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Marinel McGrath, Andover school superintendent, about enrollment at the high school



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Students file into the hallways at the end of the school day at Andover High. The population is expected to creep upward through the middle of this decade.

AHS enrollment to climb

Student population projected to hit about 1,850 for the 2016-17 school year

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Think Andover High School is crowded now? Make some room, because things are expected to get a bit tighter in the coming years.

Following years of steadily increasing enrollment, current projections show Andover High, which held around 1,600 students 10 years ago and contains 1,802 this year, is expected to reach a capacity of around 1,850 for the 2016-17 school

year. The increase is caused by a series of large student classes currently moving through the system as third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders.

“If the enrollments continue to rise, as they are projected to increase, then class sizes will become an issue,” said Marinel McGrath, school superintendent.

The projections suggest that this year’s classes of third- through sixth-graders, which currently contain as few as 480 students and as many as 529 as of October, will likely drop around 38 students per

grade as they move through the system and some enter private schools instead of staying in the system. Even then, the average class size will be 463 students, while today’s current high school classes weigh in at around 450 each.

For every 35 kids at the high school, there will be one more student for teachers to teach, which will have an impact if current trends and work loads are to be considered. One area that will become

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▶ **Town Meeting preview**

State SPED money finalizes town budget

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Town and school officials have agreed to a budget they will present to Town Meeting voters, following news from the state that more money than the town had expected will arrive to help Andover with its special education costs.

Town Meeting will begin Wednesday, April 27 and the budget is one of the first items to be addressed.

Andover’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 weighs in at over \$134 million, up \$3.5 million.

The \$62.8 million school budget would represent a 2.7 percent increase over last year, while the town departments would increase 2.4 percent, according to School Committee member Dennis Forgue.

State legislators have told the town that the state’s circuit breaker program, which provides reimbursement to school districts who experience significant special education cost increases, should be funded similarly to last year, if not given more money.

If the state money for special

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Taking aim at Town Meeting

Hunting ban, open space buy on agenda

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

■ **TOWN MEETING RUNDOWN:**
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Andover residents attending Town Meeting next week will decide whether they want hunting on public land. They’ll be asked to buy more open space, and to allow a change to the bylaw surrounding historic homes. A River Road landowner is expect to ask to create a new business district in that area, and town officials will seek to lower the number of parking spaces needed for certain types of businesses to move into the downtown.

In total, residents will address more than 40 issues. There are 47

articles on the warrant, but some are expected to be withdrawn.

The Andover Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 27 and 28 at the Andover High School Collins Field House and, if necessary, will continue May 2 and 3 at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. The meetings will start at 7 each night.

The Townsman goes to print early Wednesday morning each week, and results of Town Meeting votes will be posted online April 27 and 28.

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NH wastewater plant disks now wash up in Andover

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of tiny disks from a wastewater treatment plant in Hooksett that contain E-coli and other bacteria are now making their way to Andover shores courtesy of the Merrimack River, the valley’s strongest water way.

Around 400,000 of the disks have hit Andover in recent weeks, and up to another 200,000 could be expected before cleanup crews finally get a handle of the coffee-lid-sized circles, according to Rocky Morrison, founder of Methuen-based Clean River Project, Inc.

“I’ve pulled out more than I want to see, and I know that more are coming,” Morrison said. “After

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Easter parade

Ashley Ott, 3, of Andover is suddenly shy when she meets with seniors as mothers and children from the Mother Connection parade at Atria Marland Place Friday while decked out in their finest Easter attire.

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ARTICLE 17: WEST MIDDLE REPAIRS

A number of articles will be presented to residents discussing and requesting money for repairs and maintenance to town property. But one article will ask for much more money than any of the rest.

An estimated \$1.5 million is needed to replace around 68,000 square feet of old roofing at West Middle School, and a number of windows and a glass block window on the school's gymnasium. To lower the cost of the repairs to Andover residents, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) will reimburse 39 percent of the cost, just over \$600,000, leaving \$939,648 to be covered through property tax increases if the article is approved.

"The roof is over 25 years old," said Joe Piantedosi, acting director of Plant and Facilities. The roof was designed to last only 10 years, and the primary reason why it's more than doubled its life expectancy is because of the maintenance the town has put into it, he said.

"It's at the end of its useful life, even the windows, which are 50

years old," Piantedosi said.

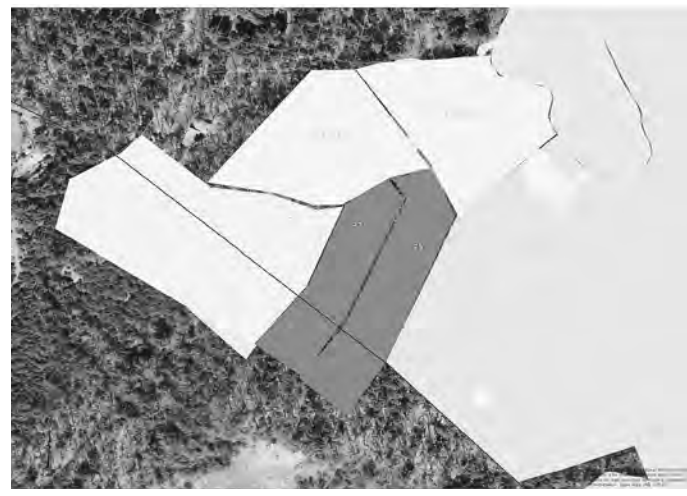
Should the town move forward with the repairs, the windows will be replaced with energy-efficient windows that will keep heat in the building, saving energy costs, Piantedosi said.

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Acting Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi.

IF IT PASSES: The town will borrow the necessary \$939,648. Tax bills will increase, with the peak year of debt service, fiscal year 2014, seeing a \$7 increase in tax for the average homeowner. The section of roofing at and identified windows at West Middle School in need of replacement will be replaced with the money raised.

IF IT FAILS: Should residents say no to the repairs, they will be asked about them again in the future. It's possible the repairs could cost more, and the state grant would likely not be available for the town, Piantedosi said.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.



COURTESY PHOTO

The two parcels of land, identified in this image as lots 23 and 25, are surrounded by Conservation land, which includes two lots to the north purchased at last year's Town Meeting. The lots also extend into Wilmington, the border of which is identified by a black line towards the back of the property.

ARTICLE 19: FOSTERS POND LAND BUY

Last year's Town Meeting bought around five acres of land on Fosters Pond, and this year it will be asked to buy just more.

This article will raise as much as \$200,000 to purchase two lots, roughly 2.38 acres total, in the area of Fosters Pond. The cost of the land purchase could drop, as the price being negotiated. The state could reimburse up to 55 percent of the purchase price, according to the town.

The two lots of land are surrounded by conservation-owned land, which includes the lots purchased last year. The land is in a prime location, according to Conservation Director Bob Douglas, who said he wants to prevent the land from being developed.

"It is a very valuable piece to the town because it is connected to several other pieces the town owns, so it would be a shame to develop," Douglas

said. "It would certainly be worth the town bringing into the fold."

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Conservation Commission.

IF IT PASSES: The town will borrow the money necessary to purchase the land, which will cause a slight increase in tax bills, with the peak year of debt service seeing roughly a \$1 increase in taxes.

IF IT FAILS: The town will not buy the land. If the land is available in the future and has not been purchased by a developer, residents could be asked to vote on buying it again, Douglas said.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Planning Board and Conservation Commission both recommended approval of the article. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have not yet taken a position on the article, and they will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 35: HISTORIC PRESERVATION PERMIT

If a property owner would like to move historic property from one area of town to another, currently he or she must receive a permit from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to do so. With article 35, property movers would have the option of getting the permit from town officials instead.

The Dimensional Special Permit Historical Preservation article at Town Meeting seeks to modify existing zoning bylaws to give the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Andover Preservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen the power to issue the same permit that the state's historical commission currently does.

The article comes forward following an attempted house-move from Pearson Street to Shaw Drive, for which the state's commission denied a permit, after all local boards gave their necessary approvals. The state's commission said in a letter sent to Andover Preservation Commission in February that the town could "have available an option of implementing the protective requirements of the bylaw without the (state) Commission's approval and endorsement" despite the fact that the state's commission "may

not always agree with the town in its application" of the bylaw if it is changed.

Opposition has formed against the article, raising the concern that giving the town authority over something the state currently handles ultimately weakens the town's bylaws. In addition, critics have said the article exists merely so the Pearson Street property can be moved, a statement supporters of the article have denied.

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Andover Preservation Commission.

IF IT PASSES: Bylaws would be amended to give the town the authority to issue historic-preservation restrictions that would allow property to be altered, added to or modified, which includes house moves. For the Pearson Street property, a local permit could be issued by local boards to allow the house to be moved, in place of the permit that the state declined to provide.

IF IT FAILS: Bylaws would not be changed in any way. For the Pearson Street property, a permit to move the house could not be issued by the town.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board both recommended approval of this article.

ARTICLE 31: PARKING CHANGES

Changes to the Off-Street Parking Requirements are proposed for Town Meeting this year in a way meant to encourage specific uses of downtown space.

With the proposed changes, retail stores will receive the benefit of more relaxed parking space requirements if they aim to occupy first-floor retail space. Operations needing office space, such as insurance companies and legal services, will benefit more from moving into other areas, such as basement-level spaces and offices on a building's second level or higher.

The article specifically identifies

changes to general business districts, which covers the downtown area, and introduces new regulations for mixed use districts.

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Planning Board.

IF IT PASSES: The town will adopt the proposed changes into its zoning bylaws, which will affect future businesses looking to move into Andover.

IF IT FAILS: No changes will be made to zoning bylaws.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board both recommended approval of the article.

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BUDGET: Voters will get their say on April 27

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education is not sufficient to cover the estimate, the School Committee would first try to make up the difference within its own budget, according to Forge.

The budget process started with a \$5.3 million deficit shared by the school department and the total of the town's other departments. Within a few weeks, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski was able to reduce the non-school department deficit, which started around \$650,000. But with the school department facing a \$4.65 million deficit, school leaders have seen proposed cuts dominate attention at recent School Committee meetings.

Part of those cuts were the reductions in special education staff positions from current programming and requests for next year, and a small

BUDGET, BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT	FY2011	FY2012	CHANGE
Public Safety	14,149,982	14,262,088	+112,106
Gen. Government	5,632,840	6,911,290	+1,278,450
Public Works	5,211,198	5,345,551	+134,353
Plant and Facilities	4,441,425	4,452,500	+11,075
Library	2,595,173	2,427,022	-168,151
Unclassified	200,000	450,000	+250,000
Public Schools	61,140,938	62,784,577	+1,643,639
Sewer	2,432,747	2,539,240	+106,493
Water	3,876,453	3,879,948	+3,495
Greater Lawrence Tech	484,924	444,053	-40,871
Obligations	30,921,789	32,314,372	+1,392,583
Comm/Youth/Elder Svcs	1,658,606	1,660,860	+2,254
TOTAL	133,493,558	137,471,501	+3,977,943

SCHOOL CHANGES, LAST YEAR TO THIS YEAR

CATEGORY	FY2011	FY2012	CHANGE
Total salary	47,977,904	49,176,074	+1,198,170
Total non-salary	13,163,034	13,608,503	+445,469
OVERALL	61,140,938	62,784,577	+1,643,639

decrease in the status of music teacher Mark Mercer. Mercer, who could drop 0.2 full-time

equivalent hours for next year, may have his position reduced following the elimination of an under-enrolled course taught by another teacher who has contract seniority over Mercer. The teachers union contract requires that this teacher be allowed to teach Mercer's high school chorus offering to retain her full-time status.

The school system also plans to have social workers, but no guidance counselors at the middle schools. Another change is that Andover middle schools will focus on offering only Spanish as a foreign

language for the sixth and seventh grades, according to Forge.

The town's budget will be voted on by residents over the course of 12 motions, each highlighting particular parts of the budget. The reason for this is so specific dollars are reserved for particular categories of town operations and, as such, can't be spent elsewhere, according to Steve Bucuzzo, assistant town manager.

IF IT PASSES: The money will be appropriated to the town's 12 departments, as outlined by town officials.

IF IT FAILS: A budget must be passed. A failure to pass a budget would mean more meetings, according to Bucuzzo.

"The budget has to be adopted," Bucuzzo said. "The selectmen would have to keep holding Town Meetings until a number was voted."

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval at meetings last week. The School Committee also recommended approval last week of its portion of the budget.

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Andover hunter Keith Osborne loads an arrow into his compound bow as he prepares to fire in the deer management program's proficiency test. In the test, a hunter must fire three of five arrows into a 6-inch square from 75 feet away.

ARTICLE 46: BOW HUNTING BAN

Last year, town officials supported and ran a bow hunting pilot program on particular pieces of town land to control both the size of deer populations in Andover and a recently rise in Lyme disease incidents. The pilot, which ran from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, was a heavily debated topic at sSelectmen, School Committee and Conservation Commission meetings last year, but the program moved forward and wrapped up without incident.

While supporters of the program have expressed interest in having a similar, possibly more permanent program running in the future, this article would likely prevent it from moving forward. While there really wouldn't be anything preventing officials from just changing town bylaws to once again support a similar program, the article gives residents the opportunity to tell officials whether residents believe the program should exist, and officials typically honor the will of Town Meeting.

"We thought that this is a change in town policy going back many, many decades, something impacting town residents," said Lois Karfunkel, a supporter of the article. "Town residents should have input on what they feel is appropriate."

Bob Douglas, conservation director, agreed.

"I think it is good that we do take a (closer) look at this, and actually welcome feedback from

the town on this," Douglas said.

Opponents of the hunting program have raised concerns about safety and the ability for town residents to use town-owned conservation land without fear. Supporters of last year's program say it is safe and that several measures ensure that only adept, professional bow-and-arrow hunters who are Andover residents are allowed in the program. Following these discussions, officials — including administrators at local schools bordering one of the lots where hunting was allowed — supported the program.

Opponents to the program have also argued that bow hunting is inhumane, while other, more humane, inexpensive and ethical options exist for reducing deer herd sizes. Supporters of the program have disagreed.

Other traditions in town could be impacted by the passing of the article as well, Douglas said. Conservation has a history of trapping beavers on town property, something he said is necessary to protect roads from flooding. With the current wording, the article could ban that practice, Douglas said.

"Because we've cut predators from the community, there are no wolves, mountain lions, nothing that cuts back the populations of deer and beaver," Douglas said. "As land managers, there are times when you have to take on the role of the predator."

Through trapping beavers, officials are able to circumvent the construction of dams in locations that could cause flooding.

"It is a necessary tool that the commission has to trap beaver, if necessary," Douglas said. "In my opinion, the town does want beaver and deer controlled for many reasons, so I think it will be a good forum to educate people on the issues."

The article seeks to ban firing arrows, hunting and trapping on public property in Andover, but it doesn't apply to law enforcement officials performing their duties, archery competitions or instruction, or the "lawful defense of the person, family, or property of any citizen, nor when discharge has been specifically authorized by the Commonwealth on state-owned property."

A majority vote to ban bow hunting would send the message to town officials that, as hunting season nears, bylaws shouldn't be changed again to allow bow hunting.

"The important thing is that it is something that's appropriate for discussion," Karfunkel said. "If (allowing the program) is the way the town wants to use conservation land, that is their right."

ARTICLE 40: RIVER ROAD OVERLAY

Members of the Andover community, whether they live in town or work here, have offered varied response to this article, which would take land in the area of River Road and Interstate 93 and provide additional zoning options for property owners by creating a new business district.

Supporters of the article have said that west Andover lacks amenities such as restaurants, shops and types of housing that exists in either neighboring communities or the other side of town. Opponents have argued that some of these amenities already exist in the general area, and additional services are not necessary.

How the overlay district would affect local traffic patterns and the density of traffic has also been a point of contention, as supporters have said the article would have little effect on roads. Opponents of the article have raised concerns about traffic and other impacts, criticizing the plan for being too developer-friendly.

The Planning Board voted to recommend disapproval of the article because they did not have as much time as they had hoped to review it and discuss it, something

that could change if the article fails at Town Meeting next week, according to Paul Materazzo, director of Planning.

"They like the aspect to add more services, but they want to study it more," Materazzo said. "There is no doubt that the developers are going to profit from this, but the town will profit as well. ... If it's done right, it potentially could be a win/win for everyone."

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Andover resident Mark E. Tully, and others.

IF IT PASSES: Areas around River Road that are impacted by this article will have additional zoning options placed on them, so that other opportunities could be built on them beyond what is presently available.

IF IT FAILS: The overlay district will not exist, and developers in that area will be limited to the current options available, as the properties are currently zoned. According to Materazzo

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board have not yet taken positions on this article, and they are expected to announce their recommendations at Town Meeting.

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Andover resident Deborah Day Cummings, and others.

IF IT PASSES: Bylaws would be changed to prevent hunting and trapping of any kind on public land not owned by the state.

IF IT FAILS: Bylaws would remain in their current state, which prohibits hunting on most of the town's land. Last year's bow hunting program allowed such hunting to take place from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010 only. Currently, no bylaw allows for the program to take place in upcoming season.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Health Department recommended disapproval of the anti-hunting article.

ARTICLE 39: OPEN SPACE SPECIAL PERMIT

With the Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Special Permit, a new process would exist for developers looking to subdivide at least five acres of land to build houses for sale. The permit would require that the developers maintain at least 30 percent of the land as open space unaffected by development. Construction of such subdivisions also would require that less than 50 percent of the land be protected wetlands, which favors construction that keeps wetlands intact.

BROUGHT FORWARD BY: Planning Board

IF IT PASSES: Developers will have the opportunity to take advantage of the OSRD Special Permit when seeking approval from local government to subdivide land.

IF IT FAILS: This option for developing subdivisions won't be available to developers.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission all recommended approval of this article.

TOWN MEETING BASICS

A shuttle bus will be available to take voters to and from the parking lots to the field house on the first two nights of the Town Meeting, April 27 and 28. Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m., with Town Meeting beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

All Town Meeting attendees must be checked into meeting in the lobby of Andover High School on April 27 and 28 and in the lobby of the Collins Center on May 2 and 3. Voters must check in at their precinct table. Residents may visit the town website at andoverma.gov and search for their precinct under the "E-Services" tab, then click "Precinct Search." To avoid delays at check-in, it is recommended that voters know their precinct before arriving at Town Meeting.

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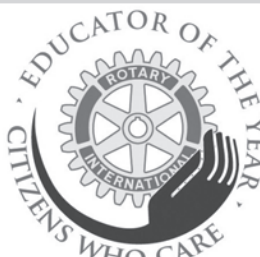
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HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, BY THE NUMBERS

SCHOOL YEAR	9th	10th	11th	12th	TOTAL	AVERAGE SIZE
1999-00	421	403	383	348	1,555	389
2000-01	433	399	399	380	1,611	403
2001-02	421	407	383	397	1,608	402
2002-03	472	386	408	381	1,647	412
2003-04	468	464	376	405	1,713	428
2004-05	470	444	456	358	1,728	432
2005-06	423	469	445	441	1,778	445
2006-07	460	414	456	427	1,757	439
2007-08	457	447	402	433	1,739	435
2008-09	450	444	437	390	1,721	430
2009-10	489	441	441	425	1,796	449
2010-11	460	470	440	432	1,802	451
2011-12*	463	451	469	412	1,795	449
2012-13*	469	451	442	450	1,812	453
2013-14*	491	457	441	424	1,813	453
2014-15*	471	479	448	424	1,822	456
2015-16*	477	459	469	430	1,835	459
2016-17*	488	464	450	451	1,853	463

* = Specific class-size enrollment numbers following the 2010-11 academic school year are projections based on birth rates, historic trends and calculations used by outside reporting companies. All numbers beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, other than average class sizes, were calculated and provided by Dennis Fogue, chair of the School Committee.

ENROLLMENT: More students expected

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tougher, specifically for teachers, will be individualized student instruction, according to Donna Pappalardo, director of the school's math program.

"It becomes that much more difficult when the student-teacher ratio goes up," Pappalardo said.

With current class sizes, many teachers are already struggling to teach all of the students in their courses, as well as grade papers and exams and develop curriculums once class is dismissed.

"The teachers described it to me," Pappalardo said. "They are just trying to keep ahead of all the stuff that needs to be covered, and addressing all the needs, and they described it as putting out fires."

Another concern, as enrollment continues to rise, is building capacity. As the school is already reaching the capacity it

was designed to carry, work is under way to possibly expand the school in the coming years.

Earlier this year, the School Committee and Board of Selectmen submitted three statements of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for future projects they wish to receive state reimbursement for. Among them was plans to possibly add eight classrooms to the high school and add on to the school's existing cafeteria.

The statement identified a need for the "elimination of existing severe overcrowding ... and prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments."

It is not yet known what will go into expanding upon the high school, but efforts are under way to increase the occupancy of the high school, according to McGrath.

"That is currently in the

pipeline," she said.

"I don't think the intent would be to expand the footprint of the building. I think there are ways to use the current footprint of the high school better," said Dennis Fogue, School Committee member, "but that's very speculative."

Fogue said the school department would consider a variety of solutions to ease overcrowding, such as swapping out low-enrollment courses to better spread out students, changing class scheduling, using the existing space differently, or expanding the cafeteria to use some of what is now an underused outdoor seating area.

Neil Fater contributed to this story. For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email luca@andovertownsm.com.

DISKS: Some in Andover part of Merrimack

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this week with the rain, this river is flying right now. The river is flushing itself. Whatever we don't trap and we miss is going to end up on the beaches."

Morrison has set up several booms along the Merrimack River, many in Andover along Riverside Drive. He's pulled enough to fill a 30-foot-long dumpster, he said.

The Merrimack River separates Andover from Methuen. "The river looks like chicken

pox," Morrison said. "With the high water, whatever was trapped up north is free right now."

The disks originated from a waste water treatment plant in Hooksett that overflowed due to an inundation of water from rain and melting snow earlier this year.

"All the plastics break down and go into the ocean, where there is wildlife, like turtles and fish, eating them," Morrison said. "And then we eat the fish, so we are eating our own waste."

The disks, which were used to

help clean waste water, aren't hazardous, but they should be handled with rubber gloves and disposed of in the trash because they contain trace amounts of bacteria from the treatment plant, where they were used in the process of screening and treating sewage, according to information from the Townsman's sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune.

Overall, up to 8 million of the disks have been running free along the Merrimack River since the Hooksett-based plant overflowed at the beginning of March.

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Motorcycle accident injures man on Route 28

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Part of Route 28 on North Main Street was shut down Thursday, April 14, afternoon following an accident involving a car and motorcycle.

Long-time town resident John Twoomey, who works in the Highway Department, was injured when his motorcycle collided with the back of a car stopping to turn onto Castle Heights Road at around 3:30

p.m. that afternoon, according to Chris Cronin, town highway superintendent.

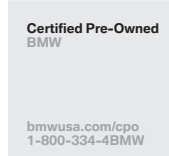
Twoomey, who was responsive following the incident, was propelled over the car after hitting it.

Northbound traffic was stopped and routed onto Stevens and Harding streets, while southbound traffic was reduced to one lane just before the scene of the accident. The whole road was reopened close to two hours later.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This snapshot of downtown Andover's Main Street in the 1950s captures parking meters, big fancy street lights and the tail fins on the cars.



NOW: The view on Main Street in downtown Andover at the intersection of Main and Chestnut streets is dramatically different. TIM JEAN/Staff photo

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 — *Andover resident Joseph Bartley, owner of the famous Harvard Square burger joint Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers, who is celebrating 60 years of marriage and 50 years in the burger business with his wife Joan. Story in Townspeople, page 9.*

Get ready for Spring...and Town Meeting

The League of Women Voters has produced three programs for residents to become a more informed voter at Town Meeting. These programs can be accessed online by clicking on http://andovervt.org/lwv_meetings. The annual Budget Forum gives an overview of Andover's FY12 budget and explains this year's process of balancing the budget. Town Meeting Preview covers 15 warrant articles on projects including renewable energy, land acquisition, historic preservation, maintenance and repairs of town and school buildings and purchases of equipment. Finally, in the Spotlight: Town Meeting Warrant Articles features Planning Division's Lisa LaGrasse Schwarz and Jacki Byerley explaining zoning by-law changes for off-street parking, open space residential development, and political signs. In addition to being online, these programs will run on local cable until Town Meeting, Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Field House, on the left side of Andover High School, Shaw-shen Road.

Commuter rail delays during next two weeks

Beginning Saturday, April 23, Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company will commence track work on the Haverhill commuter rail line between the Haverhill and Andover stations. This essential track work, which is necessary for safe, reliable service, is scheduled to be completed by May 8. The project will require that all trains operate on the outbound track only. All passengers boarding at Haverhill, Bradford and Lawrence Stations will board on the outbound platform. Anticipated delays of no more than 20 minutes are expected as a result of the work. Due to a schedule conflict, all passengers of Train 209 in Andover whose destination is Lawrence will be bused to their destination. To minimize customer impact on peak-hour service, work will be performed weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. Weekend track work will run from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Become a Merrimack Valley Hospice volunteer

Using lecture, real life stories and small group exercises, learn how to provide practical help and emotional support to those with life limiting illnesses and their loved ones. At the end of this in-depth, comprehensive, seven-week training program, participants will receive a certificate. Training is held Fridays, May 6 through June 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at Hesser College, 11 Manor Parkway, Salem, N.H. No class on May 27. All training is provided by hospice professionals from Merrimack Valley Hospice. All volunteers must be 18 years old. This class is offered free of charge but registration is required. For more information or to register, call Sheryl Meehan at 978-552-4522 or email meehan@homehealthfoundation.org.

MV Alzheimer conference

The Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Partnership will host the 23rd annual Merrimack Valley Alzheimer Conference on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover. This year's theme is "Your Caregiver Toolbox: Essential Resources," and gears towards the caregiver developing their own toolbox of resources that will enable them to thrive, not just survive through caregiving. For more information, contact Renee Merritt, Elder Services' Caregiver Manager, at 978-946-1321 or rmerritt@esmv.org.

Property bills due May 2

The town of Andover has mailed the fourth quarter actual tax bills for fiscal year 2011. Payment is due Monday, May 2. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with the blue Town of Andover seal in front of the offices at 36 Bartlet St. If you have not received a bill, call the Tax Collectors' Offices at 978-623-8246, or mail to treasurer@andoverma.gov. It is now possible to pay real estate bills electronically or with a credit card with UniPay Online. Go to the Town of Andover website: andoverma.gov and click on the online bill payments along the side for information.

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Andover Townsman

Easter and Holy Week services in town

South Church

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Maudy Thursday
7:30 p.m., Sacrament of Holy Communion and Service of Tenebrae, in Sanctuary
Saturday Prayer and Meditation Vigil:
10 a.m., to 4 p.m., in Chapel.
Easter Sunday
6 a.m., Sunrise Service, Missionary Rock at Phillips Academy
9 a.m., Sanctuary Worship
10:30 a.m., Sanctuary Family Service

Christ Church

25 Central St.
978-475-0592
Maudy Thursday
6 p.m., Agape supper in the Parish Hall
7:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and reservation of the Sacrament.
Good Friday
8:15 a.m., Ecumenical walk starting at St. Augustine's Andover.
7:30 p.m., Liturgy for Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament
Holy Saturday
9 a.m., Liturgy for Holy Sacrament in the North Chapel.
Easter Sunday
9 a.m., Festal Holy Eucharist with Adult & Children's Choirs.

10 a.m., Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt
11 a.m., Festal Holy Eucharist with Adult Choir and Brass.

Faith Lutheran Church

360 South Main St.
978-475-4059
Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service
7 a.m., Easter breakfast
8:15 a.m., Traditional Easter Service
9:45 a.m., Traditional Easter Service
11 a.m., Contemporary Easter Service

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church

71 Chandler Road
978-470-0919
Holy Thursday
9 a.m., Vespers Liturgy
7 p.m., Holy Passion Service.
Holy Friday
9 a.m., Royal Hours
3 p.m., Vespers
7 p.m., Lamentations Service.
Holy Saturday
9 a.m., Vespers Liturgy
11 p.m., Resurrection Service.
Easter Sunday
11 a.m., Agape Service.

St. Augustine Parish

43 Essex St.
978-475-0050
Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m., Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Vigil at the Alter of Repose following the Mass at Parish Center until midnight.
Good Friday
8:30 a.m., Interdenominational prayer walk
3 p.m., Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil.
[Note: There is no daily Mass at 8 a.m., or Noon on Holy Thursday and Good Friday nor at 8 a.m., or 4 p.m., on Holy Saturday.]
Easter Sunday
8 a.m., St. Augustine Church
8:05 a.m., St. Rita's Hall
9:30 a.m., St. Augustine Church
9:35 a.m., St. Rita's Hall
10 a.m., St. Joseph Church
11 a.m., St. Augustine Church
11:05 a.m., St. Rita's Hall
12:30 p.m., St. Augustine Church
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198 Haggetts Pond Road
978-683-8922
Holy Thursday
7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper

10 p.m., Night Prayer
Good Friday
9 a.m., Morning Prayer
3 p.m., Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death, with Children's Liturgy
Holy Saturday
9 a.m., Morning Prayer, Blessing of Easter food.
8 p.m., Solemn Easter Vigil, followed by Easter Reception at Driscoll Hall.
Easter Sunday
9 and 11 a.m., Easter Masses

Free Christian Church

31 Elm St., Andover
978-475-0700
1600 Osgood St., North Andover
Easter Sunday
6 a.m., Sunrise Service, 188 Salem St.
8 a.m., at Andover Church
9:30 a.m., at Andover Church
10 a.m., North Andover Church
11 a.m., at Andover Church

New England Bible Church

60 Chandler Road
978-475-4381
Good Friday
7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday
6 a.m., Sunrise Service at the Sundial on top of Holt Hill Reservation in Andover
10 a.m., Easter Service

Obituaries

Manohar Lal Madan, 80

Manohar Lal Madan, age 80, died peacefully on Sunday, April 3, 2011 in Andover, in the loving presence of his family.
Born in Multan, India to the late Tikaya Ram and Thakur Bai (Munjai) Madan, Manohar received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Göttingen, Germany in 1960 and became a professor of mathematics at The Ohio State University in 1965. A number theorist, he focused primarily on the arithmetic of function fields and inspired a number of doctoral candidates with similar academic interests. Manohar retired in 2001, but he became a professor emeritus and continued to take a great interest in mathematics.
Manohar is survived by his loving daughter, Anita Madan

Renton and her husband Jeffrey Bennett Renton of Andover; his son, Rajiv Paul Madan of University Heights, Ohio; grandchildren, Marina Lynne and Nicholas Dylan Renton of Andover; his brother, Bhim Sain Madan of Delhi, India; two sisters, Sushil Luthra of Faridabad, India and Shakuntla Dutta of New Delhi, India; his sister-in-law, (Soeur) Yvette Le Gal of Grenay, France; and many nieces and nephews in India. Manohar was predeceased by his deeply devoted wife, Carmen Marie (Le Gal) Madan, and by his older sister, Raj Gandhi.
ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial reception will be held at The Ohio State University Faculty Club, 181 South Oval Drive, Columbus, on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

Shirley E. Plouff, 88



Shirley E. (Field) Plouff, 88, of Wilmington, formerly of North Reading and Reading, died on Sunday, April 17, 2011, at Winchester Hospital. She was the beloved wife of 50 years to the late Ralph F. Plouff, Jr.

Shirley served as the Secretary to the Principal of North Reading High School from 1973 to 1994, working for Arthur J. Kenney and Dr. William E. Butler. One of her favorite duties was the preparation for each graduation ceremony, from the fitting of the caps and gowns, to the meticulous task of getting each student's name spelled correctly on their diploma and in the program. She was always sitting in the front row to watch each class pass by to begin a new chapter in their lives. She had a special interest in the Classes of 1991 and 1993, when two of her own grandchildren were in the graduating class.

She worked with the North Reading YMCA as their secretary in the 1960s. She was a Past President of the North Reading Demolay Mothers' Club, and a member of the North Reading Rainbow Assembly Mothers' Club. She served as Chairman of the Diaconate at the Union Congregational Church in North Reading, as well as being on many other church committees. She belonged to the Priscilla Circle, and for many years, enjoyed working with them at the annual church fair at the Saturday lunch counter. She was a longtime member of the North Reading High School Music Boosters.

She enjoyed knitting, especially for the children. All her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have things she made for them from birth and these will be passed to future generations. Her favorite hobby was researching her family genealogy. She and her daughter, Pam, would travel all over New England to search out the information. She was a very proud member of the Mayflower Society, as both she and her late husband "Frank" have many direct descendant lines to that event. She was always anxious

to tell anyone about her recent discoveries.
August was always her favorite time of year. Her family spent that time together at Wells Beach, Maine, every summer since 1951. For many years three other families, who were all friends, vacationed at the same time. It included fishing, spotting water skiers, or just going out for a ride in the boat. She loved spending the day sitting on the beach, watching the children play and swim, and joining them with her boogie board to ride the waves. She took each generation of children to see the taffy being made and to have lunch with her at the Goldenrod Restaurant in York, Maine. The local ice cream stands were her favorite dessert and anyone visiting piled into the car to go. She always welcomed friends of her children to stay with the family at the beach. She enjoyed introducing each new grandchild and great grandchild to the fun of the beach.

She was the beloved mother of Gail E. Nichols and her husband, Richard of Andover, Ralph F. Plouff, III and his wife, Jennifer of Bradford, Pamela A. Spear and her husband, Bruce of Wilmington and Frederick L. Plouff of Sudbury.

She is survived by her brother, Charles H. Field, Jr. and his late wife Jean of Nashua, N.H. She was "Nana" to David C. Nichols and his wife, Janise; Amanda J. Trull and her husband, Paul; Tanya M. Saggese and her husband, Gus; Robert C. Spear and his wife Jenn; Timothy J. and Emily A. Plouff, and Sarah L. Plouff.

She was also "Great Nana" to Anastasia and Cassidy Spear, Brian Maccini, Kiah and Hayden Trull, Addison and McKenna Nichols, and Isabella Saggese. She had several nieces and nephews.
ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral service will be held at Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading today, Thursday, April 21 at 10 a.m. Calling hours were held on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in North Reading. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Shirley's memory to Winchester Hospital ICU, care of Winchester Hospital, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester, MA 01890.

Andover's Masonic Lodge nearly 200 years old



Andover Stories

By Bob Domingue,
Andover Historical Society

Formation efforts to establish a Masonic Lodge in Andover began in 1818. At the time, the initial effort was thwarted by members of Good Samaritan Lodge in North Reading who did not want another lodge that close to them. Following some "salesmanship" by the Andoverites, the charter of St. Matthew's Lodge was granted on Dec. 11, 1822.

Meetings were held at Widow Mary Parker's House (Tavern) in what is now North Andover, and David Rice was



This portrait of lodge leader Merrill Pettingill was created in 1830 by an itinerant painter believed to be Erastus Salisbury Field (1805-1900). For many years this painting hung on a wall in the old Lodge Hall in the Bank Building. When the lodge moved to the new building on High Street it hung in the candidate's room for a while but was later relegated to a closet where it suffered some damage. It was restored and it now hangs in the main Lodge Hall.)

the charter master. In 1826, permission was granted to relocate the lodge to the South Parish section of Andover and members erected a hall on the present site of the Bank of America building on Main Street.

For the first five years of its existence, the Lodge flourished

with a goodly number of new members but by the end of the 1820s the anti-Masonic movement was sweeping across the country. This movement resulted from the actions of certain individuals in Batavia, N.Y.

William Morgan, a man of ill repute and questionable background, gained access to

a Masonic Lodge in that town and was part of a group trying to establish a new Royal Arch Chapter. There were objections and his name was withdrawn from the petition but he attempted to join the new higher Masonic body. His application was rejected and, following a threat to publish a book containing "all the secrets of Freemasonry," he was jailed along with the potential publisher. The two were soon released. William Morgan, however, was seized by Freemasons and carried off. He was never seen again. Although there were never any positive findings, the Masons were accused of killing him, causing a public sentiment that spread across the countryside.

A separate political party was founded solely upon this wave of sentiment. Many of the Masonic Lodges in the nation were forced to close and surrender their charter.

St. Matthew's Lodge maintained a low profile during this period but never surrendered its valuable charter. The presiding master at the start of the anti-Masonic movement, Worshipful Merrill Pettingill, a blacksmith in Andover, preserved the charter by burying it in his cellar on Punchard Avenue. John and Peter Smith also served terms as master during this so-called "Dark Period."

In 1843, when the anti-Masonic movement was essentially over, several members of the local lodge met to reorganize as an active body. In 1845, Nathan Frye was elected master and presided in that role for a total of 12 years.

The stability of the lodge during Worshipful Nathan Frye's terms as master was somewhat tenuous, and in 1851 there was a vote as to whether to continue or disband. The 13 voters opted to maintain the charter and membership remained steady. Following the Civil War there was a surge of applicants, undoubtedly resulting from the comradeship established during that War Between the States.

The lodge continued to grow with many notables of the town of Andover serving as master. John H. Flint, who later donated his residence at the corner of Elm and High streets to the lodge for use as a "social club" served as master in the early 1870s. The lodge meeting place, owned by the Andover National Bank, was completely rebuilt in 1890 and membership continued to grow with major influxes experienced around the years of World War I and World War II.

Throughout its 188 years of existence, St. Matthew's Lodge has experienced several ups and downs with associated periods of adjustment, but has overcome each adversity with increasing strength. The lodge continues to be proud of its contributions to the community as well as to its fellow members.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.

"PAVEMENT OF DEAD MEN"

"I HAVE PUT YOU IN MOTION TO OFFER BATTLE TO THE INVADERS, MERCENARIES SENT TO SUBJUGATE AND DESPOIL YOU OF YOUR LIBERTIES, PROPERTY AND HONOR."

- ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON

Albert Sidney Johnston

Having captured Forts Henry and Donelson in February 1862, Ulysses Grant and his Army of the Tennessee pushed up the river of the same name as spring came.

The plan was for Grant and his 40,000 men to hold a few miles from a small log church called Shiloh Meeting House to link up with the Army of the Ohio.

The combined force would then advance deeper into Confederate territory, capturing rail lines at nearby Corinth, Miss., that were vital to the South.

Meanwhile, Confederate commander Albert Sidney Johnston began organizing his 45,000 troops – many of them as raw as Grant's recruits – at Corinth. Johnston hoped to strike before those two Union armies merged. "I have put you in motion to offer battle to the invaders," Johnston told his troops, according to historian Shelby Foote, branding the federals "mercenaries sent to subjugate and despoil

you of your liberties, property and honor."

But bad weather, bad roads and foul-ups among green troops and their commanders turned a planned one-day march by the Confederates into three days.

For its part, the Union army ignored early signs the Confederates were close. Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman was given a warning by his soldiers about a growing Confederate presence, but dismissed their reports as the result of "jumpy" troops, writes Foote.

The Confederates hit hard on April 6, and although they were two days behind schedule, they kept the advantage of size and surprise that morning. They drove Grant's soldiers back toward the Tennessee River throughout the day.

But in an oak thicket remembered by survivors as the Hornet's Nest, Union troops held off successive waves of Confederate attack. Southern artillery eventually broke the Union hold late in the day, but not before those men bought time for Grant to set up a further defensive line, and not before Johnston was mortally wounded and confusion began to hamper the Confederate thrust.

Earlier delays now proved fatal for the South. Having been reinforced during the night, Grant counterattacked the next morning, and with surprise and size on his side, he drove the Confederates from the field.

When it was all over, nearly 24,000 men from both sides were dead, wounded or missing. Foote quotes a veteran who said he could walk across the battlefield on the dead and wounded and never touch the ground, calling it a "pavement of dead men."

Both sides, reeling from casualty counts, were made to realize the war's death toll was now being counted in the tens of thousands.

Illustration of the battle at Shiloh Meeting House

QUICK FACT

A NAME THAT MEANS PEACE:

SHILOH WAS A VILLAGE NEAR THE DEAD SEA, A SANCTUARY FOR THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES AND THE SITE OF A TABERNACLE WHERE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT WAS KEPT. IT LITERALLY MEANS "PLACE OF REST," OR "PLACE OF PEACE."

Opinion

Don't let a few control town's direction

Many longtime Andover residents are rightly proud of our community's Open Town Meeting. Some even believe Andover to be the largest community in the world with this type of direct democracy. But, to have democracy by the people, you need - well - people. And in Andover there remain many second and third nights when this town of more than 30,000 is reaching to attract 300 or 400 voters.

During the last two years, town officials have moved the start of Town Meeting to a Wednesday night in hopes of attracting more voters. Previously, Annual Town Meeting started on the Monday after school vacation week. The thought is that some residents may have been so caught up in the piles of dirty clothes, stacked work documents and unopened emails that come with returning from vacation, that they could not find time for Town Meeting. Leaders hoped a Wednesday start would allow people more time to get back in the flow. We suppose it's worth a shot. But, if more people do not attend, and contribute to the discussion and self-government with the spirit intended, then there will soon come a time when Andover must consider another form of government.

What makes Town Meeting special is that it is the most pure form of democracy. It gives people the chance to debate important issues. Town Meeting should remain as long as possible. However, to romanticize Town Meeting as the truest form of government by the people, it must attract more than 2 or 3 percent of the people.

Plan design a needed start

The plan unveiled by the House leadership Wednesday as part of its \$30.45-billion state budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, is by no means extreme. Nor should it have come as a surprise to union leaders who have spent the last several years fighting efforts to reform the very expensive status quo. All that municipal officials are asking | and the House is proposing to give them | is the same right the state has now to determine the scope of the health insurance policies offered their employees.

Known as "plan design," this flexibility figures to save cities and towns an estimated \$100 million in the first year and \$2 billion over the next ten, allowing them to save jobs and services. If anything, the House bill, aimed at helping municipalities cope with a fourth consecutive decline in unrestricted local aid, doesn't go far enough.

It would require individual cities and towns to accept the legislation | allowing unions to raise another ruckus when the matter comes before the city council or town meeting; mandate that 10 percent of any "savings" be set aside to reimburse employees for their additional health care expenses; and require continued negotiation with the unions regarding employees' share of premiums and any co-pays or deductibles that exceed those of the state's Group Insurance Commission plan.

But at least it's a start, and one that deserves the support of all members of the North Shore's legislative delegation.

WEB QUESTION

What Town Meeting articles do you care most about?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What articles are bringing you to Town Meeting this year? Select all answers that apply.

- Article four, the budget article.
- Article 17, the West Middle School Green Repair Program article.
- Article 19, the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund article.
- Article 31, the Off-Street Parking Requirements article.

- Article 35, the Historic Preservation Permit article.
- Article 39, the Open Space Residential Design article.
- Article 40, the River Road Business Overlay article.
- Article 46, the Bow Hunting Ban article.
- No particular article. Town Meeting participation is my civic duty.
- I'm not going to Town Meeting this year.
- Other (provide your own answer).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where everybody knows your name... sort of

Editor, Townsman:

On the occasion of Lantern Brunch diner's 35th anniversary, I say "Cheers" (35 years of omelettes and memories," March 31 Townsman).

No, you won't find Woody or Carla serving ale to Norm or Frazier. Instead, you'll find Patty, Margo or Maureen serving eggs 'n bacon to any number of Andoverites they know by name.

To me, the Lantern Brunch diner is an Andover treasure, one of the few places left where you can sit at a counter, eat eggs any time of day, sip a bottomless

cup of coffee and chat with the person sitting next to you whether you know him or not.

One of my favorite treats to myself is a visit to the Andover Bookstore where I can chat with the staff before choosing my next read, and then hop over to the Lantern Brunch for lunch.

Today's chain restaurants and chain stores may offer more choices, but they can't offer you the connection and sense of belonging you get with your coffee and eggs at the Lantern.

Thank you to George and all his staff for keeping a bit of "small town" feeling in Andover.

PAT HOOPES
Wethersfield Drive

AN EASTER HELLO



JAN LEE SEEGER/Staff photo

Sophie Campion, 3, says hello to Shirley Rosenberg as mothers and children from the Mother Connection decked out in their finest Easter attire parade at Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street last Friday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To control deer, vote no on bow-hunting ban

Editor, Townsman:

Last fall, to reduce the overabundance of deer, town officials opened select parcels of conservation land to bow hunting. Mass Wildlife estimates that Andover harbors 25-30 deer per sq. mile. A healthy deer herd is considered 8-12 per sq. mile. Lowering the deer population is important to preserve the biological diversity of our forests, to prevent the spread of invasive plants, to reduce motor vehicle collisions, and landscape damage, to protect our watersheds, and for the health of the deer. We also hope to stabilize or reduce the number of Lyme disease cases. The hunt also provides a free range organic food source for residents.

Opening up town conservation lands to bow hunting was a two-year process. State officials met with local officials. The deer hunt was reviewed and approved by the police department, legal council, the Conservation Commission, selectmen and the School Committee. Sharpshooting, pesticide application, trap and relocate, birth control, fencing and predator control were all reviewed and found to be either not legal, experimental, impractical or not allowed in Massachusetts. Many other towns and land conservation groups such as Essex County Greenbelt and the Trustees Of Reservations have researched this issue and supported recreational hunting. Recreational hunting is a free, long term solution, and has been proven effective throughout much of this state.

The first season this fall was a success. Many good conversations were had between the hunters and other user groups and there were no negative interactions. The permitted hunters located and removed fifteen illegal tree stands. Rules that are stricter than state law require hunters to wear a town-issued photo ID, hunt from an elevated stand, pass a shooting proficiency test, and hunt by bow and arrow only. Hunters are required to graduate from a state-mandated hunter safety-education course, which includes ethical shot placement to minimize animal suffering.

The town requires that archers hit a six-inch-square target at 75 feet. Bow hunters take their shots within 30 yards of the stand and shoot into the ground. A pet cannot be confused with a deer. The deer hunting season is only 11 weeks long and there is no hunting on Sundays. There has never been an accident between a bow hunter and a non-hunter since the state began keeping records over 40 years ago. Last year, there were 15,068 bow hunters in Massachusetts. This activity will be continually monitored by town officials.

A private warrant article to ban bow hunting has been submitted for Town Meeting. The proponents will try and raise doubt about the program, but it is the town's only legal option for deer control and the most effective one long term. To gain votes, the proponents have added a ban on trapping, a classic animal rights ploy. Don't be fooled by this, as recreational trapping is already not allowed on town conservation lands. The only trapping that is

currently allowed is by town officials to protect property, roads and watersheds.

ROBERT M. DALTON, JR.
31 Old County Road

A longer version of this letter appear online.

Protect town's historic buildings with vote

Editor, Townsman:

The Dimensional Special Permit for Historic Preservation Zoning Bylaw, adopted in 2003, helps save historic buildings faced with imminent demolition by allowing relocation if preservation on site is not possible. In eight years, this unique bylaw saved five historically significant buildings from demolition, three of them on site and two of them moved to new locations. This special permit bylaw requires long term protection of approved projects. Currently, preservation restrictions are requested through and held by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and filed with the Registry of Deeds.

Article 35 allows the Zoning Board of Appeals the alternative of a preservation restriction being granted by the Board of Selectmen, rather than by the state. This local approval option is more appropriate for historic buildings that will be moved. The Massachusetts Historical Commission strongly recommends adoption of Article 35 to insure that Andover determines what historic buildings are saved and that we have the proper tools to preserve them for the long term.

Approval of Article 35 will insure that we will have the most effective historic preservation special permit bylaw possible. It also will allow the recently approved Pearson Street/Shaw Drive historic house project to move forward to completion. In addition to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Article 35 is supported by the Preservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, and the Ballardvale Historic District Commission.

KAREN HERMAN, CHAIRWOMAN
Andover Preservation Commission
Sunset Rock Road

Change bylaw on historic homes preservation

Editor, Townsman:

We are writing to encourage passage of Town Meeting warrant Article 35, an amendment that allows the town of Andover to hold the Historic Preservation Restriction on approved projects. Such projects are vital not only to historic preservation, but also for their contribution to sustainability. Moreover, said projects save the town of Andover's resources and increase tax revenues.

We are currently involved in an impacted project that is strongly supported by the Andover Preservation Commission and has won unanimous approval from the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals. The current bylaw requires the Massachusetts Historical Commission to hold the preservation restriction. However, last December the MHC recommended that the town of

LETTERS POLICY

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Andover amend its bylaw to allow it to hold an alternative restriction. The amendment in no way affects the character, dimensions or historic requirements of this project and has won support from all of the various departments and commissions involved.

We encourage you to vote for Amendment 35, allowing for the preservation of this and other historic buildings as well as increasing the tax benefit for the town of Andover from these previously underutilized properties.

PETER AND SHIRLEY SCHWARZ
1 Stinson Road

Chairman: Lots to do before new Ballardvale fire plan complete

Editor, Townsman:

The Ballardvale Fire Station Replacement Committee, consisting of seven citizens from Ballardvale and south Andover neighborhoods, was appointed by the selectmen in November 2008 to (a) evaluate the existing conditions at the 120-year-old Ballardvale Fire Station; (b) conduct a needs-analysis for fire and rescue services in the Ballardvale/south Andover area; (c) develop preliminary design options and alternatives for a new station; (d) recommend possible sites for a new station; and (e) prepare preliminary cost analysis and funding alternatives.

The committee has determined the existing Ballardvale Station is in such poor condition and cannot house adequate fire and safety equipment that it must be replaced. We have walked much of the land around the recommended site and researched the availability of suitable parcels. With the fire department, we have developed criteria for siting and what is needed to provide a modern, efficient substation. Our meetings have been posted as required by law and are public. We have made progress reports and presentations to the selectmen, and have made presentations to both the School Committee and the South School Council. We are scheduling meetings with the South School community, neighborhood groups, youth sports groups and anyone else interested in the project. Information concerning the site selection process and preliminary details are posted on the town website. Concerned citizens attend our meetings to

ask questions, and we encourage others to do so. Tours of the existing Ballardvale Fire Station can be arranged.

By now, most people know the committee is recommending that a new fire and rescue substation be built at the corner of Andover and Woburn streets, the site of a Little League field.

Our primary goal is to improve delivery of emergency services in south Andover, which is currently serviced by an unquestionably obsolete Ballardvale Fire Station. To do that, response times must be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Given current and projected development, including double-tracking of the rail line, the new fire station needs to be relocated to the east side of the railroad tracks so that industrial and commercial properties at Lowell Junction, and residences in south Andover, are better protected. The proposed site would provide that protection.

A major component of locating a new substation at the corner of Andover and Woburn Streets will be addressing the on-going traffic and parking problems at South School. The committee is developing plans which greatly enhance traffic flow and provide additional parking for parents and staff. The plan contemplates replacing the existing ball field with a new ball field behind the school. The committee will meet with youth sports league to determine specific needs and refine the plans.

An important benefit of building the station on town-owned land is an acquisition savings of approximately \$1 million. Preliminary testing indicates that the field by South School is very suitable in terms of site preparation costs and environmental considerations. A professional report demonstrates that traffic would be minimally impacted.

It will be up to Town Meeting to decide whether to authorize construction of a new substation. We anticipate many more public meetings before any proposal is made to Town Meeting and look forward to working with all stakeholders.

DAN CASPER, CHAIR
232 Andover St.

A longer version of this letter appears online.

Is town now afraid of the Easter Bunny?

Editor, Townsman:

It was way too easy to see through the town's recent "Spring Bunny" ruse. "Spring Eggs" were an obvious clue. I recommend that next year the "Spring Rodent" should hold a "Desirable Object Hunt." Chuckie Cheese might be willing to sponsor the event. We could also hide toothbrushes and Home Depot gift cards.

But if the Easter Bunny is just too overwhelmingly religious for our sensitive community, perhaps Andover could just hold a "Nice Spring Party for Children" instead.

BRUCE EARNLEY
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Ex-town water worker pleads not guilty

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A former town employee plead not guilty last week to charges stemming from a 2010 investigation at the town's water treatment plant.

Cynthia Vaughn, a West Newbury resident, was arraigned in Essex Superior Court last Wednesday, April 13. Vaughn, who was a water treatment compliance specialist until her termination from the water department last year, is charged with filing false claims for hours worked, working for another company while on town time and committing larceny over \$250.

Vaughn plead not guilty to all three charges. If she is found guilty, Vaughn could face a



Cynthia Vaughn stands in Salem Superior Court for her arraignment on charges of operating a side business on town time, filing false claims for hours worked and larceny.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

maximum of five years in prison for each charge, according to Steve O'Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

After the arraignment, John

Andrews, a Salem-based attorney representing Vaughn, said he did not want to comment on the case outside of the courtroom.

"My intention is to try this case," Andrews said. "There is

nothing much to say."

Vaughn was released on personal recognizance with no question of bail, the terms of which could be revoked should she commit another crime, Salem Superior Court Judge Timothy Feeley said at the arraignment.

Vaughn was quiet throughout the arraignment, saying only the words "not guilty" when asked how she plead to each charge and ending with an even shorter response when given the terms of her release, which she indicated that she understood.

She will return to court on May 20 for a pre-trial conference. Other dates are also tentatively scheduled for later in the year, O'Connell said.

TOWN TALK

Word of 'Mouf': Rapper Ludacris coming

Andover fans of hip-hop superstar Ludacris will have a chance to see him perform just down the road from their homes.

The music entertainer and actor will perform the spring concert at the Merrimack College Lawler Arena next Thursday, April 28, at 8 p.m., Lawler Arena, Volpe Athletic Center, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 each. To purchase, visit etix.com.

Chris "Ludacris" Bridges has sold more than 12 million albums and is behind hit singles such as "Get Back" and "Money Maker." He has won three Grammy Awards and a Screen Actors Guild award. He's appeared in the films "2 Fast 2 Furious," "Crash" and "Hustle and Flow," as well as a role on TV's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

The performance will

showcase Rudy Currence as the opening act. The event is being hosted by the Office of Student Involvement at Merrimack College.

Historical Society members offer favorite town stories

Celebrate the Andover Historical Society turning 100 next Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

The 100th Annual Meeting will be held at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., on Tuesday, April, to be followed by the Memorial Lecture at 7:15 p.m. called "Best of the 104 Stories" and featuring Jim Batchelder, Gail Ralston, Joan Patrakis and Don Robb.

The four authors will share their perspective on the stories written as part of the Historical Society's Centennial Celebration. Beginning in April 2010, "Andover Stories" has been a weekly feature in the Andover Townsman newspaper. Thanks

to the dedication of enthusiastic volunteers, the Andover Historical Society has been able to share some of Andover's interesting tales with the community. The four authors from this popular series speak about their favorite stories.

Howie Carr to sign books

If hip-hop isn't your thing, perhaps you'd prefer to stroll over to a book signing.

The Andover Bookstore is bringing talk show host, columnist and author Howie Carr to Old Town Hall, also known as the Andover Town House, at 20 Main St., next Thursday, April 28 at 8:30 p.m. for a book-signing event at about the time Ludacris will be taking the Merrimack College stage. The Carr event costs \$25, which includes the cost of the book. Tickets can be purchased online at hugobookstores.com

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, April 12 through Monday, April 18:

ARRESTS

Thursday, April 14 - At 12:02 p.m., Airon Crews, 30, of 62 Haverhill St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Friday, April 15 - At 1:34 a.m., Timothy Legrow, 27, of 6 Punchard Ave., Andover, was arrested on Lupine Road and charged with a red light violation, leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 7:49 a.m., Eleazar Lopez, 23, of 5 Wilma St., Lawrence, was arrested on Salem Street and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed and driving an uninspected motor vehicle.

At 2:35 p.m., Pierre Anceri, 47, of 57 Central St., North Reading, was arrested on Main Street and charged with driving with no inspection sticker and operating a motor vehicle with license revoked.

At 9:04 p.m., Jackson Rich, 18, of 59 Lucerne Drive, Andover, was arrested on Reservation Road and charged with malicious damage to a motor vehicle and littering from a motor vehicle as an operator.

Saturday, April 16 - At 2:19 a.m., Richard Van Kampen III, 21, of 497 North Central Ave., Ramsey, N.J., was arrested on Foxhill Road by Merrimack College police and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Close to half an hour later, David Melo, 21, of 18 Applehill Lane, Lynnfield, was also arrested by Merrimack College police. Melo was charged with disorderly conduct. Andover police assisted with the booking of both individuals.

Sunday, April 17 - At 1:13 p.m., Christian Chappell, 33, of 180 Andover St., Andover, was arrested on Central Street and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed, driving a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and on a warrant for a marked lanes violation and driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

At 4:08 p.m., Derek Nault, 23, of 233 Mt. Vernon St., Lawrence, was arrested on Chestnut Court and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended

license.

Monday, April 18 - At 12:04 p.m., Antonio Damore, 38, of 94 Graves Road, Revere, was arrested on Punchard Ave and arrested on a warrant.

BREAKS

Thursday, April 14 - At 8:02 a.m., a break on a house under construction was reported on Black Horse Lane.

THEFTS

Tuesday, April 12 - At 7:23 a.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Downing Street. At 9:13 a.m., another theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Appletree Lane.

At 8:44 p.m., a family reported the theft of a cell phone from the high school on Shawsheen Road.

Wednesday, April 13 - At 12:48 p.m., an employee from a phone service provider reported the theft of copper from one of its cellular towers in town.

Saturday, April 16 - At 7:24 p.m., the theft of a wallet was reported at Papa Gino's on North Main Street.

Sunday, April 17 - At 10 a.m., a theft was reported on Park Street.

At 12:33 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, April 14 - At 9:30 p.m., police were called to Andover Street to assist an ambulance crew with a possible drug overdose.

Friday, April 15 - At 2:59 p.m., an attempted suicide was reported in Elm Square.

Saturday, April 16 - At 1:58 p.m., a case of fraud involving an unauthorized use of a check was reported on Bailey Road.

Sunday, April 17 - At 9:27 a.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Haggetts Pond Road.

At 3:10 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle, stemming from a foul ball hit in a softball game, was reported on Chestnut Street.

Monday, April 18 - At 2:59 p.m., four individuals were issued verbal warnings for trespassing on Executive Park Drive.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, April 12 - At 8:53 a.m., a two-car crash with personal injury involving two towed vehicles was reported on North Main Street.

Thursday, April 14 - At 5:54 p.m., a two-car crash with no injuries was reported on Lowell Street. Both vehicles needed to be towed.



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Rapper Ludacris will be playing at Merrimack College on April 28.

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Joan and Joseph Bartley, Andover residents since 1965 and owners of Cambridge-based "Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers," celebrated 60 years of marriage last week. They have owned their popular restaurant for 50 years.

60 years of love, burgers

Bartleys' marriage, popular Cambridge restaurant still thriving

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

If you ask them what the key to a successful marriage is, they will tell you about their gourmet burgers. But, after spending 60 years together, they probably know what they're talking about.

2011 is a busy year for Joseph and Joan Bartley, Andover residents since 1965. In addition to both celebrating their 80th birthdays this year, the Bartleys also celebrated their diamond anniversary last Thursday. Meanwhile, their famous Mr. Bartley's Burger Cottage, also known as Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers, at 1246 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, is celebrating its 50th year of business as well.

Joan cited religious dedication as being a key factor in the success of their marriage, which over the years produced five children who are now 43 to 59 years old, and a lifetime of memories represented by dozens of picture frames, both current and antique, that line their house's walls and cover many tables.

"Time has flown by, that's for sure," Joseph Bartley said. "What makes it harder is that we work together."

The Bartleys met in the 1940s, when the world was still reeling from the effects of World War II. They met at St. Michael's Church in North Andover, where they both worked on a play put on by the church's Catholic Youth Organization.

"We started going out after



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Joan and Joe Bartley, owners of Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers in Harvard Square, stand in their landmark restaurant with a classic cheese burger.

that," Joan Bartley said. "Our first date was at Midnight Mass in 1946."

They would marry five years after their first date and, eventually, move to New York as Joseph Bartley pursued a career in police work. Eventually, they came back to New England with a longing to create a restaurant that would thrive.

In 1960, a convenience store called Harvard Spa, located in Harvard Square in Cambridge across from Harvard Yard, went up for sale. They bought it, redid the place and set up a burger cottage in an area — a college area, even — where such a joint using fresh meat

didn't yet exist.

In 1965, the Bartleys moved from their home in North Andover to Wolcott Avenue in Andover, where they've lived for the past 46 years. The move brought them closer to Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers, and it gave them a place they could finally call home.

Now, with Joan 79 and Joseph 80, and their marriage at the age of 60, they are almost as well known as the burger establishment they started.

"We get people that come in from different parts of the world," Joseph Bartley said. "And when they hear I am Mr. Bartley, they want to have their picture taken with me."

Joan expressed the same sentiments while Joseph mentioned that, on the weekends, the waiting line to get into Bartley's Burgers will stretch down the street.

"He takes their orders and sends them down the line, and I seat them," Joan said. "People are always excited when they see Mrs. Bartley."

Joseph chuckled. "I'm excited when I see Mrs. Bartley," he said, smiling.

The customers — including a number of celebrities over the years — also get excited about the burgers. But when the

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100 Years Ago April 21, 1911

West Andover was stirred from its usual quiet and calm on Thursday when it was learned that an exciting encounter took place about 2:30 Thursday morning between an unknown burglar and Charles Newton, Jr., a special policeman of West Andover, in which Mr. Newton shot and killed the marauder.

The man had broken into the Newton home and had taken a box containing several dozen eggs and was evidently looking around for more plunder when he was discovered by Officer Newton. The presence of the burglar was first detected by Mr. Newton's mother. She aroused the rest of the household, and a hurried search revealed several traces of the man. In the cellar a bulkhead door and window were found open and the case of eggs was found to be missing. Knowing that the thief could not proceed very fast, Mr. Newton set out to follow him, taking with him a shot gun. Coming to some pasture bars, the man leaped over them. Mr. Newton also jumped the wall and by the aid of a pocket flashlight discovered the burglar crouching close under the wall. The man, probably realizing he was cornered, sprang for Mr. Newton and the latter, to defend himself, raised the gun and pulled the trigger. The shot took instant effect and the man fell dead.

Many people paused in passing by Playdon's windows last Saturday to admire the beautiful Easter plants and flowers displayed there.

Hardy & Cole have received the contract for remodeling and making extensive alterations to the Bartley house on Central street.

75 Years Ago April 17, 1936

Interesting motion pictures of the development of the telephone will be presented at the meeting of the Service Club next Thursday evening in Square and Compass club hall. During the evening an instrument will be hooked up for a talk with a boat at sea equipped with wireless telephone.

The Andover Village Improvement Society at a meeting held last night at the home of the president, Horace M. Poynter, came to the conclusion that the board of selectmen had no authority to turn down the request for a license for a filling station at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets, and that while the society was disappointed to know that a filling station is to be erected in the lot at the corner, it felt that the selectmen could not do anything about it.

Andover can do nothing to eliminate heavy traffic from Main street, the state Department of Public Works ruled Monday after the local board of selectmen and

the highway safety committee appeared before the state highway commission. The only possible course of action would be to ask the truck owners to detour of their own accord, it was stated.

50 Years Ago April 20, 1961

Ideas on what Urban Renewal can do for the center of town were presented to the selectmen Monday night by members of the Housing Authority. Explaining the area, and tentative plans for it, were director James Franklin and Ralph Barnes, representing Candeub and Fleissig, the consulting firm. The town hall and fire station could probably be taken down, it was explained. The new town hall is being tentatively planned for the triangle where the apartment house stands, bounded by Main street and High street behind the police box in the square.

Selectmen are "considering" possible courses of action in the now-famous truck parking case. [Refers to whether small businessmen will be adversely affected if they are not allowed to drive their small commercial vehicles home at night.] Their decision may be made tomorrow morning in a special session of the board.

The Board of Trade, meeting at the Andover Inn, voted to seek specific information from town and state officials on Rogers Brook progress. The Board's parking lot has been stalled awaiting information on the Brook reconstruction through the area west of Main street where the merchants propose to install a parking area.

25 Years Ago April 17, 1986

Five Andover residents who came to Monday's selectmen's meeting to be heard on the issue of downtown parking got a bit more than they had bargained for. Following a lengthy public hearing in which they had expressed their frustration with the present system, the five were drafted to serve on a nine-member committee which will seek solutions to Andover's downtown parking problems.

State Rep. Sue Tucker has announced that she will seek re-election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Tucker cited "unfinished business" and deep personal satisfaction in serving Andover and Lawrence citizens as reasons for her candidacy.

Fifty-one of Andover's non-tenured teachers received notification that because of school-budget constraints they will not be called back in the fall.

At Monday's meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Kenneth Mahony assured an audience of Shawsheen Village residents that they will indeed be getting the street lights they fought for at the 1985 Town Meeting.

Urban Renewal and Andover: '60s effort to eliminate downtown blight grows

Bill Dalton



You ask "Urban renewal in Andover?" and you say, "I thought urban renewal was for blighted urban areas, not quiet suburban towns."

I respond,

"Urban renewal included suburban renewal as well. There was a two year battle over it in Andover that began on April 20, 1961, and ended on March 14, 1963."

The Housing Act of 1949 created urban renewal. The federal government paid local governments up to three-quarters of the cost of replacing blighted areas. Urban renewal destroyed neighborhoods populated by the poor. When their neighborhoods were destroyed, the poor people were supposed to be helped by relocation offices, but those were a failure. Black author and civil rights activist

James Baldwin called urban renewal "Negro removal," and he was not inaccurate. Boston, arguably, was one of the most notorious urban renewal projects, largely because of the destruction of the old West End neighborhood.

I'm not aware of any well-off suburb other than Andover that tried to implement urban renewal, but there probably were others.

In 1961, Andover was a town with a per capita income higher than the average town in Massachusetts, and it was a pretty place, although some of the beautiful farms and much of the countryside of West Andover had been recently ripped apart by Interstate 93, and there were plans for Route 495, which would soon rip up more of West Andover and continue its destruction through the north portion of Shawsheen.

So why did some people want to tear down and replace the downtown? Post Office

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500 flock to YMCA event



COURTESY PHOTO

Olivia Liera of Andover peeks over the hill on the indoor obstacle course at Healthy Kids' Day at the Andover/North Andover Y. She is 8.



COURTESY PHOTO

Mia Jensen of Andover shows off her face painting.

Oh, healthy day: Y helps kids get active

The Merrimack Valley YMCA hosted more than 500 children and their parents at events held at the Andover/North Andover Y, the Lawrence Y and the Methuen Y on Saturday, April 16. It was all part of the YMCA's

Healthy Kids' Day — a day meant to encourage a commitment to being active every day.

"The Y knows that many parents struggle to find the time and resources to incorporate physical activity and healthy habits

into their kids' daily routine," Elizabeth Covino, vice president of the local Y's marketing/development, said in a release. "[T]he Y created Healthy Kids Day to celebrate and teach good health for kids, encourage active

play and inspire a lifetime love of physical activity."

Healthy Kids Day was celebrated at nearly 1,600 Ys across the country, with more than 700,000 families attending this year.

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DALTON: Past efforts to fix downtown grow

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Avenue was a mess, as was a small part of Park Street, and the Musgrove building was shabby. Although there were a few thriving businesses on Main Street and some nice buildings, it wasn't nearly as pretty as the rest of the town, although it wasn't unpleasant either. The Town Hall was the target of an almost-obsessive hatred from many citizens who thought it was ugly and needed replacement. (Funny how tastes change.)

The fight over urban renewal began as quietly as a cat stalking a mouse. There was a small piece in the April 20, 1961, Andover Townsman that said a committee to plan for urban renewal had been formed. In the next two years, I heard a lot about urban renewal, because it was a potential nightmare for my father. He owned a thriving pharmacy on the corner of

Main and Park streets, in the Barnard Building, and he had expectations of one day buying the building. As the plans developed, urban renewal had the potential of ruining all he had built and all his future plans.

I have not seen an Andover story that used more of the Andover Townsman's ink than the two-year struggle over urban renewal.

In the beginning, the plan was conceived by the Andover Housing Authority. A subcommittee was appointed and was headed by Ernest Hall, a dependable man, familiar with Andover politics. By November, 1961, the plan had been developed enough to go public, and it was stated that the federal government would pay three quarters of the demolition and building costs.

The Nov. 16, 1961, Andover Townsman carried the biggest headline I've ever seen in the paper. The words "Urban

Renewal" covered much of the top of the page, and on the rest of the page was a map showing what would be torn down and replaced, and that included almost the entire downtown.

You say, "That seems draconian."

I say, "You can't judge the past with the standards of the present. Times were different then, and Andover's downtown had some problems. I knew, either in person or by reputation, most the people who publicly supported urban renewal, some of whom still live in town. They were and are good, well-intentioned people, and some were the town's best leaders."

Stay tuned for part 2 of this story next week.

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menu has items named "The Ted Kennedy" — a burger described as plump and liberal — and "The A-Rod" — a self-proclaimed "turkey" burger — all over it, it's easy for sandwich lovers to get excited.

"I used to have a Kojack Burger many years ago," Joseph Bartley said. "And remember Fonzie on Happy Days?"

Current burgers include The Viagra ("rise to the occasion!"), The Barack Obama ("one and done?"), The Sarah Palin ("more guns than brains") and The Oprah ("her weight fluctuates more than the Dow").

The burger names change over time as new situations catch New Englanders' attention and new celebrities move into the Bartley's crosshairs. But of everything that has changed, two things haven't: their love for Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers, and their love for each other.

"I don't think we would've survived in business (without each other)," Joseph Bartley said. "I couldn't have survived by myself. She probably couldn't have survived by herself."

Working together, it seems, is the key to long life and a successful marriage.

"It is good," Joan Bartley said. "It keeps the blood flowing, and keeps the mind going."

The burgers just add to the flavor.

Harvard Club of Andover to dine, seek 'smarter you'

The Harvard Club of Andover Annual Dinner meeting will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, at Glory Restaurant, 19 Essex St., Andover. This event is open to the Harvard community and newly admitted Harvard students from the Merrimack Valley.

The program will include keynote speaker Marie Pasinski, who will present "Beautiful Brain, Beautiful You, a Seven Step Guide to a Better, Smarter, and Younger You."

Pasinski graduated from the Harvard Medical School and completed her residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is currently a staff neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and a faculty member at Harvard Medical School. Since 1991, Pasinski has been the consulting neurologist for the Massachusetts General Hospital Health Care Centers, where she cares for patients with a range of neurologic disorders.

Her special interests include dementia prevention and the effects of exercise, diet, and socialization on the brain.

Pasinski has appeared in numerous media outlets, including TV, radio and print, and she writes a regular column in the health section of The Huffington Post. She is a frequent guest speaker at conferences and symposia, where she has been increasing public awareness about the importance of adopting a brain-healthy lifestyle.

Pasinski is the author of "Beautiful Brain, Beautiful You, a 7 Step Guide to a Better, Smarter, Younger You." She lives on the North Shore with her husband Roger Pasinski, also a Harvard Medical School graduate and has raised two sons.

The Harvard Club of Andover welcomes new members who are graduates of all Harvard University schools, faculty members or administrative staff. The HCA sponsors a variety of social as well as educational events year round, including wine tastings, hikes, barbecue pool parties, networking sessions, annual dinners and lectures by Harvard faculty and staff. The HCA is also involved with scholarships and philanthropic projects, and annually grants the Harvard Book Award at local high school graduations.

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Ken Seifert



Just the other day I wondered, what do a Las Vegas book maker, a social scientist and an insurance company have in common? They each will give you odds on what they believe will probably happen and are willing to bet on it. They know what is possible; but they study what is probable. Their batting average is quite impressive.

A scientist might ask how we convert possibilities into probabilities. A poet might ask how we make dreams come true. A common sense guy might just ask how we can make a better mouse trap.

When I want greater clarity on almost anything I go to old reliable, Webster's Dictionary. Possibility: something may or may not occur. Probability: a thing will likely happen if the proper conditions are in place. Ben Franklin would probably say one is a well thought out plan and the other is merely a pipe-dream. Nothing is for certain in this world, but there are things we can do to tilt the odds in our favor.

How do we increase our chances for having a better life, getting more satisfaction for ourselves, doing good things for others and not feeling guilty if we have more than the next guy? Only if we set up the proper conditions and go for it. The other alternative is to sit back and let whatever comes, comes. The latter choice gives us room to whine, complain and alibi - *woulda, coulda and shoulda*.

Some people think that the world has many free lunches and spend more time trying to get them. They would be much better off paying their dues and really feeling a sense of accomplishment. Selfish people are never happy. They are in every socio-economic class.

What are those proper conditions that make more things probable? Resources and a plan! Leadership, motivation, commitment, a time frame, a few goals and keeping score along the way are a few. You may have others to list. Money is important, but it is not as important

as those listed above. Our country is world famous for throwing bucks at a problem and, like the big spender, getting questionable results. It has wasted time, energy and has cost us much. We do the same in our towns and our homes.

One does not have to be a rocketship scientist to judge if something is possible and probable or possible and not probable. There are some things not possible. They are not worth our energy and should be left to the armchair philosophers.

Here are a few things to consider. For each, answer likely or not likely to happen. Is it possible in the year 2030 the United States will be a great nation? Is it possible to have clean energy? Is it possible for all governments at the local, state and national levels to have a balanced budget? Will it be possible for our children to pay for the debts we are leaving them? Is it possible to coach our children for the game of life they will play when they become adults? Is it possible to have more appropriate and meaningful activities for our children? Is it possible to use our public buildings more effectively and efficiently? Is it possible to reduce user fees and youth activities that cost big bucks? Is it possible to live in a community where citizens can present possibilities for making probabilities and some of these things actually happen?

We can also apply this process personally. Once again, consider whether the response is likely or not likely to happen. Is it possible for me to think someone has a better idea than I do? Is it possible for me to have shined shoes each time I take my wife Norma outside our house? (After 51 years of marriage, it's more likely.) Is it possible to be more honest with myself and others, and less politically correct? Is it possible to write articles in the paper that are more informative and less opinionated? Is it possible my children will be as perfect as I was when I was their age? (Impossible, no human being was ever that good.) Is it possible more than 15 people read this article?

If there be peace on Earth, let it begin with me. I better or I am in deep trouble!

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



Frost poets

Zoe Payne-Taylor, an Andover High School senior, reads her poem "American Throne" at the second annual Robert Frost Foundation Poetry Night on March 8 at Cafe Azteca in Lawrence. The poetry night, featuring students and teachers from Andover, will be shown on Andover local cable access channels Comcast 8 and Verizon 47 beginning April 18. The event was presented by Mark Schorr, executive director of the Frost Foundation, and was hosted by Andover High School teacher Harry Durso. The sponsors were Don's Auto Care and Joe Spanos Productions.

Pike School term 2 honor roll 2010-11

Pike School has announced the students who made its winter or term 2 honor roll for the 2010-11 school year.

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Grade 7

Drew Bassilakis, Lilli Baumgardner, Darian Bhatena, Rohan Dixit, Mia Edelson, Sarah Eikenberry, Chiraag Gohel, Brooke Keene, Cameron Kerry, Natalie Lopez, J.P. Mayer, Robbie Morris, Erica Nork, Malcolm Ogden, Harry Page, Chris Puglisi, Sitara Rao, Jessie Schmitt, Caroline Shipley, Mihika Sridhar, Jordan Towler, Meghan Tucker

Grade 6

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One evening, 150 colleges: Free college fair April 25

Phillips Academy will host its annual College Fair from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25, in the Case Memorial Cage, 5 Highland Road, on the Phillips Academy campus. Andover area students and parents are invited to attend for free and meet representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities from around the world.

The fair offers high school students and their families an opportunity to familiarize themselves with a wide range of colleges and universities. Representatives from participating institutions will be available to answer individual questions and to distribute informational literature about their schools.

Among the colleges and universities scheduled to attend the fair are American University, Amherst, Bates, Boston College, Boston University, Bowdoin, Brandeis, Carnegie Mellon, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, Cornell University, Furman, Johns Hopkins, University of Massachusetts/Amherst, Puget Sound, Smith, Stanford, Syracuse, Tulane, Villanova, Wesleyan, Whitman, Williams, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. International schools include Aberdeen University and St. Andrews in Scotland, American University of Paris, National University of Ireland and McGill University in Canada.

For more information, call Phillips Academy's College Counseling Office at 978-749-4155 or e-mail college-counseling@andover.edu

8 King Cotton

Confederate soldiers use cotton bales to reinforce a fortification near Yorktown, Va. Library of Congress

Slavery arrived in the New World before the Pilgrims, and it might not have survived to see Southern secession had it not been for Eli Whitney's cotton gin.

Generations of early Americans tolerated slavery, most hoping the country would outgrow it by "slow, sure and imperceptible degrees," as George Washington said, according to Joseph Ellis' biography, "His Excellency."

Ending slavery was the logical outcome of the revolution Washington led against the British, a fact he acknowledged in his will, which freed his own slaves upon his wife's death.

Washington, like other founders, also thought slavery inefficient. Only a fraction of Mount Vernon's more than 300 slaves worked, he once noted. The rest remained because he did not desire to break up families.

James Madison once reported that the owner of a 10-acre free farm in Pennsylvania made more money than he did working 2,000 acres with slaves, according to historian Paul Johnson.

The Founding Fathers, waiting for slavery's demise, perhaps did not foresee the impact of Whitney's machine, which separated seed from cotton and gave rise to King Cotton in the South. Nor could they have anticipated the Second Great Awakening, a religious movement that fueled the rise of abolitionism, mostly in the North.

The South, rather than moving away from slavery in the early 19th century, actually became more dependent on it, writes historian Allan Nevins: "It was not relaxing the laws which guarded the system, but reinforcing them ... The South was further from a just solution to the slavery problem in 1830 than it had been in 1789." The transformation was such that in 1837, one of that generation's leading lights, South Carolinian John Calhoun, argued that slavery was a "positive good." Calhoun's disciple, Jefferson Davis, shared that view. Four years after Calhoun's remark, an observer traveling through the South by boat witnessed a Kentucky slave owner and his 12 newly-purchased slaves, who were chained at the wrists and looked like "so many fish upon a trot-line."

If slavery was "good," wondered the observer, how was it that no man desired it for himself? "I never knew a man who wished to be himself a slave," he later wrote.

Thus, Abraham Lincoln had begun moving toward a position he would elucidate in later years: "He who would be no slave, must consent to have no slave. Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

Preparing cotton at a gin Library of Congress

QUICK FACT

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB OF ANDOVER, "Mysteries of the Monarch Butterfly," presented by Jackie Stone, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Main Street, Andover, refreshments will be served; Helen Ann Knepper, haknep-er@comcast.net, 978-409-1701.

AUTHOR READING, Susie Middleton of "Fast, Fresh and Green," a rainbow of appealing recipes is for those who adore vegetable dishes and want to try something new. Middleton, a former editor-at-large for Fine Cooking magazine, divides recipes by cooking style, instructing readers as she goes. There will be cooking tips and samples of some of the recipes; 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 978-475-0143.

LIVE THEATER, "A Picasso" opens, Jeffrey Hatcher's suspense-filled drama, directed by Charles Towers, Merrimack Repertory Theater, Lowell, through May 15; MerrimackRep.org, 978-654-4MRT.

HOW TO GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, presented by Home Health Foundation, 10 a.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

SIGNS OF SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT, enjoy a fire, hot chocolate and a hike with the ranger at Stearns Pond, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; meet at the headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Appropriate for children 5 and up; bring a sack lunch and water, wear hiking footwear, sunscreen as appropriate. For more information call 617-828-1728

LIVE MUSIC, "Memories in Music" with guitarist and singer Brian Corcoran, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

AUTHOR VISIT, Norton Juster author of "The Phantom Tollbooth" and "The Odious Ogre," 2 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 978-475-0143.

FLAMENCO DANCE PROJECT, live dinner show featuring Spanish cuisine, culture and traditional flamenco music, at the ballroom at the Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road (just off Interstate 93) in Andover; Spanish guitarist Juanito Pascale plays as Sabrina Aviles gives a one hour Flamenco dance performance; 6:30 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. dinner buffet, 8:30 p.m. show. General admission for dinner and show \$55 per person, show only at \$25; purchase online, drink-waterproductions.com.

PHOTO EXHIBIT, "Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz: Photos by William P. Gottlieb (1917-2006)," Spencer Presentation Gallery, Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly, reception 6 to 7 p.m. with cash bar; concert in conjunction with the North Shore Jazz Project will feature Amanda Carr and the Evert Longstreth Octet that will begin at 7 p.m. in the Rose Performance Hall, general admission fee of \$10. Exhibit is free and open to the public through May 29; gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 1:30 to 7 p.m.; Friday 9 to 5; and Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

COLLEGE FAIR, free admission, 5 to 7 p.m., the Case Memorial Cage, 5 Highland Road, on the Phillips Academy campus. Area students and parents are invited to attend and meet representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities from around the world.

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gosard, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, 7-9 p.m. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own, \$15 with pre-registration, \$20 door; 978-682-8815, rollingridge.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. This is a moderately paced walk appropriate for all ages. Wear walking footwear; bring water and sunscreen as appropriate; (617) 828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.

EXHIBIT OPENS, Shapes & Silhouettes, by Tarja Cockell of North Andover, with vibrant fabric collages from hand dyed and painted fabrics layered with sheer silk, through May 22, The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell. Artist reception is May 6, 6 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK, 8:30 a.m., begins at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St. Coffee and Hot cross buns will be served starting at 8:15 a.m. The walk is about 2 hours long stopping at eight prayer points. Clergy from Andover Baptist, Ballardvale United, Christ Church, Faith Lutheran, Free Christian, St. Augustine's St. Robert's and South Church will lead prayers at stops.

AUTHOR TALK, with Andre Dubus III, author of Townie: A Memoir, and the NY Times bestseller, House of Sand and Fog, noon, Library ArtSpace, Bentley Library, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill Campus, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; agrandmaison@nec.mass.edu, 978 556-3426.

FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDEHELP, a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, treatment and education of child abuse; raffles, food, music, dancing and cash bar; 576 Primrose St., Haverhill, 7 p.m. to midnight; visit Childhelp.org to learn more, contact Goode Salon, 89 Main St., Olde Andover Village, Andover, for a \$5 ticket at 978-470-8884.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

YARD SALE, LLL Preschool, 8 Beacon St., Andover, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; Loren Tran, 978-436-1432.

Power of silence

Concert, silence in school to raise awareness of Uganda crisis

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Six bands and as many as 300 guests will file into Old Town Hall next Friday, April 29, to "make noise for those who can't," as the posters hanging around Andover High School put it.

Locally-born band One Step Away, along with five other acts, will play in support of the Invisible Children Foundation, an organization that aims to bring hope and education to Ugandan children affected by a quarter-century-long civil war that has ravaged the nation and destroyed countless lives.

Several high school students have been responsible for organizing the event, some of whom will be playing on the stage. For high school students like Andy Ladd, 18, and Mike McGovern, 17, both of whom are seniors, seeing a documentary in a Contemporary World Issues course sparked the idea.

"The class itself, it focuses on issues going on in the world," McGovern said. "Being in Andover, we are pretty sheltered with what is going on in the world around us."

The documentary followed three men who traveled through Uganda and, accidentally they say, discovered what occurs in Ugandan streets. Another documentary the boys watched followed the story of a girl who was captured and mistreated, and then guided through a painful, slow process of recovery.

"We were both sitting there, astonished," Ladd said. "How can we sit here in our Andover bubble while these kids are getting abducted, mutilated, raped?"

Through the documentaries, McGovern and Ladd found the Invisible Children Foundation and the inspiration to support it with a benefit concert.

The organization gets its name



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Students from Andover High School are working with six area bands for "Make Noise For Those Who Can't," a benefit concert supporting the Invisible Children Foundation. Pictured, back row, from left are Brianna Fogden, 16, junior; Andy Ladd, 18, senior; Michael Nuzzolo, 18, senior; Adam Ladd, 15, sophomore; Terrence Healy, 18, senior; Mike McGovern, 17, senior; and, in front, from left: Taylor Richardson, 18, senior, and Robbie Hillson, 17, senior.

from the people it serves, "invisible children" from Uganda who migrate to local cities at night to sleep, out of fear of overnight abduction in their local villages.

"Nobody takes tallies on who they are or where they are from. They don't exist," Ladd said. "That is why they are called the invisible children."

Through the organization, the education of an invisible child can be supported for around \$450. With the tickets and merchandise the event organizers have been selling, they have so far raised over \$1,600, which would teach around three and a half children for a year.

By the time the event takes place, students expect to raise at least \$3,500, they said.

The music is described as pop rock, and one artist will perform an acoustic set. The show will be headlined by One Step Away and supported by Stay, Dear Zim, Davis Layman, The Blue Pages and The Upstate Affair.

For Michael Nuzzolo, 18-year-old bassist for One Step Away and a senior at the high school, the opportunity to do something larger than just another gig is what attracted him, and others.

"We are really interested in the organization," Nuzzolo said. "We talked to a bunch of friends in the area and got them on board."

Raffles will also take place at the concert using items donated by local businesses. Donations include a \$40 gift certificate to King's Subs & Pizza on Bartlett Street, a gift certificate to Chipotle Mexican Grill in North Andover for one guest to bring a bunch of friends and eat for free, a 55-minute massage from Elements Therapeutic Massage on North Main Street, and more.

To bring even more awareness to the event, students at the high school will participate in "25 Hours of Silence," another effort organized by the students behind the benefit concert. With the 25 Hours of Silence, students will go

CD RELEASE PARTY FOLLOWS DAY OF SILENCE

Andover Youth Services, which sponsored "Make Noise For Those Who Can't," will also be supporting locally-based Grimis for a joint documentary and CD-release party celebrating Grimis' recently recorded album, "I Am The One." (See story below.)

The album and documentary were both produced in Kenya, and all proceeds from the event will benefit building classrooms at the Margaret Okari School. Grimis will perform, and be supported by performers Caylen Bryant and Casey McQuillen. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. The cost to attend the event is \$20.

The documentary, "I Am The One," will also be shown, as will artwork from Kenya and more. The CD, "I Am The One," will be on sale as well for \$20.

the entire day on Monday, April 25, without saying a word.

The 25 hours represent the 25 years of civil war in Uganda, according to Ladd.

"A quarter of the school has signed up," Ladd said. "Our first goal was to get 100 people to sign up for the 25 Hours, and we destroyed that goal."

Some teachers have also signed up for the 25 Hours of Silence, though given their duties, they will be wearing shirts and explaining the effort if asked about it, according to Ladd.

"Everybody will be talking about vacation and what they did," Ladd said. "(The 25 Hours) is really going to raise awareness to the other 75 percent of the school who won't be participating in it."

The concert is Friday, April 29 at the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Mike McGovern at 978-886-8511 or at mcinjury8@

Grimis back to old stomping grounds, with a purpose

In the fall of 2010 the members of Andover, Mass.-bred Grimis traveled to the village of Kisii, Kenya with Andover Youth Services, the hometown youth programming group that provided the band with resources and mentorship when they were just teenagers starting out.

The group, consisting of Grimis' Andrew Doherty, Pete Michelinie and David Tanklefsky, Andover Youth Services Founder Billy Fahey and his daughter Summer, AYS coordinator Tony Lombardi and recording engineer Tom Blanford recorded an album with the students of the Margaret Okari School, many of whom have been orphaned by AIDS.

TOUR DATES

- April 26: Boston University, Boston
- April 27: Pianos, New York, NY
- April 28: Ten Forward Art Space, Brooklyn, NY
- April 29: The Western Front, Cambridge
- April 30: Old Town Hall, Andover
- May 1: Radio Bean, Burlington, Vt.

Later this month, Grimis will tour the East Coast to promote the two-disc CD members recorded in Kenya, which features the band accompanying the students and teachers of the Margaret Okari School. One of these stops will be April 30 at Old Town Hall in Andover, also known as the Town House, at 20 Main St.

Each concert will be preceded by a short documentary about the project. Proceeds from the record will go to the Okari Foundation, the school's fundraising arm, according to the band.

"At this point, the band is more about friendship and a way of living ones life — with passion and a sense of purpose — than it is about music," says Grimis' guitarist/lead singer David



The Andover band Grimis, as constituted in 2008.

Tanklefsky.

The band of elementary school friends officially formed when they were sophomores at Andover High School in 2001.

The boys of Grimis broke onto the music scene in the mid-2000s performing alongside bands like The Slip, Apollo Sunshine, Piebald and Thao With the Get Down Stay Down. Its members have become sought-after sidemen, playing with nationally-recognized projects like Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles, Emil & Friends and Quiet Life.

In addition, its members have traveled the world in pursuit of interests outside music. Doherty spent two months recently in Africa recording with the Maasai tribe followed by a journey through Mexico and Guatemala. Michelinie is a 17th century-style furniture maker who also converts vans to run on vegetable oil in Portland, Ore. He has hiked both the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails. Tanklefsky is a journalist and baseball play-by-play announcer working this summer in Shreveport, La.



The late William Gottlieb's photos from the 1930s and '40s jazz scene are part of an exhibit at the Endicott College Center for the Arts, with a reception planned for April 23.

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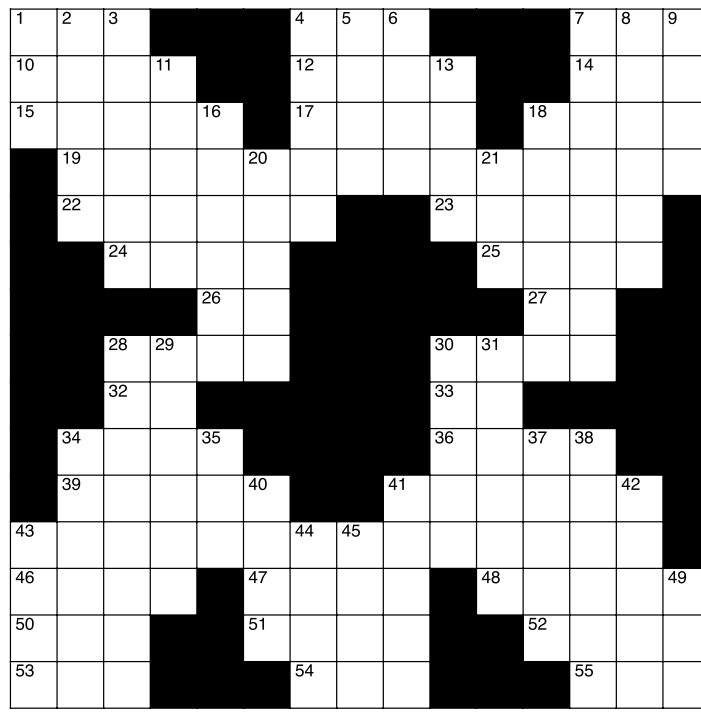
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Fluid in a plant
- 7. Power of Attorney (abbr.)
- 10. Small mound or clump
- 12. Ship's workers
- 14. Alternate unit of measure
- 15. Margarines
- 17. Swiss river
- 18. A place ___ itself
- 19. Exterior arch support
- 22. Repents
- 23. Luxuriant dark brown fur
- 24. Chinese dynasty 960-1279
- 25. Fishing lure
- 27. Atomic #63
- 26. Canadian province
- 28. Plays Stokes on "CSI"
- 30. Sonnet author
- 32. Roman numeral 15
- 33. Indicates position
- 34. Porgy
- 36. Quantitative fact
- 39. Slang for famous person
- 41. Swiss house

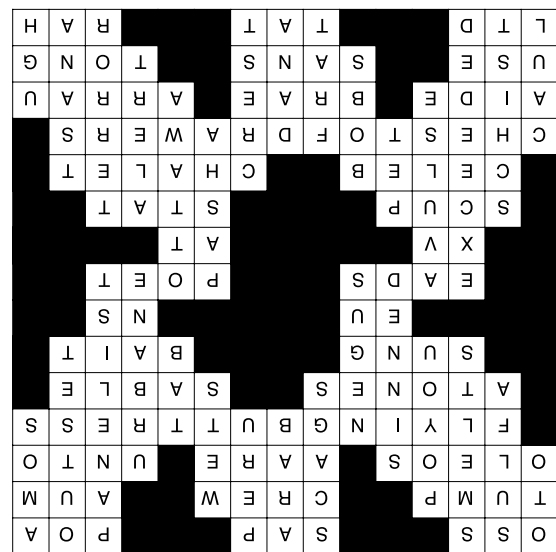
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Word element meaning ear
- 2. Antibacterial drugs
- 3. Melts or fuses
- 4. Borderland's dog-like monster
- 5. Saudi man
- 6. South American country
- 7. A member of a panel
- 8. Beginning point in time
- 9. "___ and Andy"
- 11. Peludo

CLUES ACROSS

- 13. Moistens
- 16. Committed a moral transgression
- 18. Svelte and refined
- 20. Wine and hot water with sugar, lemon juice and nutmeg
- 21. The bill in a restaurant
- 28. Went beyond
- 29. Forcibly tear away
- 30. Turkish title for civil officers
- 31. Canadian capital
- 34. Megascopically crystalline rock
- 35. An animal companion
- 37. Warning signal of danger
- 38. Intense fear
- 40. Curtsies
- 41. Center of a cambered road
- 42. Ethiopian lake
- 43. Fetal head covering
- 44. Male undergraduate social club (abbr.)
- 45. "State Fair" actor Andrews
- 49. Exclamation: yuck!

Solution



'Townie' Author Dubus to read, sign memoir

Writer Andre Dubus III, author of the New York Times bestseller, "House of Sand and Fog," will visit Northern Essex Community College tomorrow, Friday, April 22 at noon for a reading and signing of his most recent book, "Townie-A Memoir."

Free and open to the public, the presentation will be held in the Library ArtSpace, which is located in the Bentley Library on the college's Haverhill Campus, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. Books will be available for purchase and signing, and light refreshments will be served.

Townie is the story of Dubus's childhood, spent growing up poor in Haverhill. Living in a community that 40 years ago was filled with crime and violence, Dubus says he was forced to use his fists to protect himself and his family, which included his divorced mother and three siblings. Dubus writes poignantly about the life he led Monday through Saturday and how it contrasted with the Sunday visits with his father, who was a professor at the now defunct Bradford College.

The memoir was released in February to critical acclaim. Novelist Anita Shreve wrote that it is "Compelling, riveting, gritty and astonishingly moving. Dubus's memoir, Townie, achieves that rarest of qualities. It makes us love the boy who becomes the man."

Now living in Newbury with his wife and three children, Dubus began writing fiction at 22 years old, just a few months after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of a collection of short fiction, "The Cage Keeper and Other Stories," and the novels "Bluesman," "House of Sand and Fog," and "The Garden of Last Days," a New York Times bestseller.

Made into an Academy Award-nominated motion picture and published in 20 languages, "House of Sand and Fog" was a fiction finalist for the National Book

Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, Booksense Book of the Year, and was an Oprah Book Club Selection and No. 1 New York Times bestseller.

Dubus has visited Northern

Essex in the past and, in 2002, was the college's commencement speaker.

This reading and book signing is sponsored by the NECC library and the college's Institutional

Advancement Office.

For more information, contact Ann Grandmaison, Northern Essex Community College Library, agrandmaison@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3426.

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'MAKE HIM FEEL THE EVILS'

Battles raged across the South in the first year of the Civil War, with the Confederate states of Virginia and Tennessee bearing the worst.

Ever aggressive, Robert E. Lee planned to change that in 1862 and led his Army of Northern Virginia – more than 40,000 strong – into Maryland. Lee wanted to capitalize on momentum his soldiers earned in victories that summer, historian James McPherson writes in "Crossroads of Freedom."

McPherson quotes a North Carolina soldier who said the plan was to invade the enemy's country and "make him feel the evils he is inflicting on us."

Union Commander George McClellan had advantages, though. The Army of the Potomac was

Confederate left. Both sides pitched back and forth through a small cornfield and nearby woods, leaving thousands dead and wounded but no clear victor.

"The slain lay in rows precisely as they had stood in their ranks a few minutes before," wrote a Union commander.

Union troops also hit the center of Lee's line near a well-worn road remembered today as Bloody Lane. Confederates paid dearly to hold on there until a mix-up in orders – not the federal advance – caused them to pull back, according to historians.

The withdrawal gave McClellan a chance to split Lee's army. McClellan missed it.

The battle then shifted to the Confederate right, near

THE BATTLE OF ANTIETAM ENDED WITH BOTH SIDES LARGELY WHERE THEY HAD BEEN AT DAYBREAK.

Confederate dead along a fence at Antietam Library of Congress

THE DIFFERENCE WAS 23,000 AMERICANS LAY DEAD OR WOUNDED BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES.

twice as large as Lee's. And, in a curious twist, a copy of Lee's battle plan – Special Order No. 191 – turned up in an abandoned Confederate campsite and was passed up the line to McClellan.

If there was to be a Union moment in the war, this was it. McClellan, however, had seen firsthand what Lee could do with smaller forces, and he had been outgeneraled by Lee during seven days of fighting in June that saw McClellan driven from Richmond. What's more, McClellan knew Lee had whipped a Union army near Manassas in August.

The two generals found themselves on opposite sides of Antietam Creek the morning of Sept. 17, 1862.

Fighting opened with Union soldiers punching into the

town of Sharpsburg, where Union General Ambrose Burnside, after much fighting, got his men across a stone bridge and into position to block Lee's chance for retreat.

However, a Confederate counterattack drove back Burnside's men, and another chance slipped away for the Union. The battle of Antietam ended with both sides largely where they had been at daybreak. The difference was 23,000 Americans lay dead or wounded between the two armies.

Ever cautious, McClellan refused the next day to push the attack, allowing Confederates to withdraw to Virginia.

The Union had missed its moment.

QUICK FACT

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MV Philharmonic ends 50th season

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The acclaimed trio, consisting of pianist George Sebastian Lopez, violinist Eva Gruesser and cellist Emmanuel Feldman, will play the rarely performed Beethoven Triple Concerto in C Major, Op. 56 for Piano, Violin and Cello.

The Philharmonic will celebrate finishing its 50th season by performing Khachaturian's Masquerade Suite and Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espanol, Op. 34.

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Sports

McQuillans lead Warriors to comeback win

BASEBALL

With one out and the bases full, **Mike McQuillan** rapped a two-hopper through the short-stop-third base hole, turning a 5-4 deficit into a 6-5 lead, the eventual final score as Andover dented rival Central Catholic on Friday.

"We're hitting the ground running, but that doesn't guarantee anything. We have to keep it going," said McQuillan, who finished 3 for 4 with four RBIs.

The Warriors broke to a 4-0 lead before having to rally back. Mike's twin **Sean McQuillan** finished 2 for 4 with three runs and **Andrew Deloury** was 2 for 4 with two runs and an RBI. **Dustin Hunt** picked up his second win of the season, working three shut-out innings.

"We had a great team atmosphere in the dugout, and we kept bouncing back even after the rough fourth inning," said Mike McQuillan. "We came back and hit the ball. Their guys threw a lot of good pitches, we

just hit the ball today."
BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Begos, Warriors rally for win

D.J. Begos notched team-highs in kills (20) and blocks (10) as Andover edged Lowell 21-25, 25-19, 26-28, 26-22, 25-22, 15-5 on Friday. **Alek Dean** tallied 23 service points and **Joe Kuykendall** chipped in with 34 assists and 17 digs for the winners.

Despite 12 kills, 20 service points and 12 digs for **Joe Kuykendall**, Andover fell to archrival Central Catholic 23-25, 27-25, 25-20, 25-22 last Wednesday. **Will Gold** added 17 assists for the Warriors.

BOYS LACROSSE

Price, Andover score big

Nick Price scored four goals to help Andover blast Tewksbury 14-1 on Friday. **Matt McIver** added two goals and three assists, **Connor Gaffney** had two goals and two assists and **David Belluche** had

two goals and one helper for the winners.

David Belluche was one of four Andover players to score two goals to help Andover best Lowell 11-3 last Wednesday. **Nick Price**, **Matt McIver** and **Connor Gaffney** each added a pair of goals for the winners.

GIRLS TRACK

Relay team excels at Invitational

Natalie Wagner, **Molly Lynch**, **Micaela Soucy** and **Sydney Gillis** combined to take second in the 4x100 relay (54.21) for Andover at the Red Raider Invitational on Saturday. **Soucy** added a third in the 100, **Sarah Van Antwerp** was third in the 400 and **Courtney Comeau** was sixth in the 100 hurdles for the Golden Warriors.

Eve Bishop continued to dominate by winning the long jump (15-9 1/2), the 100 (13.5) and the 200 (25.7) as Andover defeated

Lowell 93.52 last Tuesday. **Emily Belluche** added wins in the triple jump and 100 hurdles and **Emily Van Antwerp** took the 400 hurdles for the winners.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Morris, Alois lead Warriors

Bridget Morris and **Jackie Alois** each scored twice as Andover rolled by Tewksbury 15-6 on Friday. **Meagan Keefe** and **Ally Fazio** each had a goal and an assist and **Kate Farnham** and **Anne Farnham** each had one tally.

McKenzie Billings and **Julia LeBlanc** each scored three goals as Andover topped Lowell 14-3 last Tuesday. **Weezie Gross** (two assists) and **Sara Miller** each added a pair of goals and **Katherine Geffken** made nine saves for the winners.

Sara Miller scored a hat trick, but Andover fell to Needham 11-8 last Thursday. **Ally Fazio** added two goals and an assist and **Jen Caro** scored twice for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS TRACK

Knapp, Farnham double winners

Brian Knapp won the pole vault (10-6) and 400 (51.2) and **Pat Farnham** won the 100 (10.6) and 200 (22.4) but Andover fell to Lowell



CARL RUSSO/Staff Photo

Andover third baseman **Ned Deane** handles a ground ball and fires it over to first base Friday. The Golden Warriors rallied for a 6-5 win over archrival Central Catholic.

74-71 last Tuesday. **Jordan Ladd** added a win in the shot put for the Golden Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Tully goes long in loss

Shannon Tully was 2 for 3 with a home run and three RBIs, but Andover fell to Billerica 10-4 last

Thursday. **Meaghan Leary** added a pair of hits and scored a run for the winners.

Alex Allocca was 2 for 3 with a run and two RBIs, but Andover lost to Dracut 10-5 on Friday. **Meaghan Leary** and **Jordan Day** each added a hit and an RBI for the Warriors.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL			BOYS LACROSSE			GIRLS TENNIS		
April 21	at Chelmsford	11 a.m.	April 21	at Coaches Cup	TBA	April 25	at ND Academy	3:30 p.m.
April 23	at Nashua North	7 p.m.	April 23	at Coaches Cup	TBA	April 27	Billerica	3:30 p.m.
April 25	Salem	3:30 p.m.	April 26	Haverhill	7 p.m.	VOLLEYBALL		
April 27	Methuen	3:30 p.m.	GIRLS LACROSSE			April 21	at Lawrence	6 p.m.
SOFTBALL			April 21	at Pinkerton	4 p.m.	April 23	at Rhody Invitational	TBA
April 21	Tewksbury	11 a.m.	April 23	Longmeadow	2 p.m.	April 25	Haverhill	6 p.m.
April 26	Amesbury	3:30 p.m.	April 26	at Haverhill	6:30 p.m.	April 26	Winchester	6:15 p.m.
April 27	N.D. Academy	3:45 p.m.	April 27	Triton	7:30 p.m.	BOYS TENNIS		
BOYS TRACK			April 25	at Methuen	3:30 p.m.	FOR HOME DELIVERY OF THE ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, CALL 978-475-7000		
April 27	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.	April 26	Lawrence	4 p.m.			
April 27	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.	April 27	Billerica	3:30 p.m.			



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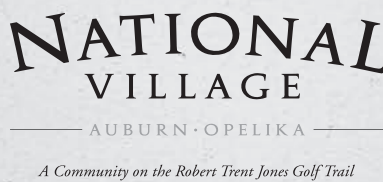


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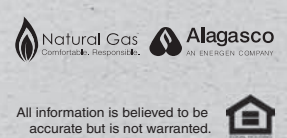
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South celebration: PeeWee 4 are division champs



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The Andover Hockey Association PeeWee 4 team won the Valley League Championship, Gray South Division. The team defeated Nashua, 3-1, on April 9 to win the American League championship and went on to topple National League champion Saugus, 3-2, on April 10, to claim the division title. Pictured are, back row: Coach Bob Hillson, Michael Slattery, Ethan Doherty, coach Steve Moreland and coach Chris Huntress; upper middle row: Aram Smith, Chris Nazarian, Peter Lowenstein, John Moreland, Connor Hillson, Tom Ross, Konstantinos Kantas; lower middle row: Michael Rosen, Conor Hews, Ryan Nazarian, Jeffrey Zaeder, Sam Huntress, and, in front: Leo Brother and Aleksey Gorman.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Offensive power Haugh named NEWMAC Player of Week thrice

Wheaton College baseball junior Dan Haugh, of Andover and Saint John's Prep, has been named the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference player of the week for the third time since March 28 for the week ending Sunday, April 17.

Haugh was outstanding at the plate during Wheaton's 6-1 week, batting .520 and slugging .720 with 12 RBI and 11 runs. He also drew eight walks, smacked five doubles and recorded a .620 on-base percentage.

With the Lyons needing a sweep over Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Haugh played an integral part in helping lead Wheaton to a share of the regular season title and the top seed in the league tournament. In the Blue and White's 17-0 and 9-4 wins over WPI, he went a perfect 6-for-6 with five RBI and four runs.

In just 30 games, Haugh boasts a career-best 50 RBI and a career-high-tying 17 doubles. In addition to pacing the Lyons in those two categories, he leads the team in batting average (.443), slugging percentage (.704) and on-base percentage (.518). Haugh is tied for the squad lead in home runs (3) and triples (2) while standing second in runs (34) and walks (19).

Haugh was selected player of the week for the week ending on Sunday, April 10, for batting .538 and slugging .923 during Wheaton's 4-0 week. He went 7-for-13 with nine RBI, seven

runs, four walks, two doubles and a homer for a .611 on-base percentage.

Previously, he had been awarded NEWMAC Player-of-the-Week honors for the week ending Sunday, March 27.

Earning his first career weekly accolade that week, Haugh turned in a monster numbers, leading his team to a 5-1 mark, while hitting .583 and slugging 1.083 with a .655 on-base percentage. He posted 16 RBI, eight runs, five doubles, two triples and a homer. Haugh also had five walks.

During a 16-5 win over 2010 NCAA Tournament team Westfield State University, Haugh fell one RBI shy of a 12-year-old school record, as he went 4-for-5 with career highs of eight RBI and three doubles. He also scored twice and notched a triple.

Becky Cairns named all-academic selection

Becky Cairns '11, a graduate of Andover High School, is one of 21 Hamilton College student-athletes who has been recognized by the New England Small College Athletic Conference as a 2010-11 winter all-academic selection.

Cairns was also a 2009-10 winter all-academic selection.

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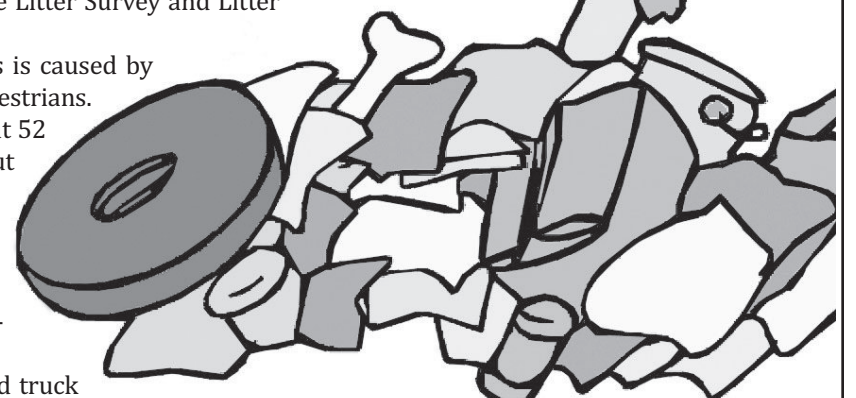
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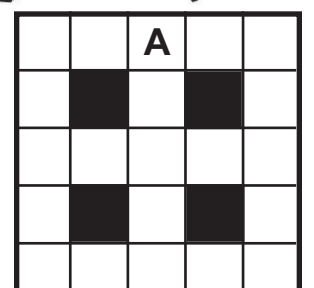
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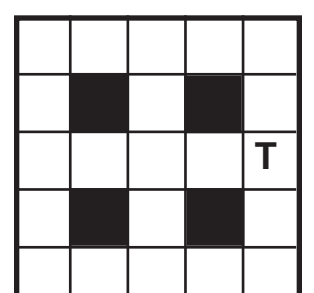
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