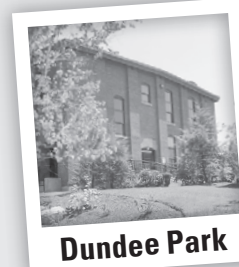
"We plan to offer a number of opportunities to get seniors out of the heat and have some simple summer fun. Folks should stop by the center to find out everything we are offering," Payne Taylor said.

in July, Payne Taylor said she hopes grandparents bring their young grandchildren.

"We want to offer simple entertainment and we also want to keep seniors cool," Payne Taylor



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Obituaries

Virginia R. DeBiase, 91

ANDOVER — Virginia R. (Swanson) DeBiase, 91, of Andover and formerly of Cranston, R.I., passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at Wingate of Andover.

Virginia was born in Cranston to the late Emil and Gertrude (Larson) Swanson. She was one of the original residents at the Andover Commons and was a very active member of the Andover Commons Socialites. Virginia loved to cook and dance, however her greatest passion was her family and grandsons.

Virginia was the beloved wife of the late James R.V. DeBiase and is survived by her daughter, Darlene A. Lynch and her husband Joseph of North Andover; her grandsons, James and David; her siblings, Marian

Ciunci and her husband John of Florida and Harold Swanson and his wife Mary of Rhode Island; and her brother-in-law, Louis DeBiase of Rhode Island; as well as her many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended her funeral Mass on Saturday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Michael Church, North Andover. Interment followed in the Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover. Visitation was held prior to her funeral Mass on Saturday from 9 to 10 in the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. For those who wish, Virginia may be remembered through donations to Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, 360 Merrimack St., Building 5, 2nd Floor, Lawrence, MA 01843. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guestbook, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Onelia DiCenso, 70



BOSTON — Onelia (Susi) DiCenso, 70, of Boston, died Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Boston.

She was the daughter of Loretta and the late Domenic Susi of Boston; and the devoted wife of the late Frank DiCenso. She was the loving mother of sons, Frank J. DiCenso and wife Debbie of Andover, Domenic M. DiCenso and wife Maria of Lynn; and daughters, Loretta M. DiCenso of Woburn, and Tina L. DiCenso-Fleming and husband Gary of Boston; and cherished grandmother of Nicholas,

Victoria, Domenic and Anthony.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated today, Thursday, July 1, at 9:45 a.m. in St. Leonard's Church, at the corner of Hanover and Prince Streets in Boston. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Mausoleum in Malden. Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday, June 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Boston Harborside Home of J.S. Waterman and Sons-Waring-Langone, 580 Commercial St., Boston. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Onelia DiCenso to the North End Community Health Center, 332 Hanover St., Boston, MA 0211; or to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Boston Harborside Home J.S. Waterman and Sons-Waring-Langone, Tel. 617-536-4110.

Nancy A. Patterson, 75



METHUEN — Nancy A. Patterson, 75, passed peacefully on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Tufts Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Katherine (Vary) Clarkin. She'll be remembered for her abundant love, grace and charitable heart by all that had the privilege to know her.

She was a devoted mother to her four children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and extended family. She is survived by her son, James K. Patterson of San Diego, and wife Kristen, and grandchildren, Brooke Patterson, Alexandra Layus, Dan Layus and wife Nina, great-grandchildren, Eloise and Townes Layus, and grandchildren, Melissa and Zachary Hand; daughter, Jean (Patterson) Fournier of Andover, and grandson, Brendan Robert Fournier; daughter, Kathy (Patterson) Marble of Andover and husband Tom and granddaughters, Stephanie, Cynthia and Jennifer Marble; and son, Robert J. Patterson Jr. and wife Christine of Centereach, N.Y. She is also survived by her former husband, Robert J. Patterson of Carlsbad, Calif. and brother/sister-in-law, Kenneth and Nancy Patterson

of New York and five nieces and nephews and 13 grandnieces and nephews in New York, Florida, New Jersey and Boxford.

Nancy spent nearly half of her life in the Andover area and worked in real estate, as an executive secretary for several companies including RCA in Bedford, and as a Leasing Agent for Forest Acres in Bradford. She played the piano, loved music, and volunteered for many years supporting the Arts through Northern Essex Community College and Maudsley Arts Center summer concert series. She also served as both secretary and treasurer on the board of directors of the Riverside Drive condominium association. She was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Andover. She will be missed by all.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours on Thursday, July 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. are in the care of the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 2, at 11 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 198 Hagggett's Pond Road, Andover. She will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery in Tewksbury. Flowers are welcome. Memorial contributions made to St. Robert's Bellarmine Church to further the Christian missions of the parish or to the American Heart Association will also be very much appreciated by her family. For directions or online condolences visit our Web site at www.cataudellafh.com.

■ 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 youngwidowsandwidowers.org.

Alzheimer's Support

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



Joanna E. Ponti, 95

ANDOVER — Joanna E. (Scalora) Ponti, 95, of Andover, passed away peacefully Friday morning, June 25, 2010 after a brief illness.

She was the widow of the late Joseph F. Ponti with whom she shared 38 years of marriage prior to his death on Jan. 29, 1987.

Born in Waterbury, Conn. on May 13, 1915, she was raised in Lawrence and lived in Andover for more than 45 years. The mother of five children, she was the retired owner of Sweeney's Liquors in Lawrence.

An accomplished seamstress, Mrs. Ponti took pleasure in nothing more than the opportunity to repair a grandson's torn jeans or to design a new dress for one of her girls. For many years, she enjoyed the company of her friends at the Andover Senior Center. She will be missed immensely.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph Ponti and his wife Joan

of Andover, John Ponti and his wife Susan of Hawaii; one son, Michael Ponti of Andover predeceased her; two daughters, Paula MacPherson of Lawrence, Joanna Ritchey and her husband Stephen of Rhode Island; two sisters, Rose Marasco of Andover, Dr. Dorothy Albanese of Scarsdale, N.Y.; one brother, William Scalora of Narragansett, R.I.; nine grandchildren, Joseph and Jake Ponti, Joanna, Elizabeth, Megan and Robert MacPherson, Stephen and Michael Ritchey, Lauren Ponti; many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral from the Diaz Healy Funeral Home, Inc., 107 South Broadway, opposite St. Patrick Church, Lawrence. Visiting hours were Tuesday, June 29, 2010 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home's South Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial took place, Wednesday, June 30, 2010 in St. Patrick Church, 118 South Broadway, Lawrence at 11 a.m. Interment followed at Bellevue Cemetery, May Street, Lawrence. Condolences may be registered at www.diazhealy.com. In lieu of floral tributes, a gift to honor Mrs. Ponti's memory may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

Clifford Poole, Sr., 83



LAWRENCE — Clifford Poole, Sr., 83, of Lawrence, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2010 at Holy Family Hospital, Methuen.

He was born in Lawrence and was the son of the late Harry and Arline (Deady) Poole. Clifford was educated in the Lawrence school system.

He worked as a truck driver for the Teamsters (Local 49) for over 30 years.

Clifford was an avid fan of Rockingham Park. He loved horse racing and fishing. Clifford proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Clifford is predeceased by his wife, Alfia (Freda) Lanzafame; two brothers, Howard Poole and Harry Poole; and a son-in-law, Dennis Evans. He is survived by

his son, Clifford Poole Jr. and his wife Rebecca of North Andover; daughter, Camille Evans of Methuen; a brother, Leonard Poole and his wife Mary of Andover; grandchildren, James Poole of North Andover, Laura Smith of South Carolina, currently serving in Iraq in the U.S. Air force, Dennis Evans Jr. and Donna Evans, both of Methuen; and great-grandson, Nicholas Evans of Wilmington. Clifford is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. His funeral Mass was held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St., North Andover. Burial followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, North Andover. For directions and condolences, please visit our online Web site at www.cataudellafh.com.

Mabel A. Rockwell

NORTH ANDOVER — Mabel A. (Arlit) Rockwell, of North Andover, died Friday, June 18, 2010 at The Meadows at Edgewood in North Andover.

Mabel was born in Lawrence to the late Herman and Una (Smith) Arlit. A lifelong resident of North Andover, she attended North Andover schools, graduated from Johnson High School, and was employed as a bookkeeper at Davis and Furber, and later at the Hay Seales Exchange until her retirement.

An avid bowler, she played on local bowling leagues including the Stadium Lanes Bowling League. She was also a member of the North Andover Country Club.

Mabel was the wife of William

P. Rockwell and is survived by her daughter, Tiffany Jesudian of North Andover; and by her three sons, Shawn A. Rockwell of Lisbon Falls, Maine, Dr. W. Bradford Rockwell of Salt Lake City, and Timothy T. Rockwell of Andover. Also among her survivors are her sister, Jean French of Florida; and her brother, William Arlit of North Andover. She was predeceased by a brother, John Arlit.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was offered on Monday, June 28, at 10 a.m. at Edgewood Retirement Community, 575 Osgood St., North Andover. Arrangements are under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. To offer online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



President Calvin Coolidge with Phillips Academy Headmaster Alfred Stearns in 1923.

Presidential visits to Andover, from Washington to Bush



Andover Stories
Katie Gohn
Andover Historical Society

Since the founding of the nation, Andover residents have welcomed presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush into this little corner of the world. Whether it was for a single meal or for years of education, Andover boasts an impressive history of presidential presence.

Washington came through Andover on Nov. 5, 1789, on his tour of the eastern states following his inauguration. In his diary from that year, he writes that he enjoyed breakfast at the Abbot Inn on Elm Street. While at the inn, the president bestowed a kiss on the cheek of Priscilla Abbott, innkeeper Isaac Abbott's daughter, who handily repaired the president's riding glove. During his visit, Washington toured the newly founded Phillips Academy and attended a reception hosted by Judge and Madame Phillips. Impressed by his visit, he recommended that his nephew, George Corbin Washington, attend.

On July 1, 1833, President Andrew Jackson came to Andover on his way to Cambridge to receive an Honorary Degree of Laws from Harvard College. Aware that he was unpopular among New Englanders, President Jackson and Vice President Martin Van Buren sought to make a successful tour of the North. They were welcomed at the Andover town line by the ringing of bells and the firing of artillery. Although in frail health, the president spent the night at the Mansion House at Phillips Academy. In the morning, he gallantly addressed students and citizens from horseback.

Years later, President Franklin Pierce found a second home in Andover, known as the "Summer White House." His wife's sister lived here, and the president and his wife visited frequently. Andover was also the site of a heartbreaking event in the then-president-elect's life. While traveling on a train between Boston and New Hampshire two months

before his inauguration as the 14th president, one of the train axles broke, sending Pierce's car into an embankment near Frye Village. The accident killed his 12-year-old son, Benjamin Pierce, causing the president and his wife extreme grief.

Phillips Academy hosted numerous presidents throughout its long history. Former President Theodore Roosevelt attended his son Archibald's 1913 commencement from the academy. That same year, former President William H. Taft was an honored guest and speaker at the academy's Founders' Day celebrations. In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge addressed students, faculty and residents in honor of the school's 150th anniversary.

Massachusetts native John F. Kennedy was no stranger to Andover; as it was one of his many senatorial campaign stops. In 1959, Senator Kennedy attended a reception in front of Memorial Auditorium, where Joseph Sullivan of the Andover Democratic Committee prophetically introduced Kennedy as the future president of the United States.

Before he became commander-in-chief, President George H.W. Bush spent five years studying at Phillips Academy. As president, he returned to Andover in 1989 to honor the 200-year anniversary of President Washington's visit. On this visit, the president praised the academy for giving him numerous life skills that served him well as president.

On May 11, 1996, during Andover's 350th Anniversary celebration year, Andover again welcomed Mr. Bush. That evening, he attended an anniversary banquet at Merrimack College, one of the many spectacular events of the anniversary celebration.

George W. Bush followed in his father's footsteps, attending Phillips Academy from 1962 to 1964. He played for the Academy's baseball team and led a charge of school spirit as the head cheerleader during his senior year.

Presidential presence in Andover is well documented and well remembered, and repeated visits from U.S. Presidents can be viewed as testimonials to Andover's cordial hospitality, exceptional educational institutions and rich history.

Andover Stories are appearing each week as preview to the celebration of the Andover Historical Society's 100th anniversary in 2011.

Coping with Loss

A bereavement support group will be held at the Dracut Council of Aging, Mammoth Road, Dracut on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is free and open to the public. All interested individuals must register. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 for additional information and to register.

Chronic disease

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

Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working together to make choices

that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

Down syndrome

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

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; lymesite.com.

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 978-475-0875.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading. Call Dottie at 978-851-7655.

Multiple sclerosis

New multiple sclerosis support group is forming in Andover. Date, time, location to be announced. Contact Judy, wakefam4@comcast.net. There are also three other support groups for multiple sclerosis in the area: Dracut — TW'S Pub, 10 a.m., second Wednesday of month, call Lori at 978-441-0515 or Carolyn at 978-459-7531, Atkinson, N.H., at Atkinson Community Center, 10 a.m., third Wednesday of month, call Helen at 603-382-1222; and Methuen at Nevins Nursing Facility, 10 a.m., fourth Monday of month, call Marcia at 978-474-0075.

50th Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of



TERRIE ROSS

Born On: 7-6-1960

Passed On: 12-19-2007

Sadly Missed By: Steph, Mike, Nana, Sisters-in-Law, Brothers-in-Law, Bob, Nieces, Nephews and Friends

Nothing can ever take away,
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps her near.

Opinion

SUNDAYS WITH PENNY

Free flow of information

It's certainly not the end of Andover democracy as we know it. But the selectmen's decision to begin approving new hires, committee appointments and reappointments with one quick, nondescript vote is wrong-headed. It's wrong-headed because it is all about making the business of government more convenient for officials instead of more accessible for residents. And it removes the oversight and positive pressure on officials of knowing there will be public scrutiny involved with filling jobs and powerful assignments.

Until recently, selectmen would take a few minutes during most meetings to name and approve people recommended by the town manager and department heads to fill vacant town positions. It usually happened with little discussion, and was little more than a rubber stamp. Now, there will be no mention of the individuals hired at all, thanks to a new procedure implemented by Chairman Jerry Stabile Jr. He has the board voting once on the entire batch of decisions. "We just say we approve the list 'as printed in the agenda.' We're not trying to keep it from anyone," Stabile said to reporter Bethany Bray. "It's a public document, you can come to the meeting and get it, or call the town manager's office." Previously, people could get the information by watching the cable broadcast. The procedure change has been made because Stabile wants meetings to run more efficiently, he said.

Efficiency has its place, but not when for all practical purposes it makes it harder for the public to know the names of people appointed to high-paying jobs and important positions such as the Town Yard Task Force, which brought forward the \$22 million plan to move the town yard.

The decision to keep more hidden the names of those hired and appointed should not be a big surprise. When the League of Woman Voters asked candidates this year if they had any concerns about the free flow of public information Stabile found no areas that needed improvement. He wrote, "It is up to you to get informed and there are many ways to do it."

The decision is also part of a larger trend toward quicker decisions at the expense of providing less discussion. Town Meeting now has created strict time limits on individual comments, and residents have begun calling for votes even while many people stand in line to offer information.

We've noted many times that most of the money in Andover's budget pays for salary and benefits. The public spotlight should be on the issue of whether Andover needs all its positions it is filling. Instead, the public won't even know how many rubber stamps are being pulled out at selectmen's meetings. At the June 7 meeting, selectmen approved nine employee hires, complete with the usual package of salary and benefits. At the June 21 meeting, they approved 12 hires and three pages of committee appointments, to everything from the Town Yard Task Force to the Zoning Board of Appeals. How many people are going to come to each meeting to get a copy of the list to ensure appointments are going to highly qualified people?

America was founded on the idea of a government for the people. But the bigger government becomes, the less responsive it is. And American government at all levels keeps growing. As he left Independence Hall at the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Benjamin Franklin is attributed with telling a citizen that America now had "a Republic, if you can keep it." The recent change is a small one. But Andover should strive to be as open and responsive to citizens as possible. Citizens should demand it.

WEB QUESTION

No more names?

Last week's question: The town is considering stopping all curbside recycling and/or trash pickup at larger multi-family complexes and private schools.

With 74 people voting in our web poll, 45 percent of voters said "Private schools should not get town pickup, but multifamily complexes should."

Second choice, with 28 percent of the vote, was "Both should get town pickup."

Third choice was "Neither should get this service," which was favored by 24 percent of responders.

The option "I'm not sure" received 3 percent.

No one voted for "Private schools should get town pickup, but multi-family complexes should not."

This week's question: To make meetings run more quickly, Selectman Chairman Jerry Stabile Jr. recently instituted a procedure to approve town appointments and

reappointments all in one batch, instead of reading the names aloud, one by one. Before, residents watching the meeting from home on cable TV would hear the names read and know who the town was hiring or appointing to a town board. Now if residents want to know who has been hired, they must attend the meeting or contact the town manager's office to get a copy of the list. How do you feel?

■ The names should be read aloud, one by one.

■ The names don't need to be read aloud.

■ Make the list of names more easily accessible, but don't take up meeting time reading the whole list.

■ It doesn't matter to me.

■ None of the above.

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



Penny Brown, of Andover, relaxes with a morning cup of coffee Sunday in Andover.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teachers union's leaders vote against Arizona law

Editor, Townsman:

A majority of members of the Andover Education Association's Executive Board voted for the following motion, "We disapprove of the State of Arizona Law (SB1070) which would require law enforcement officials to question anyone who is suspected of being an undocumented person. We further recommend to our members that they boycott traveling to the state of Arizona until such time that the state stops racial profiling which may adversely impact members of this Association."

As president of the Andover Education Association I am very pleased with this vote, which shows disapproval of a law that makes racial profiling an acceptable practice. Members of our association pointed out that they would be treated differently than other members, if they were to travel to Arizona because of the color of their skin.

It is my hope that other public progressive organizations consider taking a position in opposition to this discriminatory law.

TOM MEYERS
Lawrence

President, Andover Education Association (educators' union)

Declaration of Independence illuminates world still

Editor, Townsman:

The Fourth of July is known as a holiday celebrating America, but really what we honor on July 4 is the Declaration of Independence and the men who wrote and signed it. Showing our appreciation of that historical event with a major holiday is the least we can do. The vision of government concisely laid out in the Declaration's preamble constitutes one of the most important advances in human history and represents the essence of what separates our country from the rest of the world.

Here is the logic of the earth-shaking document written by Thomas Jefferson:

It is "self-evident" that people by their nature can only thrive by living in certain ways. First, we aren't invincible, so we can't live in a society where people can threaten and hurt each other without consequence. Second, each of us is good at and enjoys doing certain things. If we are prevented by onerous taxation or outright prohibition from doing what makes us happy, we can't thrive.

The purpose of government is to recognize those "unalienable" facts and ensure that rules are adopted in accordance with

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them. If a leader abjectly fails to implement those rules, his subjects can and should rebel.

It's easy to forget just how daring those ideas are. Jefferson was condemning the notion that kings or even democratically elected legislatures can legitimately claim to know better than the lowliest citizen what makes him happy. In Jefferson's vision, each individual, consistent with the dignity inherent in being human, must pursue his own ends so long as he doesn't hurt others by doing so.

The Declaration told the king and legislators of the wealthiest nation in the world, with the most powerful military and most influential thinkers, that the leaders of a weak, fractious America had discovered the fundamental principle of government that had eluded all of the other philosophers and leaders throughout history.

The world we live in today is the direct consequence of the Founders' ideas and their courage in signing their Declaration. That is why we celebrate the Fourth of July. Just as fireworks shed light on a dark world in a brilliant, beautiful burst, so too did the Founders dazzle and illuminate the world with their Declaration of Independence.

JOHN THORLIN
115 Summer St.

Candidate for state representative

Candidate Commene is a person of action

Editor, Townsman:

I want to spread the word about Patricia Commene who is running to be our state representative. She is intelligent, caring and has one extremely important trait that is not always talked about, but is needed in political office: common sense. You might not have heard about Commene yet, but please take the time read about her and contact her with your questions or concerns.

Commene comes from a family with a strong work ethic. She

held three jobs until she married her very supportive husband, Tom. For the last 20 years she has dedicated her professional career to being a public servant, as a certified rehabilitation counselor. Commene chose a career that has her assisting individuals with severe disabilities with opportunities for personal and financial gratification by being part of the work force. She makes a real difference in the quality of the lives of the people she works with and I believe if elected to office, she can make a real difference in all of our lives. Her long-term employment by the state lets her see what had worked and what hasn't.

In the many years I have known Commene, worked with her and have been lucky to have established a friendship with her, I have seen what a hard worker she is. She does not just delegate work to others. She's a person of action whose energy to get things done rubs off and therefore people enjoy working with her. She's not your typical politician. She wants to be a full-time representative. She understands people and businesses are really hurting due to the severe economic recession. She knows that we need practical options to getting people back to work. She is a good listener, creative thinker and a person of action. She's a humanitarian above all else, caring for all people: rich, poor, young, old, Democratic or Republican.

On June 16, well over 100 people attended Pat Commene's Kick Off at the Chateau restaurant. We heard her give a rousing speech where she pledged to work for change. Changes that will take into account the needs of all individuals living in the 17th Essex District. Commene said we need a to bring badly needed rehab to Beacon Hill. Who is better equipped to this than a lifelong rehabilitation counselor?

SHERRY V. GORDON-SHULIK
35 Clark Road

Silberstein a pro-education activist

Editor, Townsman:

As a resident deeply committed to the education of Andover's children, it is refreshing that, this September, voters will have the opportunity to send Debbie Silberstein to the Statehouse as our next state senator.

I have known Silberstein for over 10 years as a member of the Service Club of Andover and her work with our Career Mentoring Program at Andover High School. I have seen her leadership skills in action it's the type of leadership that gets results. She was instrumental as chairwoman of the Andover School Committee

in navigating through the maze of financial challenges to insure that education in this town was a top priority. She understands what fiscal responsibility means and has the experience, wisdom and interpersonal communication skills needed to get things done on Beacon Hill.

As a mother, an education activist and a small business owner, she understands we don't need to choose between being fiscally responsible and improving education. We can do both if we have the leadership, discipline and courage to use new ideas to solve old problems. She is not an insider or a politician, she's a community activist and a public servant. That's important because we won't change Beacon Hill if we don't change the people we send there. I urge you to vote for Silberstein as our next state senator.

LEN D'INNOCENZO
Orchard Street

Finegold helped in difficult time

Editor, Townsman:

In the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti, we left no stone unturned to bring our now adopted daughter here. The Townsman reported on this. We were able to bring her here through a program established by both the U.S. and Haitian governments for children who had been in a legal adoption process prior to the tragedy in Haiti. But of course eligibility for a government program and actually getting it to work for you can sometimes be two different things. So I would like to compliment Rep. Barry Finegold and his staff for the prompt attention they paid to our situation. Government worked for us in the end. Furthermore, Finegold guided us in the completion our daughter's adoption in the Massachusetts courts per the directive of the federal government.

Since we live in North Andover, we are not Finegold's constituents. However, in his bid to become a Massachusetts Senator, I wanted to point out his fine service to our family, which I expect many others have experienced as well.

ANDY WESCOTT
142 Abbott St., North Andover

Market Basket will be missed

Editor, Townsman:

We thank the staff and owners of Market Basket in Shawshen Plaza Andover for giving our community 44 years of such good service. We will miss you.

ELAINE AND CARROLL BAILEY
2 Chestnut St.

THURSDAY FILE

"Internet space in our country has become the wall of a public toilet."

— Hong Joon-Pyo of South Korea's governing party, during a government crackdown on cyberspace slander and bullying

"Giving up is the ultimate tragedy."

— Robert Donovan

"Being on par in terms of price and quality only gets you into the game. Service wins the game."

— Tony Alessandra

"The goal as a company is to have

customer service that is not just the best, but legendary."

— Sam Walton

"Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught."

— Winston Churchill

"You'll never have a product or price advantage again. They can be easily duplicated, but a strong customer service culture can't be copied."

— Jerry Fritz

"There is only one boss. The customer. And

he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else."

— Sam Walton

"What scares me is a life without hope; a life without choices; a life without passion."

— Sumner M. Davenport

"If you want to be creative in your company, your career, your life, all it takes is one easy step: the extra one. When you encounter a familiar plan."

— Dale Dauten

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Jessica Bunting and her daughter, Joely, 5, of Andover, stop to look at the remains of a massive stone wall during a hike through the Skug River Reservation.



TOWN TALK

Making waves against cancer

Andover resident Michele Fox will swim in a relay team 22 miles through Boston Harbor on July 16 in the Swim Across America Boston Harbor Islands Swim to support pediatric cancer survivorship programs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This will be Fox's second Swim Across America. The cause is personal to her, as her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009.

The Boston swim is a 22-mile, relay-style, open water swim that starts and finishes at Rows Wharf. Each participant swims in 15-minute sessions between

four and six times throughout the day.

"Little did I know how personal this swim and cause would become," Fox said in a press release.

"Nothing can explain what it feels like to hear that a loved one has cancer."

A lifelong swimmer and member of the North Shore YMCA Masters swim team, Fox is a physical therapist with the Northeast Rehab outpatient clinic in Pelham, N.H. and an adjunct professor at University of Massachusetts Lowell in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

For more information visit swimacrossamerica.org.

School Committee hires new negotiations lawyer

The School Committee has hired a new law firm as they begin what could be lengthy, arduous employee contract negotiations. The committee hired the Boston-based firm of Deutsch Williams this month, said Chairman Dennis Forgue. Elizabeth Valerio will be the committee's lead attorney, he said.

Previously, the committee used Wellesley Hills-based Attorney Naomi Stonberg, who works with a number of area school committees, including Lawrence.

Deutsch Williams specializes in municipal labor relations, Forgue said.

"We did talk with some firms, and decided we wanted to have the depth of a firm as opposed to an individual practitioner. We decided a fresh set of eyes to the situation would be helpful," said Forgue. "We were very satisfied with services provided by Naomi Stonberg, and would speak very highly of her work as a labor attorney. We're greatly appreciative of the very competitive services she provided over a number of years."

— Bethany Bray

Most generous spa treatment

Customers at Andover Spa on Elm Street are most generous with their spare change when it comes to contributing to the fireworks jar for Andover's Fourth of July fireworks. Jar collector Myrna Silverman of Andover said the Spa raises the most money every year, with Perfecto's on North Main Street a close second. This year about \$400 was raised through jar collections.

— Judy Wakefield

No parking as Elm St. curbs get facelift

Downtown drivers may have noticed orange traffic cones bearing "no parking" signs along Elm Street during the past few weeks.

The disruption is temporary, as town crews put in new asphalt curbs from Whittier Street toward downtown to just past Florence Street, said Christopher Cronin, highway superintendent.

The curbs, or "bituminous berms," take several days to fully harden, and the parking ban protects the soft, newly-formed material, said Cronin.

The project, including materials, labor, loam and reseeding totals about \$10,000, or less than \$3 per foot, and should be finished by the end of this week, July 2.

"We have had problems with washouts and plows gauging up the curbs. It was unsightly," said Cronin. "This is an improvement, makes it easier for plows and makes the street a uniform width."

Over the summer, Elm Street is one of the many streets around town scheduled to have sidewalk maintenance, part of an ongoing sidewalk improvement project approved by Town Meeting, said Cronin.

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Little League season over, Hamer to step down



Liam Awiszus, at bat, waits for the pitch from Connor Moses in front of a mini Green Monster at "Hannah Bee Fenway Field" built by Kevin Cuff at his home on Beacon Street. The Little League team celebrated the end of its season with a cookout, swimming, and a Wiffle ball game.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Little League baseball players throughout town concluded their season with a variety of celebrations this week, from barbecue lunches and trophy ceremonies to wiffle ball games at a mini Fenway Park created by resident Kevin Cuff.

But perhaps no end-of-season ceremony was more meaningful than the one marking the end of "Coach Matt" Hamer's leadership as the organizer of and coach with the Challenger Division of the Andover Little League. The Challenger Division allows boys and girls with physical and mental challenges to play Little League, often paired with "buddies," players who can assist and encourage their teammates.

"It's truly amazing to me that 11 years have passed since I went to Andover Little League and told them about this great program that was lacking in our community. The League openly embraced Challengers, and it grew every year," Hamer said in a statement to parents. "For me, being involved with Andover Little League Challenger Division - and that means the kids - has always been a wonderful experience. It's been an absolute highlight for me, and I've looked forward to every Saturday and being on the field. Interacting with your children has been a gift to me - and for that, I am truly appreciative."

Hamer has been recognized for his kindness and work on the diamond by the Boston Celtics with its Heroes Among us Award, and by Andover's Professional Center for Child Development with its Children First Award.

The Challenger team will continue to play on next season, with Hamer offering some guidance, said PCCD's Ellen Waddill, "and he is looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to take over."



From left, Tim Stevens, shortstop from Tewksbury, Coach Matt Hamer of Andover, and Will Ward, second baseman from Methuen, pose for a photo at Andover Little League, Challenger Division's final game of the 2010 season. Hamer, who founded the division, will step down from his prominent role.



The Twins celebrate their tee-ball season. Top row: Matthew Shea, Tommy Li, Ryan Zhu, Jonathan Briggs, Owen Christopher, Manager Larry Shea; bottom row: Gwyneth Lapp, Ava Iannessa, Chris DeFeo, Trevor Maines and Tommy Russell. Missing from the photo are Coach Ed Sheehan, Mickey Sheehan and Owen Chen.

At 19th century Richardson School, 'refractory scholars' expelled

Bill Dalton



The Richardson School is long gone. I remember it being torn down in 1964. The pretty building, built in 1848, was set back from the corner of Lowell Street and Iceland Road. It stopped being a school in 1924, when it was replaced by the Shawshen School, which is used today as a magnet kindergarten through grade 2 school.

Richardson contained 48 desks in the large room and 15 desks in each of two smaller small rooms. The desks had ink wells and sliding cover, and sometimes two children sat at one desk. There was a well with a pump outside, and students were encouraged to compete pumping the handle fastest.

Richardson School originally served the old Chandler District, comprised of part of West Center and most of Frye Village, now called Shawshen. The school may have been named after Warren Richardson, who died in 1829. He'd been a partner with the owners of Smith and Dove manufacturing, who donated land for the school and made large contributions for its construction.

Andover's school districts of the 19th Century were governed by "Prudential Committees." These committees, made up of school district citizens, were in charge of building schools, hiring teachers, and looking out for the welfare of their students (often called "scholars"). The town's School Committee was responsible for administering exams and maintaining consistent academic standards.

According to Kay Noyes, an Andover historian and Townsman contributor in the mid and late 20th Century, long after being abandoned as a school, the town considered renovating

Richardson in the 1950s to address the issue of Andover's growing school population. It was decided it wouldn't be cost-effective, and the decision was the building's death knell. I remember looking in the dirty windows and seeing mostly dust-covered things that likely ended in the dump.

In a 1956 Andover Townsman, Mrs. Noyes described the school and its operation. The older male students, some as old as 19, went to school in the winter due to their need to work on the farms, and a male teacher was hired to handle these boys and men. In the summer, a woman teacher took over and instructed girls and young children. Both teachers lived with nearby neighbors.

The Prudential Committee created rules that were read by the teacher to the students at the beginning of each semester and every three weeks thereafter.

Here are the rules in my paraphrased form.

1. A scholar had to stay close to the school so he could be heard by the teacher if called.
2. Scholars could not enter adjoining orchards or fields or throw rocks in them, nor could they interfere with the passage of schoolmates going to and from school.
3. Anyone causing damage to the school house, out-house, or well pump would be reported to his parents and the parents were required to pay for the damage.
4. Continued problems were reported to the Prudential Committee who'd suspend or expel "refractory students," as they deemed expedient.
5. Teachers' duties included building a fire each morning when necessary and ringing the school bell morning and noon 10 minutes before school started.
6. No one under the age of 3 1/2 could attend.

It was as simple as that. Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be contacted at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

Band helps girl, 10, help cancer fight

Amanda Muzzey, 10, turned an encounter with the pop band Boys Like Girls into a pledge everyone can appreciate, according to her mom.

Amanda, of Woodhaven Drive, is the only child from Andover in the Youth Corps supporting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day 60-mile walk. The group and the event raise cash for breast cancer research, awareness and education.

Amanda recently went to a concert by the band Boys Like Girls with a sign that said "Andover Rocks." Singer Martin Johnson, who grew up in Andover, went to talk with Amanda, and Amanda talked to Johnson and his bandmates about the Komen event.

It turns out Johnson's mom



Courtesy photo

An Andover Rocks sign not only let Amanda Muzzey meet the band Boys Like Girls - from left: Paul DiGiovanni, Andover native Martin Johnson, John Keefe and Bryan Donahue - but the band was moved by her effort to support breast cancer research and education.

died of cancer, and his band effort, said Amanda's mother, Teresa Shanley. Amanda's

personal goal is to raise \$1,000. "It wasn't easy to get into the Youth Corps. I had to complete an application, write a lot of essays and do an interview. A lot of kids wanted to be part of the event but I was selected. I think that puts a lot of responsibility on my shoulders to do a really good job," Amanda wrote in a letter to friends and family seeking donations.

Amanda will attend Wood Hill Middle School in September. More than 2,000 people are expected to walk in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day from July 23 to 25.

Residents interested in helping Amanda raise money can go online to the3day.org, find Amanda's name and follow the directions to donate there.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

100 Years Ago: July 1, 1910

The Case of Elmer Shattuck of Ballardvale, vs. Dana Chase was tried in Lawrence on Thursday and decision rendered for the defendant. The plaintiff claimed that his land and that of the defendants adjoined each other in Ballardvale and that the defendants set a fire to burn brush and that there was a high wind and the fire spread over to the land of the plaintiff, burned over several acres of timber land, destroyed a barn and several camps. The plaintiff claimed that the destruction and damage were due to the negligence of the defendants and thus brought suit for \$500.

The annual picnic of the employees of the Tyer Rubber Co. takes place on Saturday, July 23, at Revere Beach. Special cars have been engaged for the occasion, particulars of which will be announced later. The committee in charge are David Rae, secretary; Edward McCabe, treasurer; James Gillespie, chairman of the committee.

75 Years Ago: June 28, 1935

Mrs. Grace Mayo of 76 Lowell street is resting comfortably at her home after sustaining injuries when she fell into an eight-foot ditch Monday evening about 10:30. The ditch had been dug in connection with work on Lowell street. Mrs. Mayo was walking home, and as she stepped aside to get out of the

way of an approaching machine, she missed her footing and toppled into the ditch.

About sixty men were started this morning putting in the gravel base for Salem street under the E.R.A. It is estimated that this work will take between two and three days. When this work is done, stone, tar and pea stone will be laid. The sidewalks and grass plot are also to be finished. The ERA has almost completed a new large 16- by 20-foot raft for the bathing beach. A water extension job on Chandler road is also being done, and work on Orchard street and Gould road is yet to be finished.

The chimney for the new boiler house at the Central schools has nearly reached its final height. Plans call for a height of 121 1/2 feet, and it is now around the 100-foot mark. The boiler house has been roofed over, and it was expected that sometime this week the floor would be poured. The boilers have not yet arrived.

50 Years Ago: June 30, 1960

Water records in the town were completely shattered the first two days of this week. Supt. Donald Bassett reported Wednesday morning that 5.1 million gallons of water were pumped during Tuesday, and that 4.7 million gallons were pumped Monday. Both days established new records for the town. Bassett said, however, that there is no problem with the supply of water, even though the dry spell continues.

A minimum of 2,325 children will be enrolled in public elementary schools here by 1963 and this figure may leap as high as 2,560 according to estimates of a school population survey committee. The school committee heard revised estimates from the committee of laymen at its Tuesday meeting. Former estimates must be upgraded by about 200 youngsters due to the fact that more families have moved into the community than had been anticipated in the statistical survey and that construction of St. Augustine's private school is not progressing as rapidly as had been predicted.

With only one abstention, three municipal boards have agreed to seize 32 acres of land on the west side of Lovejoy road for a new school. The land, belonging to John Noyes, has been the subject of somewhat agitated discussion recently, following a School Committee decision to ask for eminent domain proceedings.

Irving O. Piper, 29 Canterbury street, an active participant in affairs of the West Parish Church, has been appointed town clerk by Town Manager Thomas E. Duff. Mr. Piper, one of two applicants for the position, will work with Town Clerk George Winslow prior to Winslow's retirement, to assure his complete familiarity with the work. Mr. Duff made the appointment after Selectmen William Stewart and Russell G. Doyle warmly recommended Mr. Piper.

Quilt to celebrate work of Samaritans

The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, a program of Family Service, Inc., is celebrating its 30th anniversary by assembling a quilt that will commemorate the work of the Samaritans. Anyone interested in making a quilt square to remember or honor an individual or express a sentiment of their choice may contact

Family Service Inc., according to the nonprofit organization. The quilt will be displayed at a breakfast honoring current and past volunteers, which include over 700 people. The breakfast will be Oct. 14, at Andover Country Club, where the volunteers will be awarded with the Family Service Community Service

Award. "No one knows how many lives have been saved by having a caring person answer a call from someone who may be suffering from despair and loneliness. We certainly do know that the work of the Samaritans is vitally important to providing public awareness

about suicide prevention," Kay Berthold Frishman, executive director of Family Service Inc., said in a release. To obtain a quilt square or to get more information, call Rosey Gonzalez at Family Service Inc. at 978-327-6608 or e-mail her at Rgonzalez@familyserviceinc.com.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Grill nights begin: Discover what the staff calls "Andover's best kept secret," by joining an outdoor grill party on July 7 or 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Entrees available from \$4 with all the sides. Free entertainment from the Gentlemen Songsters on July 7. Reservations a must.

Men's Outdoor Adventures: Wednesday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m. at Lawrence Heritage State Park; Wednesday, July 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Shawsheen River Reservation. Call for information and to register. All hikes free of charge.

John Adams: Lecture and discussion based on David McCullough's biography of nation's second president, July 8 at 1:30 p.m.,

for \$5. Read the book first if possible, or come to listen and learn from Don Robb, local historian and scholar. Later, join a trip to Adams National Historical Park on July 22 at 8 a.m. for \$20. Pre-registration a must.

Tai chi: Thursdays, July 8 to July 29; \$16. Intermediate class.

Mass. Save Energy Forum: On Friday, July 9 at 9 a.m., learn about energy assessments, cutting energy costs, saving money and being pro-active before the next heating season. Free but pre-registration requested; light refreshments served.

Your digital camera and you: Monday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m., \$10. Learn about all the ins and outs of your digital camera from maximizing your exposure successes

to editing on the computer from Jack Holmes, professional photographer. All are welcome, pre-registration necessary. Under 60 and non-residents may register one week before class begins.

Four Seasons of Photography: July 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m., \$20. Begin a photographic journey that will span an entire year. Photograph in nature and then focus on editing and processing. Art exhibit at end of series.

Movie Matinee: Every Monday in July at 1 p.m., starting July 12. Bring the grandkids to enjoy an animated series on our large screen TV: Up, Fantastic Mr. Fox and Princess and the Frog. Free of charge, purchase candy and soda for no more than \$1 each.

Fun and Games: Play Wii, ping

pong, scrabble, checkers, and more for free every Tuesday in our Four Seasons Room, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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International evening



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Toasting at the Andovers Sister Towns Association gala honoring guests from Andover Hampshire, England, are John Collins of Andover Hampshire and Judy Goonyep of Andover, past president of ASTA. The event took place at the Stevens Estate, North Andover.



Sharing a laugh are Linda Kirk of Andover, Mass., left, president of ASTA, and Pat Simmonds of Andover, Hampshire, England, vice-president of ASTA, at the Andovers Sister Towns Association gala.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Village Garden Club welcomes new officers

At an Annual Dinner Meeting, the Village Garden Club celebrated the installation of the incoming board of directors for the coming year. Reports of the standing committees and power point presentation were presented by Helen Ann Knepper,

outgoing president. Special guest speaker of the Garden Club Federation, Northern District Director Joyce Backshi, offered words of inspiration and motivation for the future, to all the gardeners present.

New officers are ary Moran, President; Helen Ann Knepper, Co-President; Cheryl Mc Keough, 1st Vice President; Sue Roloffs, 2nd Vice President; Joanne Weightman, Secretary; and Ellen Mc Keough, Treasurer.

VNA tourney raises \$28K

The 11th annual VNA of Middlesex-East Golf Tournament on June 14 raised \$28,000 for the agency's Sawtelle Family Hospice House. Generous sponsors and a dedicated full field of golfers make the event a success year after year.

The tournament is held at the Andover Country Club and features 18 holes of golf on its

championship course, plus a barbecue lunch and awards dinner. Major sponsors included Dole and Bailey, Keith Dissel/ARK Insurance, Richard Sawtelle and Salem Five. Sixty individuals and local businesses lent their support with sponsorships.

The nine-bed Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading provides compassionate comfort care and support to patients and families during the final stages of life. VNA of Middlesex-East provides home health and hospice care in Andover and surrounding communities.

BOOMERVENTURE PROGRAMS

By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR
BOOMERVENTURE STAFF

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Boomer Bridge: Mondays, through Aug. 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., \$125 for six weeks or \$25 drop-in fee. Overcalls, limit and cuebid raises, takeout doubles and preemptive bidding brush up. Be prepared for a more advanced class starting August 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 on tai chi classes for July.

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Market Basket employee Kathryn Uggerholt of Andover checks out the last shoppers at the store in Shawsheen Plaza. All of the Market Basket employees at the closing store in Andover have been placed at other Market Basket locations.

So long, Shawsheen supermarket

Market Basket closes in town

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
 STAFF WRITER

Less than two days after the official closing of Andover's oldest grocery store, the red Market Basket sign was gone and the once popular shop was eerily empty. Signs thanking Andover patrons for 44 years of service hung in the windows and the notoriously congested parking lot was quiet. A piece of Andover history had moved out to make way for a brand new Andover business.

Stop & Shop now owns most of Shawsheen Plaza, the shopping mall off Route 28 near the Washington Park condominiums and the Shawsheen River. Market Basket was not asked to renew its lease, which expired yesterday, June 30. Stop & Shop will move in after renovating the space, and its new store is expected to be open by Oct. 15.

David McLean, who handles public relations for Market Basket, said the store's last day in



Retired Market Basket manager Ron Savage, left, greets patrons Sammy Ruthazer, 14, Maureen Ruthazer, center, Jake Ruthazer, 11, right, and Al Ruthazer, far left, of Andover, as they shop on closing day. It's certainly not the end of Andover democracy as we know it.

Andover, Saturday, June 26, "was as good as it could be."
 "We just want our customers to know that we look forward to seeing them in our other stores," McLean said.

He hosted a few "walk-arounds" for customers who asked. Some local shoppers have been shopping there since the Andover store opened in 1966.

Market Basket shelves have been half-empty for weeks.

There had been no ice cream for the past two weeks while just six half-gallons of milk were in a dairy case late in the afternoon on closing day. Non-perishable goods, like cereal, pasta and condiments, were somewhat more plentiful.

Few shoppers visited on closing day and workers said the low inventory was probably why. Those who did shop had mostly food staples in their bags.

"It's like losing a friend," grocery shopper Jennie Jeong of west Andover said just before the store closed at 6 p.m. "I'm not sure why, but I just always liked coming here."

For shopper Ron Galiazo of Crescent Drive, the convenience is what he'll miss most.

"I live close so that's what means the most," he said.

Longtime manager of the Andover Market Basket, Ron Savage, came out of his recent retirement to bid farewell to Andover shoppers. Dressed in a purple dress shirt and tie, he shook hands and small-talked on what he called a "very sad day."

"I was here for 25 years," he said. "I wanted to be here to say good-bye."

Savage said it was not only difficult to say goodbye to customers, but the staff is "like a family."

"We will never all be together again," he said.

The store's 100 workers were offered jobs at other Market Baskets. Former Andover store manager Mike Norton has been reassigned to the North Andover store.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, June 22 - At 12:33 p.m., Douglas G. Schramm, 44, of 40 River Road, was arrested and charged on a warrant for identity fraud.

At 10:01 p.m., Morgan Sakowich, 33, of 17 Brechin Terrace, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Wednesday, June 23 - At 5:54 p.m., four officers responded to a crash scene. At 6:18 p.m., Mary Ellen Michitson, 52, of 649 Primrose St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license, a second offense of operating under the influence of drugs, and possession of a class E substance.

At 11:18 p.m., a delivery driver reported being assaulted, with a male allegedly throwing a baseball bat at him as he was trying to make a delivery on Brookside Drive. At 12:24 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, Joel Valentin, 19, of 650B Brookside Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

Friday, June 25 - At 1:54 p.m., Richard A. Jensen, 45, of 23 Mill St., Woburn, was arrested and charged with open and gross lewdness.

THEFTS

Wednesday, June 23 - At 11:56 a.m., a Longwood Drive caller reported identity fraud.

Friday, June 25 - At 12:24 p.m., someone reported the theft of tools from a construction site on Chapel Avenue.

At 4:54 p.m., someone reported a bicycle had been stolen the previous day from behind Doherty Middle School.

Saturday, June 26 - At 11:54 a.m., a person reported the theft of a credit card while she was at a yoga class at 166 North Main St. between 10 and 11 a.m.

At 6:01 p.m., someone reported the theft of a laptop from Pearson Street.

Sunday, June 27 - At 2:18 p.m., a Hidden Road resident reported a past larceny.

BREAKS

Thursday, June 24 - At 8:48 p.m., a Chestnut Street caller reported returning home to find his garage door up, a bike left in the garage and one of his children's bikes stolen.

AUTO CRIME

Thursday, June 24 - At 8:16 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported the theft of the battery from her vehicle.

Monday, June 28 - At 5:49 a.m., a guest of an Old River Road hotel reported her car had been stolen. New Hampshire state police reported finding the car abandoned on Interstate 93 near Hooksett, N.H.

At 7:11 a.m., a Penobscott Way resident reported a window was smashed in their car overnight.

At 10:41 a.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported her vehicle had been stolen.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, June 22 - At 5:02 a.m., a motorist reported a male was jogging on Bailey Road in a jock strap and shirt.

Wednesday, June 23 - At 2:53 p.m., a Juniper Road resident called police after a man knocked on her door. A

responding officer found the man to be Paul Adams, who is running for state representative and knocking on doors to introduce himself to people in the neighborhood.

At 5:47 p.m., a restraining order was served to a person in the lobby of the police station, North Main Street.

Thursday, June 24 - At 3:25 p.m., a restraining order was served to a person.

After 5 p.m. Thursday night, police received numerous calls about trees and power lines down throughout town.

Friday, June 25 - At 3:29 a.m., police and an ambulance responded to a 45-year-old female resident who had taken too many sleeping pills.

Saturday, June 26 - At 6:04 a.m., a caller reported finding an old mortar shell while he was walking across from 26 Clark Road. Five Andover officers responded with barricades, the state police and bomb squad were called and responded. At 7:55 a.m., all units cleared and the barricades were removed.

At 6:53 p.m., there was a report of mailbox vandalism on Starr Avenue West.

At 8:31 p.m., police and an ambulance responded to a female who had attempted suicide.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, June 22 - At 4:54 p.m., a 911 caller reported a two-car crash on River Road. An ambulance responded for a female with high blood pressure.

Wednesday, June 23 - At 4:22 p.m., report of a hit-and-run crash on Main Street.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will introduce the **Next Generation Leaders Program** for young entrepreneurs 21 to 45 who want to get involved within the community on Thursday, July 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Salvatore's Restaurant - Outdoors On The Deck, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. The networking event will offer workshops on business development and leadership and volunteer opportunities to get involved in the community. The cost is \$10. For more information call 978-686-0900.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "**Women in Business Program**" luncheon on Wednesday, July 14, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at 123 Old River Road, Andover. Guest speaker will be Susan Leger Ferraro, founder and president of Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Center. The cost is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

Cathy McCarthy, the Andover office manager for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England, will retire after spending more than 32 years in the real estate industry.

McCarthy began her real estate career in 1978 in Connecticut and since that time has received numerous accolades throughout her stellar career including the Leading Edge Society Sales award, the Outstanding Manager award, and repeatedly won the Greater Hartford Connecticut Association of Realtors Top Producer award. Throughout her tenure with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, she was bestowed with

the Coldwell Banker President's Council award every year since its inception, and achieved the Top Essex County Real Estate Office award.

She has served as the chairwoman of Professional Standards Committee in Connecticut and Massachusetts, the MLSPIN board of directors, and NEAR Facilities committee, and she served on the Northeast Association of REALTORS-board of directors.

"Cathy has had a tremendous influence on this organization and she will be greatly missed by her peers and the hundreds of sales professionals whom she diligently mentored over the years," said Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England.

Erminio Grasso, manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Haverhill, has been appointed manager of the Andover office. Grasso will be responsible for the oversight of 74 sales associates serving Andover, and surrounding communities.

Grasso began his real estate career in 2002 and quickly became an award winning sales associate. He was appointed sales manager of the Haverhill office and has held that position for six years.

McCarthy is a life member of Penn State Alumni Association and a member of the Princeton Parents Group.

Grasso is a member of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS and the National Association of REALTORS and supports the Haverhill Salvation Army, Make a Wish Foundation, Ruth's House, and the Pine Street Inn.

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Education

Remembering J. Everett Collins, Andover Renaissance man

Ken Seifert



Some people you can meet for five minutes and realize you are in the presence of someone special. Some people are multi-talented and display it

without talking about it. Some people are community-minded and offer their talents to make the community a better place. Some people leave this world a better place than what they found it. Some rare individuals are all of the above. I have been privileged to know a few in my day.

Weeks ago Bill Dalton, in his column, noted J. Everett Collins could qualify as the most outstanding Andover citizen of the Twentieth Century. I knew J. Everett Collins since 1969 and he certainly qualified as a very special person. He was in a league of his own.

In my first month or so on the job, I was asked to observe J. Everett at the high school. He taught chorus and provided individual instruction. He was paid as an accompanist. He was in his 70s and I think the School Committee member thought he should be put out to pasture.

I went to the practice room and the maestro was directing about 30 boys and girls in a 16th century composition. In my day, at South Park High, you were considered a sissy singing such a tune. The rapport between the director and chorus was electric. It was filled with mutual respect and sincerity, and produced the sound of angels. After class, I introduced myself and told him how I enjoyed the experience. He thanked me for my thoughts, gave me his famous Santa Claus smile and wished me well in my career in Andover.

I went back to the School Committee member, shared what I had witnessed and said that as far as I was concerned J. Everett had that job for as long as he wished and was capable of doing it. How lucky we were to have such a person as a role model for our youth.

A few years later we instituted the Athletic Hall of Fame and the Fine Arts Hall of Fame. As master of ceremonies, it was a unique honor to install J. Everett as the first inductee into both halls of fame. That was no small achievement, and yet it was done without question. There were different crowds for each evening. When he was inducted the standing ovation was sustained and very moving.

When it was decided that the new high school auditorium was to be named the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts, we thought we would capture the moment when J. Everett received the message. Accompanied by a photographer from the newspaper we went to the practice room. I asked for their attention and told the class the new auditorium would be named in this gentleman's honor. He was stunned for a few seconds and then began to tear up. The photographer captured the moment and it made front page. There is no greater feeling than to see a deserving person receive what is appropriate.

I was there when he turned over the first shovel of dirt to start construction. He visited the site every day to see how it was progressing.

On opening night he walked to center stage amidst a standing ovation. Behind him, also applauding was the Boston Pops Orchestra. He was allowed to direct a selection and took his seat of honor in the audience.

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Mike McQuillan, back, Chris Newton and other students in Mary Robb's AP US History Class at Andover High School decorate a window at the CVS Pharmacy on Main Street illustrating different historical events that happened in the town. This is about the town's national championship soccer team.

AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Window dressing gives taste of Andover history

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The large stretch of windows facing Main Street at CVS is now decorated to pay tribute to important Andover history. A team effort between two AHS acronyms – the Andover Historical Society and Andover High School – produced the idea.

The historical society partnered with Andover High's Advanced Placement US History class to make this history lesson come alive.

Using the "Andover Stories" series, weekly columns about Andover history being published in the Andover Townsman, students made unusual local history come alive when they decorated the window during the last Friday of the school year, June 18.

Passers-by get to read all about the Andover stories when walking by CVS.

"It has been an exciting process for the historical society. The research and creativity of the students combined with stories and artifacts from our collection has made for a captivating display at CVS," said Carrie Midura of the Andover Historical Society.

"The cooperation of all involved also gets to the heart of our mission... We hope that passers-by will enjoy the stories and display while taking



Andover High School AP US History students who studied the history of Andover decorate the window at the CVS Pharmacy on Main Street. They have been working with the Andover Historical Society, which is celebrating its 100th year in 2011.

pride in the local history being shared by this younger generation."

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ACE seeks 500 donors

Private group supporting education challenges itself, community

The Andover Coalition for Education, the private group that played a key role in creating a new foreign language lab at Andover High and engineering labs at all three of Andover's middle schools, is taking on a new fund-raising challenge.

President Tina Girdwood said ACE's primary focus next year will be "the ACE 500 Challenge" – an effort to nearly double the number of people who have given money to the ACE effort so far.

More than 275 donors to date have supported ACE projects but ACE is hoping to encourage benefactors to pledge larger amounts that ACE will collect only if it can reach the 500-donor mark this year, said Girdwood.

"We're going to try to put together a number of donors who will pledge to put together a 'Rewards Pool' [ACE will earn] if we reach 500 donors," said Girdwood. "We hope to have a pool of money at the end of the road."

The effort to increase the number of donors also is hoped to raise the profile of the group.

ACE is preparing to celebrate its fifth anniversary on Nov. 5 at a gala party, during which it will celebrate its successes, such as the language lab, engineering program at the elementary and middle schools, and the addition

of the school system's grants coordinator. Grants Coordinator Lisa Glickstein has brought to Andover coffers state and federal grants totaling over \$1.2 million since 2006, said an ACE release. The grants coordinator position was fully funded by ACE for its first two years.

On May 24, ACE held its fourth annual meeting at Memorial Hall Library and elected to its Board of Directors Sarah Emerson, Tom Lazay, Phalgumi Shah and Debbie Silberstein. Tribute was also paid to board members Cynthia Egan and Tony James, both founders of ACE who will move to its Advisory Board.

Three other Advisory Board members were elected by the board at its regular meeting in May. They are Dara Casey, Lucy Vail and Ned Williams.

President Tina Girdwood, Vice President Eileen Woods, Clerk Jeanne Topham and Treasurer Karen Marotta were elected for two-year terms.

The treasurer reported that ACE has given more than \$285,000 in support of Andover schools since its launch in 2005. ACE says it "partners with the Andover Public Schools to support innovative systemwide initiatives that will inspire our students to succeed in facing today's global challenges." For more information, visit aceandover.org.

New young hero a cut above

By HARRY WOOD
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

YOUTH BOOK REVIEW: 'KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO'

From Harry Potter to Harold and his purple crayon, young heroes have been a staple of many different kinds of books. They bring an outlook on life and a type of character that has a very different feel from your normal adult protagonist.

In "The Knife of Never Letting Go" by Patrick Ness, two children are the main characters. In their travels, they are forced to do things far beyond their age.

Todd Hewitt is a 12-year-old boy, the son of a farmer. He lives in Prentisstown, a small, isolated settlement, with his dog Manchee. His life is a normal boy's life, except for three huge differences. One is that he is the last child to turn 13 and officially become a man. The second is that there are no women in Prentisstown, the result of a disease that killed off all the women years ago. This disease also had an effect on the men: they can hear each other's thoughts, and the thoughts of the animals around them.

However, among all this strangeness, Todd continues to live a relatively normal life. Until one day, when he is exploring the swamp with Manchee, and he comes across the strangest thing he has ever seen. A girl. With this shocking discovery, his life turns upside down. The leaders of his town suddenly are chasing him, and he must flee for his life with the girl and his dog, following a strange message telling him that he must warn the next town of something. As he continues to flee, everything he has been told about his history and the history of Prentisstown is brought into question. As he learns more about the girl he has found, the men that are chasing him, and even himself, he begins to realize the importance of the journey that he has embarked on, and the consequences he will face if he does not complete it.

In "The Knife of Never Letting Go," Ness has created a surprisingly dark storyline. He doesn't spare any of his characters from

heartbreak, trouble or injury. At some times, this even becomes a little bit too much. There are certainly some scenes (which I refuse to spoil for you) which could easily have been taken out, and saved the reader from a feeling of hopelessness that started to spread through me about three quarters of the way through the book.

All darkness aside, Ness did an incredible job in this book. The idea of a "noise," of being able to hear the thoughts of people and animals, is an intriguing idea, and Ness makes full use of it in the plot. Whether it's the inane thought process of a dog ("Pee, Todd. Poop, Todd. Todd?") bringing some light into the story, or the noise of a man approaching eerily exposing his sinister intentions, Ness uses the noise to create an entire range of emotions in the reader.

While an excess of morbidity in the story dampened the effect slightly for me, "The Knife of Never Letting Go" is a captivating, intense read, and deserves a 9 out of 10. This book does have violence, blood and death as a repeating part of the plot, and probably should not be read by people under the age of 14. There is also a sequel to the book currently out, titled "The Ask and The Answer," and a third book titled "Monsters of Men" due out in September. Patrick Ness has created a great entry into the list of child stars in the literary world with "The Knife of Never Letting Go," and has written a book definitely worth reading.

The writer is an Andover resident who writes book reviews for young adults and will attend Milton Academy this September. If you are a high school student interested in writing book reviews for the Townsman, contact editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com.

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Scholarship winner

Andover resident Christian Lightner was one of 28 New England students honored by the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, receiving a \$1,500 scholarship in the Write On scholarship contest. He received his scholarship June 21 at Gillette Stadium. For the scholarship, students submitted a creative essay about the 2009 Patriots season as well as an essay on their own volunteer experiences and why giving back to the community is important for people of all ages. The foundation received hundreds of submissions, and 28 winners were selected to receive a total of \$60,000 in scholarships.



Courtesy photo

Christian Lightner (center) is pictured with New England Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett (right) and Patriots Charitable Foundation President Josh Kraft.

Nine from Andover graduate from St. John's

Nine Andover residents were among the 305 to receive diplomas from Headmaster Albert J. Shannon during St. John's Preparatory School's 100th commencement exercises on May 23.

- **Joseph Burke Thibodeau**, National Honor Society member, received the Xaverian Award, which is given annually to the graduating senior who best epitomizes the values and traditions of Xaverian education;
- **Timothy Edward Lynch**, National Honor Society member, received the Academic Excellence Award for distinction in multiple disciplines;
- **Louis Cornelis Bouzon**;
- **John Keats Corbett**, National

Honor Society member;

- **Zachary Joseph Costello**, National Honor Society member;
- **James David Doherty III**;
- **Ryan Anthony Musso**;
- **Patrick Sullivan Renzi**, National Honor Society member; and
- **Eric Miles Struh**, National Honor Society member.

A Xaverian Brothers-sponsored secondary school for young men, St. John's in Danvers was founded in 1907.

In his remarks, Shannon praised the graduates for all they had achieved during their years at St. John's. He challenged them to put their talents to work for others.

Real world technology in action

Robotics club sees top-of-line security

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Students in Andover High School's newly formed Andover Robotics Club saw how technology is being used to find hidden bombs, drugs and smuggled goods during a visit to American Science & Engineering's Billerica headquarters before the end of the school year.

At AS&E, students were greeted by the company's Senior Vice President of Worldwide Marketing and Sales Robert Postle.

"With the rapid development of technology and increasing economic competitiveness around the world, it is critical that we have the smartest minds working at U.S. technology companies such as ours. We applaud the Andover Robotics Club for what you have achieved so far in your short life to inspire students in science and technology," he said in a release.

Postle explained that his company has spent 50 years developing advanced X-ray security systems that help combat terrorism, trade fraud, smuggling and illegal immigration by detecting threats and contraband. Such products are used at ports, borders, military forces, high threat facilities, government agencies, airports and other critical infrastructure.

Students rode in AS&E's "Z Backscatter Van," which has a "drive-by" capability allowing operators to conduct X-ray imaging while the ZBV drives past vehicles and objects. Such technology is used in war zones and at this year's Super Bowl, according to the company. At



Courtesy photos

Students laugh as a scientist shares how AS&E technology can be combined with robotics capability for remote detection of contraband.



Joe Reiss, AS&E vice president of marketing, explains how customs agencies around the world use the Z Portal X-ray system.

an outdoor demonstration facility, students also viewed a car entering the company's "Z Portal drive-through inspection system." While the car drove

through, students saw the image of the car on a computer monitor turn into a Backscatter image of itself from three sides in the adjacent screening room. This

view detected drugs hidden in the tires of the car. Border officials can scan more than a thousand vehicles a day, whereas it used to "take them five hours to disassemble a single car that it suspected of hiding illegal goods," according to AS&E.

The Andover Robotics Club was founded by Andover High School math teacher Minda Reidy last fall through the help of sponsors such as Punchard Trustees, Raytheon, KIPR, and parents. The club placed fourth overall in the Botball Regional Competition in April where students were tasked with designing, building and preparing documentation for a pair of autonomous robots.

"I am so proud of our students with all that they have achieved, and this is a terrific way to finish off the year," said Reidy.

She said the club plans to participate in the fall's FIRST Tech Challenge and return to the Botball Competition during its second year.

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| Evan Doyle | Isaac Kim | Nilesh Patel | |

SEIFERT

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He was an outstanding athlete and gifted musician. He served in some very serious

battles in World War I. He was a great father and grandfather. He served in local and state governments representing the people. He organized and directed church, school and community musical groups too many to mention. In many

capacities, he provided decades of community service. He even carried the yard markers for the high school football games for many years.

He was a humble gentleman and yet spoke his mind when he thought it appropriate. I

think his biography should be written and placed in perpetuity in the Andover Historical Society.

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

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In 1776, representatives from the various American colonies met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Continental Congress asked a committee to write a letter.

The Congress picked John Adams, Ben Franklin, and Robert Livingston of New York, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia and Robert Sherman of Connecticut.

This wasn't just any letter. It was a revolutionary letter telling the British government that the colonists had decided to govern themselves.

Of course, this was against the law! Each of the men risked his life by participating.

The committee asked Jefferson to write the first draft. He worked in secret on the treasonous document.

On June 28, 1776, the committee presented the draft to Congress. Congress declared independence on July 2, 1776. The language of the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted on July 4, 1776.

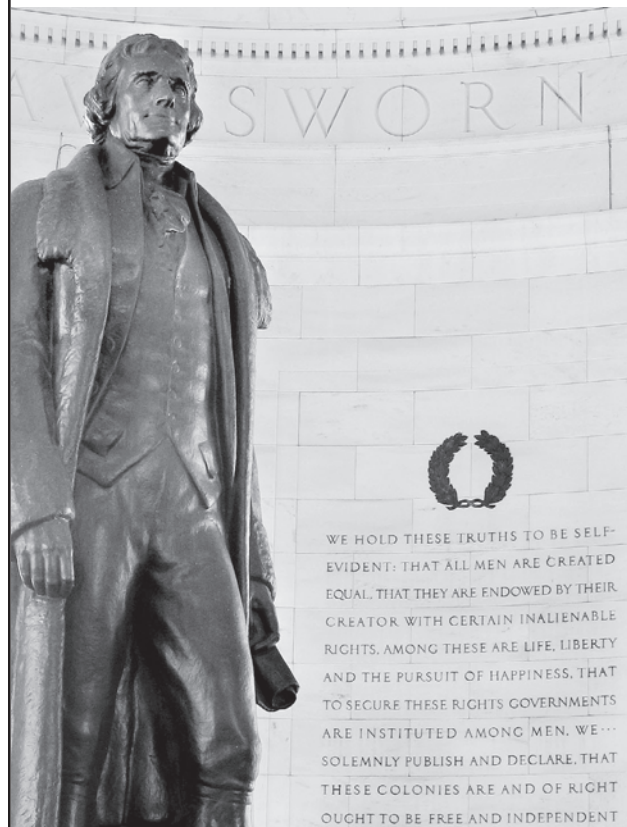
All the men who signed the letter risked their lives. The British could have hanged them for treason. Our founders were very brave people!

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As we celebrate Independence Day, remember those who sacrifice for our freedom.

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Andover's Dan Gusovsky takes a throw during an Andover Legion game against Newburyport. After developing his skills as a freshman backup at Wheaton College, he returns to lead the Post 8 squad.

THE FIELD GENERAL

Back from college, red-hot Gusovsky leads Andover Legion

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — Now more than ever, Dan Gusovsky has taken charge behind the plate. "I believe that I have developed more leadership ability and now have a greater understanding of how to lead on the field," said Gusovsky. "I may not be at the level to call a perfect game yet, but I am improving and the coaches are allowing me more freedom now than ever."



Dan Gusovsky

After spending the spring as

a student, learning the ropes of college baseball, Gusovsky is back in familiar territory for his third year as starting catcher and one of the key hitters for the Andover Legion Post 8 team that has opened the season 4-2 heading into Thursday. "Dan is excellent," said long-time Andover Legion coach Joe Iarrobino. "He has a very strong arm, does a great job of blocking balls and does a very good job with the pitchers. Having him for so long is like having a coach on the field." Gusovsky first won the starting job at catcher for Post 8 during the 2008 season. After initially splitting time with veteran Doug Hawkins, Gusovsky soon emerged as Post 8's go-to catcher and finished with a .387 average with 12 runs. He followed that by emerging

as the starting catcher at Andover High as a senior, after a knee injury derailed his junior campaign. He ended up hitting .324 with 17 RBIs, which tied for the team-high. He then returned for his second season behind the plate for the Andover Legion squad, batting fifth and again excelling behind the plate. During his senior season, Gusovsky committed to play baseball at Wheaton College, a school that already sported a trio of former Andover Legion stars including 2010 NEWMAC Player of the Year Dan Haugh. "My neighbor (pitcher) Kevin Calabro and other guys I played with were there," said Gusovsky. "They said great things about the program. From what they said, and what

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Dan Gusovsky is just one of the many former Andover Legion standouts that took the field for Wheaton College in 2010.

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE YEAR	POSITION	COMMENT
Paul Malaguti	Andover	Sr.	OF	NEWMAC First Team All-Conference pick
Kevin Calabro	Andover	Jr.	LHP	Finished 3-4 with 4.30 ERA and 31 strikeouts
Dan Haugh	St. John's Prep	Soph.	IF	Named 2010 NEWMAC Player of the Year
Dan Gusovsky	Andover	Frosh.	C	Appeared in 10 games in limited duty

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

YMCA's ANA Synchers Pave their Way to Nationals

Synchronized swimmers from all over New England and the Adirondacks, gathered for the Regional Age Group and Intermediate Championship recently. This meet was critical as it was a qualifying meet for Age Group Nationals, the largest synchronized swim meet in the world. Thirty-two swimmers from the YMCA Andover North Andover Synchers, the most ever in the team's history, qualified for Age Group Nationals being held in Tonawanda, N.Y., June 26-July 3. As a result of ANA's impressive showing in Connecticut, four team routines and 13 small routines are competing at this prestigious event this week.



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Thirty-two members of the YMCA's ANA Synchers have qualified for national competition.

Complete Results:
10/Under Intermediate: Team: (Silver)- Emily Qui, Ruby Remati, Olga Gorman, Emily Ma, and Katie McGuinness (Andover), Jennifer Li (Concord), Alicia Yang (Acton) and Lakshita Motwani (Dracut)
10/Under Age Group: Team: (Gold) - Grace Alwan, Lindi Schroeder, Riley Spring, Anna Lang, Reverie Nedde, Sophia Ju (Andover), Epke Paquette (Groveland), Jessica Wu (N. Andover). Solo: Lindi Schroeder - Gold, Grace Alwan - Bronze. Duet: Grace Alwan and Sophia Ju- Gold. Duet: Reverie Nedde and Anna Lang - Bronze. Trio: Jessica Wu, Lindi Schroeder, Riley Spring - Gold. Trio: Anna Lang, Reverie Neddie, Epke Paquette - Bronze.
11/12 Intermediate: Team: (Gold) - Isabel Dawson, Angela Szarek, Meagan McGuinness, Jennifer Morris (Andover), Francesca Sajedi (Acton), Laila Cross (Woburn), Kathleen Qiao (Chelmsford), Lucy Yu (N. Andover). Trio: Angela Szarek, Jennifer Morris, Francesca Sajedi - (4th).
11/12 Age Group: Team A: (Gold) - Tatiana Bouchard, Nicole Carzo, Sachiko Hagiya, Caitlin Klauer (Andover), Georgina Hutchison (Tewksbury), Melissa Zhang (N. Andover), Monica Alvarado and Jessica Alvarado (Methuen)
Team B: (Bronze) - Danya Baron, Kimberly Feng, Angela McNamara, and Rachel Slade, (Andover), Evan Costanzo, Maxie Zimmerman, Jillian Bohrer, Maria Terese Kachulis-Moriarty

(N. Andover), Lily Koenig (Boxford). Solo: Caitlin Klauer - Gold. Duet: Nicole Carzo and Sachiko Hagiya - Silver. Duet: Evan Costanzo and Lily Koenig - (4th). Trio: Nicole Carzo, Sachiko Hagiya, Caitlin Klauer - Gold. Trio: Monica Alvarado, Jessica Alvarado, Tatiana Bouchard (4th).
13/0 Intermediate: Team Routine: (4th) - Courtney Plati, Sabrina Ho, Gates Bryan, Naomi Turner (Andover) and Ariell Balan (N. Andover). Duet: Courtney Plati and Gates Bryan - Bronze.
13/15 Age Group: Solo: Gillian Brassil - Silver. Duet: Gillian Brassil (Andover) and Karina Contreras (Watertown) - Bronze. Trio: Alyson Arsenault (Methuen), Eliza Sturgeon (Gloucester), Gloria McNamara (Andover) - Bronze.
16-17 Age Group: Team: (Silver) - Karina Contreras (Watertown), Alyson Arsenault (Methuen), Meghan Olsen (Ipswich), Eliza Sturgeon (Gloucester), Gillian Brassil, Marian Crockett, Gloria McNamara (Andover). Duet: Laina Gray (N. Andover) and Janine Kopeski (Sterling) - Bronze. Trio: Laina Gray, Candace Ju (Andover), Alice Rodgers (N. Andover) - Gold.
18-19 Age Group: Team Routine: (Silver) - Jenny Flanagan (Boylston), Janine Kopeski (Sterling), Laina Gray, Cait MacGregor, Alice Rodgers (N. Andover), Sheila Cremin, Jessica Mancini, Candace Ju (Andover). Solo: Jessica Mancini- Silver. Jenny Flanagan- Bronze. Trio: Jessica

Mancini, Jenny Flanagan, and Cait MacGregor - Silver.
Ally Brown all-conference
 Five members of the Westfield State women's lacrosse team were named to the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance all-conference teams in voting conducted by the coaches. The Owls landed four first-team selections including senior midfielder Ally Brown of Andover. The versatile Brown led the Owls in draw controls 52s and totaled 31 ground balls and 38 points, 26 goals, 12 assists. The Owls posted an 11-4 overall record and shared the NEWLA regular season championship with a 6-1 mark.
Martin travels to England
 Brooks' soccer goalie Glen Martin of Andover headed to Durham, England on June 14 along with his Seacoast United U16 Boys Academy Team. The team, which is a part of the US Soccer Development Academy Program, represented the USA in Four Nations "Clubs for Young People" Tournament during the World Cup. The four day, four country tournament began Friday, June 18, less than a week after the World Cup game between England and the USA, with a match between



Ally Brown

the host nation and Seacoast United. The England, Scotland and Wales teams are made up of select players from across their respective countries. During the team's eight-day trip, they stayed for their inaugural two nights with the Oxford United Football Club, a professional English Club that Seacoast United formed a partnership with last year. Seacoast United were expected to take on both Oxford United's rising U17 and U18 Academy squads in front of professional coaches associated with the club. Seacoast United and Oxford United are already planning future events, like coaching exchanges, team trips to the UK that feature educational opportunities within the Oxford University system and Oxford's first team coming to the seacoast region of New Hampshire for pre-season next summer. While the New Hampshire team wore the traditional Carolina and navy blue colors of Seacoast United during their Oxford games, the boys will don USA's national team colors for all of the subsequent international games. The team was expected to subsequently travel north to Newcastle Upon Tyne, to stay with host families associated with Montagu Boys Club for the duration of the tournament. The Seacoast boys were to play a friendly with Montagu Boys Club before heading back home. Seacoast United families will host Montagu U16 Team in early August.



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Andover's Joe Bramanti, left, takes it to the basket against Phillips star Tom Paleschi. Bramanti scored 20, but it wasn't enough as the Golden Warriors fell to the Prep School squad in the Hoops for Hope Bradner tourney final.

Post 8 makes a statement, blasts Lawrence, 10-5

LEGION BASEBALL
 Andover Legion may be younger than normal, but Post 8 proved it remains among the state's best. John Hennessy was 3 for 3 with three runs and Dan Gusovsky added three hits and drove in a whopping five runs as Andover handed favorite Lawrence its first loss of the season, 10-5 on Saturday. Jake Ponti blasted a three-run homer and Alex Driscoll chipped in with three more hits for the winners. Jon Levenson was the starter and earned the victory, while Colin Norris closed the game out in the seventh.

win, combining to allow just a single run for Post 8 (4-2). Phillips 6-foot-9 star Tom Paleschi allowed just a single hit in six outstanding innings, striking out eight and collected two hits of his own as Andover drubbed Danvers 7-0 last Tuesday. Catcher Dan Gusovsky led Post 8, going 3 for 3 with a pair of RBIs and Adam Risman chipped in with a pair of hits. Colin Norris struck out the side in the seventh to close out the victory.
HOOPS FOR HOPE BASKETBALL
Bramanti's efforts for naught
 Joe Bramanti scored a team-high 20 points, but it was not enough for Andover, which fell to the Prep School team 75-66 in the finals of the Bradner Tourney in the Hoops for Hope summer league. Craig Luschnat tallied 17 points, including a trio of 3-pointers, while Sam Dowden had 12 points for the Golden Warriors, who beat Central Catholic in the final a year ago. Tom Paleschi, who plays Legion baseball for Andover, scored 18 points for the Prep squad, made up mainly of athletes from Phillips Academy and Brooks.



Tough to strike down

The Andover Striker, Division One Andover boys travel team, compiled a 6-1-1 record in league play in Essex County, dropping only a 1-0 contest in the Essex County Final against North Andover on June 20. They are, kneeling, from left: Coach Ray Forster, Jack Leahy, Seve Elkin, Amit Deliwala, Sean Nork, Alex Wagner, Ray Forster; standing, from left: Coach Bjorn Merinder, Connor Merinder, Davis Rogers, Kyle Surehan, Guillaume Harmange, Robert Moeller, Cory Lang, Ryan Trismen, Chris Sarno and Coach Dan Sarno.

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