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From left, Julie Kole, 7, Lisa Kole, Susan Rocca, Missy Blanch, Leslie Burte and Lauren Kole dress as clowns in anticipation of ClownTown, which will be at the town common May 20-21.

CLOWNING AROUND

ClownTown juggling a second night at The Park

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

ClownTown is turning 55, and hoping to be bigger and better than ever.

To celebrate the event's emerald anniversary, the Andona Society adding a second night to its ever-popular kids carnival held at The Park on Bartlet and Chestnut streets. In previous years, ClownTown rolled into town for Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon, closing down before dinner-time on Saturday.

The new hours could bring more people to the event, or at least more evenly distribute those who come to the event, which has been known to become "mobbed" during peak hours

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Leslie Burte, Andona Society president

on Saturday, according to Leslie Burte, Andona Society president. Typically, more teenagers attend Friday night and more families with younger children

attend Saturday during the day.

"People can come with their families and stay late if they want," Burte said. "We thought about, if we allowed Saturday night as well, we'd give people the choice of any one (night), or both."

ClownTown is Andona's largest fundraiser. In the past, the event has brought in anywhere from two-thirds to three-quarters of its revenue on Friday night specifically. Money raised by Andona pays for Andona scholarships, helps kids attend camp, fills requests made by Andover schools and supports other Andover youth causes.

Held every spring, ClownTown turns The Park into a fully-featured

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National LWV ad leads local head to quit

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

The president of the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters has resigned in protest of the national and state League's decision to launch a television ad blitz against a clean air vote taken by US Sen. Scott Brown.

"I find it discouraging and embarrassing personally. It's hard not to be in control of your own organization's reputation," said Kerri Ford, who later added, "My stepping down was my way to tell state and national what my opinion is."

The Andover/North Andover LWV also called a special meeting of its members Tuesday night telling members the unusual meeting was specifically "an opportunity to meet to discuss the ad, your reactions and the broader topics it signifies." The meeting lasted

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Kerri Ford, president of the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters

two and a half hours, according to Stefani Traina, who is now the local LWV's acting president.

Following the meeting, the group issued a letter. "Our local chapter of the League wants to go on record as strongly disagreeing with their decision to run ads singling out U.S. Senator Scott Brown for his vote in favor of the

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Elderly housing proposal considered for River Road

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A local property owner is looking to turn part of a 70-acre lot of land on River Road into elderly housing, and town officials are working to create a task force to consider creating an elderly housing overlay district to accomplish that at a future Town Meeting.

Wingate Healthcare, which owns a 135-bed elderly housing community on Andover Street and 18 other facilities nationwide, owns just under 70 acres of land on River Road that includes the St. Francis Retreat Center in the western-most corner of town bordering Tewksbury and Dracut. Wingate hopes to create

around 200 elderly housing units on the property, most of which is covered by forests.

The property is zoned to allow for residential property subdivision of an acre or more per parcel. At its present size and with all environmental factors such as wetlands considered, the property can support around 80 multi-family housing units if developed with present zoning, according to Paul Materazzo, Andover's planning director.

How it can be developed, either as it is currently zoned or with the additional option of an elderly housing overlay, is what the to-be-created task force will determine.

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Small crowd greets Nader at AHS

Activist talks community solidarity at teachers union event

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Nationally known activist Ralph Nader's visit to Andover High School, billed by the Andover teachers union as a call for "student, teacher, community solidarity," attracted enough people to bring the Collins Center to less than one-fourth of its capacity.



Ralph Nader

■ Nader says students should become more involved. Page 2.

Nader spoke with students, signed books outside the Collins Center and gave an hour-long lecture to a crowd of students, teachers and other people.

The speech, which was attended by around 150 people according to head count by this Townsman reporter shortly after it began, did not have the turnout the union had hoped for, especially given the solidarity message it intended to give, according to Matthew Bach, a teacher at the high school and member of the Andover

Education Association responsible for organizing the event.

"The turnout was low, and that is one of the things that we're looking at, trying to get more people involved," said Bach, who added that he counted around 300 attendees.

Nader spoke on a number of topics, many of which surrounded the theme of students taking action and becoming active members of their community both in and out of the classroom (see related story, page 2).

"His message was positive, about getting involved, and that is what we wanted," Bach said.

A program that children were

distributing outside of the book signing listed, on its back, contact information for every state senator and representative, and on the front, urged attendees to "Take ACTION" at the state level in one of two ways: by contacting a representative to say "I support an act to invest in our community" or reaching out to a senator to say "collective bargaining must be protected in Massachusetts."

The program also told attendees to email School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue and tell him, "I support the teachers of Andover and I want excellence

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DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

The St. Francis Retreat Center on River Road could become part of a senior-housing complex under a new proposal.

KIDS SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE



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State leaders to listen on health-care costs May 14

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Finegold hosting a forum on how to contain soaring costs

People who want state government to hear their ideas for lowering health-care costs will have a chance to speak to the state powers that be this weekend, right here in Andover.

State Sen. Barry Finegold is hosting what he calls a Health Care Cost Containment Listening Forum on Saturday, May 14,

from 10 a.m. to noon at Memorial Hall Library. He has invited the state government's health-care leaders to hear from Andover residents, and discuss the challenges concerning the rising cost of health care.

"It's not a debate about health care. It's not about single-payer. It's not about should we have

Obamacare," said Finegold. "This is about how do we save money and how do we have the system run better."

Massachusetts health care costs are 15 percent higher than the rest of the nation.

Average citizens, doctors, nurses, small business owners, insurers and others involved

in the health-care field have all talked over the years with Finegold about the problems they face - and about possible solutions. The personal stories, as well as statistics convince him that the system needs reform, he said. The state Division of Health Care Finance and Policy estimates health care in Massachusetts will

cost \$16,000 per person by 2018.

"This affects the whole economy in general. People have less money to spend, to hire," said Finegold. "We have to change things."

Finegold said he has invited many of the key decision-makers on the health care bill to Andover for this panel discussion,

including Judy Ann Bigby, secretary of Health and Human Services; David Martin, director of Health Care Policy and Strategies from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and state Sen. Richard Moore Senate chairman of the Committee on Health Care Financing.

Andover State Reps. Paul Adams and Jim Lyons will be in attendance.

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Nader: Students should become stronger leaders

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The Andover Education Association ordered a speech on organized, active and educated citizens, and Ralph Nader delivered.

In his visit to Andover High School last Thursday, May 5, Nader spent a large part of his time talking about the importance of civic participation while saying that students weren't doing enough of it.

His time in town started with a brief question-and-answer session with high school students in the school's media center, where 40 students got to talk to Nader face-to-face and ask him questions on a variety of topics, including international policy and net neutrality.

Lydia Mesler, a 17-year-old senior at the high school, said she enjoyed the opportunity, particularly moments where he spoke against the mainstream media.

"It's a great opportunity to hear him speak, probably not an opportunity we'll have again," Mesler said.

Nader then signed books outside of the Collins Center, after which he gave a lecture in the Collins Center. In the lecture, Nader stressed the importance of being an active citizen and indicated that today, teenagers aren't involved in local government, which he said is one of the most important aspects of an American's life.

In one moment, he asked the students if they had never been to a shopping mall, McDonalds or a Wal-Mart, to which not a single student raised a hand.

"How many of you have never been at a town meeting, as a citizen or participant?" Nader asked. Following the question, a number of hands raised from the crowd. "You know what the conclusion is. You want certain goods to buy, you want to eat, buy some goods, clothing, whatever, you go to the commercial arenas. But if you want ... a community that will use your tax dollars efficiently, if you want a community that will create a greater source of happiness, if you want a community where the courts dispense justice, you'd

want to participate. You'd want to go there. You'd want to make it part of your courses, if not extracurricular activities."

Moments later, Nader also compared the among people know about sports as opposed to local government. He said the discussions that take place on sports radio programs are "amazing," highlighting how listeners know so much about sports that they can second-guess multi-million dollar professionals. But with civic life, knowledge of the world is much less significant, he said.

"Turn (sports fans) into voters, and ask them, who's their member of congress? Do you know their voting record? Do you know how they're sloganizing you?" Nader said. "How come we know so much about sports, and so little about what matters to us in a real serious way, in our civic and political lives?"

While hinting that the voting age should be lowered to 16, Nader also suggested that school curriculums implement programs that allow students to carry out services for their local communities,

such as conducting water testing as part of a chemistry lab.

The message was clear to Roozbeh Badie, a 15-year-old sophomore, who said students working for their communities is "absolutely needed."

"It is ridiculous that we do what we need to do to get through school, and nothing to improve the community, to make it a better place," Roozbeh said.

Looking beyond the lecture, the opportunity to have a name as big as Nader come to the school was an opportunity that 16-year-old sophomore Brian Wyvell said he hopes happens more often.

"It really was inspiring, having the chance to have an actual, nationwide political leader speak on the subjects that actually matter to students," Wyvell said. "I was very happy that they were able to get this done, and I hope to see many other leaders come down here to speak to us."

When asked whether the AEA may continue to bring more speakers to the community, event organizer and union member Matthew Bach said it was a possibility.

NADER: Cost of visit goes to consumer protection

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in our schools. Settle a fair and just contract now."

Bach rejected claims that the visit was organized to influence contract negotiations.

"We want to encourage the community, its students and its members, to take a more active role in community improvement," he said. "The more people get acquainted, and the more people

get involved, the more our message (on community improvement) will be heard."

The cost of the event to the teachers union, which collects dues from teachers, has not been made public. In a recent interview, AEA President Tom Meyers said the union made "an honorary payment" to Nader, which Nader said went to citizen and consumer protection.

While some have suggested the

union spent \$15,000, Bach said the AEA paid "lower than that," but he wouldn't elaborate further.

"I'm reluctant to disclose the amount we paid because he is a private citizen," Bach said. "We voted on it with our 30-member E-board. There was no objections voiced, there was no dissenting voice. There were three abstainers, but no reasons offered."

The Andover Education Association is in mediation with the

School Committee after contract talks reached a point of impasse, according to a prior statement from Forgue. Until a new contract is settled, the teachers work under the rules of the contract that expired June 30, 2010.

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andovertownsm.com.

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HOUSING: Proposal considered for River Road building

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"What do we want to see out here?" Materazzo said. "If the

residents say, 'We'd rather see this area developed into single-family homes,' we want to at

least present the facts of the opportunities of both sides that are before us."

Any future plans to develop the property for elderly housing will make use of the existing St. Francis Retreat Center, a Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Immaculate Conception center, to maintain the building's historical value, according to Steve Levin, vice president of Development at Wingate Healthcare.

"It's our intent, obviously, to preserve it," Levin said at a Planning Board meeting Tuesday. "We believe it has significant character, and I think it's well situated to cater to seniors in the community."

The building, if an elderly housing overlay district were to move forward, could hold 65 to 70 elderly housing units averaging around 425 square feet each, according to Levin. Other buildings would be constructed to support a number of other uses, including memory care for residents with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, and supportive independent living units for residents who aren't as reliant on assistance.

The task force that could be created to discuss this project may include a number of members, including residents from the town's Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Council on Aging, Finance Committee and school community, as well as residents living in abutting neighborhoods such as Pheasant Run.

Residents interested in being part of the task force can contact the town's Planning Department at 978-623-8310.

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International songwriter to perform for free Saturday at St. A

An international pop star who stepped away from that limelight and remade herself as a Christian songwriter will perform a free concert at St. Augustine Church on Saturday night, May 14.

Tatjana Matejas of Croatia, known as Tajci (TY-chee) to her adoring fans, was the No. 1 pop musician in Croatia before she came to America. Shocking her country, Tajci left her glamour, fame, friends and family to come to the United States, alone and unknown at age 21. She came to America to be free of her celebrity, and to find herself, according to her publicist. In her newfound anonymity, Tajci found her answers. Today, Tajci is a Christian singer/songwriter who performs throughout the United States, Philippines, Latin America, Africa and Europe filling stadiums, concert halls and churches as she sings about her faith and her faith journey.

On Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m., Tajci will perform "I Do Believe - Journey of Faith" at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St. in Andover. She and keyboardist Denny Bouchard have "adapted and arranged a wide array of musical styles, traditions and ethnic origins into a mesmerizing musical piece. This performance, executed with tremendous artistry and deep sincere spirituality, features Contemporary Christian favorites, Tajci's original songs, Hebrew and Gregorian chants and Classic Hymns," according to a release from organizers. "Tajci gives us an example of listening to Our Father through prayer about where to take her life and then making the most of the gifts that God has given her," said Father Peter G. Gori, St. Augustine Parish pastor. "Its such a privilege to have her perform live at St. Augustine Church here in Andover. I know all those who are able to attend this concert will feel moved by the story of her journey, feel her passion



Tatjana Matejas

and be truly inspired by music."

The concert will be free for all those who attend. A good will donation basket will be passed to support Tajci and her mission. CDs will be available for sale and Tajci will be on hand for photos and signatures immediately following the concert.

For more information about St. Augustine Church visit staugustineparish.org. For more information about Tajci, including sample songs in MP3 format, visit idobelieve.com.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



"When musicians from both sides of the world's most intractable conflicts come together, politics tend to disappear."

— Cantor Idan Irelander, Temple Emanuel's assistant music director, who has composed a concert that celebrates Judaism's Spanish, Middle Eastern and African roots. Palestinian, Syrian, Jordanian, Israeli and American musicians were perform at the temple together tomorrow, Friday, May 13. Story in Arts, page 8

Most teachers count to the end of the year, but he counts to the beginning. He will say, '98 days until I see you again.' I have worked with him for 20 years, and he has always said that. He is a real class act.

— Elizabeth Roos, West Elementary School principal, regarding teacher Arthur Iworsley, who will retire after 43 years. Story in Education, page 5.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Oldest golfer in Valley sought

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is looking for the oldest golfer in the Merrimack Valley to play as its guest in Elder Services Golf Classic on Thursday, June 9 at Meadow Creek Golf Course in Dracut.

Play will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., followed by lunch, awards, raffles and prizes.

Proceeds directly benefit The Elder Care Fund, a crucial, financial resource to help older adults who may find themselves in a unique or emergency situation.

If you think you may be the oldest golfer in the Valley, please contact Pati Fernandez at 978-946-1254 or pfernandez@esmv.org to share your story.

PA honored with Preservation Award

Preservation Massachusetts honored Phillips Academy on Wednesday, May 4, with a 2011 Preservation Award for the 2008-2009 renovation and preservation of Paresky Commons, the school's 80-year-old dining hall - a project made possible thanks to a lead gift by David and Linda Paresky.

The annual award recognizes colleges, universities and preparatory schools that "embrace and incorporate preservation into their educational identity."

Last December, the U.S. Green Building Council also recognized the renovation project with a LEED Silver certification.

The certification formally recognizes the environmentally responsible building practices employed by the Academy during the 15-month project.

AHS bottle, can drive

Andover High School's award-winning Golden Warrior Marching Band will be holding its "Spring Redeemable Bottle and Can Drive" on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, at West Middle School, 70 Shawsheen Road, Andover. All proceeds support the AHS Marching Band. Only redeemable bottles and cans may be accepted.

Bid on a bike: Police auction May 21

The Andover Police Department will hold its annual bike auction on Saturday, May 21 beginning at 10 a.m.

Andover police have 45 bikes that have been turned in to the department by residents. Bikes that are found in town but go unclaimed for more than a year are sold at auction, with the money going to the town of Andover's general fund, according to Officer Jim Moses.

A variety of bicycles for both kids and adults will be sold.

"There's something down there with training wheels - all the way to a 20-speed mountain bike," said Moses.

While the annual event is known as a bike auction, other items are also up for bid. This year police have a video camera, metal detector and jewelry.

Suffolk program moves

Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School will shift its MBA-North Campus program from North Andover to a new, easily accessible location at Riverwalk Properties in Lawrence in time for the start of the summer semester on May 16.

The new North Campus offers year-round, full-time or part-time programs, in the evenings or on some Saturdays. Accelerated programs are available for attorneys, CPAs and previous business majors pursuing the internationally accredited Suffolk MBA. MBA-North Campus classes will be held in Northern Essex Community College's

state-of-the-art classroom facilities, which opened in September at Riverwalk. An information session for prospective students will be held Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Entry K, 3rd Floor, Room 412, Lawrence.

For more information, email mbaranorth@suffolk.edu or visit www.suffolk.edu/mbaranorth.

May 13 Service Club of Andover breakfast

The Service Club of Andover will hold a breakfast meeting on Friday, May 13 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Andover Country Club.

Guest speaker is Reginald "Buzz" Stapezynski, who was appointed Andover's Town Manager in 1990.

Members and guests need to RSVP to Shawn McAninch at Shawn.Mcaninch2@peoples.com.

Senators to speak on Massachusetts economy

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee presents "The Massachusetts Economy: A Report from the Massachusetts State Senate" on Friday, May 13 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Salvatore's Riverwalk Conference Center, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence.

Confirmed speakers are state Sens. Steven Baddour, Eileen Donoghue, Barry Finegold and Bruce Tarr. Complete hot breakfast buffet included. Cost is \$25

members, \$50 nonmembers. For more information, call 978-686-0900 or visit merrimackvalley-chamber.com.

Andover Choral event

The Andover Choral Society says it will celebrate the spring season with "the musical mayhem of Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and arias, patter songs, choruses and ensembles from favorites, and a complete performance of "Trial By Jury."

Soloists coming from within the chorus as well as professional soloists from the Boston area will augment the chorus accompanied by Stephen Laurie-Hermes. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover. Tickets are \$20. Call 978-688-6353, or go to andover-choral.org.

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CLOWNTOWN: Popular event now two days

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amusement park featuring games, amusement rides, carnival food, face painting and, of course, clowns.

The event has a strong history in Andover, with many adults recalling when their parents brought them to Clowntown as kids.

"We have parents who come in and say, 'This is Clowntown. We grew up coming here,'" said Melissa Litton, Andona's Ways and Means chairwoman. "I hear it every year."

Clowntown is scheduled for Friday, May 20 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Families with younger children are encouraged to arrive at the opening of the event Saturday before larger crowds make it difficult getting into the area.

The event has a third scheduled day, Sunday, May 22 from 12 to 5 p.m., as a "monsoon day" on reserve for extreme, carnival-disrupting weather such as full-scale thunderstorms and blizzards. Beyond such rare events, Clowntown



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff Photo

Clowntown is scheduled for Friday, May 20 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Charlie Smith, 5, gets his face painted with a Batman mask by clown Darlene Ohlenbusch of Andover at last year's Clowntown.

will run as scheduled on Friday and Saturday only, Litton said.

"In the past, we've seen snow, rain and monsoons," Burte said. "We're very hopeful for good weather, because then more people will come to the event."

The Andona Society is also looking forward to bringing its Fall Fashion Show back this year. Typically scheduled for the first week of November, the show ran in 2008 and 2009

but not last year, according to Litton.

"We had women coming up to us and asking why we didn't do it last year," she said.

For more information on the Andona Society's events or to volunteer to help in Clowntown, visit andona.org.

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andovertownsm.com.

LWV: Local resigns over Brown ad

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McConnell Amendment No. 183, limiting the powers of the Environmental Protection Agency," it reads. "Our local League will continue to discuss what further steps need to be taken to preserve our vital non-partisan role in the community." (For full letter, see page 11.)

The nationally sponsored ad shows a mother comforting a preschool-age girl who appears to be wearing an oxygen mask and struggling to breathe. "When Scott Brown voted to eliminate clean air standards that reduce smokestack and tailpipe emissions, just imagine what it could have done to her," the ad says as the camera zooms in on the little girl's face.

The national League of Women Voters has been criticized for the ad, in part because the 90-year-old group describes itself as "a nonpartisan political organization." Others, including Brown, also have criticized the national League for refusing to disclose the source of the money for the ad.

Local League members say the Andover/North Andover group has not provided any funds for the ad and was not consulted about the ad in any way. They believe the money came from some kind of grant and not members' dues.

WHAT'S BEEN SAID ABOUT THE NATIONAL LWV AD ON SCOTT BROWN

For his part, Brown has characterized his vote as pro-business, not against limiting pollution.

"This ad reeks of political demagoguery and exposes the League of Women Voters as nothing more than a pawn in the Massachusetts political machine. It is outrageous for an allegedly non-partisan group to use sick children to misrepresent a vote about jobs and government over-regulation," Brown said in a release after the ad began running.

Brown and other GOP members also attacked the League for not revealing where the money came from, since the League supports greater disclosure on who pays for political advertising.

"Scott Brown's whining marks a new level of hypocrisy. Brown not only benefitted from millions in secret campaign spending, he actually blocked stronger disclosure requirements for these types of ads. The fact is Brown hates when people scrutinize his record or hold him accountable in any way," said Matt Canter, spokesman for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, in a release.

Ford said she has been approached by many people asking about the ad and she's been frustrated that she had no information about it or who paid for it.

"I think it's important to address what's out there," said Ford. "It's putting the local League in a difficult position without much information ourselves. We don't know where the money is coming from. We were as taken aback as anyone."

"I feel like we're no longer in control of our own reputation," said Ford.

She praised members of the

Andover/North Andover LWV for their work, but said in a resignation letter that "recent actions by the national and state League of Women Voters have, in my opinion, muted the effectiveness of the League as a non-partisan voter service provider at all levels."

Ford said she hoped the League – or another group – will continue the work of education and advocacy that traditionally has been its focus.

Andover was one of the first communities to establish its own chapter of the League of Women Voters, creating it in 1920 when the national League was formed.

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**"THE FATE OF THE CONFEDERACY
WAS SEALED WHEN VICKSBURG FELL."**

- ULYSSES S. GRANT



Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant

Library of Congress

Union President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate President Jefferson Davis shared a gift for metaphor. In spring 1863, they also shared one conviction: Vicksburg, Miss., would determine the fate of their respective countries.

Davis called the city "the nail head that held the South's two halves together," writes historian Ed Bearrs.

Lincoln said Vicksburg was the "key." "The war can never be brought to a close until that key is in our pocket," Lincoln said.

In late April 1863, Grant and 45,000 men crossed the Mississippi River south of Vicksburg. Then Grant broke from his supply line and cut off communication with the outside world.

Lincoln biographer David Herbert Donald said Grant seemed to disappear, sending Lincoln into a frenzy to learn something about what was happening.

"Have you anything from Grant?" Lincoln wired one of his generals.

Lincoln need not have worried.

For three weeks in May, Grant led one of the most stunning campaigns of the war.

Union troops fought and won five battles and laid waste to the Mississippi capital of Jackson. They knocked one Southern army back and drove a larger one into a ring of rifle pits, trenches and fortifications circling Vicksburg.

Rebels straggling into the city for its final defense, according to a witness quoted by historian Peter Walker, where a "woeful sight ... wan, hollow-eyed, ragged, footsore, bloody."

Still, they had enough fight left to repel two Union attacks, prompting Grant to finally settle in for a siege. As the siege dragged on through June, Southern soldiers and civilians were reduced to eating pea bread, mule meat and rats.

Federals, meanwhile, poured a rain of shells onto the city.

Grant's army became stronger as Southerners grew weaker. Reinforcements brought Union troop strength to 70,000, enough to keep at bay Southern hopes for a relief effort.

Finally, on July 3, the commander of the Southern army at Vicksburg, Lt. Gen. John Pemberton, capitulated. He agreed to surrender his 30,000 men, and Grant agreed to parole them.

The siege had lasted 46 days. Grant had captured the second of three Confederate armies he would take during the war.

On July 4, 1863, as Lee's battered army marched out of Gettysburg, Grant led victorious troops into Vicksburg, where they raised the U.S. flag over the courthouse.

Days later, learning of Vicksburg's fate, Confederates at Port Hudson, another Mississippi River stronghold, surrendered.

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"The fate of the Confederacy," he would later say, "was sealed when Vicksburg fell."

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Education

Forget diplomas, give certificates of real achievement

Ken Seifert



Last week we were visiting our youngest son, his wife and their two lovely children Vivian, age 2, and Cecilia, 8 months. I did

my job of rolling on the floor, making 30 faces, giving the Seifert Monkey Swing, 20 bird calls and any other tricks I had learned in the last 50 years.

You know the routine. How can I be a good grandfather and make myself useful? Watching TV like a couch potato and philosophizing is unacceptable in our family tradition. It is also a poor role model. At the end of each day, I would lie in bed and think about the future those two and millions of other beautiful American children would face when they had children.

Better schooling and better parenting is not desirable, it is essential. As a retired educator I asked, "What is better schooling?" If I were a School Committee member, an administrator or teacher, I would propose what has been suggested for at least 300 years. It could be a five year research and development segment of a strategic plan in any town, USA. What should a person know, be able to do, do it and repeat it so it becomes a positive habit? Nearly all schools emphasize what a person should know and leave out the rest of the process. MCAS is a continuation of such a practice.

I would then have two pieces of paper to give to each student as they pass through elementary, middle, and high schools.

One is a fancy document called a diploma. This tells the family and the student almost nothing. It is traditional and means something to somebody. The second piece of paper is a certificate of achievement. This certifies that the educators and students have worked together on the meaningful tools of life. Before leaving the school years behind, the student would know what they are, and used them enough times so they had become a habit. They can be observed. There would also be a student record of specifics. They would be in the form of performances, exhibitions, a portfolio and Socratic seminars. And yes, pencil and paper tests. It would be a personal history of achievement kindergarten to graduation. The parents, school and student would all know the story.

Effective immediately I would change the diploma requirements. Students and faculty would be given a reasonable length of time to acquaint themselves with the New Rules.

For example, each academic area would need to follow the process described above. I would eliminate the requirement of four courses in English. I have signed hundreds of diplomas and still can't figure out how that translates into standards of literacy required of all those who receive a diploma. A literate person should know how to read, write, speak, and listen in a capable manner. We can define what this means so everyone knows what is expected. Before the student gets his certificate of literacy at graduation, he must exhibit those four areas by using any topic he chooses but must contain the basics

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DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Arthur Iworsley, gym teacher at West Elementary School, will retire at the end of the school year after 43 years of teaching in town. The school celebrated Iworsley's dedication to West Elementary last Friday, May 6, with Mr. Iworsley Day.

Simon says, Celebrate 'Iworsley Day' West El. honors gym teacher retiring after 43 years

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

West Elementary School kicked off Earth Week last week by honoring and commemorating one of the school's longest running teachers — and recyclers — with song, dance and turkey gobbles.

Nearing the end to his 43-year career with Andover Public Schools, gym teacher Arthur Iworsley sat in a full tuxedo as students and staff celebrated "Iworsley Day" in two half-hour-long school assemblies last Friday, May 6. In the assemblies, students who were dressed similar to Iworsley performed skits emphasizing recycling and demonstrating how much Iworsley has impacted their lives.

Iworsley is known throughout the school for his practices, perhaps his preaching, of the importance of recycling. He drives a smart car to school every day, a

fact that came up frequently in the skits. Throughout the presentations, students pretending to be Iworsley repeatedly informed each other that plastic bottles take 700 years to break

down in a landfill. "I never realized how much I stressed recycling and conserving energy," Iworsley said with a quiet laugh moments after the final assembly.

The reason for wearing a tuxedo to school was merely a matter of identification, though it did get him some interesting

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Do you know someone who is a soldier in the Army? Do you know a Marine or a Navy sailor?

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Our Armed Forces have been in the news recently. Our military forces helped with rescue operations in Japan. They have risked their lives in several operations in the Middle East.

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The Navy SEALs who carried out the mission are America's latest heroes.

Who are our Armed Forces?

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of global operations against terrorist networks."

The joint command is made up of special units of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Many of the details are secret.

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AWARD: Song, dance, turkey gobbles in honor of teacher

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comments, he said.

"I was told they were going to dress up as me, so the thought in my mind was if everybody dresses up as Mr. I, how would you know who Mr. I is?" Iworsley said. "So what I did is, I dressed with the tux on."

Elizabeth Roos, West Elementary School principal, said Iworsley will be greatly missed.

"Every day, literally, he counts to the beginning of the year," Roos said. "Most teachers count to the end of the year, but he counts to the beginning. He will say, '98 days until I see you again.' I have worked with him for 20 years, and he has always said that. He is a real class act."

Kyla Sullivan and Chris Nyhan, both 11-year-old fifth graders at the school, said they will miss him when they start middle school next year.

"He's a great phys. ed. teacher," Chris said, adding that one of his favorite things about Iworsley is the games they played during gym. "He means a lot (to the school)."

"We've learned you should always be respectful to other kids and that you can do a lot from learning P.E.," Kyla said. "He's done so much for us."

Both students also specifically mentioned the Iworsley "turkey game." In the game, students make up three teams — Pilgrims, Indians and turkeys — and the Pilgrims and Indians, on the count of three turkey gobbles, hunt the turkeys with soft rubber balls. One skit performed by teachers reenacted a part of the game.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Students at West Elementary School celebrated Mr. Iworsley Day last Friday honoring gym teacher Arthur Iworsley, who will retire at the end of the school year after 43 years at the school.

In his time at the school, Iworsley has also raised \$350,000 for the American Heart Association, including \$15,000 this year. He said he contributes to the American Heart Association because of how everybody, including the students, will be affected by heart disease in some way through family and friends.

He has found grants for the school every year so that, for the last 10 years, the school hasn't used "a single penny" of town money to buy gym equipment, he said.

Iworsley's retirement comes at what he recognized as a

bittersweet time for him both at West Elementary and in the district itself. Earlier this month, Iworsley was honored by the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) as Elementary School Teacher of the Year for his service to the school community.

"To go out on top, it's like (being at) the top of your game and you are retiring," Iworsley said. "What else is there?"

Meanwhile, Iworsley's wife, High Plain Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Kathy Iworsley, will also retire at the end of the school year after 40

years of teaching in Andover.

To wrap up each of the school's two assemblies, the school's student council performed a version of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" with new words honoring Iworsley and his contributions to the school. Two of Iworsley's colleagues role-played in a skit with one acting as Iworsley and another as a student at the school. The skit ended with a short game of Simon Says, where the auditorium was asked to stand and then told they had played the shortest game of Simon Says ever, because Simon didn't tell them to stand.

The joke, punctuated each time by an auditorium of students laughing in defeat, was a nod to a similar stunt Iworsley himself pulled last week when he received MAHPERD's award before an audience of 120, including around 20 current and previous colleagues of his.

"When I was ending my speech, everybody there was sitting," Iworsley said. He told them they were going to play a quick game of Simon Says, and he asked them to all stand up, which they did. "Everybody is standing in this room of 120 people. I said, 'That was the quickest game of Simon Says. I only wanted a standing ovation.'"

SEIFERT: High school graduates should first demonstrate achievement

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within each skill. It would be tested during senior week and take about three hours. The whole community could see what those basic elements are by viewing a website. Do you know there is not one school in the world that has a curriculum specifically for listening skills that is assessed and has standards? No wonder we are such poor listeners.

Another example: What are the most important critical thinking skills? Please list them and apply them to any problem, idea or plan you choose. You will be judged on three criteria. Do you know what they are? How should you apply them? After applying them give us your conclusions on why you chose what you did and the merits of your process. You may opt out by proving you were never taught critical thinking skills. Gee that's funny, critical thinking skills are in mission statements and mentioned in glowing terms as the foundation of education and yet few people know what they are!

Another graduation requirement: What are the specific steps of the scientific method? How would you apply them to an experiment outside the science lab? Pretend you are conducting one and come

to a conclusion. Justify that conclusion.

A diploma requirement for survival: Assume it is the day after high school graduation. You come down to breakfast and your parents say they are bankrupt and you have to leave the house and use your skills to make your way in the world. What steps would you follow so as not to starve to death, have a roof over your head and find a job to survive? What plan would you devise so that life would give you long term meaning? Do you know how to balance a check book?

Don't worry graduates, God will provide. However he does say, I will help those who help themselves!

Is it possible for us to provide better schooling? Yes, if the proper conditions are established. Will we establish such conditions? For my grandkids, and so many like them, I truly pray we do!

I have been asked, if you are so smart, why didn't you do the things you suggest? I tried, but maybe not hard enough. I can tell you innovation, in the field of education doesn't stand a chance against tradition. Maybe in the next 100 years it will.

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

ON CAMPUS

John Edward Nugent, son of Kathleen and John Nugent and 2008 Pingree School graduate, was named to the Wake Forest University dean's list for the fall 2010 semester.

Yuhong Zhang, biomedical engineering major. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following Andover students were named to the John Hopkins University dean's list for the fall 2010 semester — **Zainab Doctor**, daughter of Murtaza and Durriya Doctor, arts and sciences pre-major; **Courtney Harris**, daughter of Richard and Mary Kay, international studies major; **Brenda Li**, daughter of Da Quan Li and Janet, biomedical engineering major; **Peter Li**, son of Da Quan Li and Janet Zheng, biomedical engineering major; **Hang Xu**, son of

Boston University awarded academic degrees in January to the following Andover residents: **Leo M. Greene**, master of arts in preservation studies; **Mark C. Irvine**, bachelor of arts in economics and mathematics, cum laude, and a master of arts in economics; **Min-Tam T. Tran**, bachelor of science in hospitality administration; **John J. Zimmer**, bachelor of science in management studies, magna cum laude; **Jayson M. Pooler**, master of science in computer information systems.

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The South seemed invincible at Chancellorsville, its generals godlike.

Eight weeks later, in one of the war's more stunning reversals, Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia were knocked down to earth.

Southern generalship brought about the undoing during the three-day battle at Gettysburg.

For starters, J.E.B. Stuart, the cavalry leader Lee needed to be his eyes and ears, was out of touch on one of his glory-seeking capers.

Another Southern general, A.P. Hill, set out to assess Union strength in the town but brought on the battle before Lee could concentrate his troops. Historian Edwin Beers calls it "the worst decision any Confederate commander will make at Gettysburg."

A third general, Richard Ewell, opted not to take high ground south of Gettysburg during the first day's fighting. He, too, gets blamed for the loss.

Then, there is James Longstreet, who disagreed with Lee about what should happen. Longstreet wanted Lee to reposition the Army of Northern Virginia between the Union army and Washington, forcing the federals to attack once the Confederates were in a strong position.

"The enemy is there," Lee replied, "and I am going to attack him there."

Gettysburg unfolded July 1-3, 1863.

The Union line, pushed back on the first day, held up the second as troops collided in areas known as Devil's Den, Peach Orchard and Wheat Field.

A bayonet charge ordered by Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain for his Maine men during the struggle for

Little Round Top helped keep the Union army intact.

Longstreet's failure to attack more quickly and aggressively on the second day put him in the firing line of what-if historians who claimed his efforts were half-hearted, and he became a scapegoat for the entire Southern loss.

Lee attacked again on July 3, hitting the Union center anchored behind a stone wall.

Half the 14,000 Confederates who went forward in Pickett's Charge never returned.

At the end of the day, one-third of Lee's army — 28,000 men — were casualties.

The Union lost 23,000 men.

Though blame was passed around, Lee accepted final, full responsibility. "It's all my fault," he told the survivors.

Among the casualties at Gettysburg was his aura of invulnerability.

Josiah Gorgas, a Confederate officer, summed up the change in fortunes: "Lee failed at Gettysburg," he wrote July 28, 1863.

"Yesterday we rode on the pinnacle of success — today absolute ruin seems to be our portion. The Confederacy totters to its destruction."

The victor, Union commander George Meade, came in for sharp criticism, too. Lincoln was furious that Meade did not pursue Lee.

Lincoln chastised Meade in a letter written 10 days later, but never mailed.

"(Lee) was within your easy grasp, and to have closed upon him would ... have ended the war," he wrote.

QUICK FACT

JOHN BURNS, 72, A VETERAN OF THE WAR OF 1812 AND RESIDENT OF GETTYSBURG, PA., JOINED UNION SOLDIERS DURING THE FIRST DAY OF FIGHTING IN 1863 AND WAS WOUNDED DURING THE ATTACKS, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

John Burns picked up arms and joined the Union soldiers fighting during the first day of the Gettysburg battle.

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Sports



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Andover's Adam Carrington belts out a song while fellow Andoverite Mike Nuzzolo plays the bass guitar for the up-and-coming band "One Step Away." Nuzzolo is a star thrower for the Golden Warriors, while Carrington is an All-Scholastic runner.

ONE STEP FROM STARDOM

Andover's Nuzzolo, Carrington front popular rock band

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Whether he's about to heave a discus or managing his budding music career, the approach is the same for Andover's Mike Nuzzolo.

"I think there are many parallels (between sports and music)," he said. "Music is competitive, just like throwing is. You have to get your name out there and try to make people notice you. It is very competitive showing why your music is unique, like going for a throw."

That strategy is working in both of Nuzzolo's passions.

This spring, Nuzzolo has emerged as the top discus thrower for the Andover track team, alongside All-Scholastic sprinter and relay star Adam Carrington.

They are also front-and-center for the emerging pop-rock band "One Step Away" with Nuzzolo on bass guitar and Carrington as the lead singer.

"When we started we had no idea where our music would go," said Nuzzolo. "We just started jamming covers in our basement. But it has been one fun ride, and we are seeing where it will take us."

Nuzzolo started what would become "One Step Away" in the seventh grade when he met guitarist Terence Healy of Wilmington. Carrington then joined the band when he and Nuzzolo were freshmen at Andover High. Drummer Ben Trudeau (Beverly, Pingree) joined later.

After early local performances, the band has gained national exposure. They have performed at venues from the Topsfield Fair



Adam Carrington



Mike Nuzzolo

to the legendary Whisky A Go Go on California's Sunset Strip, which has welcomed countless iconic bands from Led Zeppelin and The Doors to Guns N' Roses and Metallica.

"You just can't wait to see everyone in front of you," said Carrington. "Everyone looks up to you because they like and relate to your music. That is exciting because I spend hours writing songs, so it means a lot that the song can mean something to someone else."

Keeping the beat

From a young age, music — and especially the bass guitar — has been a love for Nuzzolo.

"Music is one of my biggest passions," he said. "Playing with the band is something I really enjoy. It is just so much fun."

As one of the band's key songwriters, Nuzzolo draws inspiration from his past.

"Generally, the writing process is inspired by something that has happened in our lives," he said. "We'll write the guitar riffs, and from there we'll write the song structure. Adam will listen to the riffs and come up with the melody and draft lyrics. Some is separate, and a lot of the writing is together."

Nuzzolo — whose mother Terry Nuzzolo is the band's

ONE STEP AWAY

Here are some of the band's accomplishments:

- Independent Music Awards Nominee for Pop/Rock Album: "For the Broken"
- 10,673 Twitter followers
- Over 40,000 Myspace fans
- Over 5,700 Facebook fans
- 17,489 YouTube views
- Unsigned Band of the Month, Alternative Press Magazine, December 2010
- Winner of 2010 Music On & Up Showcase at the Hard Rock Café

manager — has also taken on a leadership role in the group.

"My mother works with the whole band," he said. "But especially me and Terence. We are the leaders when it comes to talking to the press and helping with scheduling practice and making decisions. My mother helps with the booking."

He has also emerged as a standout on the track. Nuzzolo has won the discus in two of Andover's three dual meets this season, including an outstanding throw of 137-0 against Lowell, a key for a team better known for success in running events.

"Juggling music, school and sports is tough," he said. "But it's great. Music and sports are both very team-oriented. Everyone is working to perform at their best. If you have a group that gets along well, it can be big."

The front man

Now confident in his role, Carrington thrives on the energy when he is about to perform.

"When I am about to go on stage my heart is racing," he said. "But it is racing with excitement and anticipation. There is the

excitement to please the crowd and have them sing your songs. It is just like the excitement of winning the race and helping your team."

Carrington's love of singing grew at an early age, but for years he battled severe stage fright. He has now, however, matured into a confident front man.

"Adam is an incredibly talented singer," said Nuzzolo. "As the band has matured, he has grown into a rock front man. You don't expect to see that level of performance in a high school kid."

Carrington is also a standout on the track. This winter, he was a member of the 4x200 relay that won the All-State crown (1:31.65) and earned All-Scholastic honors. He also ran a 7.16 in the 55 meters.

On May 1, Carrington was a member of the 4x200 relay that took first (1:30.67) and the pole vault relay that placed third (30-0 1/4) at the EMass. Division 1 relays. He also won the 200 (23.3) in Andover's meet against Haverhill.

His voice has also become a popular tool at track meets, where he has become a staple singing the national anthem.

"He humbly said he would do it for the MVC meet last year," said Andover coach Peter Comeau. "During that meet, John Carroll from the MSTCA asked if he could do it for the (EMass) Division 1 meet, and it went from there. When he announced him, he asked, 'Please hold your applause until after he finishes.' That's how good he is. A lot of girls were asking to have their picture taken with him."

ANDOVER HIGH ROUNDUP

Beucler, lacrosse down Central Mass. power

GIRLS LACROSSE

Back from her concussion, Jill Beucler turned in 10 huge saves as Andover defeated three-time defending Central Mass. champion Westboro 15-10 on Friday. Meagan Keefe, Jen Caro and Ally Fazio each scored a hat trick, Sara Miller added two goals and Anne Farnham had two assists for the winners, who improved to 11-1.

"This is a great non-league series," said Andover head coach John McVeigh, whose team trailed 7-6 at the break. "In the second half we did a great job winning draws and getting ground balls."

BOYS LACROSSE

Belluche leads red-hot offense

Hockey standout David Belluche scored a stellar five goals and added an assist to help Andover blast Chelmsford 14-5 on Friday. Matt McIver chipped in with two goals and two assists and Tom Lomedico scored a goal and had a pair of assists for the winners.

Nick Price scored four goals and assisted on two others as Andover rolled over archrival Central Catholic 19-1 last Tuesday. Jeff Hanson, Connor Gaffney, Matt McIver and Andrew Gross each scored three goals and Crosby Nicholson and Andy Hook combined for the win in net.

SOFTBALL

Bats explode for Andover

Taylor Farris was 4 for 6 with a whopping five RBIs as Andover blasted Notre Dame 16-2 on Monday. Molly Awiszus was 4 for 5 and scored four runs while Shannon Tully chipped in with three hits and two runs and Jordan Day was 2 for 2 with a pair of runs for the winners.

BASEBALL

Driscoll keeps rolling

Alex Driscoll continued to surge, going 3 for 3 with two runs and an RBI as Andover crushed Haverhill 11-3 last Thursday. Mike McQuillan added a pair of hits, Cam Farnham scored three runs and Nathaniel Spellacy scored twice for the winners. Dustin Hunt was the winning pitcher.

Ned Deane was 2 for 2 with a pair of runs, but Andover fell to Chelmsford 14-9 on Monday. Jimmy Walsh added three RBIs and Andrew Deloury had two hits and scored three times for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS TENNIS

Bendetson takes top spot

Austin Bendetson rolled to a 6-0, 6-3 win at No. 1 singles as Andover topped Lowell 5-0 on Monday.

Evans Birenbaum added a win at No. 2 singles and Richard Leung finished off a singles sweep for the Golden Warriors.

Christian Waters won No. 1 singles 6-1, 6-1 to lead Andover past Lowell 5-0 last Thursday. Sameer Sangal and Sam Frykenberg won No. 1 doubles and Larry Lee and Tyler Vaz took No. 2 doubles for the winners.

Andrej Samardzec swept a victory at No. 3 singles to help Andover to a 5-0 win over Methuen last Tuesday. Austin Bendetson (6-3, 6-0) and Christian Waters (6-0, 6-2) added wins at No. 1 and No. 2 singles respectively.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Rivet leads the way

Colin Rivet scored 27 service points and 20 digs to pace Andover in a 25-20, 24-26, 25-11, 25-22 win over Lowell on Monday. Joe Kuykendall added 22 kills and Will Gold had 22 assists for the winners.

Will Gold scored team-highs in service points (23) and assists (16) as Andover topped Draut 25-19, 25-11, 25-20 last Wednesday. Connor Sullivan and D.J. Begos each added eight kills and Joe Kuykendall chipped in with 10 digs for the winners.

Despite 21 digs and 25 kills for Joe Kuykendall, Andover fell just short to Central Catholic 22-25, 30-28, 28-26, 18-25, 15-13 last Thursday. Will Gold added 32 assists and Colin Rivet chipped in with 23 service points for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Holzman, Andover rally for win

Sarah Arvidson took No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-4 to help Andover best Lowell 5-0 on Monday. Michelle Krupink chipped in with a win at No. 2 singles and Rachel Holzman fought for a victory at third singles for the winners.

Rachel Holzman rallied for a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles to help Andover beat Lexington 3-2 last Tuesday. Sarah Arvidson (6-3, 6-0) won No. 1 singles and Reid Campbell and Kelsey Chapman took No. 1 doubles for the winners.

Despite a win at No. 2 doubles for Melanie Zakin and Jackie Drew, Andover fell to Manchester Essex 3-2 on Friday. Rachel Holzman added the Golden Warriors' other win, at No. 3 singles.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Nick Price, right, leaps while taking contact by a Haverhill defender. Price scored four goals in a win over Central Catholic last week.

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ANDOVER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



DATE: Thursday, May 12, 2011
TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
PLACE: Phillips Academy
Harrison Rink Conference Room

All members of the Andover Hockey Association, Inc. are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to vote for the Officers and Directors for the 2011-2012 Season. Anyone interested in running for a board position, contact John Fraser: jcf@fraserlaw.net
www.andoverhockey.org

Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 12

ANDOVER AUTHOR VISIT, Christopher Klein, author of *Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands*, shares the little-known history of the Boston Harbor Islands, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

AUTHOR TALK, Jon Merz will be reading from *The Kensei: A Lawson Vampire Novel*, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

CELEBRATION OF THE SEPHARDIC TRADITION, with Cantor Idan Irelander, the temple's assistant music director, a service of music written primarily in the mode of Judaism's Spanish, Middle Eastern and African roots, Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.

EXHIBITS OPEN, In and Out of Whack by Kimberly Hennessy and Deb Karpman and Scherzo - Paintings by Doris Carlson and sculpture by Louis Bernieri, through June 10, opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m., Essex Art Center, 60 Island St., Lawrence.

FREE LIVE MUSIC, Academy Concert Bands and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Derek Jacoby, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE, Andover High School's Award Winning Golden Warrior Marching Band hosts, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, West Middle School, 70 Shaw-sheen Road, Andover. Proceeds support the band. Only redeemable bottles and cans accepted.

SHREDDING DAY, Free Community Shredding Event at Memorial Hall Library's parking lot, 9 a.m.-noon. Safely shred your confidential documents, and help prevent identity theft. Bring a bag or a whole car filled with old files and papers. Staples, paper clips, and folders do not need to be removed. Mobile shredding truck provided by Proshred@Springfield; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32, or text 66746 (start your message with "askmhl").

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC, River Road Veterinary Hospital, 176 River Road, Andover, hosts open house, clinic, protection dog demonstration and a dog wash to benefit the Andover Dog Park. All children, the 2 and 4-legged variety, are most welcome; RiverRoadVeterinaryHospital.com, 978-687-8400.

GOSPELFEST, Gospel choirs from around Massachusetts will fill Cochran Chapel in Andover with joyous music at the annual Gospelfest concert, free, 7 p.m., benefits the Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

LIVE MUSIC, Tajci, internationally known singer/songwriter performs "I do Believe," a story of her personal journey of living in Communism, finding the healing power of music, becoming a teenage pop music superstar and leaving it all to find greater purpose in life, 7 p.m., St. Augustine Church, Essex Street, Andover.

LIVE BLUES MUSIC, The Juke Joint Five, Old school electric blues heard in Mississippi Delta juke joints, Crossroads Coffeehouse, open to all ages, 8 p.m., top floor in the Old Center Hall, directly across the street from the North Parish Church in North Andover; 978-687-3960.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

DOG DAY, Smolak Farms teams with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) to celebrate dogs, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., activities include walking trails, hayrides, frisbee demonstration at 2 p.m., Nail Clipping, Dog Massages, Pet Photograph, Training Demonstrations, duck races with rubber "doggies", gourmet dog treats, "Doggie Dishes" from Treadwell's Ice Cream. Some activities will be free and others will require a donation.

LIVE MUSIC, The Fidelio Society, a select

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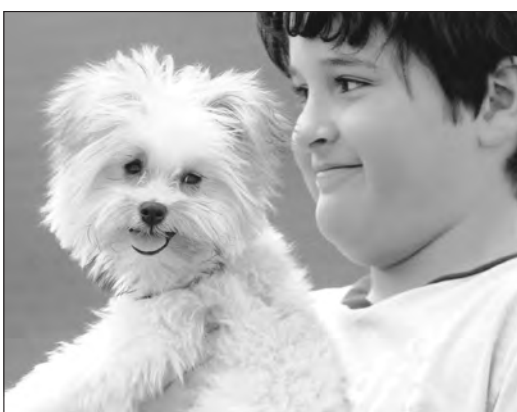


Tessi, a one-year-old Wheaten Terrier, poses while dressed as a walking fast food restaurant with his owners, Luke Bardetti, 5; Sophie Bardetti, 11; and Julia Bardetti, 9. Tessi won the dog show's "Best Costume" award.

DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos



Oliver, a 9-month-old Golden Doodle, poses with his owner, Victoria Quilliam. Oliver, who wore a braid matching similar ones in Victoria's hair, won the "Dog That Looks Most Like Its Owner" contest at the dog show.



Nine-year-old Chazz Rossman holds Rufio, his 5-month-old Maltese Pomerian puppy. Rufio won the award for "Cutest Puppy" at the dog show.

Dog show raises \$600 for park

45 dogs compete in dozen contests

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Newfoundland that, as resident Mike Shattuck put it, looks like a bear.

Andover has had many competitions, but perhaps never one where the contestants were competing for titles such as Best Sniffer and Most Expressive Eyes.

A total of 45 dogs competed in the town's First Annual Dog Show, hosted behind the cafeteria of Wood Hill Middle School on Saturday, May 7. The event raised around \$600 for a public dog park planned for High Plain Road.

Contests at the event included Cutest Puppy, Best Sniffer — where a dog was able to find a secretly-dropped dog treat in under five seconds — and Dog that Makes You Want a Dog the Most, which went to a 2-year-old

“The dog is like another kid. We'd like him to be able to get off-leash and run around,” Shattuck said. “I'm happy to support the event. I would be back to defend our title if they have (the dog show) again.”

Events were judged by three judges, including Joan Collins, a dog-show judge and frequent competitor in the nationally-recognized Westminster Dog Show, where her dog, a 2-year-old Affen Pinscher named Jake, is ranked the fourth best pinscher in the country.

Collins said the event went very well, and the participants, many of whom were children, showed how much care they have for their pets.



Wood Hill student Dena Brody, who organized the dog show, sings the National Anthem at the beginning of the show.

“I thought all the children handled their dogs carefully,” Collins said. “They kept them managed, kept them quiet, all leashed, and it shows that all the children really love their dogs and do a lot of work to train

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WINNERS OF FIRST ANNUAL DOG SHOW

CONTEST	DOG NAME	BREED	AGE	OWNER
Best Trick	Kix	Border Collie	4 years	Cindy Girard
Cutest Puppy	Rufio	Maltese Pomerian	5 months	Chazz Rossman
Best Sniffer	Mimi	Beagle	9 years	Helen Croteau
Best Costume	Tessi	Wheaten Terrier	1 year	Bardetti family
Looks Most Like Owner	Oliver	Golden Doodle	9 months	Victoria Quilliam and family
Makes You Want to Own a Dog	Murphy	Newfoundland	2 years	Michelle Shattuck
Most Vocal	Gretal	Chocolate Lab	6 years	Patrick Bucco
Most Lovable	Rylee	Yellow Lab	5 years	Karen LaBonte
Most Expressive Eyes	Taz	Pug	9 years	Leah Simari
Highest Jumper (2)	Samy	Jack Russell Terrier	3 years	Marie Nardone and Becca Page
	Randi	Toy Poodle	1 year	Samantha Mahoney
Most Obedient (3)	Rylee	Yellow Lab	5 years	Karen LaBonte
	Elsa	Collie	6 years	Kim Palermo
	Rosie	Cocker Spaniel	3 years	Molly Hollis

MUSIC, NOT POLITICS

Middle East musicians perform at Temple Emanuel May 13

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With so much news flowing from the Middle East these days, Temple Emanuel of Andover is encouraging all faiths to take a step back from politics tomorrow night and, instead, enjoy music from faiths around the world.

Cantor Idan Irelander, also the temple's assistant music director, has composed a concert that celebrates what's called “the Sephardic tradition.” The concert is a sampling of international music, with a focus on Judaism's Spanish, Middle Eastern and African roots.

“There is no politics here,” Irelander said. “I am bringing ancient Jewish music to life.”

Irelander grew up in Israel and served in its Army. He remembers learning beautiful Jewish songs from his family. But finding songsheets from those days is difficult, if not impossible.

“I can't find any of those songs,” he said. “Those songs, which fathers used to sing to sons, are now out-of-print.”

As a result, he composed his own Sephardic concert and sent the music to musicians around the world. They come together for a show Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. The event is open to the public.

Included in the ensemble are Palestinian, Syrian, Jordanian, Israeli and American musicians. Some of the participants come from homelands that are still in conflict with Israel.

“No politics,” Irelander



COURTESY PHOTO

Cantor Idan Irelander of Temple Emanuel in Andover is shown with the Baglama Saz, a Turkish instrument which he will play during the sabbath service May 13 featuring Middle Eastern and Sephardic music.

emphasized. “This is beautiful Jewish music from around the world.”

He added that regardless of the tongue they speak, the players featured in the show communicate using the language they share, which is music. He called music “the only truly universal language.”

“When musicians from both sides of the world's most intractable conflicts come together, politics tend to disappear,” he said.

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Free concerts to play at Phillips Academy

Several free concerts will be open to town residents thanks to the Phillips Academy Music Department.

■ First up, the Academy Concert Bands and ensembles will play, under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Derek Jacoby, on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The program will include works by Haydn, Khachaturian, Fillmore and McCay.

■ Gospel choirs from around Massachusetts will fill Cochran Chapel with joyous music at the annual Gospelfest concert on Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m., to benefit the Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund. This concert will be hosted by the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir, with Lance Bryant, director; Mariselis Powell, advisor; and Nneka Anunor, PA '11 and Ijeoma Ejiogu, PA '11, student coordinators.

■ On Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m. the Music Department will present a spring concert featuring the oldest musical organization on Andover Hill, The Fidelio Society, a select a cappella choir of 18 voices. The program will

include a selection of madrigals, sacred music, and contemporary works.

■ The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. The program will feature seniors Madeleine Tucker performing the Shostakovich Cello Concerto, Esther Muradov performing Brahms' Violin Concerto and Kevin Qian performing Grieg's Piano Concerto all under the direction of James Orent. Also on the program is a premiere piece by Christina Landolt under the direction of Christina Landolt; Telemann's Don Quixote Suite and Andante Festivo by Sibelius directed by Holly Barnes and Peter Oswald; and Von Suppe's Pique Dame Overture under the direction of James Orent.

All concerts are free and open to the public and will take place in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

For more information, contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

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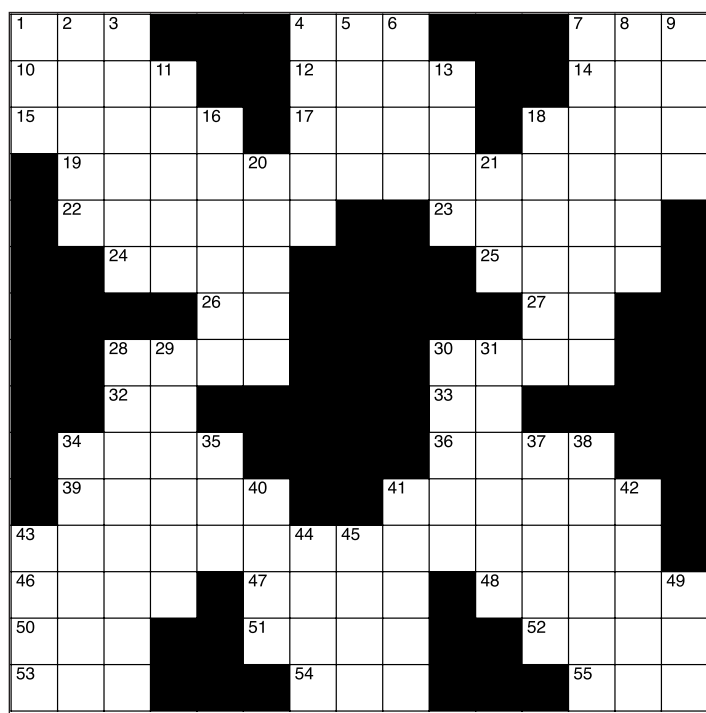
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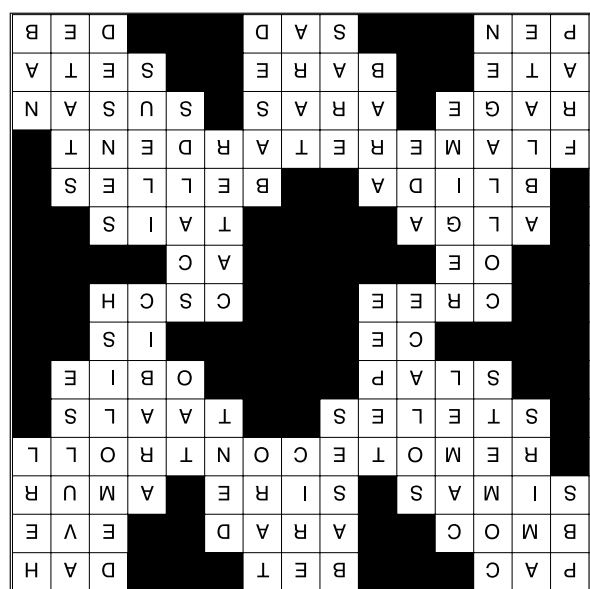
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12. Romanian city
14. Adam's wife
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19. TV clicker
22. Ancient stones bearing markings
23. Afrikaans
24. Hit with the open hand
25. Off-Broadway theater award
26. Atomic #58
27. Makes up
28. Rocky Boy's Reservation tribe
30. Hyperbolic cosecant
32. Old English
33. Carrier's invention
34. Protoctist
36. Siamese
39. N. Algerian city
41. Popular women at the ball
43. Resists combustion
46. Intense anger
47. River between Turkey & Iran
48. Actress Sarandon

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1. Public Broadcasting Service
2. Middle East rulers
3. Celestial bodies
4. Baseball bags
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6. Tropical starchy tuberous root
7. A way to destroy
8. Separate by avulsion
9. Fishing fly barb
11. Desert draft animal
13. Surface depression

16. Comfort in sorrow
18. Relating to Arabia
20. Native American tent
21. "Richard Yates" author
28. A scleroprotein
29. A particular administration
30. Provide food or entertainment
31. Burns milk
34. Remove by erosion
35. Turns into noun
37. Severe colic
38. Detected by instinct
40. Horse from 18 down
41. Found a basis for
42. Province
43. Bind securely
44. Geological times
45. Scarlett's home
49. Take into custody

Solution



Special series of talks highlights Addison collection

Beginning May 18, the Addison Gallery of American Art, on the Phillips Academy campus, will present a special series of "Collection Dialogues." Held in the Museum Learning Center in the Addison's Sidney R. Knafel Wing, the lecture series is a free, public series offering residents a chance to continue to see and learn about Addison works while a new roof is added to the museum. The Addison says the series "gives attendees an informed, inspiring look at pieces from the Addison's core collection." The first event, held Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., will be "The Addison's Architectural Legacy." Led by Susan Faxon, associate director and curator

of art before 1950, the discussion will focus on the confluence of three architectural projects: the original 1931 Addison Gallery of American Art building by Charles Platt, the recent addition by Centerbrook Architects and Planners, and the roof renovation by Robert Olson & Associates. On Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m., Allison Kemmerer, curator of art after 1950 and of photography, presents "Conservation Discoveries and Quandaries." A "beneath-the-surface" examination of the intriguing and complicated conservation challenges facing curators, Allison uses examples from the Addison collection such as paintings by Thomas Eakins,

Eastman Johnson, and James McNeill Whistler. Also featured: watercolors by Winslow Homer, and albums by John LaFarge and Peter Sekaer. Closing out the series, on Thursday, June 16 at 3 p.m., Brian Allen, the Mary Stripp and R. Crosby Kemper Director of the Addison, presents "American and British Silver." Be among the first to see a newly acquired teapot that belonged to Phillips Academy founders Phoebe Foxcroft Phillips and Samuel Phillips Jr., along with other examples of 18th- and early 19th-century silver. "The teapot is a very beautiful piece of mid-century Boston silver. Weighing nearly twice

as much as the typical teapot from the period, it has a monumental, stately presence," said Brian Allen. "The engraving is very special, and overall, while derivative of London silver in some respects, the Phillips teapot represents an amalgam of different regional styles, much as Boston culture, even in the 1750s, was a melting pot of different nationalities." The entrance to the Museum Learning Center is through Elson Art Center across from the Andover Inn. Enter by Kemper Auditorium and proceed to the top of the stairs. For wheelchair access, enter by the loading dock through the metal mesh door across from the Chapel Avenue parking lot.

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a cappella choir of 18 voices, 4 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

MONDAY, MAY 16

FILM ON TODAY'S SCHOOL CULTURE, "Race to Nowhere," 7 to 9 p.m., North Andover Middle School, 495 Main St., North Andover, sponsored by School PTOs. A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at today's culture and points to the silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace; students are disengaged; stress-related illness and depression are rampant and many young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired, \$10 advance, \$15 door; rtnorthandoverma.eventbrite.com/.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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.

TRIP TALK, Andover residents Al and Evelyn Retelle on their 7,000 mile road trip adventure celebrating their 80th birthdays, 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Register at mhl.org (calendar of events), 978-623-8401 x31.

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETS, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 32 Park Street, North Andover. Special Guest Speaker is Dov J. Shazeer on "The Islamo-Leftist Alliance of Uncontrollable Rage Against American Exceptionalism, Israel, and The Jews: Nexus or Coincidence?," and Ralph Constantino on

"The concepts of Quantitative Easing and Velocity of Money; their advantages and disadvantages; and finally their possible effects on our economy and jobs;" Mike Mosca, 978-681-1890.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

CALLING ALL WRITERS!, with local author Kristin Bair O'Keefe on her upcoming series of writing workshops. Inspiration, instructor feedback, loads of laughs, whip-cracking discipline, nuts and bolts know-how, ongoing discussions rule the event, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FLOWER ARRANGING PRIMER, with "The Village Garden Club of Andover and presenter Garden Club Federation Judge Kathi Baun, and Vicki Coderre, 7 p.m., Wingate, in the Andover Community Room, 80 Andover St., Andover; Helen Ann Knepfer, 978-409-1701, haknepper@comcast.net.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

CLOWNTOWN OPENS, 6 to 10 p.m., The Park, Chestnut & Bartlett streets, hosted by Andona Society.

FREE LIVE MUSIC, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert, 7 p.m., Cochran Chapel. The program will feature seniors Madeline Tucker performing the Shostakovich Cello Concerto, Esther Muradov performing Brahms's Violin Concerto and Kevin Qian performing Grieg's Piano Concerto all under the direction of James Orent. Also on the program is a premiere piece by Christina Landolt under the direction of Christina Landolt; Telemann's Don Quixote Suite and Andante Festivo by Sibelius directed by Holly Barnes and Peter Oswald; and Von Suppe's Pique Dame Overture under the direction of James Orent; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

SHOW: Dogs strut their stuff to move park forward

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their dogs." A significant thunderstorm that was moving through the area narrowly dodged the show. On the horizon, competitors noticed lightning and heard thunder echoing from the storm, but nobody had to run for the dog house as Saturday's show-ers missed the school by a few miles.

"The weather held off, so it was great," Dena Brody, a 13-year-old Wood Hill seventh-grader and organizer of the show, said. "It

was everything I anticipated it to be."

Dena doesn't know what the show will benefit if it runs again, but believes there will definitely be another one, she said.

"We may support the dog park, or we may support other causes," Dena said. "It is annual, and we're going to do it year after year."

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andover-townsman.com.

MUSIC: Middle Eastern ensemble unites on stage

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Irelander sent a year planning and communicating with the ensemble members and is thrilled that the performance date has finally arrived. The musicians will sit together on the bima (the altar) of an American synagogue and play together.

Irelander and others at Temple Emanuel hope this will serve as indication there can be a world free of discord and dissonance, in which all people can live in harmony and peace.

"There is no doubt this will be a truly memorable moment in Temple Emanuel's history," Irelander said.

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Obituaries

Barbara A. Quinn, 71



Barbara Ann Quinn, 71, of North Falmouth, died at home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Barbara leaves behind her husband of 14 years, William Quinn.

Born on Jan. 11, 1940, Barbara grew up in Medford. She raised her family with her late husband, Henry Egan, in Andover. Barbara was a graduate of Boston State Teachers College and taught elementary education for 34 years.

She loved being with her family and friends and spending her summers at New Silver Beach and Wild Harbor Estates.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Christopher Egan and wife Susan of Franklin; two daughters, Kelly Pariseault and husband Christopher Brennan of North Falmouth and Pamela Noonan and her husband Christopher of North Falmouth; a brother, Dr. Thomas Leonard and his wife Lois of Andover; and her grandchildren, Madeline, Abigail, Meghan, and Kaleigh Egan, Lily, Andrew, Bailey and Chloe Pariseault, Connor, Thomas, Grace and Caroline Noonan, Sarah and Nicole Brennan, and James Patrick and Ryan Quinn. Barbara was also survived by step-sons, John and William Quinn Jr. of Chelmsford.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours were Friday, May 6, 2011 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, West Falmouth. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 7 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, North Falmouth. Burial followed at the North Falmouth Cemetery, North Falmouth. Memorial donations may be made to Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation for the Clark Cancer Center, P.O. Box 370, Hyannis, MA 02601 For online guestbook and obituary please visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Henry C. Becker

Henry Charles Becker, a resident of Andover since 1953 and beloved husband of 56 years of the late Emelie L. (Longmoore) Becker, died at his home on Friday, May 6, 2011. He was 85 years old.

Born in New York, N.Y., he was the beloved son of the late Henry and Anna (Pape) Becker. Mr. Becker was a U.S. Navy veteran and had served aboard the USS William M. Wood as an Engineering Officer. He worked as an Electrical Engineer for Western Electric and Lucent Technologies for more than 35 years.

He will be missed by his loving children, Edward C. Becker of Andover, N.H., Linda B. Richmond of Dallas, Texas and Gail

B. and her husband Peter I. Richmond of Andover; cherished grandchildren, Amanda, James, Kyle, Ashley and Alison; dear great-grandchildren, Riley and Clinton; siblings, Robert Becker of Virginia and Doris Onken of Newburyport; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His memorial service was celebrated in the Chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover, Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Interment will be held privately at a later date. Donations in Henry's memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Anna L. McKinnon, 96



Anna Louise McKinnon, 96, of Nashua, N.H., died on Monday, May 9, 2011.

Anna was born in New Ipswich, N.H., the daughter of George and Helen Sargent. She graduated from Mass General School of Nursing. She married Paul McKinnon of Boston and they resided in Andover for 33 years, then retired to Sun City Center, Fla. and Center Harbor, N.H.

Anna was passionate about helping people and loved her nursing career. She loved her summers at Camp Iroquois on Lake Winnepesaukee. She and Paul were avid nature lovers and active members of the Audubon Society. She was especially concerned with rare or endangered species, and that passion lives on in her family.

Most recently she resided at Langdon Place in Nashua, and was loved by the staff and residents for her youthful spirit, and caring nature. The best way to describe Anna is her positive personality and strong Yankee

backbone, despite the life changing events she endured, including the death of her daughter and her husband's struggle with cancer. She handled every challenge in her life with strength, courage and dignity.

Anna always found the goodness in people and was inspiring to those who knew her. She found great joy in the simple things, including her love of cooking, reading, knitting, and gardening. But closest to her heart, were her family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul; and daughter, Judy of Ventura, Calif. She is survived by her sons, Paul and Edie McKinnon of Merrimack, Don and Anne McKinnon of Nashua, N.H., Bob and Donna McKinnon of New Boston, N.H.; grandchildren, Chandra and Alexandra Beaton of Ventura, Calif., Matthew McKinnon of West Palm Beach, Fla., Paul McKinnon III and family of Londonderry, N.H., and Tommy McKinnon of Salisbury.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at a future date. An online guestbook is available at www.davis-funeralhome.com. "ONE MEMORY LIGHTS ANOTHER."

Austin T. Castaldi, 24

Austin Tate Castaldi, 24, died Sunday, May 8, 2011 at his home in Malden, after a 16-month battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

He will be loved and remembered

always by his mother, Debra Mohr Castaldi; his brother, Dylan Cartwright Castaldi; and his father, Alfred Cartwright Castaldi.

Austin grew up in Andover, and Round Pond, Maine.

ARRANGEMENTS: Austin requested that memorial donations be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and that friends consider registering for bone marrow stem cell donation at the Be the Match Registry.

Andover was all aboard the railroad movement early



Andover Stories

By Don Robb
Andover Historical Society



Andover's early rail station.

Andover was one of the earliest Massachusetts towns to be served by a rail line. Prominent Andover citizens, including Hobart Clark, Abraham Marland, Amos Abbot, John Smith, and Merrill Pettingill met at the Locke Tavern (111 Main St.) to petition the state for a rail charter, granted in 1833.

Massachusetts' first railroad, the Boston and Lowell, opened in 1835. The new Andover and Wilmington, which met the Boston and Lowell at Lowell Junction, opened in the summer of 1836.

The original route of the line went through Ballardvale, and into downtown Andover. An elderly citizen recalled years that the tracks ran "through Mrs. Jona. Swift's garden and front yard," along Abbot Street to Phillips Street, behind the houses on the east side of Central Street, and past the Revolutionary War Triangle opposite South and Christ Churches. It crossed under School Street, ran behind the present St. Augustine School and past Rose Cottage, cutting diagonally across Central Street to a depot on Essex Street.

From there the line followed High Street into North Andover (still part of the original Andover at the time) along Waverly Road. It was extended to Haverhill in 1840 and by 1842 had crossed a corner of New Hampshire on its way to Maine. From 1840 to 1845, the main line of the Boston and

Main used the Andover route from Portland to Boston.

As mills expanded in town, the railroad was relocated nearer to the Shawsheen River to be closer to the mills of Ballardvale, Marland and Abbot Villages. The line was also redirected from North Andover to run through Frye Village (now Shawsheen) and into the new mill city of Lawrence. Parts of the original road bed can still be seen in Spring Grove Cemetery. (In the 1920s William Wood paid for a station on Haverhill Street serving Shawsheen Village.)

In January, 1853, President-elect Franklin Pierce and his family were returning to Concord, N.H. from a visit in Andover with Mrs. Pierce's sister, before making the journey to Washington for the inauguration. Shortly after leaving Ballardvale station, the train jumped the tracks and rolled down an embankment. Killed were seven passengers, including the Pierces' young son, Bennie.

With the 1847 relocation, the old Essex Street depot was no longer needed. It soon housed a plumbing company, and in 1912 became the Colonial Theater, a movie house later renamed the Andover Playhouse. By the 1970s the building housed offices, and finally became the town's senior center. It stood behind Memorial Hall Library, and was torn down as part of the library expansion

project in the 1980s. The senior center then moved to its present location.

As railroad travel expanded, new lines were added throughout Massachusetts. One of the new lines was the Lowell and Andover, built in 1846, and extended into Lawrence in 1848. It came from Tewksbury, running behind Haggett's Pond, with two depots in Andover: Haggett's Pond at about where Greenwood and Ledge Roads meet today, and West Andover at Lowell Street. The line carried both freight and passengers, and ran five trains a day through Andover. The Haggetts Pond depot served the Lakeview Lodge, a popular resort of the day. The line became part of the Boston and Maine, and shut down in 1920.

Walkers can still follow parts of the original Lowell and Andover line. The roadbed runs through town conservation land north of Haggetts Pond, crosses High Plain Road, and heads for the intersection of Routes 93 and 495.

Along with the Essex Turnpike in 1806, the railroad in 1835 helped to forge a strong commercial connection between Andover and Boston.

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

RELIGION

Celebration of unity

On Friday evening, May 13, the people of Temple Emanuel of Andover will engage in a bit of international diplomacy. Under the direction of Cantor Idan Ireland, the temple's assistant music director, there will be a celebration of the Sephardic tradition with a service of music written primarily in the mode of Judaism's Spanish, Middle Eastern and African roots. Included in the ensemble are Palestinian and Syrian musicians. They come from homelands that are still at war with Israel, the country in which Idan was born and

in whose army he and his wife served.

The program, sponsored by the Rose and David Shack Lectureship Fund, will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the entire public. There is no doubt this will be a truly memorable moment in Temple Emanuel's nearly 100-year history!

Historical talk

On Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., South Church in Andover will host a talk on the History of the Congregational Church in New England, as part of its 300th anniversary celebration.

The lecture will be given by Dr. Peggy Bendroth, the executive director and librarian of the Congregational Library in Boston. Bendroth is known for her lively and informative historical talks.

The location is South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. The talk is free and open to the public. Those interested in New England history and how the Congregational churches were established and evolved will find this talk very interesting, according to South Church's Bill Schroeder. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

18 HOUSES DIVIDED

The American Civil War has been called the war of brother against brother. That description was figurative and literal. Episodes of brother battling brother were too numerous to count if one considers soldiers who fought with each other in previous wars, as Shakespeare described in "Henry V": "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother!"

One of the men who stood up with Ulysses Grant at his wedding in 1848 was James Longstreet. Both were veterans of the Mexican-American War. Longstreet was a cousin of Julia Dent, who became Grant's wife.

While Grant led Union troops during the Civil War, Longstreet served under Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Grant also fought opposite Simon Bolivar Buckner, a fellow West Point graduate. Buckner made a loan to Grant when he resigned from

His brother-in-law, George Gordon Meade, was the victorious commander of Union forces at Gettysburg. U.S. Sen. John Crittenden, of Kentucky, a former U.S. Attorney General, had two sons serve as generals. Thomas Crittenden fought for the Union while his brother, George Crittenden, fought for the South - although the two never met in a battle.

As late as December 1860, following Abraham Lincoln's election, the elder Crittenden was still trying to work out a compromise to prevent war.

Most famously, Lincoln's own house was divided. Mary Todd Lincoln had multiple brothers and brothers-in-law fighting for the South, some of whom died in battle.

At the Pamplin Historical Park in Virginia, along the Breakthrough Trail, a historical marker

George Gordon Meade (left), who led Union soldiers at Gettysburg, was brother-in-law to Virginia Gov. Henry Wise (right), who later served as a general for the Confederacy

HENRY WISE WAS GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA AND AS SUCH SIGNED JOHN BROWN'S DEATH WARRANT AFTER THE ABOLITIONIST'S RAID ON THE ARMORY AT HARPER'S FERRY. WISE WAS A MEMBER OF VIRGINIA'S SECESSION COMMISSION AND LATER A CONFEDERATE GENERAL.

HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, GEORGE GORDON MEADE, WAS THE VICTORIOUS COMMANDER OF UNION FORCES AT GETTYSBURG.

the U.S. Army in 1854 and needed money to return home to his wife, writes historian James McPherson.

Eight years later, Buckner, at the head of a Southern army, sought terms from Grant after surrendering at Fort Donelson. Grant offered no deal but unconditional surrender.

Actual family members found themselves on opposite sides, too.

Henry Wise was governor of Virginia and as such signed John Brown's death warrant after the abolitionist's raid on the armory at Harper's Ferry. Wise was a member of Virginia's Secession Commission and later a Confederate general.

was erected in honor of Maj. Clifton Prentiss, a 29-year-old Union soldier from Baltimore who was shot in the chest. Not far from away, his brother, a Southern private named William Prentiss, was shot in the leg.

While stories abound of loyalties dividing families, tales of brothers actually killing each other appear to have been apocryphal.

But in at least one instance, two brothers came close.

Kentucky's Breckenridge family sent its sons to opposite sides of the war. At the 1864 Battle of Atlanta, according to McPherson, one brother helped capture another.

QUICK FACT

MANY SOLDIERS WHO ENDED UP FIGHTING EACH OTHER DURING THE CIVIL WAR WERE CLASSMATES AT THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT. SOME WERE EVEN ROOMMATES AND HAD SERVED TOGETHER DURING THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR.

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Opinion

League leader lives up to group's ideals

The president of the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, Kerri Ford, has resigned over her disappointment that the state and national League of Women Voters sponsored an attack ad on U.S. Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts. The local League as a whole has also condemned the action, and said it will consider what else it must do to "preserve our vital non-partisan role in the community." Ford's decision is the action of a person of principle and deserves praise. The local League's declaration is a welcome, if necessary, sign that Andover members understand the group's self-proclaimed mission: We never support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The LWV of Andover/North Andover was formed 90 years ago, at the time the national organization was founded. The Andover LWV has been at the heart of town political discussions. The League says it has two purposes. The first is to present unbiased nonpartisan information. The national ad failed to meet that goal. The second is, after study, to use its positions to advocate on behalf of particular policies. The ad is clearly geared more to bringing down Scott Brown than to promoting specific clean air initiatives. It shows a mother comforting a little girl who is wearing a mask to help her breathe. As the camera frames the little girl's face, the narrator says "When Scott Brown voted to eliminate clean air standards that reduce smokestack and tailpipe emissions, just imagine what it could have done to her."

It has always been difficult for the League of Women Voters to live up to its non-partisan label. Its members are active politically. Some have run for office, while others have served as campaign managers. But its best individual members have always strived for the ideal of presenting unbiased information to the public, so that people could make their own decisions about what is in their community's best interest. When the local League has advocated in favor of an issue, it has not attacked candidates on the opposing side.

Over the years the LWV has engaged in many commendable civic activities at the local, state and national levels. Unfortunately, his ad represents a low point. The state and national League has dropped any claim to being non-partisan. The national LWV also is refusing to disclose who is helping to finance the negative ad campaign, which goes against its goal of greater transparency in political campaigns.

As much as ever, voters could use a voice of reason in the political arena. Massachusetts and America do not need another group framing discussion in extreme terms and dividing the country into left and right-wing camps. We have too many of these groups, too many shrill and bombastic talking heads. Too often, political opponents are painted as unreasonable monsters rather than as people who have studied the facts and simply arrived at a different conclusion. The League at all levels would be better off encouraging participation rather than discouraging people sick of such mudslinging from wanting to get involved in politics.

We greatly respect Kerri Ford, now former president of the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters, for her decision to step down rather than be part of an organization that does not represent her ideals. We hope such actions encourage the national League to return its focus to the non-partisan, civic-minded, issue-oriented work our country needs. That more high-minded work is what made the League worth joining and listening to for many years.

Resignation letter from local League of Women Voters president

Dear Board of Directors:

It is sadly that I tender my resignation as president of the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover effective today [May 10]. Our local League is made up of such wonderful, dedicated people volunteering their time to educate the voters in our community. Over the 90-year history of the LWVANA the organization has become a respected partner in the community, however, recent actions by the national and state League of Women Voters have, in my opinion, muted the effectiveness of the League as a non-partisan voter service provider at all levels.

I do not agree with the direction in which the national and state Leagues seem to be headed and as a part of these larger organizations we are not able to control our reputation at the local level. I sincerely hope that there is a way for the League or another organization to continue the valued and important work that the LWVANA has done for our community for so many years. I wish it had not come to this, however, given my strong disagreement with the broader organization I cannot in good conscience continue to serve as president and as such I am resigning my position with the League and do not intend to renew my membership.

Kerri Ford

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A view of the Central Street neighborhood and South Church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Evidence shows bow hunting is not the answer

Editor, Townsman:

The Town proposes to continue and to expand the bow hunting pilot program. When balancing the potential costs and benefits, this program should not go forward.

The asserted benefits - reduced incidence of Lyme disease, limit on deforestation, fewer car accidents - are not supported by scientific studies, as affirmed in a May 8 magazine article in the Boston Globe, "The Deer-Lyme Disconnect."

■ An abundance of deer does not correlate to a high incidence of Lyme disease. Scientific evidence establishes that culling the deer herd will not reduce Lyme disease cases. (See Professor Ostfeld's comprehensive study, Lyme Disease: The Ecology Of A Complex System, Oxford University Press, 2011.) As found on Cape Cod, reducing the deer population through hunting actually increased the tick population. Only when one deer was left did another study find that tick population went down significantly. There are myriad animals, the primary culprit being the white footed mouse, that "host" the blacklegged tick which transmits Lyme disease.

Ticks will just move on to the nearest host. As Ostfeld concluded, "...the data do not suggest that if you manage deer hunting, you'll reduce the number of Lyme cases." Andover's public health director affirmed that a deer hunting program will

not significantly reduce the incidence of Lyme disease in town (Townsman, Oct. 7, 2010).

■ As to deforestation, the truth is hunting isn't much of a population control tool. Studies show that hunting results in better fed, stronger animals that reproduce when younger and have more multiple births. See, e.g., Verme, "Journal of Wildlife Management"(1969); Wildlife Ecology and Management(2003). Even assuming zero population growth, it will take some 54 years to meet the suggested herd size at double the rate killed during the pilot.

■ Taxpayers face substantial potential financial risks from hunting.

Town counsel stated Andover is not protected from law suits for hunting related injury claims. Falls from the numerous seasonal tree stands (attractive nuisances for children) and injuries from incompetent hunters are not unforeseen. The word is out that Andover allows bow hunting; the tree stands are in place. Out-of-towners recently were seen with a killed deer during the pilot hunt. The risk of drunk or incompetent hunters on these 600 plus acres surely is not minimal. Do you want your tax dollars to bear this risk? There is as well the added cost of administering and enforcing the program.

■ Killing deer likely increases car accidents. A leading insurance company (Erie) study found that deer car crashes

significantly increased during hunting season. As bow hunting has only a 50-percent kill rate, frightened injured deer may run into roads and perhaps onto school playing fields.

■ Deer hunting with bow and arrows is unnecessarily cruel. One of two animals shot is wounded and may live for days in great pain. (Proponents stated many hunters do not leave tree stands after wounding deer.)

■ There are alternatives available to hunting. As noted in the Boston newspaper article, other increasingly more affordable options exist (e.g., Frontline for mice, four-poster feeders recommended by the American Lyme Disease Association, even reintroduction of an existing human vaccine).

Professor Rutberg from Tufts veterinary school concluded, "People like simple solutions and killing animals seems like a very simple solution. It lets you externalize the problem. ...It just so happens it doesn't work." The current plan offers no effective solutions; it merely enables a handful of hunters to fill their freezers with venison. I suggest the town develop a multi-pronged long-term program to address conservation land management. Bow hunting is not the answer.

LOIS KARFUNKEL
22 Orchard Crossing
CHRIS CHRISTOFORO
51R School St.

Local League 'stongly disagrees' with airing of Scott Brown ads

Editor, Townsman:

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover (LWV-ANA) has been placed in the very difficult position of explaining the actions of League leadership at the state and national levels. Our local chapter of the League wants to go on record as strongly disagreeing with their decision to run ads singling out U.S. Senator Scott Brown for his vote in favor of the McConnell Amendment No. 183, limiting the powers of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The LWV-ANA was not made aware of these ads before they began airing. We have communicated our disagreement to the state and national League leadership.

The League of Women Voters was founded 90 years ago as a non-partisan political organization with two main functions: educating voters and studying issues of concern to our communities.

The dedicated members of our local League have worked very hard to provide Andover and North Andover citizens with access to accurate information about issues affecting our communities and encourage active participation in the democratic process.

We do not condone the ads being aired. Our local League will continue to discuss what further steps need to be taken to preserve our vital non-partisan role in the community.

STEFANI TRAINA, ACTING PRESIDENT
LWV of Andover/North Andover
6 Roulston

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School nurses' work touches many lives

Editor, Townsman:

As I reflect upon the school year, it is astounding what our nurses have accomplished in the public schools - we took care of 30,000 medical complaints, administered more than 14,000 medications, treated students for severe allergic reactions and sent 135 students and staff to medical facilities for additional treatment. More than 6,000 screenings were performed; 286 students were referred to their physician for follow-up for concerns that may have gone undetected.

At the same time, the complexity and medical needs of our students have changed dramatically over the years and now we take care of students with intravenous lines, feeding tubes, severe allergies, a variety of mental health issues, newly diagnosed diabetes and serious cardiac issues. Nurses are often the first line of detection and treatment. As many of our families face rising health-care costs, it is simpler and more convenient to consult

the school nurse before visiting the physician and avoid co-pays, when possible.

Being a nurse in our schools requires constant communication within our community to public health staff, physician offices, hospitals, parents, teachers, day-care programs, fitness clubs, insurance companies, dental practices, local representatives, EMTs and police officers - just a few of which I can recall at my fingertips.

In addition - we all attend workshops, health fairs, career fairs, registration nights, school plays, sports games, in support of our students.

As the economy takes its toll on the services provided in the schools, let us not forget the nurses who, regardless of the number of visits and the increasing number of complex medical issues, manage these additional workloads daily with endless compassion and warm words of encouragement. Words aren't enough to express my gratitude to all those nurses in our community who are the backbone of medical care and usually the ones behind the scenes. I feel both privileged to work with such caring and professional individuals and honored to be part of such a dynamic group of nurses who reach out and touch so many lives.

To all our nurses far and wide - Happy Nurse's Day.

RITA CASPER
2 Buchan Road

Town needs to spend SPED grants on SPED

Editor, Townsman:

As a resident of Andover, I am appalled at the mismanagement of our town and school budget money. In 2009, the town of Andover was awarded an AARA Special

Education grant in the amount of \$1.8 million, making the total federal grant awards over \$3.3 million for both fiscal year 2010 and 2011. Included in that total, each year the town is awarded an Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) special education grant which is to be used for ensuring that students with disabilities are able to attend public school in "the least restrictive environment" and that the school system operates consistent with all of the requirements of IDEA. It is my opinion that if we remove the eight special education teachers from Andover High, as well as the inclusion program, our town will not be in compliance with these grants. The town also receives a Circuit Breaker state grant, which is a significant amount, to help with the cost of special education. The majority of the grant money received in our town is for "special education."

During Town Meeting, the Finance Committee announced that the town would be receiving an additional \$1.4 million in unanticipated grants, and that money was missing from the school budget revenue summary. The Finance Committee also stated it did not support the salary cuts. Also missing from the proposed school budget were the revenue lines for the special education money that will be awarded to the town for fiscal year 2012; those grants total approximately \$3.9 million. Therefore, the total revenue line in the proposed school budget presented at Town Meeting was significantly "understated."

Special education grant money needs to be used for special education. When accepting the \$1.5 million in IDEA grant money each year, we are committing to improving the special education program in this town each year, and not dismantling it.

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TOWN TALK

Truly Trumped

Former Andona Society president Lisa McDonald of Andover is scheduled to lunch with Donald Trump today, Thursday, May 12, as he makes a stop in New Hampshire. Her Clown Town days are long gone as she is now a vice president at Bank of New England on Haverhill Street. It's a Nashua, N.H.-based Chamber of Commerce gig requiring her appearance along with other members of that chamber.

— Judy Wakefield

Andover Chamber: Eggs and accolades

Andover Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Community Service Awards Breakfast on Thursday, June 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club, 7 Lovejoy Road, Andover.

Joe Piantedosi, former plant and facilities director serving as interim; Susan Stott, Andover Community Trust founder; and the Greater Lawrence Technical School will be recognized for their contributions to the community.

An exhibit featuring these properties will be on view at the library during the month of June, and online at mhl.org/historicpreservation.

Special delivery

The annual food drive organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers is set to take place on Saturday, May 14. Participating post office branches encourage residents to leave a bag of non-perishable, non-expired food items by their post box prior to their normal mail delivery time on Saturday.

Derby rocks

It's no longshot! Last Friday's Kentucky Derby Social at Atria Marland Place where residents and staff decked out in "Derby



JAN LEE SEEGER/Staff photos

Friends, from left, Andy Hook and Andover Hockey captains Matt Swett and Kyle Berthiaume have comfortable seats in the center of a party bus as 38 prom-goers convene at the home of Stephen Brighton to ride together to the Andover High School prom in Danvers.

Gear" was a winner. Atria's headquarters are in Louisville, Ky., and the locals wanted to be part of the Kentucky Derby mania.

"We wanted to celebrate the tradition in our Andover location," Engage Life Director Amy Davis wrote in an email.

Hats off - oops, on - to Marland Place!

— Judy Wakefield

Senator seeks to pull plug on 'archaic' Governor's Council

State Sen. Barry Finegold says he will be a strong voice in the movement to eliminate the Governor's Council during the State Constitutional Convention. The Governor's Council, whose main function is to approve gubernatorial appointments, is made up of eight elected councilors.

"It is an archaic part of the



From left, Greg Calabro, Danielle Jacobsen, Ron Winslow and Hannah Bowler settle in on the party bus.

institution that adds to the bulk of government," Finegold said in a release.

Finegold said potential judicial appointees are thoroughly vetted before their names even reach the Governor's Council. The body has not rejected a judicial nominee since 1993. "The council is basically providing a rubber stamp — a very expensive rubber stamp that costs taxpayers approximately \$500,000

each year for their eight salaries plus administrative support," he said.

Keeping architectural history alive

The 2011 Annual Preservation Awards will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library to recognize outstanding examples of historic preservation in Andover during



Friends, from left, Isabella Brody and Taylor Farris have fun together as they ride to the Andover prom in Danvers on Saturday.



Stephen Brighton Jr. has a choice seat in the back of a party bus en route to the Andover prom.

the past year.

This year, the Andover Preservation Commission, Ballardvale Historic District Commission and Andover Historical Society will highlight nine properties in three categories, exterior

preservation, sympathetic additions and contextually appropriate design in new construction, according to Karen Herman, Chairwoman of the Andover Preservation Commission. The public is invited to attend.

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Shopping for a gift, Don DeLollis of Andover takes a close look at the jewelry of Thomas Kuhner Saturday at the annual Crafts in the Park event held in downtown Andover.

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CRAFTS IN THE PARK



Deciding of a gift for their mother, Andover siblings Hannah Garth, 10, and Sam Garth, 9, are choosing between a puzzle box in the shape of a butterfly, or one in the shape of a horse.



Community members stroll by and shop at the many booths of wares Saturday.



John Battis solos on clarinet as he plays with the Mill City Jazz Band Saturday, May 7.



Astrid Nalefski of Andover relaxes on a stuffed chair with her twins, left, Ingrid and Eamon Nalefski, 7, as they enjoy the day together at the annual Crafts in the Park event.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

100 Years Ago May 12, 1911

Samuel P. Hulme has sold for Mrs. A.E. Hulme the Lindsay property in Frye Village to William M. Wood.

W.H. Higgins, the well known proprietor of the Park Street stables, is shortly to withdraw from active business there. On Monday morning May 22, at 10 a.m., his real estate, consisting of two stables, a small hospital stable, a cottage house and about 31,000 square feet of land, and all personal property such as horses, hacks, carriages, wagons, carts, barges, sleighs, harness, robes, etc. as well as all the office furniture, will be sold at public auction by Charles F. Keyes, auctioneer of Lowell.

It has been found inadvisable to arrange for a special car to "The World in Boston." The exposition is open many forenoons. Any parties desiring to go in the morning could get in from ten to twelve at the regular rates. To make sure, inquiry should be made by phone at the general office of "The World in Boston" Mechanics Building.

75 Years Ago May 8, 1936

Mrs. Annie Kent, 63, of Andover street, Ballardvale, was struck by an automobile on Central street near Essex street Tuesday afternoon. The police report states that Mrs. Emma L. Poynter of Essex, driver of the car, failed to see Mrs. Kent as she started across the street. A bystander reported that Mrs. Kent was thrown up above the radiator and back on to the roadway.

At the meeting of the Square and Compass club last night Frank Gardner of Boston showed moving pictures taken from the air of the flood in the Merrimack valley. There were some especially fine pictures of the Shawsheen village flood.

Sherwood W. Kelley of Shawsheen road has purchased a lot in Johnson acres and Francis Pottle of Wakefield has also purchased a lot on Johnson road. Both are now building houses. The lots were purchased from Fred E. Cheever, local real estate agent.

50 Years Ago May 11, 1961

Members of the Board of Trade held a spirited discussion of urban renewal Tuesday night, following a

brief business meeting at the Andover Inn.

The addition of two applications this week brought to 22 the total of persons interested in being granted one package store license. Twenty applications were advertised in last week's Townsman, while the two additional notices appear in this week's edition. There has been no official statement from the Selectmen, giving any indication as to how the choice will be made.

The Selectmen have been asked to extend greetings to the mayor of Andover, England, for her installation May 23. Mrs. Brenda Machin, councillor of the town, and mayor-elect, sent the following friendly letter to the chairman of the Andover Selectmen: "It is my good fortune to have been elected mayor of Andover for 1961-62."

Two major building projects helped boost the value of construction authorized during April to \$1,022,943. The garden apartment project at High and Haverhill streets where 48 apartments will be built in four buildings was valued at \$384,000.

25 Years Ago May 8, 1986

Telephone customers who did not select a long distance company when the equal access program first was introduced in the Andover area last year will be asked again to make a choice. Subscribers whose telephone numbers begin with 470 and 475 will soon receive a ballot listing the various long distance companies serving their area.

A gala reception was held to benefit Andover Endowment for the Arts Inc. at the Sheraton Rolling Green, following the sold-out recital performance by world famous violinist Itzhak Perlman last Thursday at the Collins Center.

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Lawrence will have its groundbreaking ceremony at its new site at 63 Chandler Road, Andover, on Sunday, May 18.

The 37th Children's Fishing Derby, conducted annually by the Andover Sportsmen's Club was held last Saturday at Hussey's Pond in Shawsheen Square. Although the day was cold and windy, over 100 children 12 years old and under entered the nine-hour derby, hoping to catch the biggest fish for the thrill of victory and a prize.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Boshar receives Paul Harris Award

Andover resident Kathy Boshar, longtime member and current president of Lawrence Rotary, was presented with a Paul Harris Award.

Boshar was one of the first women to join the Lawrence Rotary Club in 1989, and she is the first female president in its 90-year history.

She has been active in Rotary-based community affairs during that entire period.

The Paul Harris Award is the most coveted award any Rotarian can receive. It is given for a lifetime monetary contribution of \$1,000 to Rotary International in support of Rotary's global commitment to world peace, global economic well-being and freedom from disease.

The award was presented by Assistant District Governor Terry Kidder.

Solar-home owner to address national group

An Andover man known for his ultra-green home will speak to a national conference on solar energy next week.

Frank Hopkins, a resident of Andover for 36 years, will present a paper to the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Conference in Raleigh, N.C. on May 18. The paper, entitled "A Homeowner's Perspective on Sustainability," is based on the experience of Frank and his wife Belva in integrating a variety of green features into their Brady Loop home between 2007 and 2009. It argues for consideration of many aspects of sustainability in considering "green" improvements and for development of measures of performance to see how well such improvements actually do, he reports.

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'City of Andover' leaves bad taste

Bill Dalton



If you think the Open Town Meeting should be changed, what should it be changed to? There aren't many alternatives.

The name "City of Andover" leaves a taste in my mouth like swallowing a black fly, and I don't know anyone who wants

Andover to be a city. There are 351 municipalities in the Commonwealth. Of these, 298 operate as towns and 53 as cities. Some of the cities are so ashamed of being cities that 12 of them call themselves, "The City Known as the Town of _____." Methuen used to do that; it sounded silly. Towns only have two options besides the Open Town Meeting. One uses town councils, but that smacks of being a city, and the other is the representative Town Meeting, which has a major defect (discussed below).

In 1971-72, I chaired a committee that was created by the Town Meeting. The committee was asked to look into alternative forms of government to the Open Town Meeting. Jim Doherty, a future moderator, was on the committee along with eight distinguished citizens, including the brainy Fred Fitzgerald. We made a promise that we'd give the subject of Town Meetings a full look and be objective.

We spoke to many people from towns and cities. Becoming a city was rejected early - no

one liked the idea. We spent our time examining the representative Town Meeting, especially in those few towns that had recently switched from open to representative systems. The people who spoke to our committee from those towns didn't speak with great enthusiasm, and some were wistful about abandoning the great New England tradition of the Open Town Meeting. In the end, we voted almost unanimously -- there was one abstention -- to retain the open meeting. Our report to the next Town Meeting said

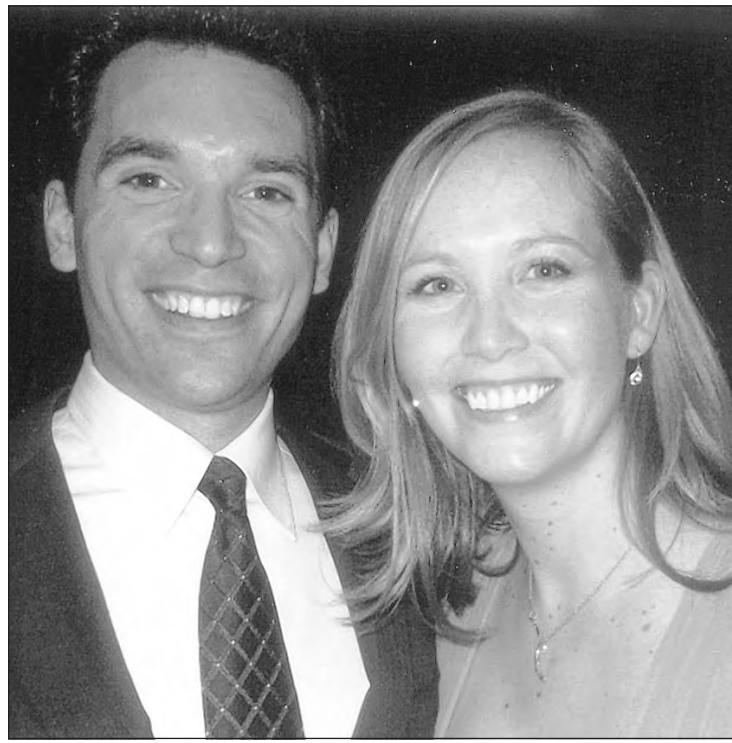
we should keep the open system and we suggested some ways of speeding up the meeting, which I implemented the next year when I was elected moderator.

Just a few years ago, Mike Morris chaired a similar committee that did pretty much the same thing as we had done, and his committee reached the same conclusion. I've also read of a third committee that came to the same result years before, I think it was in the 1930s. So, at least three committees covering several decades reached the same conclusion.

In a representative Town Meeting, 45 to 240 people are elected by ballot. Each represents a precinct, and, depending on how many precincts a town wants, the elected individual represents anywhere from a handful of people to a passel of them. Those few representatives come together and vote like other democratically elected legislative bodies, such as the Massachusetts legislature and the U.S. Congress. So, what's wrong with a

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ENGAGEMENTS



James Russo and Lauren Gordon

Ken and Jane Russo of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, James Joseph Russo, to Lauren Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of Rory and Susan Gordon of Grantham, N.H. Jim is a graduate of Andover High School and Boston College. He is an equity research analyst

at Adage Capital Management in Boston. Lauren is a graduate of Williamsville North High School in Williamsville, N.Y. and Siena College. She is a marketing specialist at CBIZ Tofias in Cambridge. An April 2012 wedding is planned in Boston.



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Lauren Murray and Jeffrey Begley

Kenneth and Deborah Murray of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren Christine Murray, to Jeffrey Michael Begley, son of John and Mary Ann Begley of Andover. Lauren is a graduate of George Washington University. She is a

financial associate at Bain Capital of Boston. Jeffrey is a graduate of Georgetown University and is a treasury analyst at Highfields Capitol, Boston. A September 2011 wedding is planned.



Mairen Neri and Sean Marshall

Mairen Elizabeth Neri, daughter of Steven and Nancy (Doherty) Neri of Andover, was married to Sean Kenneth Marshall, son of Kenneth and Denise Marshall of Hingham, Mass. The couple was married on August 7, 2010 at All Saints Church, Ogunquit, Maine. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Robert Doherty, cousin of the bride. The maid of honor was Caitlin Neri, sister of the bride. Matthew Marshall the groom's brother, was best man. A reception followed at the Colony Hotel, Kennebunkport, Maine.

Mairen is a graduate of Andover High School, class of 2002. She graduated from Marist College in New York and received her master's degree in literacy and reading from Lesley University. She is a fifth-grade teacher at the Ditson School in Billerica. Sean is a graduate of Hingham High School, class of 2000. He graduated from Bentley College in Waltham, with a degree in business administration. He is a senior sales associate at the Yammer Co., Boston. After a honeymoon in Italy, the couple reside in Charlestown.

DALTON: Keep Town Meeting

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representative Town Meeting? As the people who spoke to our committee said, the problem with the representative meeting is that the reps are an easy target for interest groups; in other words, they can be lobbied. For example, say you had a teachers' union that wanted something so much that the union's leadership ran state-wide advertisements denigrating the town and indirectly denigrating the good teachers within the union. If they were willing to do something that radical, how much pressure do you think they'd put on the representative Town Meeting members if a matter concerning the union was in the warrant, such as a budget number? How many calls would those few representatives get from the union and their supporters? Would nasty ads be run against those who didn't support the union? Those representatives would

be lobbied to death, while anyone wishing to lobby on the other side of the issue would be relatively unorganized and ineffectual. OK, that's an extreme example, but the extreme demonstrates the point, and the point is that the representatives in a representative Town Meeting are easy targets for lobbying from organized groups of any kind. That was the main point we heard from those who spoke to our committee. The tried and true Open Town Meeting - that most pure form of democracy, is hard to manipulate because you never know who will show up to vote. As a closing comment, you shouldn't worry too much about the number of voters who show up: if you build an interesting warrant, they will come. Bill Dalton is a weekly columnist for the Andover Townsman. His email address in billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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Belva and Frank Hopkins

The Hopkins have made their home available for sustainable energy tours for the 10-10-10 event in Andover last October, for the Andover Historical Society in 2009, and for the Northeast Sustainability Energy Association in 2009 and 2010. They plan to continue offering such tours. Frank Hopkins, an advocate for the environment, is a member and past president of the Andover Sister Towns Association and a member of the West Parish Church. He was formerly a system engineer and program manager of Raytheon Company and before that with the MITRE Corporation in Bedford.

Andover paddler in Charles race

James Doucett of Andover registered for the April 30 Charles River Watershed Association's 29th Annual Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race. The race, which celebrates and raises money for the ongoing improvements of the Charles River, drew approximately 1,200 paddlers this year and its Finish Line Festival attracts thousands of spectators each year to enjoy a day on the river full of fun and festivities. Doucett entered in the "open category" of the 24-Mile Race, which often attracts corporate teams due to the bonding experience it creates with co-workers, said organizers. Overall, the event features paddling races for all skill levels, from expert to beginner. The \$5,000 Professional Flatwater Canoe Marathon draws elite paddlers from across the United States and Canada. Shorter races bring out recreational paddlers ranging in age from 11 to 80.

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Health director to businesses: Close trash, keep rodents at bay

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

About half a year after Andover eliminated a colony of rats in the downtown, town Health Director Tom Carbone is circulating a letter to Andover business owners regarding the use and maintenance of Dumpsters and other large commercial trash containers.

The letter, dated May 4, is

addressed to both Andover business owners and downtown property owners. In it, Carbone said he recently toured the downtown area to ensure that Dumpsters were closed and that the areas were being kept neat.

"My observations ran the gamut of neatly kept, closed trash receptacles, to open dumpsters with trash strewn around the area," Carbone wrote. "If we are not careful, the unkempt areas

will become a feeding ground for rodents, and our efforts last fall will be for naught."

"The general condition of the dumpster area falls to you as business and property owners," Carbone continued. "While we can force the rubbish companies to provide you with operable equipment, it is up to you (to) make the best of that equipment."

To read the full letter, visit andover-townsman.com.

■ POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, May 3 through Monday, May 9:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, May 3 - At 8:24 a.m., Steven Silva, 34, of 328 Concord St., Lowell, was arrested on Dascumb Road and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

At 2:32 p.m., Valerie Charest, 22, of 14B Kendall Pond Road, Derry, N.H., was arrested on Brechin Terrace and charged with assault and battery on a household member and disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, May 4 - At 12:51 p.m., Charles Parry, 63, of 6 Random Lane, Andover, was arrested at Brickstone Square and charged with walking or riding on a railroad track.

Thursday, May 5 - At 3:13 p.m., Brittney Ross, 21, of 105 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant for trespassing, breaking and entering during the daytime for a felony, larceny over \$250 and threatening to commit a crime.

At 6:15 p.m., Cory Michaud, 20, of 4912 Bowers St., Nashua, N.H. was arrested on River Road and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Friday, May 6 - At 12:35 a.m., Guy Mancini Jr., 26, of 32 Rocky Hill Road, Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, and having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

At 9:26 p.m., Mary Anne Rocheville, 55, of 39 South Bowdoin St., Lawrence, was arrested on High Street and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and failing to use care when starting, stopping, turning or backing up.

THEFTS

Friday, May 6 - At 12:15 p.m., an Andover Street resident reported theft of money.

At 2:13 p.m., a satellite dish was reported stolen from a building on North Main Street.

Saturday, May 7 - At 11:38 a.m., a report of a false check was made on Tewksbury Street.

At 12:37 p.m., a theft was reported on River Road.

CAR CRIME

Thursday, May 5 - At 1:28 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Crescent Drive.

Monday, May 9 - At 1:36 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from a parking lot on Bullfinch Drive.

Saturday, May 7 - At 1:16 p.m., a case of theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Brookside Drive.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, May 3 - At 3:33 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported from Buttonwood Road.

Friday, May 6 - At 6:25 a.m., a caller from a business on Riverina Road reported a suspicious briefcase on the ground next to a nearby car. Police collected the briefcase and determined it was accidentally left outside of the car. At 7:15 a.m., the owner of the briefcase contacted police to report "that (his) briefcase was stolen out of his motor vehicle."

At 1:24 p.m., a report of a death was made on Lowell Street.

At 1:40 p.m., vandalism to a vehicle was reported at the high school on Shawsheen Road.

At 4:53 p.m., a case of fraud was reported on Stouffer Circle. Sunday, May 8 - At 6:53 a.m., police were notified of graffiti at Bancroft Elementary School on Bancroft Road.

Monday, May 9 - At 6:15 p.m., police were called out to North Main Street for a 59-year-old man who was reportedly intoxicated, not feeling well "and hearing voices." The man was transported to Holy Family Hospital after a minor altercation that resulted in a court summons for two counts of assault and battery on ambulance personnel and two counts of assault and battery on a police officer.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, May 5 - At 7:13 a.m., a two-car crash was reported on Osgood Street. No injuries were reported, but one of the two cars involved had to be towed from the scene.

At 2:48 p.m., a prior hit-and-run accident with no injuries was reported on Main Street.

At 4:11 p.m., a hit-and-run accident with no injuries was reported on Post Office Ave.

Friday, May 6 - At 4:10 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Shawsheen Road.

At 6:14 p.m., a multi-car accident was reported on Route 125 in the area of Wildwood Road. Some vehicles involved in the incident had to be towed, but no injuries were reported.

Monday, May 9 - At 7:13 a.m., police received multiple calls for a vehicle that had crashed into a utility pole on North Main Street near a Route 495 access ramp. An injury was reported, and the vehicle needed to be towed from the scene.

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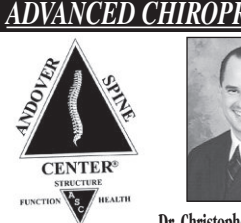
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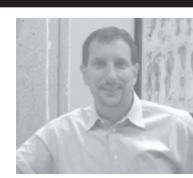
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