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300 sign petition against fire station plan

South School field is bad location, signers say

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The signatures of 327 Andover residents have been delivered to the School Committee to persuade it to not allow a new fire station serving southern Andover to be built on South Elementary

School land. Collecting the signatures was "a group effort" conducted by a number of residents who are opposed to relocating the town's Ballardvale Fire Station,

currently on the corner of Clark Road and Andover Street, to the corner of Andover and Woburn streets, where there is a baseball diamond at South School.

"There was several people who

felt automatically that a petition was needed," said Lidya Cardin, a Glenwood Road resident. A batch of around 166 signatures from residents throughout the town was delivered to the

committee during the last two weeks. Another batch of signatures to complete the list was hand-delivered to Superintendent Marinel McGrath's office last Friday, May 13.

The two petitions come on the heels of a January recommendation by the Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee to build on the South School land the new station, which has been identified as needing to be replaced as

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SONG DIVISION



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photos

Fourth-grader Kacey Palmer, left, carries numbers and divides to reach an average of her group's five scores as Nick Aragona, right, looks on and helps.

Youth use math to predict American Idol winners, losers

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

West Elementary School fourth grade teacher Kevin Cyr walks in front of his class of around 24 students worn down following a day of MCAS testing. Behind him, a DVD of the most recent episode of American Idol is paused on his interactive white board.

"We have four singers each doing two songs. We have a lot of math ahead of us, don't we?" he says, turning to the class and smirking. The students smile, nod, and some even say yes. "But this is fun math. Not the math that you were doing this morning."

The class, divided into six groups of four kids, pull out pencils and pieces of graph paper. They're about to embark on an hour and a half of long division, and that really is fun for them because it is "American Idol Math."

Running for its third straight year as part of Cyr's classroom curriculum, American Idol Math attempts to help kids engage and get excited about one of the more treacherous parts of fourth



Students in Kevin Cyr's fourth-grade class watch American Idol contestant Haley Reinhart perform the first of her two songs from a performance recorded Wednesday, May 11. Pictured, from left, are Sophie Lynch, Alex Johnson and Morgan Swain.

grade math — long division, where one number is divided by another

using a long series of steps. In the Please see **MATH**, Page 4

Highway Dept. paves way for construction

Over 30 roads eyed for work by the end of summer

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Following a difficult winter, Andover has received twice as much money as usual from the state to repair its roads.

On top of having around \$1.06 million in state-provided chapter 90 funding to do work, as the town does every year, "a little over \$1 million" in extra state cash will be available to Andover, according to Chris Cronin, Highway Department superintendent.

A total of 36 projects on Andover streets are expected to move forward this year, with some roads getting everything from a fresh layer of asphalt to a complete overhaul. Work on the roads will begin once the town gets approval from the state, but

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■ List of roads to be worked on, and approximately when. Page 10.

the jobs have been in development since long before asphalt plants opened up in March, said Cronin.

Later in the year, the town is hoping to tackle its biggest, most expensive 2011 project — a \$320,089 cold milling of over a mile of Shawshen Road, a road that is home to Andover High and West Middle schools. The project, which will remove a few inches of material from the road and replace it with a fresh layer of asphalt, could interfere with

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Selectmen call on Finegold for health-care reform

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen have sent a plea to state Sen. Barry Finegold to support a Senate health-insurance reform bill next week that will give them "additional tools" to help control soaring health care costs.

In a letter to Finegold (see page 11), selectmen have asked that he support a reform bill similar to one that has passed the House, which they believe "would simply give cities and towns the same power the state has to update co-pays and deductibles in municipal health insurance plans." Supporters say the change could mean \$100 million less in health costs to towns and cities across the entire state.

"The Commonwealth has

used its authority to make unilateral adjustments in co-pays and deductibles to hold down the state's overall costs," the letter reads. "Communities, however, are blocked from making the same changes unless they receive permission from their municipal unions."

"(The reform) gives the tools to the municipalities that the state has currently set out," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "It still gives the unions a voice, but not a veto."

Currently, the state uses a Group Insurance Commission (GIC) health plan that gives state-level employers greater flexibility in managing health care costs, while towns use a different plan format that requires the approval of municipal unions

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before changes can be made to benefits.

Finegold said, as a state employee covered by GIC, that he supports town employees using it as well.

"I do think local employees should be on the GIC," Finegold said. "I'm not opposed to doing that."

For Sgt. Eddie Guy, president of the Andover Police Superior Officer's Union, the reform represents "an unfortunate state of affairs," because the state's legislature is getting involved with something currently covered by the collective bargaining process.

"If unions want to go to GIC

to cut costs, I understand that," Guy said. "We have gone out of our way to work with the town of Andover to take these cost-cutting measures and put the burden more on the employees. We did so in our last contract."

Another problem he sees with the reform is that it establishes a "blanket" method for handling cost-cutting measures when not all communities are equal.

"Andover is more in line with the private sector in terms of what the employee gives in," Guy said. "(Establishing details through negotiations) is a process in Andover that has been going on, and it will continue to go on as long as the town of Andover continues to work with

us, and I hope that it will continue to be a working relationship."

A call to the Andover Educators Association, the town's largest union, asking for comment for this story went unreturned. But many union leaders across the state oppose the House bill and have suggested a plan of their own.

Selectmen told Finegold the state would be better off doing nothing than adopting the union-sponsored plan.

This plan, selectmen said "would actually strengthen union leverage and control over health benefits, offer taxpayers virtually no relief, and do nothing to protect municipal services and jobs." The letter went on to ask

Finegold to oppose provisions or language that would prevent any change in costs unless unions agree, limit the guaranteed savings for taxpayers, or impose mandatory, binding arbitration over health insurance matters.

The bill that will come before the Senate is not yet concrete, said Finegold, so he's not sure what will happen.

"I have to look at it," he said. "I do think there have to be changes. I do think we have to change the way we deal with health care at the local level."

Selectman Mary Lyman said she hopes changes that will help municipalities move through budget deliberations. "(Health insurance costs are)

our biggest budget buster right now," Lyman said. "This means a lot to us to be able to look at this."

With reform that matches what was made available in the House of Representatives budget, the Senate could help communities receiving less state aid manage health care costs, she said.

"We need to consult with our health insurance consultant to see what is best for Andover," Lyman said. "Right now, we don't have much that we have available. We need to know what we can do, and we need to let this open the door."

Last Saturday, May 14, Finegold hosted a Health Care Cost Containment Listening forum with

medical professionals throughout the Merrimack Valley to discuss the challenges concerning the rising costs of health care.

Those in attendance, including doctors, legislators and other town residents, talked about a range of topics, including incentives for preventative care and lifestyle choices, addressing reimbursement for hospitals and doctors, and utilizing local resources instead of having patients travel long distances for care.

"It was an incredible forum," Finegold said. "To have as many people as we did — so many consumers, local doctors — I thought it was a great dialog and I thought they shared good ideas and things we should look at."

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SITE SELECTION RANKINGS

The town owns five sites that could house a new Ballardvale Fire Station. The center of the circles would be the ideal place geographically for a new station, according to a task force looking at response time. Some residents have petitioned against using the top-ranked site, a playing field on South School land.

1. 55 Woburn St. - Playing field for South Elementary School
2. 24 Woburn St.
3. 17 Woburn St.
4. 165 Abbot St.
5. 268 Andover St.

STATION: Residents say selected location not ideal

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far back as 1985. The property was selected as the top town-owned site due to its proximity and access to the area it serves, along with a number of characteristics of the property itself

that minimize site work.

Daniel Casper, building committee chairman, could not be reached for comment. In a previous letter he said, "We anticipate many more public meetings before any proposal is made to Town Meeting and look forward to working with all stakeholders."

Residents who oppose the idea do so for a number of reasons, Cardin said.

"The people who live near or around the school have a concern about traffic. People like me are concerned about the impact on the classrooms," Cardin said. "I personally agree that there is a need for a new fire station, but I disagree with the building committee's current location."

"If it is the best possible

solution, I will go with it," said Gina Mazzaresse, an Andover Street resident who aided in the petitioning. "But have we exhausted the other opportunities? I don't think we have."

At a recent forum, around 80 residents voted by an overwhelming majority to support putting the station on Recreation Park land. Around all but two of the residents voted to support a Rec. Park location, while the other votes favored the present location at South Elementary School, according to Cardin.

Also up for consideration were over a dozen other properties that were privately owned and, therefore, would need to be purchased by the town. While these options were discarded initially since they would add to the cost

of building the new station, Mazzaresse thinks the town should take a look at them anyway.

"They don't want to pay a price on property, but how much does that come out to be?" Mazzaresse said. "I want them to show that they looked at all of the options, and exhausted all of the options. If it is a building that will be there for 100 years, they should examine all the pieces of property."

Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman, said she recognizes there is a high level of concern among residents about the current recommendation, and she hopes that, if the building committee brings a proposal forward requesting to use the School Committee's land, residents take part in the discussion.

"So far, the School Committee has heard just one informational presentation we were given by the building committee a good couple months ago," Gilbert said. "We heard that, and then we heard from the residents at our last meeting. Those two happened in isolation of each other."

Ideally, for a decision to be made, people on each side of the debate will meet "so we can work through (residents') concerns together and come to a conclusion together," Gilbert said.

"With big projects like this, there are so many competing needs that need to be addressed," Gilbert said. "The School Committee is really in a holding pattern until such time that a proposal is brought before us."

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CIVIL WAR ANNIVERSARY

CHICKAMAUGA SIGNALLED SOMETHING SINISTER WAS HAPPENING TO THE AMERICAN SOUL AS THE WAR DRAGGED INTO ITS FOURTH YEAR

Lee & Gordon Mills. Chickamauga Battlefield, Ga., 1863

The summer of 1863 belonged to the Union. The Army of the Potomac turned back Robert E. Lee's second northern invasion at Gettysburg. Ulysses Grant captured Vicksburg and opened the Mississippi River.

But those who imagined the South was in its death throes were soon disabused of such thoughts.

As fall came, Union Gen. William Rosecrans pushed south toward Chattanooga, Tenn., a critical railroad for the Confederacy. His skillful maneuvering of the Army of the Cumberland prompted Southern commander Braxton Bragg to withdraw from the city.

Bragg, however, had not given up hope of retaking Chattanooga. He gathered his men south of the city, waited for reinforcements and prepared to counterattack.

The two armies collided in September near Chickamauga Creek in the woods of northern Georgia. The very word "Chickamauga," according to some accounts, means "river of death." The armies fought for three days.

On the third day, Bragg's men, reinforced by James Longstreet and veterans from Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, hit the Union line.

In the chaos of battle, Rosecrans believed a gap had opened in his Union line, although none actually had. Rosecrans shifted his units, creating the very gap he feared.

Longstreet punched through and knocked Rosecrans and much of the Union army off the battlefield.

After a summer of defeats for the Confederacy, Chickamauga was turning into a Southern rout.

It was left to a Union commander, George Thomas, to consolidate Union troops along a ridge and hold on. He withdrew to Chattanooga only after night fell. He

was later immortalized as the "Rock of Chickamauga."

After three days of fighting, Southerners claimed the field, but the Union held the town. Between 34,000 and 37,000 men on both sides were dead, wounded or missing.

"The great expenditure of lives by both sides had little effect" on the overall war, writes Historian William Glenn Robertson.

But Chickamauga signaled something sinister was happening to the American soul as the war dragged into its fourth year — something as dark as the word "Chickamauga" itself.

Historian John Bowers, whose grandfather fought for the South at Chickamauga, cites survivor accounts that on part of the battlefield the heads of dead Union soldiers were propped on tree stumps and mutilated bodies hanged from trees. Wounded men were buried alive. "Details," said one survivor, "are sickening."

At Chickamauga, "... the canker that held every lust, hate and demonic urge seemingly in the human soul had been lanced," wrote Bowers. "Whatever was darkest in the American psyche came out: hate, vengeance and self-preservation at all costs."

(Above) Chickamauga Battlefield

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THEN: The Shawsheen Manor on Main Street was originally the estate of 19th-century mill owner John Smith. It was remodeled and expanded to serve as a hotel for businessmen who traveled to Andover to deal with the Andover Woolen Company. Vendors, agents, and salesman could use telephones for a fee across the street. It was demolished in 1989.



NOW: A strip mall near Route 495 sits at the former site of Shawsheen Manor on North Main Street (Route 28).

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Use your spring cleaning to help out someone

Project Home Again, a non-profit organization run by Temple Emanuel, has great need for donations of furniture, housewares and other items that would help someone moving into an empty apartment, according to Nancy Kanell, director. Donations should be brought to Project Home Again's warehouse at Heritage Place, Building No. 2, 439 South Union St., Lawrence, a short distance north of

Woodworth Motors in Andover. Upon arrival, call 978-270-9878 and volunteers will help people unload their cars. For hours of operation and updated information, visit phama.org. Project Home Again will remain open during its weekday hours until Thursday, June 16. The last Sunday date before it closes for the summer is this Sunday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children's garden to have special grand opening

West Parish Garden Cemetery will hold its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Children's Garden Area within the cemetery on Saturday, June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. The garden area is a memorial to Gwen Hedrick, former chairwoman of the cemetery and a long term Andover resident and previous business owner of Cuddle Care Daycare, a daycare and education center for area children. Hedrick's dedication to both children and the cemetery

are combined in this hands-on learning garden of nature for children of all ages, according to those involved. All the activities on June 5, many designed for children, are free to the public, along with what the church calls fairy cupcakes, punch and other treats. West Parish Garden Cemetery is located at 129 Reservation Road, Andover. For more information, call 978-475-3902 or visit westparishgardencemetery.org.

Arthritis Walk May 22

The 2011 North Shore Arthritis Walk will take place on Sunday, May 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lynch Park in Beverly. This special event features a one-and three-mile course followed by a post-walk party. This event for both children and adults includes music, games, Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster, entertainment and

raffles. Proceeds are directed to the Arthritis Foundation. There are several ways to support the North Shore Arthritis Walk. People can consider starting a team, making a donation, providing a raffle ticket, purchasing a road sign, becoming a sponsor, volunteer, and joining in the fun on May 22. For more information, visit northshorearthritiswalk.org or call 617-219-8234

Gold Rush event is on, offering prospects for AYS

The Andover Youth Services will host its third annual "Gold Rush" fundraiser starting tomorrow, Friday, May 20 from noon to 4 p.m. and continuing Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will once again be hosted by Grecoe Jewelers, at 26 Park St. in downtown Andover. The Andover Youth Services describes Gold Rush as its "win, win fundraiser from years past. Donating your unwanted gold, silver or platinum to the AYS

Gold Rush supports and raises money for AYS, but also leaves you with a fist full of cash." This is how it works, according to Afton Cuomo, AYS Youth Program Coordinator: Dig through your dresser drawers, pulling out unwanted stuff such as broken chains, jewelry that will never be worn again, and single earrings that no longer have a match. Bring it down to Grecoe Jewelers and ask for Debbie Cuomo,

who owned her own cash for gold jewelry business for 15 years before becoming an attorney in town. She will appraise and weigh the jewelry right in front of you. You will be paid cash "for its full worth in weight," according to AYS. The jewelry will be sold to a third party smelter, which earns a profit for the Andover Youth Services.

"Gold has never been higher and the smallest amount of it can be worth huge money," encourages Afton Cuomo. "Come on by to Grecoe Jewelers this weekend in support of Andover Youth Services and maybe in support of your next family vacation." All proceeds will directly benefit the Andover Youth Services and continued support for youth programming in Andover, she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

10th year for French Yellow Rose Award

On May 25, the Andover Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will gather to honor educators with the 10th Mary French Yellow Rose Award Ceremony. This award, given in memory of Mary French, former pupil personnel director of the Andover Public Schools and town selectman, honors those members of the public school system that go the extra distance to make a particular difference in the lives of our special needs students.

Karen Parker, Mathematics Special Education Teacher and Case Manager from Andover High School, has won the prestigious award. The Andover SEPAC received more than 60 nominations this year and reported that the nomination letters told story after story of how lives have been changed by the wonderful work of the nominees.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the award, the SEPAC has elected to also present a special recognition award to Janet Yedinak for her contributions to Special Education in Andover. Residents are invited to join Andover SEPAC at 7 p.m. at Wood Hill Middle School for a recognition event involving each of the nominees.

Phillips Academy conducting interviews for 2012-13 school year

Phillips Academy is conducting interviews June 7 through Aug. 30 for local students planning to apply for admission to the 2012-2013 school year. Each applicant is required to have a personal interview as part of the admission process. In addition to interviewing students who intend to apply for admission into the 9th grade, the Academy also welcomes interview requests from local students interested

in applying for admission to the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades or for a post-graduate year. Students residing in Andover and North Andover must apply as day students. Day student applicants are strongly encouraged to complete their interviews by Aug. 30. To schedule an interview, call the Phillips Academy Office of Admission at 978-749-4050. For more information about the admission process, call or e-mail Vivien Mallick, senior associate dean of admission, at 978-749-4062 or vmallick@andover.edu.

Scouts host open house while camping May 21

Boy Scouts of Ballardvale Troop 76 will be camping and holding an open house at the Andover Conservation Commission's Pole Hill Reservation. Visiting hours are noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21. The troop, sponsored by the Ballard Vale United Church, was recognized as stewards of the Reservation by the ConsComm as part of its efforts to get local Scouts to help spread the word about Andover's green spaces. Part of the agreement is that each year they host an event open to the public. The Scouts will display pioneering projects, fire safety, and Dutch oven cooking. They will also have an orienteering scavenger hunt that visitors are welcome to try. Trailheads are located at the end of Marland Street and Pole Hill Drive. Those wishing

to paddle can put in the Shaw-sheen River at the Ballardvale millpond and head upstream. Once you pass under the historic stone arch railroad bridge, the reservation is on the right. Troop 76 meets Friday at 7 p.m. in the Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road.

Police auction Saturday: metal detector, bikes

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

Oldest golfer sought in Merrimack Valley

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 Dracont. If you think you may be the

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

ACE fundraiser at Glory tonight, May 19

Residents are invited to join the Andover Coalition for Education tonight, May 19, for what it plans will be an annual spring fundraiser. The free event is dubbed "It Takes a Village - 2011 ACE Spring Fundraiser" and it will begin at 7 p.m. at Glory Restaurant, 19 Essex St. in Andover. The special evening will include wine, appetizers, silent auctions, raffles, guest speakers, and an opportunity to be part of a powerful community, according to organizers.

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New hiking series hits the trails this Saturday

After a successful series of "Stories from the Trails" hikes last summer, the Andover Trails Committee is kicking off this year's hiking series by teaming up with the Friends of Andover Community Trees for a hike this Saturday, May 21 along the Bay Circuit Trail in Harold Parker State Forest.

This hike, themed as a "Find Your Favorite Tree" hike, will help kick off FACT's yearlong contest in which Andover's

residents are encouraged to seek out and nominate their favorite tree in Andover.

Saturday's hike also coincides with the national "Walk In The Woods" Day and will follow a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail in Harold Parker State Forest. There will be various stops along the way to visit many trees including a rare, living American chestnut. This hike will cover a variety of terrain and includes an interesting granite

quarry site that was operational in the 1800s, as well as an active beaver lodge and dam.

The guided hike will leave at 2 p.m. sharp from the picnic pavilion on Middleton Road (just past the entrance to Berry Pond), and will take about two hours. The hike will cover moderate terrain and hikers should wear sturdy footwear and bring water and bug spray. For more information contact leader David Bunting at dbunting@andovertrails.org.



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Fourth-grade teacher Kevin Cyr and his class stand with an American Idol Math bulletin board which outlines which contestants remain on the show and how the class has stacked up in its predictions on who will get eliminated week-to-week.

MATH: American Idol helps fine-tune long-division skills

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game, students in groups of four watch performances from American Idol contestants, rate their performances on a scale of zero to 100, add Cyr's score and determine the average score for their group.

The six groups then use class votes to explore math concepts such as minimum, maximum, median and more. Once all performers and their performances are graded, the classwide averages are calculated using another round of long division to see which contestants did the best and which did the worst.

"When we had 13 contestants, we would look at the bottom three and predict who would be eliminated this week," Cyr said. "We try to figure out, are we going to line up with what America is doing tonight?"

With the math game played every Thursday, the class grades television performances from the night before. With TV eliminations aired every Thursday, the students come into school Friday knowing whether

they were correct about who would be kicked off the show. So far, the class has predicted five of the show's eliminations in the last 11 weeks.

However, the kids were off last week. The class gave Haley Reinhart, one of the week's four contestants, the lowest average score: a grade of 94. She stayed in favor of James Durbin, who the class actually scored the highest with a 99.

"We are scaling back 90 minutes of TV into 16 minutes, and I'm getting an hour of math out of it," Cyr said. "It is exciting to see them get excited about math in a way where some of them have never been excited."

Meanwhile, the kids are learning one of the more straining parts of elementary school mathematics.

"I don't like hearing the word hate, so some say they strongly dislike things," Cyr said. "But (to see) someone who can strongly dislike math and then say, 'This is fun' — it is so powerful seeing that attitude and seeing them be successful at math."

Nine-year-old Katie Adams enjoys being able to watch the

show at school, since it often airs too late for her to watch it at home.

"Instead of staying up late at night, you get to see it in class," Katie said. "I think it is cool, but also hard because you have to do a lot of math."

Alex Chingris, 9, said he enjoyed doing math already. Doing it while watching one of the country's most popular television shows is just icing on the cake.

"Usually, division is fun for me," Alex said, "but this is even funner."

Cara Richardson, 10, said she enjoys the opportunity to watch TV in school, as well as the opportunity to put a different spin on math.

"We get to score them, and then add and divide," Cara said. "I like to watch them sing, and usually I'm not having fun with division, but since Mr. Cyr taught us, American Idol makes it fun."

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Main Street attorney found guilty in insurance fraud

An attorney with a firm based in Andover and two other men were found guilty of a crash-for-cash scheme in Salem Superior Court Monday, May 16.

James C. Hyde, 59, of Boxford and a partner in the law firm of Berger & Hyde on Main Street, was found guilty on six charges: two counts of motor vehicle insurance fraud, two counts of larceny over \$250 and two counts of attempted larceny over \$250. The charges stem from his role in two crashes that reportedly took place on Oct. 1 and Dec. 20 of 2002.

A 12-member jury concluded that Hyde and Michael H. Caplan, of Kaplan Chiropractic office in North Andover, paid to have clients referred to them by so-called "runners" who they knew set up accidents that never happened. Insurance companies paid out more than \$130,000.

Judge Howard Whitehead sentenced Hyde and Caplan to 2 1/2 years apiece in jail. At the request of the defense lawyers, Whitehead stayed the sentences, pending the outcome of their court appeals, though they will be required to report weekly to

the probation department. Restitution for the insurance fraud crimes and pending conspiracy charges would be determined at a future court hearing.

Boston lawyer David Meier, who represented Hyde, said "there was insufficient evidence to send the case to the jury," and he predicted that the case against Hyde will be overturned on appeal.



PAUL BIODEAU/Staff photo
Andover attorney James C. Hyde, 59, of Boxford, a partner of the law firm of Berger & Hyde, reacts during his sentencing Monday in Salem Superior Court. Hyde was found guilty on all counts.

Information collected by Eagle-Tribune staff writer Mark E. Vogler was used in this report.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, May 10 through Monday, May 16:

ARRESTS

Wednesday, May 11 — At 12:12 p.m., Hector Rodriguez, 22, of 22 Crosby St., Lawrence, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged on a warrant for breaking and entering at night to commit a felony.

At 1:23 p.m., Daryl Smith, 39, of 125 Bellevue Road, Andover was arrested on Chestnut Street and charged on a warrant for driving with no inspection sticker, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

At 1:23 p.m., Connor Pauley, 17, an Andover resident, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Thursday, May 12 — At 6:36 p.m., Wendy Wineapple, 57, of 6 Parker Court, Methuen, was arrested on Chapel Ave and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed, driving a vehicle with a revoked registration, driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and on a warrant for driving with no inspection sticker, a number plate violation, driving while uninsured and driving an unregistered vehicle.

At 7:02 p.m., Alicia Legros, 25, of 102 Greenfield St., Lawrence, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Saturday, May 14 — At 6:07 p.m., Richard Cecere, 39, of 45 Gore Road, Revere was arrested on Shattuck Road and charged with receiving stolen property valued at over \$250. Cecere was arrested following a police chase that started with a reported larceny in Salem, N.H.

At 7:24 p.m., Michael Plunkett, 21, an Andover resident, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Sunday, May 15 — At 11:28 a.m., David Sifferlen, 51, of 73 Water St., North Andover was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended for operating under the influence, driving a vehicle with a revoked registration, driving with an open container of liquor in the motor vehicle and driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Monday, May 16 — At 11:41 a.m., James Lyons, 50, of 194 Mt. Vernon St., Malden, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with distribution of a class B drug and possession of class B and E drugs.

At 3:59 p.m., Brandon Huff, 26, of 63 Trull Lane, Lowell was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with driving with no

inspection sticker, driving with a license revoked for an operating under the influence conviction, driving a motor vehicle with a revoked license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

THEFTS

Thursday, May 12 — At 11:54 a.m., police were notified of a possible theft on Andover Street.

Friday, May 13 — At 12:24 p.m., police received a report of multiple thefts of money from students at an establishment on Andover Street. The source of the thefts came from a single locker with a single lock on it.

CAR CRIME

Saturday, May 14 — At 12:25 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported on Chestnut Street.

At 9:54 a.m., a Highland Road resident reported that his vehicle, a Volvo XC90, had been stolen at some point since 11 p.m. the prior evening.

At 4:14 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Harold Parker Road.

Monday, May 16 — At 8:24 a.m., a Deerfield Way resident reported that a motor vehicle belonging to his son had been taken at some point the previous evening.

At 3 p.m., police were notified of a suspicious vehicle in the driveway of a Pine Street residence. A police investigation determined the vehicle had been stolen and left in the driveway.

The vehicle was towed and processed for evidence.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, May 10 — At 6 p.m., a Forrest Hill Drive resident reported that there was a fox in her back yard "that appears to be dragging itself into the leaves." The department's animal control officer was notified.

Wednesday, May 11 — At 2:39 a.m., police received a call originating on Old River Road, in which a limo company reported that a driver dropped four men off at an area hotel and the men "took the keys to the limo and went into their room." Police investigating the claim found that there was no confirmation the keys were taken, and that there are no rooms at the hotel under the names of the individuals provided by the limo company.

At 3:02 p.m., two manhole covers were reported missing on Newport Circle.

Thursday, May 12 — At 11:32 a.m., a Cuba Street resident called because he believed "he has a raccoon and a bird in his home." Police were advised shortly thereafter that "the resident has decided to handle it himself."

At 3:54 p.m., a dog bite was reported on Mulberry Circle.

Friday, May 13 — At 9:20 a.m., police and medical crews were called out to Frederick Drive to assist and aid a man who cut his leg with a chain saw.

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TOWN TALK



FRIENDLY FOCUS - Channing, his big brother Lincoln, and his mother Amy Pekock, along with Lila and Lisa Yaffee, all of Andover, enjoy circle time at the Professional Center for Child Development, during Special Friends Week, this week. Through Friday, children are bringing family members and special friends to join them and experience the Two-by-Two program for toddlers.

How quickly we forget - on building costs

Each year the Andover Chamber of Commerce honors a distinguished person or two for their service to the town at its Community Service Awards Breakfast.

This year, those recognized are Joe Piantodosi, longtime Plant & Facilities director for the town of Andover; Susan Stott, of Andover Community Trust; and the Greater Lawrence Technical School. The breakfast is Thursday, June 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club, 7 Lovejoy Road, Andover. Tickets are \$25 each, with the money benefitting scholarships.

No doubt, the honorees will be lauded with well-deserved praise for their many years of work.

But Selectmen Brian Major

went a bit too far in a biographical write-up on Piantodosi he submitted for publication gushing, "Under Joe's leadership, every construction and renovation project has been successfully completed within budget and on time." Major specifically cited the Andover Public Safety Center.

Residents may remember that the Andover Public Safety Center opened significantly more than a year behind the original schedule and the town spent more than the \$12.9 million originally approved at 1999 Town Meeting. Town government asked Town Meeting for additional money in both 2001 and 2002. While the town withheld some money from the general contractor, Mello, in June 2009 the town quietly paid Mello \$540,000 to drop a lawsuit.

— Neil Pater

Trumpeting a birthday greeting



Mary Corey of Academy Manor in Andover recently celebrated her 105th birthday surrounded by friends and family, including great-grandchild and 4-month-old Sarah Degroot, her eldest son Gilbert Corey, granddaughter Marie Corey, and daughter-in-law Geraldine Corey. She received a visit from state Rep. Jim Lyons and Sen. Barry Finegold (right), who played the trumpet for her.

Hit the road for Krit June 5

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Sunday, June 5, the third annual Krit Classic Road Race will be held in Andover.

This 5K road race/walk will raise money for the Krit (Kristin) Kearns Memorial Scholarship Fund. Kearns died September 2008 after a tragic bicycle accident in Boston. Friends and family say she had an enthusiasm for life that was infectious and touched an amazing number of lives in her 26 years as a daughter, sister, friend, coach and dedicated Nursing Assistant at Children's Hospital in Boston.

To keep her spirit alive, family and friends have created the Krit Classic Road Race and established The Krit Kearns Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded each year to a student athlete at Andover High School who exhibits superior sportsmanship and team spirit. Kearns was a top diver and gymnast during her four years at Andover High School.

Town makes repairs on Stevens Street fence

Last week, crews fixed the damage to a fence near the corner of Shawshoon Road and Stevens Street done by a plow truck during this past winter. To make the repairs department workers had to go onto the property to pull fence pieces from another area on the land.

What made the situation a little unusual, however, was the fact that the property belonged to a town employee, a man who

presentation of \$210,000 in federal funds to the Andover Fire Department to replace firefighters breathing apparatus.

has worked in the Department of Public Works for over 30 years, according to the town's Human Resources department.

"We did the repairs, as we would anywhere in town," said Chris Cronin, the town's high-way department director. "We hit a section of fence, and we replaced the section of fence."

The work was completed on Thursday, May 12. A caller to the paper questioned the work being done.

— Dustin Luca

24-hour viewing

The Andover High School Art Department is exhibiting student work for the month of May in the window of CVS pharmacy. This is exhibit is in collaboration with the Andover Historical Society, showcases work from more than two dozen students, and offers a glimpse of each art discipline offered in the high school, according to teacher Meghan Reilly Michaud.

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"I voted in favor of the Economic Development bill and the creation of the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation. It is great to see its impact right here in Andover," said Finegold. "We need to promote and advance our local businesses; they are the lifeblood of any community. I look forward to continuing to work with MGCC to enhance the local economy."

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Women in Business luncheon May 20

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Subway gets Spa treatment



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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

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without their expertise and professionalism, I would not be able to provide the level of service that I have become known for," Andover resident Melissa Hammond, the owner and chief designer of Hammond Design, said in a release.

Andover resident earns CPLP credential

David J. Hosmer of Andover has earned the Certified Professional in Learning and Performance credential from the American Society for Training & Development Certification Institute.

Earning the CPLP credential means Hosmer possesses the knowledge and skills to be a top performer in the workplace learning and performance field, according to a release.

Hosmer is former senior director of learning and organizational effectiveness at

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TOWN TALK



FRIENDLY FOCUS - Channing, his big brother Lincoln, and his mother Amy Pekock, along with Lila and Lisa Yaffee, all of Andover, enjoy circle time at the Professional Center for Child Development, during Special Friends Week, this week. Through Friday, children are bringing family members and special friends to join them and experience the Two-by-Two program for toddlers.

How quickly we forget - on building costs

Each year the Andover Chamber of Commerce honors a distinguished person or two for their service to the town at its Community Service Awards Breakfast.

This year, those recognized are Joe Piantodosi, longtime Plant & Facilities director for the town of Andover; Susan Stott, of Andover Community Trust; and the Greater Lawrence Technical School. The breakfast is Thursday, June 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club, 7 Lovejoy Road, Andover. Tickets are \$25 each, with the money benefitting scholarships.

No doubt, the honorees will be lauded with well-deserved praise for their many years of work.

But Selectmen Brian Major

went a bit too far in a biographical write-up on Piantodosi he submitted for publication gushing, "Under Joe's leadership, every construction and renovation project has been successfully completed within budget and on time." Major specifically cited the Andover Public Safety Center.

Residents may remember that the Andover Public Safety Center opened significantly more than a year behind the original schedule and the town spent more than the \$12.9 million originally approved at 1999 Town Meeting. Town government asked Town Meeting for additional money in both 2001 and 2002. While the town withheld some money from the general contractor, Mello, in June 2009 the town quietly paid Mello \$540,000 to drop a lawsuit.

— Neil Pater

Trumpeting a birthday greeting



Mary Corey of Academy Manor in Andover recently celebrated her 105th birthday surrounded by friends and family, including great grandchild and 4-month-old Sarah Degroot, her eldest son Gilbert Corey, granddaughter Marie Corey, and daughter-in-law Geraldine Corey. She received a visit from state Rep. Jim Lyons and Sen. Barry Finegold (right), who played the trumpet for her.

presentation of \$210,000 in federal funds to the Andover Fire Department to replace firefighters breathing apparatus.

Town makes repairs on Stevens Street fence

Last week, crews fixed the damage to a fence near the corner of Shawshoon Road and Stevens Street done by a plow truck during this past winter. To make the repairs department workers had to go onto the property to pull fence pieces from another area on the land.

What made the situation a little unusual, however, was the fact that the property belonged to a town employee, a man who

has worked in the Department of Public Works for over 30 years, according to the town's Human Resources department.

"We did the repairs, as we would anywhere in town," said Chris Cronin, the town's high-way department director. "We hit a section of fence, and we replaced the section of fence."

The work was completed on Thursday, May 12. A caller to the paper questioned the work being done.

— Dustin Luca

24-hour viewing

The Andover High School Art Department is exhibiting student work for the month of May in the window of CVS pharmacy. This exhibit is in collaboration with the Andover Historical Society, showcases work from more than two dozen students, and offers a glimpse of each art discipline offered in the high school, according to teacher Meghan Reilly Michaud.

Are you hearing some talk around town that we didn't catch? Let us know by calling 978-475-7000, or by emailing townsman@andovertownsman.com.

Hit the road for Krit June 5

Sunday, June 5, the third annual Krit Classic Road Race will be held in Andover.

This 5K road race/walk will raise money for the Krit (Kristin) Kearns Memorial Scholarship Fund. Kearns died September 2008 after a tragic bicycle accident in Boston. Friends and family say she had an enthusiasm for life that was infectious and touched an amazing number of lives in her 26 years as a daughter, sister, friend, coach and dedicated Nursing Assistant at Children's Hospital in Boston.

To keep her spirit alive, family and friends have created the Krit Classic Road Race and established The Krit Kearns Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded each year to a student athlete at Andover High School who exhibits superior sportsmanship and team spirit. Kearns was a top diver and gymnast during her four years at Andover High School.

Breathing easier

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas is expected in town today, Thursday, for a ceremonial

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Business

Formatech gets \$350,000 state loan

Formatech Inc. of Andover will receive a \$350,000 loan from Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation to finance its working capital needs.

Massachusetts Growth Capital Corp. was created as part of the Economic Development bill Gov. Deval Patrick signed in August 2010. The MGCC works to create and preserve jobs, as well as promote economic development in communities by serving as a one-stop resource for small businesses seeking capital and advice, according to a release from Sen. Barry Finegold. The MGCC offers working capital, loan guarantees, grants, and financial guidance, including one-on-one mentoring services.

"I voted in favor of the Economic Development bill and the creation of the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation. It is great to see its impact right here in Andover," said Finegold. "We need to promote and advance our local businesses; they are the lifeblood of any community. I look forward to continuing to work with MGCC to enhance the local economy."

Formatech Inc. provides aseptic finish manufacturing services to biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical companies for their experimental products. It is located at 200 Bulfinch Drive.

Women in Business luncheon May 20

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce presents "Women in Business" program luncheon tomorrow, Friday, May 20 from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Salvatore's Riverwalk Conference Center, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence.

Guest speaker is Jacqueline Cooke, regional administrator of the Women's Bureau US Department of Labor.

A full luncheon will be served. Cost is \$22 members, \$44 non-members. For more information, call 978-686-0900 or visit merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Subway gets Spa treatment



After beginning construction this past winter, a Subway sandwich shop has moved into the back of Andover Spa, a convenience store on Elm Street. The shop replaces the vacant space left behind by Raspberries, a similar shop that left the Andover Spa in early 2010.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Hammond Design makes Super list

Hammond Design has been awarded the 2010 Angie's List Super Service Award, an honor bestowed annually on approximately 5 percent of all the companies rated on the nation's leading provider of consumer reviews on local service companies.

"Our Super Service Award winners are the cream of the crop when it comes to providing consistently high quality customer service, as judged by the customers who hired them," said Angie Hicks, founder of Angie's List.

Hammond Design is a residential Interior Design firm located in Andover.

"I would like to not only thank my great base of clients for nominating me for this award, but also my remarkable network of contractors whom,

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Education

Music program to grow as Mercer stays

Word of expansion follows announcement that music teacher will remain full-time

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Students at the high school are singing triumphantly following the announcement that music teacher Mark Mercer will continue as a full-time teacher next year. With the popular teacher continuing to teach one course of chorus at the high school, the system's choral program is expected to grow substantially.

Mercer, who teaches classes at both the middle school and high school level, received a great deal

of attention this spring when it appeared his position would become a 0.8 full-time equivalent position. The high school was dropping a course taught by another teacher because not enough students showed an interest in that course. Because this teacher has more experience, she was expected to pick up the high school course taught by Mercer. But another solution has been found, much to the joy of students who packed the School Committee room during budget talks to demonstrate how

important they believe Mercer is to the choral program.

"The person that would have moved into the class Mercer is teaching is moving into another class," said Paula Colby-Clements, School Committee member. "He is no longer a 0.8. He is still teaching that class at the high school."

Mercer also leads some after-school activities and members of two after-school choirs, the Andover High School Show and Chamber choirs, were excited to hear that Mercer will still teach

The popularity of music at Andover's public schools is growing based on the past two years' enrollments and expected numbers for next school year.

CATEGORY	'09-10	'10-11	'11-12*
Show Choir	not offered	37	90
Chamber Choir	not offered	14	24
Chorus*	168	450	n/a

* = Chorus numbers are based on middle and high school enrollments only. Numbers for next academic year in Show and Chamber Choirs reflect spots expected to be available. No enrollment information is available for school chorus at this time.

Source: Bernadette Lionetta, treasurer, APSVMA

his chorus course next fall.

"In the past three years, we've

had three different chorus teachers, and now we'll get to come

back and have something concrete," said Angelina Lionetta, a 15-year-old ninth-grader and member of both choirs.

The news that Mercer was staying moved through the music programs quickly, according to Lionetta and Shannon Watts, president of the Show Choir.

"I mass-texted everyone on my phone (when I heard Mercer was staying), and I hugged my entire family, and I went down the street and hugged my friend,"

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Tabor Academy honors

Danielle McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCullough of Andover has been named to the honors list at Tabor Academy for Semester 1 of the 2010-2011 academic year. Honors is earned by compiling on overall average of 85 or above. She is a member of the Class of 2011.

Tabor Academy is a four-year, college preparatory, boarding and day school, located on Buzzards Bay in Marion, Mass., 50 miles south of Boston.

Patel earns Kent honors

Nilesh Patel, a fifth form student at Kent School in Kent, Conn., was named to the Honor Roll for the Winter Term of 2010-2011. Nilesh is the son of Chiman and Jyotsna Patel of Andover.

Kent School is an independent boarding school located in the northwest corner of Connecticut. It enrolls boys and girls from the United States and around the world in grades nine through twelve and the post-graduate level.

Austin Prep honor roll

The following students from Andover have been named to the Austin Preparatory School's honor roll for the second quarter of the 2010-11 school year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and Honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

DISTINCTION

- Alicia Green, Grade 6
- Shannon McCarthy, Grade 12
- Michelle Menezes, Grade 12

HONORS

- Corey Bedrosian, Grade 9
- Cecilia Bole, Grade 9
- Nysa Casha, Grade 12
- Matthew Dona, Grade 7
- Anne Green, Grade 10
- Maura Green, Grade 11
- Aileen Kim, Grade 9
- Jessica Martin, Grade 12
- Alessandra Merenna, Grade 6
- Aram Nalbandian, Grade 11
- Azniv Nalbandian, Grade 8
- Talia Shuman, Grade 9
- Emily Weidlein, Grade 11

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WHAT MAKES PLANTS GROW? ...AND OTHER MYSTERIES SOLVED

Bancroft Elementary School's PTO sponsored its annual science fair on Thursday, May 5, organized by Phalguni Shah and Pauline Flanagan. There were over 170 student participants from grades 2 to 5.



Standing in front of "The Feelings of Plants," second-grader Kayla DiBenedetto holds the plant she spoke nicely to - and it grew the largest.



Not all soda cans can float. Fourth-grader Grace Dunn discusses this issue with parent Nora Conlon as they look at Grace's "Soda Surprise" project.



From left, third-graders Sophie Jeffery and Sara Beth Boese studied forsythia flowers and under what conditions they grow best.



From left, second-graders Joseph Ardizzone, Ryan DiNapoli and James Horkan experimented with lava lamps.

Senior Safari logo contest winners announced

Andover High School's Senior Safari, an annual graduation night celebration for the new graduates is coming up fast, and last week the three winners of the event's annual logo contest were announced.

Winners of the contest are: Sarah Mahan, first place; Alex Allocca, second place; and Vanessa Kelly, third place.

Senior Safari will be held at the high school's Field House following graduation on Monday, June 6, and it runs late into the next morning. It is an all-night, substance-free graduation

celebration held for graduating seniors.

Hundreds of volunteers from the Andover community work in collaboration with the school staff and administration to make it a success.

Although many of the expenses of the event are offset by ticket sales, organizers say they are always in need of donations. To contribute, send any donations to Senior Safari, P.O. Box 803, Andover, MA 01810. For more information or to help in other ways, contact Debbie Begos at dbegos@comcast.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

The winners of the high school's annual Senior Safari logo contest display their winning logos. From left: Vanessa Kelly, third place; Sarah Mahan, first place; and Alex Allocca, second place. Senior Safari is an all-night, drug-free post-graduation party held every year for seniors at Andover High School.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

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\$2,500 Merit Scholarship for Andover High student

Pratiksha Yalakkishettar of Andover High School was awarded a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship. She plans a career in the medical field.

Yalakkishettar was one of 2,500 Merit Scholar designees chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state with the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Lawrence Academy honors

Sophomore Phoebe Roque, who maintains a place on the academic high honor roll, received The Harry J. Davidson Prize from Lawrence Academy in recognition of her sincere effort to achieve to the best of her ability in all academic areas. She is the daughter of Patricia and Timothy Roque of Andover.

Senior Jennifer Caron, daughter of Nina and Gerald Caron of North Andover, was inducted into the Lawrence Academy's chapter of the Cum Laude Society. With academic achievement as its main criterion, the national Cum Laude Society requires that its members have also demonstrated good character, honor, and integrity in all aspects of their school life.



Model behavior

Middle school students and staff from the Andover School of Montessori spent a year preparing to represent Cuba in the Montessori Model United Nations in New York where they worked with students from around the country and the world to write resolutions on international issues.

From left are Erika Sanborn, Chris Dellea, John Palermo, Patrick Bauer-Blank, Brandon Farhat, Brendan Carpenter, Michael Vieira, Robert Carpenter, Abby Bachur, Chris Ackerman and Suzie Devine of Andover.

MUSIC: Teacher staying, program expected to grow

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Watts said. "Now, chorus can get to keep [Mr.] Mercer."

Katharine O'Kelley, a music stage manager for the choirs, said she was skeptical of the news that Mercer was staying, because so much of what they heard in weeks prior was bad news.

"We all figured that [Mr.] Mercer is staying but they're cutting 18 other teachers. We were hoping for the best, but expecting the worst," O'Kelley said. "I couldn't

have thought of any way it could have ended better."

The two after-school choirs are expected to expand next year as well. At the time of interviews conducted for this story, an audition sheet for the choirs was nine pages long and had over 100 names on it, out of a school that is projected to have just under 1,800 students next fall. This year, the Show and Chamber choirs shared a total of 51 members.

With the increased interest, a second Show Choir is being formed to address the demand,

and more spots are being opened up on the existing Chamber Choir, according to Watts.

"[Mr.] Mercer didn't want to cut people," Watts said. "So he decided to make an entire girl's show choir of 40 people, and another choir."

For Mercer, the goal is to further develop the entire, system-wide program, not just individual parts.

"We're just trying to improve things for the music program as a whole, not just the chorus program," Mercer said. "We're

looking to build on the programs at the schools."

Mercer is just one teacher in the school's music programming who works at multiple levels, including teaching one course at the high school. He works at West Middle School, Wood Hill Middle School and Andover High School, according to the school system's website.

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

SEIFERT: In education, too, success is in the design

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administrators and school committee members were fortunate to attend a series of seminars conducted by Dr. Deming in Merrimack, N.H. He walked the participants through the process of education, applying his 14 points of TQM. He started with a mission statement to teaching Johnny the alphabet in kindergarten and concluded with diploma requirements. He provided a blueprint from soup to nuts. It was obvious he was well versed in the psychology, sociology, and motivation of

children and adults. He convinced us his approach would work for creating widgets or wizards. He made it clear the goal in education was not to make wizards, but successful learning for all students.

One of the most significant activities was titled: Who has the most control over a ship crossing the ocean? The audience responded to this question with a variety of possibilities: the captain, the first mate, the navigator, chief engineer, boiler room crew, the officer on duty and a few others. To each

he responded, "No!" Finally someone said, "OK, we give up, who does?" In a serious tone he replied, "The designer of the ship! The people on board can only do so much with the ship they are on."

He then used education as an example. You can have a good principal, a good teacher and good students, however, the curriculum, instruction, materials and the design of the school will ultimately determine how far the students will travel. Some are tug boats, others rafts, and there are a few ocean liners.

Some communities think they are shipshape, but they are models of the Titanic. It is up to the ship builders in education to design the most sea-worthy voyage for the journey of 13 years. They mainly control the voyage of quality, productivity and competitive position.

This is most important when the students arrive in port and begin the journey for the rest of their lives.

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

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Obituaries

James B. Benvie, 89



James B. Benvie, 89, of Duluth, Minn., passed away Monday, May 9, 2011 in St. Lukes Hospital with his family by his side.

He was born Feb. 24, 1922, to James and Annie (Batchelor) Benvie in Andover, who both passed away before Jim was 12-years-old. Jim was raised by his grandmother and graduated from Andover High School in 1940. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy, Dec. 20, 1941, and attained the rank of Boatswain's Mate Second Class (Petty Officer) and served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He was discharged Dec. 22, 1946, as Asst. Supervisor of Shipping in Duluth, Minn.

Jim worked for the DM & IR Railroad as a track locomotive fireman and engineer. He also worked as a longshoreman and

as a maintenance-banquet set up person for the former London House and Radisson restaurants. Jim was active with the Duluth Combined Honor Guard and was proud of his military service.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Babe, in 2008. Survivors include his daughter, Jean Rindahl of Carmichael, Calif.; sons, Scott Benvie of Atchinson, Kan., Stuart Benvie of Duluth, Minn.; stepdaughter, Carrie (Jack) Donahue; stepsons, Russ (Vicki Norrell) Parr, Roy (Sharen) Parr; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and, especially, Brody, who Grandpa called Big Chief Moonface.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visitation was 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with funeral services to follow at 2:30 p.m. in Sunrise Funeral Home. The Duluth Combined Honor Guard will conduct military honors and entombment will be in Sunrise Memorial Mausoleum. Lunch and fellowship will follow at the VFW Post 137, 2024 W. Superior St., Duluth, Minn.

Louise C. Newman, 90

Louise Catherine (Casey) Newman, 90, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Lawrence, passed away peacefully at Exeter Healthcare surrounded by family on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Born in Methuen, she was a daughter of the late John I. and Jane F. (Boyle) Casey. Louise spent her childhood in Lawrence, where she attended St. Mary's School and graduated from Lawrence High School, Class of 1937 and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. During the course of her life she held positions with the Office of Scientific Research and Development in Washington, D.C., JP Stevens Textiles in North Andover, and Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H.

She was predeceased by her

husband, William (2002); her sisters, Mary Agnes Casey and Ann (Nancy) Turner; and brothers, Thomas Casey and John Joseph Casey.

Family members include two daughters, J. Bonnie Newman of Portsmouth, N.H., and Barbara N. Sullivan of Andover; two grandchildren, Dana N. Sullivan and Lt. Matthew C. Sullivan USN, both of Washington, D.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, donations in Louise's name may be made to Exeter Healthcare or VNA/Hospice at Exeter Hospital, 4 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH 03833. A memorial service will be held later this spring. For the complete obituary and to sign an online guestbook, visit www.Remick-Gendron.com.

Community Service Awards Ceremony

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2011 Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony and Breakfast on Thursday, June 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

The morning's program will include high school student community service award winners, who will be presented college scholarships, and this year's winners of the Andover Chamber of Commerce awards for distinguished community service: Joseph Piantedosi, Susan Garth Stott of Andover Community Trust, and the Greater Lawrence Technical School (GLTS).

According to the event organizers, "Joe Piantedosi in his capacity as director of Plant & Facilities for the town of Andover and Andover Public Schools, Susan Stott of Andover Community Trust, and the GLTS have all contributed in many important ways to the civic well-being of Andover. These are indeed special people and citizens who make our community special.

They are most deserving of this award."

Joe Piantedosi is credited with, among other things, having "transformed Andover's municipal maintenance functions into a world class operation by implementing energy conservation projects and process automation to reduce the cost of delivering maintenance services. Under Piantedosi's leadership, Andover has successfully completed multiple construction projects including the construction of two new schools and the Andover Public Safety complex, as well as the replacement of multiple municipal roofs, windows, and HVAC units."

Susan Garth Stott, a founding member of Andover Community Trust, is praised in part for her "long and distinguished career of providing community service. She served for many years on the Andover Planning Board, all the while serving Phillips Academy as director of business services for over 20 years. Following her retirement

from PA in 2003, she has been able to dedicate more and more time to ACT, a non-profit organization whose purpose it is to provide for the construction of affordable housing in Andover. ACT has built four permanently affordable homes in Andover, and presently has two more ready to start in the next three months."

The Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School services the communities of Lawrence, Andover, North Andover and Methuen, and is being honored because it "provides students the opportunity of learning valuable skills and trades, as well as providing the regular academic high school education that all students in Massachusetts are provided."

Tickets for the Andover Chamber of Commerce Community Service Awards Breakfast are \$25 per person, and may be obtained by contacting the offices of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

Town owes much more than amusement to one-of-a-kind Bessie Goldsmith



Andover Stories

Jane Cairns, Andover Historical Society

In an era when most women in Andover wouldn't wear pants in public, it was Bessie Goldsmith's custom to take long walks through town sporting an army-style shirt, baggy knickers, stout boots and a beret. She spent many of her days walking alone in her family's woodlands above Foster's Pond, and was known to challenge trespassers and uninvited blueberry pickers with a pointed shotgun. She wore a badge, serving as an Andover policewoman until the age of 72, and was known to sometimes participate, with her pipe, in the nightly smoke ring contests at the police station. She trapped, and euthanized, the squirrels in her garden and bragged about using them as fertilizer for her prize-winning tomatoes.

Stories of Bessie Goldsmith's eccentricities, her wit and her gruff public demeanor, are told and retold by long-time Andover residents, but the town owes a lot more than amusement to the woman who spent most of her 92 years in service to the town.

"Bessie was not a nut," remembers Andover resident Al French, who boarded with Bessie for a time at her home at 60 Elm St. in the 1960s. "She was a feminist, and an independent thinker, who didn't like to be told what to do."

At the time of Bessie's birth



Bessie Goldsmith

in 1882, her father William was the principal of Andover's public Pynchard Free School. He gave to his students the honor of naming his newborn daughter and she was thus christened "Bessie PUNCHARD Goldsmith." She was educated in the Andover School system, and also at the School of Domestic Science in Boston, where she enjoyed the cultural advantages of two years in the city. She attended cooking demonstrations by Fannie Farmer,

the gala opening of South Station terminal, a John Philips Sousa concert, and many theater performances.

She returned, joyfully, to Andover after her graduation in 1901, and took a job with the Lawrence Gas Company, teaching housewives how to use their new gas stoves. She later taught cooking and sewing in the Andover schools, and also worked as a dressmaker. She worked in a local gas mask factory during World War I and

helped to sell Liberty Bonds.

Her primary employment was serving as a reporter and assistant editor for the Andover Townsman and the Andover Press. She edited a column called "Siftings" for eleven years. In 1964, a collection of her articles was published by the Andover Historical Society as The Townswoman's Andover. In addition to her paid employment, Bessie was an energetic and organizing force behind a number of Andover institutions including A.V.I.S., the Andover Natural History Society, the Andover Garden Club, and the November Club. She was active in amateur dramatics, and was also interested in basketry, painting and stamp collecting.

But it was to her beloved woodlands that Bessie continued to devote most of her passion, clearing brush and planting trees as long as she was able. The French family - Al, his wife Mary and their children - remained close to Bessie toward the end of her life, and enjoyed taking her for picnics near the blueberry bushes that she had so zealously protected.

Her final gift to the town - Bessie died in 1974 - was to leave her ancestral tract of land, to the Fund for the Preservation of Wildlife and Natural Areas. The instructions in her will were explicit: "It is my desire that this woodland be held forever in trust in its natural state as a sanctuary for wild animals, birds, flowers and trees." She didn't include hikers - or blueberry pickers - in this list, but we can be grateful nonetheless.

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

RELIGION

Historical talk at South Church May 21

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.

Anniversary for networking event

Whether you are a professional in-between positions, reentering the work force, or searching for a new career path, finding your way in the current job market can be difficult. That is why Temple Emanuel of Andover has organized an evening jam packed with information and networking opportunities to help your search become more productive.

All residents are invited to join the temple's next Networking Open House on Tuesday, May 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. The temple began having these networking events in May 2009, so this month those involved will celebrate the effort's two-year anniversary.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

ROADS: Repairs on schedule for summer

Continued from Page 1

school, but Cronin said he hopes it doesn't.

"We want to have it done by the opening week of school," Cronin said. If work does continue after opening day, though, traffic could still move through the road while it is being milled, albeit a bit slower than normal.

Before then, sections of Salem Street, as well as Maple Avenue, Connector Road and Pine Street will be chewed to the bone and rebuilt from the ground up by the middle of July, according to Cronin. Meanwhile, workers on a large water-main construction project will dig their way through Burton Farm Drive, Tanglewood Way and Parnassus Place as early as this month.

Four individual projects on Salem Street will carry the most extensive work during the late spring and early summer. Around 2,780 feet - just over half a mile total - of the road will be dug down eight to 12 inches deep through reclaiming on three separate parts of the road, and another 2,400 feet of the road will be leveled and given a new asphalt overlay. Meanwhile, a fresh layer of asphalt is expected to run over nearly a mile of Lowell Junction Road.

The town will be using more pavement this year than in previous years. While overlaying streets with hot asphalt has used a layer of material 1.25 inches thick in the past, the town will be beefing up its resources to bring that up to 1.5 inches, which will cost more but also give residents better roads, according to Cronin.

Part of this is because, with more pavement on the roads, frost heaves and resulting pot holes will have more



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

A small chunk of broken asphalt fills a pothole in the area of 11-13 Lowell Junction Road, one road among many targeted by the town's highway department to receive significant repairs this year. Nearly a mile of Lowell Junction Road is expected to be completely leveled with a new layer of asphalt by July, which could cost the town around \$135,000 if the project moves forward with current estimates.

ROAD WORK, BY CATEGORY

The highway department uses four different processes for repairing its roads. Costs for each part of repairs are estimates received prior to the bidding process.

OVERLAYING: 1.5 inches of fresh asphalt, \$5.35 per square yard. Castings and water boxes adjusted at \$160 and \$85 each, respectively.

MILLING: Mill away 2 inches of road at \$2.40 per square yard. 3 inches of fresh asphalt, \$10.88 per square yard. Castings and water boxes adjusted at \$160 and \$85 each, respectively.

LEVELING: Fresh layer of asphalt over existing road, average of 2 inches thick, at \$7.25 per square yard. Castings and water boxes adjusted at \$160 and \$85 each, respectively.

RECLAIMING: Digging up entire road, replacing material, 8-12 inches deep at \$1.30 per square yard. 3 inches of fresh asphalt, \$10.88 per square yard. Castings and water boxes completely removed and reset at \$325 and \$200 each, respectively.

difficulty forming.

"We think this is going to be a

better product for the tax payers,"

Cronin said.

ROADS MARKED FOR REPAIR LATE SPRING TO EARLY SUMMER

These are the roads that the Highway Department hopes to do work on in the next few months. Projects may change, be moved to later in the year or postponed if necessary.

ROAD	WORK	LENGTH	COST
Birch Road	Reclaiming	2,200 ft.	\$86,914
Brook Street	Milling	753 ft.	\$32,806
Central Street (Andover to Torr streets)	Milling	1,800 ft.	\$105,290
Central Street (Chestnut to Main streets)	Milling	660 ft.	\$50,974
Connector Road	Reclaiming	1,969 ft.	\$87,648
Dascomb Road	Milling	500 ft.	\$36,270
Essex Street (Central to Brook streets)	Milling	755 ft.	\$39,870
Essex Street (Brook Street to Red Spring Road)	Milling	966 ft.	\$63,052
Grenada Way	Leveling	499 ft.	\$12,475
Lamancha Way	Overlay	499 ft.	\$12,725
Lowell Junction Road	Leveling	4,358 ft.	\$119,825
Maple Ave	Reclaiming	1,501 ft.	\$57,785
Pine Street	Reclaiming	1,962 ft.	\$77,289
Pole Hill Drive	Reclaiming	930 ft.	\$51,125
Salem Street (Highland Road to Holt Road)	Reclaiming	1,830 ft.	\$93,905
Salem Street (160 Salem St. to route 125)	Reclaiming	450 ft.	\$14,807
Salem Street (178-207 Salem St.)	Reclaiming	500 ft.	\$19,559
Salem Street (207 Salem St. to Gray Road)	Leveling	2,400 ft.	\$53,695
Sevilla Road	Overlay	1,415 ft.	\$33,596
Thresher Road	Reclaiming	650 ft.	\$28,255
West Parish Drive	Reclaiming	700 ft.	\$29,275

ROADS MARKED FOR REPAIR LATE SUMMER TO EARLY FALL

These are the roads that the Highway Department hopes to do later in the year, before the fall. While the list for roads earlier in the year is less subject to change, this list can be more flexible, in that roads in some cases could be added to or removed from the list in favor of completing them at more appropriate times.

ROAD	WORK	LENGTH	COST
Carter Lane	Reclaiming	1,560 ft.	\$67,433
Cobblestone Drive	Leveling	1,126 ft.	\$53,984
Fossen Way	Overlay	1,458 ft.	\$26,760
Haverhill Street (North Main to Enmore streets)	Milling	1,975 ft.	\$118,832
Inwood Lane	Leveling	1,588 ft.	\$65,060
Laconia Drive	Overlay	1,000 ft.	\$24,100
Messina Drive	Overlay	858 ft.	\$16,079
Morton Street (School Street to Main street)	Reclaiming	350 ft.	\$13,631
Odyssey Way	Overlay	830 ft.	\$15,778
Salem Street (Gray Road to Wildwood Road)	Leveling	800 ft.	\$17,821
Shawshen Road	Milling	5,656 ft.	\$320,089
Sparta Way	Overlay	815 ft.	\$15,322
Stevens Street	Milling	14,071 ft.	\$62,792
Washington Avenue	Milling	1,514 ft.	\$80,272
Winchester Drive	Reclaiming	484 ft.	\$28,781

Opinion

Memorial Day approaches

Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have given their lives to preserve what Americans hold dear. The successful mission targeting Osama bin Laden has returned the War on Terrorism to the forefront of many people's thoughts. On Memorial Day, Andover residents can attend an event that provides an opportunity to show appreciation both for those who have sacrificed their lives and some residents returning from the Global War on Terrorism.

Andover expects to recognize some GWOT military members at the event in the Park following the always well-attended Memorial Day parade. We encourage people enjoying the parade to stick around an extra hour and take part in the ceremonies at the Park, at the corner of Bartlet and Central streets. You can honor the dead, and recognize the living.

AFTER THE PARADE

- The Memorial Day 2011 ceremony in the Park will start at 10:45 a.m. following the 10 a.m. parade. The event will include:
- National anthem by the Andover High Band
 - Opening prayer by the Rev. John Zehring
 - Recognition of the grand marshal
 - Ashokan Farewell by Clan Hamilton
 - In Flanders Field by a West Middle School student
 - Amazing Grace by Clan MacPherson
 - Gettysburg Address by a Doherty Middle School student
 - Patriotic Melody by the AHS Band
 - I Am Your Flag, read by a Wood Hill Middle School student
 - Speech by guest speaker PHC Member James Bedford
 - Award of Global War on Terrorism Medals to GWOT-returned veterans
 - Floral tribute by elected officials
 - Rifle salute by American Legion Post #8
 - Taps/Echo by the AHS Band
 - Closing prayer by the Rev. John Zehring
 - Collation (lunch) in the DMS cafeteria

Idol chatter, from West El.

Many fourth-graders enjoy a good competition, such as can be found on the singing show American Idol. Many fourth-graders feel as if they could do without long division. West Elementary teacher Kevin Cyr has found a way to combine the two, so that his students are enjoying their math work.

Cyr shows a few minutes of the Idol singing competition and then has the students rate the performances. The students practice long division to figure out information such as each performer's average score. As our page 1 headline alludes, he's turned long division into song division - and we bet students are more engaged in their studies. (Sure, they also like to see if they guess right about who will be going home.)

Kudos to Cyr for finding a creative way to excite his young students about learning math.

Maybe there's something positive to be said for reality TV after all.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should the town build a new Balldvale Fire Station on the corner of the South Elementary School?

- Yes: The building needs to be replaced, and this location is a good spot for a replacement.
- Yes: This location is a better alternative than other options available.
- Yes: The building committee said this site works the best, and I trust its judgment.

- No: The location is a poor choice for a fire house, due to traffic and surrounding neighborhoods.
- No: The location will impact and distract students at South Elementary School.
- No: The location is a poor choice compared to other possible sites.

- No: The building does not need to be replaced.
- I do not yet have an opinion on this matter.
- Other.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "Should Andover move forward with an elderly housing overlay by River Road's Franciscan Center, or should it keep the property zoned for residential development?" With 46 people responding, the answers were: An overlay should be created to support elderly housing as well as residential development: 18 votes, 39.13 percent

The property should be restricted to residential development only. No overlay should

be created: 13 votes, 28.26 percent

We need some kind of senior housing. I don't know if this is the answer: 9 votes, 19.57 percent

I do not know enough about the situation: 5 votes, 10.87 percent

The decision does not concern or interest me: 1 votes, 2.17 percent

MAY 5, 2011 ANSWERS

The question asked in May 5's Townsman was "What are your feelings on the death of Osama bin Laden?" With 104 people responding, the answers were:

Glad an evil man is dead, but realize work remains: 44 votes, 42.31 percent

I welcomed the news of his death, but I believe some were too celebratory: 15 votes, 14.42 percent

His death represents an end of an era, and now we must end our involvement in the region: 14 votes, 13.46 percent

Jubilant: 11 votes, 10.58 percent

Happy. We finally got the man behind the 9/11 attacks: 9 votes, 8.65 percent

Other answer: 5 votes, 4.81 percent

Worried about retaliation. We should not have killed Osama bin Laden in this manner: 3 votes, 2.88 percent

I am not sure how I feel about his death: 2 votes, 1.92 percent

I am indifferent about Osama bin Laden's death. It has not impacted me: 1 vote, 0.96 percent



Parent Catherine Boese (with kindergartner Timmy Boese) encourages second-graders to use teamwork to move a parachute counterclockwise as part of PALS, a month long Friday recess program where parents run different stations of activities at Bancroft Elementary School. The students are Elise Poelker-McKee (laughing in front), Adriana Pass (also in front), Olivia McCabe. Catherine Boese, Tim Boese, Kai Charland, Maude Focke and Kiara McCormick.

BANCROFT PALS



Parent Jen Moshar teaches yoga to fourth-graders, from left, Anna Soutter, Caela Flanagan, Michelle Pan, Bridget Conlon and Kailyn McCormack.



Stephanie Yang, a second-grader, races through an obstacle course set up by parents Val Previtte and Al Joyall. In the background playing with a Frisbee is second-grader Smita Michaels.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Selectmen to Sen. Finegold: Back strong health-insurance reform to save services, jobs

Editor, Townsman:
Sen. Barry Finegold:

The Andover Board of Selectmen seeks your support for the Municipal Health Insurance Reform bill that was overwhelming passed in the House of Representatives a few weeks ago. We strongly urge you to vote for the bill that most closely resembles and includes all of the provisions included in the House voted bill.

Please vote for the taxpayers and the cities and towns: Your vote as our senator for Health Care Reform will be the most important of this legislative session and perhaps in years to come. Skyrocketing health insurance costs have been crushing budgets in Andover and across the state.

There are three major objectives central to reform: meaningful savings for taxpayers, speed to allow implementation in Fiscal 2012 and a role (but not a veto) for labor. The House plan clearly meets all three objectives.

The reform in the House budget would simply give cities and towns the same power the State has to update co-pays and deductibles in municipal health insurance plans, saving local taxpayers \$100 million in avoided health costs. As a recent MTF/Boston Foundation report documents, not having this ability has caused municipal health insurance costs to spiral out of control, forcing cuts in education, public safety and other vital programs and forcing the elimination of teachers, firefighters, police officers and other key employees from local budgets.

Two weeks ago, the Commonwealth won a Superior Court ruling upholding the Senate vote in the 2009 Transportation Reform Law that removed all health insurance matters from collective bargaining for state MBTA workers. In enacting the Transportation Reform Law, the Senate voted to end all bargaining over the plan design or premium share for MBTA unions and thousands of employees. In spite of loud union protests that the reform "subverts collective bargaining rights," the legislature and governor enacted the provision to save an

estimated \$30 million a year while giving T employees health plans that matched all other State workers. The Senate's action in 2009 was made in the interests of all taxpayers and was necessary to allow the MBTA to provide core services to the public. This is further proof that legislation to address the cost of employee health insurance is totally unrelated to the unfortunate developments in Wisconsin and Ohio. While the House-passed municipal health insurance provision is a powerful reform plan for cities and towns, it is much more modest than what the Senate voted for in 2009 in the transportation bill.

Total municipal aid is \$416 million lower than what it was three years ago, and the Senate has already indicated that the Fiscal 2012 budget will cut another \$65 million. Communities are in fiscal crisis, and health insurance reform offers meaningful relief that taxpayers deserve. We cannot afford to keep the unique and special veto power that municipal unions hold over health plan features; this veto power is costing taxpayers millions of dollars a year, forcing cuts of services and jobs.

A December 2010 study by the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education and The Boston Foundation revealed that all of the \$700 million in new Chapter 70 school aid from 2000 to 2007 was consumed by rising health insurance costs, concluding that "controlling the overall cost of health care in Massachusetts is now the ultimate education issue," because without reform every penny of new Chapter 70 aid will go to local health plans, not into the classroom.

An April 2011 report by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation and The Boston Foundation concluded that municipal health plans cost taxpayers millions more than state, federal or private insurance plans because municipal unions can veto any change. The average family premium for city and town employees is 37 percent higher than the typical private-sector policy and 21 percent higher than that of state employees.

The House-passed plan would eliminate the double standard in state law and give cities and towns the same power the State has to implement necessary cost savings in municipal health insurance plans, up to a point. This is a very focused and moderate proposal offered in a spirit of compromise to find meaningful middle ground while achieving meaningful reform. In short, the legislation saves taxpayers money, protects municipal union jobs, guarantees equity with state employee health benefits and still leaves municipal unions with more bargaining power than state unions.

During the House debate, labor offered an "alternative" plan that was the opposite of reform; it would actually strengthen union leverage and control over health benefits, offer taxpayers virtually no relief, and do nothing to protect municipal services and jobs. The amendment would have subjected any plan design change to coalition bargaining; required mandatory binding arbitration if an impasse is reached; guaranteed only 25 percent of the "savings" to go to communities, with 25 percent going to employees, and the remaining 50 percent subject to bargaining; blocked all further plan design changes until 2014; and placed all future negotiations over health insurance changes (any future plan design changes or any change in the employee-employer contribution share) in permanent Section 19 coalition bargaining.

In contrast to the clear reform and transparency of the House proposal, the labor-backed "alternative" and framework they announced in March and floated to House members is deficient in almost every way and is so flawed that it would be even worse than no action at all.

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Act needed to encourage clean-energy shift

Editor, Townsman:

The Massachusetts "Clean Tech Act," Bill H00132, creates the Office of Clean Technologies under the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The bill has a goal of achieving a 25 percent increase from 2010 levels in the clean technology sector jobs, businesses and research by 2020. The products created or utilized through this clean tech program will "... reduce or eliminate environmental and health impacts throughout a product's lifecycle while maintaining the same or better levels of quality." (Massachusetts Legislature).

A Clean Tech Initiative will be created in the Commonwealth so that it will be a leader in clean technology. It will create new job opportunities and clean tech sector businesses, in consultation with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

Everyone who wants to see an advance in cleaner technology, from transportation to energy use, should support this bill. Just as cars such as the Toyota Prius or Nissan Leaf are catching on, the Clean Tech Act will help create a market and infrastructure to support these products. It is pretty difficult to travel far in a fully electric car if there are only a few places to charge up.

Homes, automobiles and businesses currently requires fossil fuels that emit lots of emissions, and the need is increasing. This means more energy must be created or spent. With fuel prices such as oil skyrocketing, and limited amounts available, it is

inevitable that new, cleaner technology (fuel) is needed. David Levy has noted, "The lack of capital, however, is preventing many companies in the alternative energy world from reaching the scale at which they claim they can start to drive down unit costs of production to a level that could eventually make them competitive with traditional sources of energy."

This bill will also aid in switching the commonwealth over from an oil-based reliant region to a greener, more environmentally conscious economy. This initiative will affect a huge part of the economy, but supports an increase of jobs to do so. Some can argue this will be detrimental to the oil industry, however with all these new gas mileage and efficiency regulations being created, such a progression is inevitable.

ROGER TSE

The writer is an Andover High School graduate now attending UMass Amherst.

We must confront it, climate change is real

Editor, Townsman:

In response to the letter from Sam Washburn ("Still waiting for global warming"), I must say that there is a lot of misinformation concerning climate science but it isn't coming from most scientists or teachers. Here are some facts.

Most of the world's important international scientific bodies accept that climate warming is occurring and is caused by human activity, including such respected groups as the American Astronomical Society, the

American Chemical Society, the American Geophysical Union, the American Institute of Physics, The American Meteorological Society, the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences.

Climate deniers include such scientific luminaries as the American Petroleum Institute, the US Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and partisan talking heads. One might conclude that opposition comes from those groups who may conceivably be inconvenienced by the need to address climate change.

Science has developed multiple models showing that man-made climate change is indeed occurring and average temperature increases are only a small part of the picture. Models show increased glacial ice melt leading to higher sea levels, warming of the oceans, the progressive warming of the troposphere and

cooling of the stratospheres, changes in atmospheric moisture, increases in average precipitation and on and on. Natural phenomena cannot account for these changes on so many fronts.

Individual events, such as the recent tornadoes or five days of cold spring weather are not evidence for or against climate change. It is the aggregate weather trend that has been shown to change, with the decade of 2000-2009 being globally the hottest on record. Then 2010 tied the record with 2005 as being the hottest year ever, itself the 34th year in a row that the average temperatures topped the 20th Century average. So the trend continues.

While Washburn may not wish to have his children taught about climate change, teachers do so because it is an issue that will affect their generation.

The cost of addressing climate change now will undoubtedly be expensive, but its costs are often overplayed by deniers to sow confusion and prevent action. The reality is the sooner we begin limiting the human-made pollutants that cause climate warming, such as fossil fuels, the lower the economic and societal cost will be. Moreover, new American green businesses can provide a sorely needed boost to our economy.

There is no reason to think we will need to consider ourselves the "Stupidest Generation," as Washburn suggests, as American ingenuity and effort aimed squarely at the problem should help limit the impact. However, we need to accept that a problem exists and begin to confront it.

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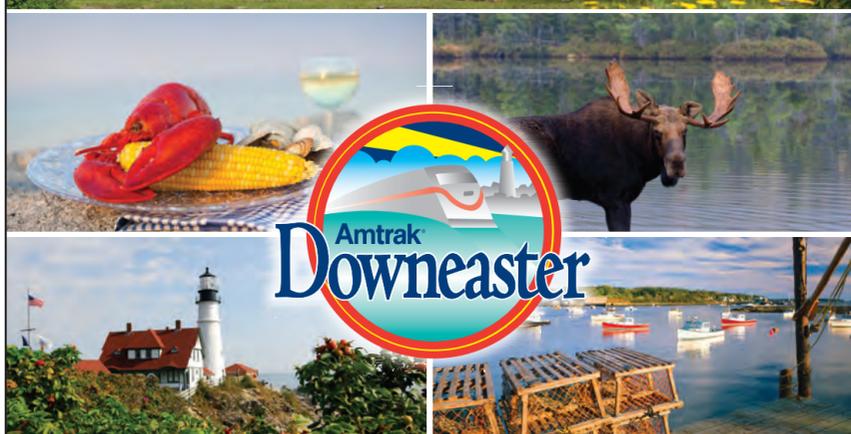
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Riverside rapport



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Jake and Molly Duval of Andover play after a night of camping at Serio's Grove Conservation Land along the Shawsheen River in Andover, Sunday, May 15. Monthly camping trips are coordinated by Conservation Commission volunteers. The next one will be held Saturday, June 11. For more information contact Bob Decelle at 978-337-1249 or rhdecelle@hotmail.com.

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Townspeople

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO CARE

Rotary honors citizens, teacher

The Rotary Club of Andover held its annual Citizens Who Care dinner May 12 to celebrate the work of citizens - and one educator of the year - who make Andover a better place to live.

Below are short descriptions compiled by Rotary that outline the work done by each of this year's award winners.

Brendan Wang

This year's youth selection made his mark on Andover High School by starting and running a tutoring program staffed by fellow students who assist middle school kids. The group turns over all money to the Hope Scholarship, which funds education in rural China and Kenya. He also spearheaded a performance of Chinese Folk Arts and organized bake sales to increase fundraising.

Merit Tukiainen

Merit has funneled most of her volunteer energy into the highly regarded Esperanza Academy for girls in Lawrence. Last year she founded Esperanza Cooks—Recipes for Life, which teaches nutrition, recipes, food shopping and cooking to its students. As a local business owner in Andover, she was a major force behind Andover Days, several Boutique Blowout Days and Breakfast with Santa.

Carmen Scarpa

Carmen has combined his business acumen and sports skills to mold the AAU basketball team at Andover High School for the past 6 years. This year his team won the state championship. For 20 years he has organized a charity golf tournament and raised over \$4.5 million for the Cystic Fibrosis Society. He also coaches kids at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club.

Irene & Napoleon Potvin, Mildred LaMontagne and Walter Vachon

When Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence closed its doors these four lifelong friends headed south to St. Augustine Church where they are among the most active of all parishioners. Irene, Nappy, Mildred and Walter have spent over four decades each filling in every volunteer position in the church. At St. Augustine they serve lunch after every First Friday mass, host the Senior Dinner on Saturdays and help with the Ask the Nurse program.

Glenn Rogers

Glenn's public service as a Kiwanian began in 1997, and he has served in every leadership role for the group. He was a founding member



The Rotary Club of Andover presented the 14th annual Citizens Who Care awards and the third annual Educator of the Year award Thursday night at the Wyndham. Here, Glenn Rogers poses with his photo and that of other award recipients. The photos, created by photographer Mark Spencer, illustrate the contributions the recipients have made to the Andover Community. The recipients were also presented with citations from state Sen. Barry Finegold and state Rep. Paul Adams.

of Sustainable Andover and helped develop the town's recycling program. For the past five years he has been a site supervisor for Habitat for Humanity build sites. He helps every week at the Neighbors in Need food pantry. He is Deacon for South Church, sings in the choir, is the treasurer for the Andover Choral Society and tutors kids in math at the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club.

Joyce and Willard Robinson

The Robinsons have devoted a lifetime of service to Ballardvale United Church and the United Methodist New England Conference. Joyce helped found a child advocacy task force and the Methodist Federation for Social Action. She was chairwoman of the League of Women Voters for two years. Willard has served roles in the church as moderator and chairman of the Outreach, Education and Stewardship Committees. He worked with GLEAM in Lawrence and helps train science teachers in the Lawrence schools.

David Pierre

This South African transplant started in his homeland by working with kids orphaned by AIDS. He arrived in Andover by way of Utah where he was hired by the town to run Andover's community television station. He and Joe Spanos (EOY) set up the Andover chapter of DECA. Dave has worked with Andover Youth Services to produce their talent shows and other productions. He has also chaired Ironstone Farm's Spirit of Giving charity gala.

Michael O'Dea

By day Michael O'Dea cares for the St. Augustine parish property. By night, for the last eight years, he

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Joyce and Willard Robinson are applauded as they go up to receive their Citizens Who Care award for their service to Ballardvale United Church and the United Methodist New England Conference.



Andover High student Brendan Wang poses with his photo. He was honored for starting and running a tutoring program to benefit education in rural China and Kenya.



Lifelong friends, from left, Mildred LaMontagne, Napoleon and Irene Potvin and Walter Vachon were recognized for their devotion and volunteer work as parishioners of St. Augustine Church in Andover.



Honoree David Dargie is congratulated by Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, state Sen. Barry Finegold, center, and state Rep. Paul Adams, right. Dargie was honored for his conservation work.

Build a warrant and they will come

Bill Dalton



Of late, many Andover Town Meetings have been poorly attended. This does not give me the slightest heartburn. I don't care if people vote, as long as they have the right to vote and opportunity

to do so. I like the concept of Open Town Meetings, and I enjoy going to them. There is no form of democracy more pure and clean, because any registered voter can debate, and vote, and it's difficult to corrupt an Open Town Meeting.

When I hear that some candidate for office didn't vote in the last election or the one before or the one before that, I couldn't care less. We have three choices as to how to exercise our right to vote. We can vote yes or no or not vote. I have exercised my right not to vote on many occasions, because I wasn't interested in the candidates or the issues. Give me a candidate I like or some issues that interest me, and I'll vote. If I'm at a Town Meeting, give me an interesting warrant, and I might speak as well.

Create an interesting warrant, and the people will come. (For the uninitiated, the "warrant" is an agenda.)

When I was chairman of a committee in 1972 that was formed to look at alternatives to the Town Meeting, we expanded our mandate to give suggestions as to how to make the meeting run more efficiently. At the time we had a nice man, Judge Arthur Williams, as the moderator, but he was fair to a fault, allowing speakers to drone on at great length, which caused meetings to end near midnight. Our report said we had to speed up the meetings.

After our report, the moderator chose not to run, so I did. My first meeting had over 2,000. We were at the Memorial Auditorium, and voters were behind me in the gymnasium, in front of me in the auditorium, and under me in the cafeteria, which was equipped with speakers and an assistant moderator, Jim Doherty. Moderators in Massachusetts create their own rules of order, so I created some that sped up the meetings. The first person I had to speed up was, unfortunately, a loquacious selectman who droned on and on. I asked him to wrap it up in 30 seconds, and, when he didn't, I gavelled him into silence. He spluttered at me, but the audience applauded my decision.

I was moderator for five years and then asked Jim Doherty to run. He was reluctant, but we water-boarded him and he agreed. I guess he liked being moderator, for he stayed for a long time.

Warrants have become less interesting, although the recent bow hunting issue was better than usual. I was lucky when I was the moderator. We had leash laws, subsidies for the commuter train, and contentious zoning issues. Big crowds were normal.

Things are different today. Maybe we've run out of exciting issues. Many of the old dependables, those who showed up every year, have passed away. The Taxpayer's Association died, as well. You could always depend on their members to spice up some issues. People today are so busy that it's tough to give up an evening that could be spent with the kids or a television show. The newcomers in town show less interest in governance than the newcomers of the 1940s, '50s, '60s and '70s did. Some of the newbies aren't from New England and need to be educated about the Open Town Meeting and perhaps they are a little intimidated about it.

And again, the present day warrant is boring. Years ago, the town and school budgets were broken down into more detail, and that stuff was interesting. Around the time of our 250th anniversary (1896), the budget included the following details to be voted: schoolbooks, \$1,000; hay scales, \$50; Memorial Day, \$150; almshouse expenses, \$4,500; repairs on almshouse, \$500; removing snow, \$800; and a fire-engine for Ballard Vale, \$4,000. (I wonder where that ended up; it's worth a fortune now.)

Here are some thoughts: have Saturday meetings, have day care services on site, break down the budget into smaller pieces, add a leash law to every warrant (just kidding on that last one).

My other suggestion: don't worry about the Town Meeting attendance. Those who really want to be there will be there. Those who don't care won't be there. As I discussed last week (you can find that column at the Andover Townsman online edition), the alternatives to the Open Town Meeting aren't real whippy, and if you ever get a real difficult issue - and you will - you'll be glad to still have the Open Town Meeting.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

100 Years Ago: May 19, 1911

A twelve year old resident who was charged with truancy [and was identified in the paper by name] was arrested in Lawrence on Tuesday. He was sent to the Essex County Training school.

George Dick, formerly coachman on

the Smith estate, has been appointed driver of the town teams in place of William Rea, who recently resigned.

Shirley Barnard, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Barnard of High street is confined to the house with a slight attack of scarlet fever.

Frank Wharrier, the local expressman, has purchased a fine black horse for use in his business.

75 Years Ago: May 15, 1936

Harry Stephenson of Gardner avenue, owner of a well-known textile machinery plant, has purchased factory number one of the old Smith and Dove group. This is the building near the river, about 430 feet long, with three floors and the basement.

The Andover Male Choir was adjudged the best men's singing group in New England last Saturday

at the annual concert of the New England Federation of Men's Glee clubs held at Fall River. Selectman J. Everett Collins directed.

A safe-breaking job by five young men spoiled Monday night when Edward Williams Jr., owner of the Marland Dairy, drove into the dairy yard to see the five men trying to

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WEDDING



Caitlin Woo and Richard Pierce

Caitlin Susanne Woo and Richard Galen Pierce were united in marriage on July 17, 2010 at St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Monsignor Charles Murphy, a family friend of the groom, performed the nuptial Mass and wedding ceremony. Altar servers were Sophie Lellman, Georgie Lellman and Timothy Lellman, cousins of the bride.

Caitlin is the daughter of Frank and Laraine Woo of Andover and was given in marriage by her parents. The bride wore an Anne Barge gown of French Alencon Lace over Silk Satan Organza, and changed into a traditional Chinese Quipao of red and gold silk brocade for the father-daughter dance.

Matron of honor was Meghan Woo and maid of honor was Lauren Woo, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Nadia Pierce and Ann Pierce, sisters-in-law of the groom, and Leslie Adams, Maureen Lothrop and Hannah Kehn, friends of the bride. The flower girl was Juanzi Woo-Rainer, cousin of the bride.

Richard is the son of Christopher and Nancy Pierce of Cumberland Foreside, Maine.

Best man was Leonard Pierce, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Christopher Pierce, Edward Pierce, brothers of the groom, Patrick Woodcock and Jotham Pierce, cousins of the groom. Ushers were Michael Kinsman, Jack Piper, Roger Schmitz, Anthony Aceto, Mark Desiderio and Tucker Hodgkins. The ring bearer was Gus Lellman, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Andover High School and Bowdoin College. She is a second year student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y.

The groom is a graduate of North Yarmouth Academy and Bowdoin College. He is a research analyst for SAC Capital in New York, NY.

Guests enjoyed an evening reception at the historic Willowdale Estate in Topsfield.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Greece and Turkey and are now residing in Bronx, N.Y.

ENGAGEMENT



Dan Cote and Becca Wexler

Daniel and Sherrard Cote of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Daniel Wolfe Cote, to Rebecca Kate Wexler, daughter of Drs. Andrew and Geri Wexler of Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Dan is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover and earned a bachelor's degree in English from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He is a title analyst with Thomson Reuters in New York

City. Becca is also a graduate of Phillips Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in international affairs from George Washington University. She is currently a graduate student at Columbia University, where she is working towards a master's degree in international affairs and will graduate in May 2011.

A September 2011 wedding is being planned.

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has coached the girls' basketball team. Amongst his other volunteer activities are serving meals at the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, collecting household items for Family to Family, making sandwiches with teens at Lazarus House, building a Habitat for Humanity house and shoveling out driveways of elderly parishioners.

Kathy Hess

Kathy Hess started her volunteering as a parent serving on the PTO and made her first mark founding the Andover Youth Council. She is on the Dollars for Scholars Board, Revenue Enhancement Committee for Andover schools and the A Better Chance board. She currently co-chairs the library's book sale and has roles in the Andover Historical Society, League of Women Voters and AVIS.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Joe Spanos, left, who has been teaching at Andover High School since 1978, was honored as Educator of the Year. He stands to acknowledge the applause from the audience including his wife, Bethany, front, as he is introduced.

David Dargie

Since 1980 David Dargie has

stewarded the Harold Rafton Reservation. He helped form the

Andover Committee of the Appalachian Mountain Club. He has been an AVIS trustee for many years and is currently the land manager and chairman of the AVIS Land Management Committee. Since 2005 he and four other volunteers have cooked and served breakfast every week at Lazarus House. He also helps at Lawrence's Daybreak Shelter and has been active in Scouting.

Educator of Year - Joe Spanos

Joe started teaching at Andover High School in 1978 as a business instructor. Over several years he set up a school store and guided over 60 kids each year through a work-study program. He helped establish a chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). Joe's greatest impact in the last two decades has been from his work in Andover Community Television, Andover Youth Services and the many Andover High fundraisers he organized.

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open his safe to the rear of the plant. They fled to their parked car and made their get-away.

50 Years Ago: May 18, 1961

The municipal tax rate has been officially set at \$26. The rate was broken down into \$13.90 for schools, \$12.10 for general municipal expenses. The town's assessed value, used in connection with establishing the rate is \$88,382,575.

Photo: The Shawsheen PTA will sponsor its annual fair, on the school grounds, Saturday.

Included on the committee planning the event are, seated, Dan B. Armstrong, chairman; Mrs. Francis C. Robertson Jr., Mrs. Ralph Wirts and Dr. J.J. Zelinski. Standing are Mrs. Richard Clukey, Mrs. Howard Bond, Miss Anne Harnedy, school principal, and Mrs. E. Wells McLean.

Advertisement: Johnny's Supermarket at 43 Park street Andover, GR 5-2740 - Fresh cut asparagus 15 cents a bunch; local farm eggs 49 cents a dozen; chicken fryers/broilers 29 cents a pound; fresh creamery butter 65 cents a pound; yellow bantam corn 59 cents a dozen.

William Bruner, 3, was located

unharmed last Thursday afternoon near his home on Rocky Hill road. He had been reported missing, and was the center of a widespread search by police, auxiliary police, state police and their bloodhound Sadie. The lad was missing for about two hours.

25 Years Ago: May 15, 1986

Selectmen Monday night unanimously voted to authorize Town Manager Kenneth Mahony to sell water to North Andover and to make any connections needed for a hook-up between towns.

Photo: Firefighters Jimmy Cuticchia and William Valentine,

who also serve as Emergency Medical Technicians, stand by a new Andover ambulance that was put into service this past month.

An Andover man was one of four who survived 40 minutes on the icy waters and subsequent hypothermia, when a wave capsized their 25 foot Old Town Fishing boat on Sunday morning, throwing them into the 38 degree waters where the Merrimack River flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Salvatore Messina, 24, 44 River St., was listed as the owner and operator of the boat.

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Arts & Entertainment

Local youth receives national recognition through art

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Sana Nadkarni may seem like a normal 9-year-old girl to the average person. But people at the state house, in Washington D.C., and in libraries and hospitals throughout the region, she's a featured artist.

What started around a year ago as a sudden dive into acrylics has

now become a source of medals, awards, and notoriety for Sana, a third-grader at High Plain Elementary School. Today, her work hangs in hospitals, is printed on bookmarks and is on display in a number of private offices. Canvases of various sizes decorate almost every wall in her family's home.

"I want to paint what I want," Sana said. "I want to exhibit my

paintings in the gallery at the state house. Maybe even the White House, but I don't know if that will happen."

In a Massachusetts School Library Association bookmark contest that drew entries from throughout the state, she took first place in her division, landing her a day at the state house and recognition from Rep. Paul Adams and Sen. Barry Finegold.

The bookmark shows Sana growing up through four panels that line up with the MSLA's motto to "Think," "Create," "Share" and "Grow." The final frame shows her as an artist on exhibit at the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, an honor she aims to achieve someday.

The 9-year-old artist also took a

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DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Sana Nadkarni, 9 and a High Plain Elementary School student, paints an abstract work titled "Blown Away" on a canvas. Sana has succeeded in a number of state and national contests in recent months.

Good Times, Good Times At PA: Zeppelin dance, Blackbeard play

The Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance will present two shows this spring in the Tang Theatre on campus, 180 Main St.

Hot Grog, a pirate musical, is the school's featured theater performance.

Set on the high seas of the Carolina coast in 1718, Hot Grog tells the story of Blackbeard - the legendary pirate - and his crew, including the niece of the Colonial Governor of North Carolina who has answered the lure of the sea by dressing as a cabin boy and passing for one of Blackbeard's own.

The Andover Dance Group will also present Physical Graffiti, a modern dance concert directed by Judith Wombwell, with choreography by Wombwell and Erin E. Strong.

Set to the music of legendary band Led Zeppelin, Physical Graffiti combines energy, drive and dynamic rhythms as well as vibrant colors and movement to engage the audience. Feelings of

youthful vision, love and dreams weave through the band's lyrics and set the stage for this powerful fusion of dance forms.

Students from the school's art community have designed the psychedelic-feel costumes and the kaleidoscopic lighting for the performance.

Hot Grog performances are Friday, May 20 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Physical Graffiti performances are Saturday, May 21 and Friday, May 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

On Saturday, May 28 a double bill will be performed with Hot Grog beginning at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by Physical Graffiti. Tickets for that performance are \$8.

Tickets for all shows may be reserved through the Phillips Academy box office at 978-749-4433.

Both shows will be taken on the road this August to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

CLOWNTOWN: TWICE AS NICE



FILE PHOTO

Kids and other residents will have two opportunities to enjoy ClownTown under the lights, as then-3-year-old Aubrey Freeman did at last year's event.

Second night for carnival in 55th year



FILE PHOTO

Having just won a game of speed that involves hitting moving objects with a plastic hammer at last year's event, Burton Deady, center, gets advice from his friends, from left, Derek Peterson, Peter Rizzo and Brian Ganci, all of Andover, on the best prize to choose. Deady selected a long, brightly colored stuffed snake. Teens will be able to enjoy ClownTown on Friday and Saturday night this year.

One of Andover's favorite annual events will be open six hours longer than usual this year — and that's no clowning around!

ClownTown, a temporary amusement park in the Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets, opens tomorrow night, Friday, May 20 from 5 to 10 p.m. The small carnival features rides, games and plenty of food. It is also open on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

This will be the first year ClownTown is available for two nights, weather permitting. For years, it closed around 4 p.m. on Saturday. This year marks its 55th year.

Only if severe weather is an issue, ClownTown could be moved to Sunday, May 22, from noon to 5 p.m.

Hosted by the Andona Society, ClownTown raises thousands of dollars each year, which are spent on children's programs around town. Scholarships to Andover High School students, swim lessons for handicapped kids and "camps" to cover summer camp costs are a few examples of Andona-funded programs.

— Judy Wakefield

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 19

CALLING ALL WRITERS!, with local author Kristin Bair O'Keeffe 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 Knepper, 978-409-1701, haknepper@comcast.net.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

CLOWNTOWN OPENS, 5-10 p.m., The Park, Chestnut & Bartlet streets, free admission, carnival rides, games, food; 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 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; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

LIVE COMEDY, the Lawrence Rotary Club is sponsoring charity event, DiBurro's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m., \$50, Patty Ross, Brad Mastrangelo and Carole Montgomery will entertain from 8-10 p.m., followed by a DJ and dancing until midnight; Janet Mills, 978-866-9185, John Felci, 978-479-5344, or you can buy tickets at the door.

SINGLES DANCE, dancing, music 8:30 p.m.-

midnight, \$15, Angelica's, 49 South Main St., Middleton. 978-750-4900, se-4u.com. Proper business dress is required for men; sports jacket or dress shirt & tie at minimum; business or party finery for women.

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION, Greater Haverhill Arts Association Annual Art Exhibit 2011, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Buttonwoods Museum/Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St., Haverhill, for free, public show running through May 29, Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; haverhillartassociation.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

CLOWNTOWN, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., The Park, Chestnut & Bartlet streets, see May 20 listing.

PLANT SALE, The Village Garden Club of Andover hosts, 9 a.m.-noon, rain or shine, at 170 Elm St., Andover; Helen Ann Knepper, 978-409-1701, haknepper@comcast.net.

FLIP FLOP & SLIDER SALE, benefits Andover High School cheerleading squad, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in front of Andover Community House, 20 Main St., Andover; Kaleigh Wilson.

LIVE MUSIC, Locke Street Coffee House, Dean Stevens, interpreter of songs in English and Spanish, 6 Locke St., Andover, (UU Church), doors open at 7 p.m., music at 8; suggested donation \$15; uuandover.org.

FIND YOUR FAVORITE TREE HIKE, 2 p.m., lasts about 2 hours, meet at the picnic pavilion on Middleton Road (just past the entrance to Berry Pond), along the Bay Circuit Trail in Harold Parker State Forest, presented by Andover Trails Committee and Friends of Andover Community Trees; David Bunting, dbunting@andovertrails.org.

LIVE FOLK MUSIC, John Gorka, New Moon Coffeehouse in Haverhill, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for kids 18 and under; newmooncoffeehouse.org.

NORTH READING CRAFTS IN THE PARK, enjoy local crafts, entertainment, barbecue, face painting for kids and more; free, some proceeds from sales to benefit Ipswich River tickets at the door.

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Clippers coast into Palmers on Sunday

There will be a record release party for The Clippers this Sunday afternoon, May 22, at Palmers Restaurant on Elm Street. The Clippers were recently

signed to Top Shelf Records, and have produced an LP. All of the music is original, and written by Josh Croteau and and Al Dubois from Allston, Mass.

They toured last month in Austin, Texas. Those attending the release party will see three band members, as a bass player usually

sits in for live shows, according to Russ Croteau.

The free show is Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. There will be CDs, T-shirts and LPs available.

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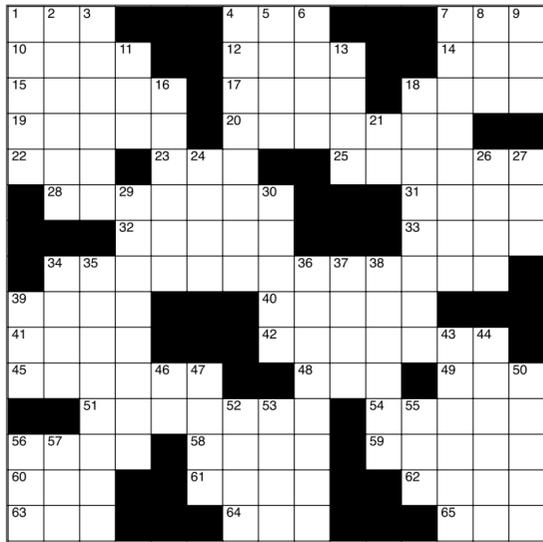
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4. Short term memory
7. Outward flow of the tide
10. Sob loudly
12. Minerals
14. Integrated data processing
15. Mountain spinach
17. Animal flesh
18. Grapefruit & tangerine hybrid
19. Language of No. India
20. Below
22. Angry
23. Soviet Socialist Republic
25. Blood-sucking African fly
28. Fusses
31. Close by
32. Blood pumping organ
33. W. Samoan monetary unit
34. Salmonella aftermath
39. Counterbalance to obtain net weight
40. About pope
41. 45th state
42. Slips by
45. Be suitable for
48. Right angle

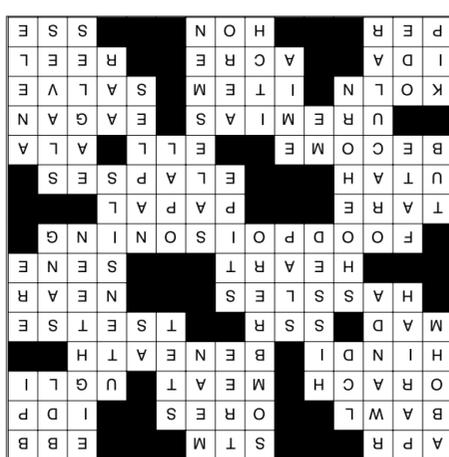
CLUES DOWN

1. Resistance unit
2. One rejected from society
3. E. Central African nation
4. Mexican hat
5. Arboreal plant
6. Unkind
7. XVIII
8. Bundle (abbr.)
9. Characters in one inch of tape (computers)
11. Computer screen material
13. Retain a printing

CLUES ACROSS

16. Booed and
18. Implements
21. To the same extent
24. Swat
26. Musically vocalized
27. Before
29. Used for easing the foot into a shoe
30. Supporting stalk
34. Future destiny
35. Relating to an oracle
36. Salespersons
37. Opaque gem
38. 3rd largest Italian city
39. Vessel used for washing
43. Birds of prey
44. One bound in servitude
46. 41st state
47. Denotes substance is present in the blood
50. Administer an oil
52. What you scratch
53. Relating to aircraft
55. Swiss river
56. Weight = to 1000 pounds
57. Lyric poem

Solution



Variety is the spice of St. A's production this weekend

In the past two years, St. Augustine's Drama Club has put on productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Cinderella*. This year, directors Sean Gaff and Lindsey Bombard decided to go in a different direction. Brainstorming, the team came up with a structure for a variety show, in the spirit of a Broadway review. The result: *St. Augustine's Got Talent*, a title

coined by one of the students in the program. "From the day of the audition, the drama students at St. Augustine's have taken the idea and ran with it. The structure of the production was refined based on the talents and needs of the students who auditioned," according to teacher Karen Landers. "Not only is the Drama Club exploring

a variety of musicals and genres, but also students are exploring vocal technique, dance and the many aspects of showmanship involved in putting on a great show." The program's technical theater students are filling roles as designers, curtain techs, lighting and spotlight Techs and assistant stage manager.

Landers encourages people to see the show "for an evening out to support your community." It will be performed at Andover's Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., on Friday, May 20, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 21, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds support next year's St. Augustine School Drama Club production, according to the school.

Garden Club to teach arranging, sell plants

The Village Garden Club of Andover will host a special program, "Flower Arranging Primer," presented by Garden Club Federation Judge Kathie Baun, and Vicki Coderre, today, Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at Wingate in the Andover Community Room, 80 Andover St. Award-winning flower designers will introduce the basics of floral design. The club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine,

at 170 Elm St. Visitors can choose from a wide selection of perennials, herbs and shrubs from club members' gardens. Colorful seasonal plants and a drawing will also be featured, according to the club. Members will be on hand to share gardening experiences. Proceeds support the Village Garden Club Civic Beautification and Garden Therapy projects. For more information on either event, contact Helen Ann Knepper at 978-409-1701 or haknepper@comcast.net.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Park; Central Street, North Reading, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 978-790-9590

THEATER CELEBRATION, Colonial Chorus Players celebrate 50th Anniversary, 7 p.m., \$50, Angelica's Restaurant, Middleton; colonialchorus.com, 781-944-9780.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

SHEEP SHEARING FESTIVAL, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., North Andover Common, shearing, herding demonstrations; Martha, 978-685-1568.

LIVE PIANO, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, piano music performed by intermediate and advanced piano students of the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association. Register at www.mh.org (calendar of events), 978-623-8401 Ext. 31.

PLANT SALE, North Andover Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the front lawn of the Stevens Memorial Library on Main Street in North Andover, RAIN OR SHINE.

LIVE MUSIC, Reading Symphony Orchestra POPS concert, "Road Trip Across the USA," Andover conductor Roland Vazquez and the RSO take a musical journey from coast to coast including the Grand Canyon Suite, Dixieland and show tunes; 3:30 p.m., the Performing Arts Center at Reading Memorial High School; \$15 adults, \$10 for students and seniors, free for those under 12, available at door; 978-664-5614; readingsymphonyorchestra.org.

MONDAY, MAY 23

OPENING RECEPTION FOR FIVE ARTISTS, including Shirley D'Agati of Andover, Dot Carpenito (Methuen), Maureen DeSisto (Methuen), Lauren Luszc (Nashua, N.H.), and Nancy Varnum (North Andover), 6 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. There will be 40 works by these artist on display

at the library during May; library hours are Monday 1-8, Tuesday 10-8, Wednesday 1-5, Thursday 10-8, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-5.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gossard, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, North Andover, 7-9 p.m. Drumming happens from 7-8:30 with dessert and coffee to follow. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own; \$15 with pre-registration (call 978-682-8815 or rollingridge.org) or \$20 at the door.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

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.

FREE FLOWER EXHIBIT, The North Shore Garden Club is hosting a beautiful exhibition of all things flowers entitled "C'est la Vie!" 1 to 5 p.m., Topsfield.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

5K ROAD RACE, 11 a.m., the Lawrence Sons of Italy hosts, start and finish at their Lodge, 155 Marston St., Lawrence; coolrunning.com/major/11/sonsofitaly/

LYDIA'S CARNIVAL SIDESHOW, monthly sideshow revue featuring human blockheads, mind readers, hula hoopers, escape artists and folks that sleep on beds of nails, 7 and 9 p.m., at Salem's Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square (off Essex Street), Salem, Mass.; tickets \$10, through brownpapertickets.com or lydiasarcnivalsideshow.com, or by phone at 978-810-1924.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Sana Nadkarni, 9, a High Plain Elementary School student, has won a number of awards in state and national contests, including one where she designed a bookmark for the Massachusetts School Library Association, seen here in large form.

ARTIST: 9-year-old headed to DC thanks to art contest

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first-place honor in the national Arts Olympiad run by the International Child Art Foundation. Through the contest, which asked children ages 8 to 12 to bridge the world of art to that of sports, Sana will travel to Washington D.C. representing the state of Massachusetts in June.

For this contest, she painted a portrait of an ice skater, something she used to be when she was a bit younger. Having that experience made the contest a breeze, she said.

"It felt easier, and it came out," Sana said. "It felt like I knew how to paint it."

For her next act, she aims to participate in Google's "Doodle for Google" contest, an annual event where children re-design the Google logo. The top prize winner will have his or her art replace the site's logo for a day. She said she wants to participate in it "because your artwork will be on the Internet, on the Google webpage for a day," she said.

In a way, she is on Google already.

After looking at the Doodle for Google contest page, Sana quickly types her own name in the site's search bar. After

typing only "Sana" and hitting the space bar, her full name pops up as the third auto-complete possibility. She smiles and selects the option, which gives her a list of pages showing her art, awards, and stories about her.

"I think she has done very well," Sana's mother Sangeeta Nadkarni said. "She is very fortunate that she's had a forum and a way to express herself. We've been supportive, but she's been blessed with a lot of opportunities too."

Sana isn't sure what comes next. She said she may go to art school after she graduates in 2020, but the instructional aspect of an education in art, where "you have to do what they say," discourages her, she said.

But to have direction before even hitting double digits gives her a huge amount of guidance towards her future, according to Sangeeta.

"I personally feel like she sees herself as a big artist," Sangeeta Nadkarni said. "It seems like she has made up her mind. Art is her thing."

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Sports

Eberth shines, girls track takes first at invitational



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Jess Salley clears 5-0 in the high jump at the Andover Boosters Meet on Saturday. Salley won the event and the Golden Warriors were victorious as a team.

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Just moments after her name was called, Andover's Sydney Eberth was glowing with excitement.

"I am beyond thrilled," said Eberth. "Never in my entire life did I think I would win MVP honors, so hearing my name called makes me one of the happiest people alive."

Eberth won the 400, and as the anchor rallied the 4x400 relay to victory, earning female MVP honors and leading the host Golden Warriors to a first-place finish at the 51st Collins-McIntyre Andover Invitational.

Andover took first with 106 points, outdistancing No. 2 Central Catholic (57 points). The Golden Warrior boys (65 points) placed third.

It was especially exciting for Eberth, who missed her junior outdoor season with mononucleosis.

"She was fantastic," said Golden Warriors coach Peter

Comeau. "Sydney has taken a backseat to (2011 Eagle-Tribune indoor track MVP) Eve Bishop a lot. But she has really come out of her shell. To win the 400, then come back and overcome the leader in the 4x400 is spectacular."

Pat Farnham continued to dominate the region, winning boys MVP honors with a victory in the 400 (49.31) ahead of teammate Brian Knapp (51.51).

"I looked up at the clock and saw a 48 (seconds)," said Farnham. "So I knew I was going to break 50, which made me very happy. I just had to remember not to start off too fast."

Farnham also ran on the winning 4x100 relay, and the 4x800 relay also earned victory.

Emily Belluche chipped in with a victory in the 100 hurdles and a second in the high jump

while Jess Salley and Moira Cronin took 1-2 in the high jump. The girls 4x400 also took first.

Andover Boosters meet, boys

Top 5 teams: 1. Central Catholic 75; 2. Whitman-Hanson 74; 3. Andover 65; 4. Weymouth 45; 5. Methuen 44

Winners and area placers:
Pole vault: 4. Brian Knapp 12-0; **100 meters:** 3. Adam Carrington 11.45; **4x100 relay:** 1. Andover (Troy Cayon, Adam Carrington, Brian Knapp, Pat Farnham) 43.37; **400:** 1. Farnham 49.31, 2. Brian Knapp 51.51; **200:** 2. Troy Cayon 22.89; **2-mile:** 2. Simon Voorhees 9:34.91; **4x800 relay:** 1. Andover (Charlie Schleifer, Mike Maldari, Ryan Cooney, Voorhees) 8:15.25

Andover Boosters meet, girls

Top 5 teams: 1. Andover 106; 2. Central Catholic 57; 3. Weymouth 44; 4. North Andover 43; 4. Acton-Boxboro 43

Winners and local placers:
Pole vault: 2. Eve Bishop 10-0; **Shot put:** 3. Ryan MacRae 34-10, 5. Sabrina Fullam 32-11 1/4; **Triple jump:** 2. Emily Belluche 35-10 1/2; **High jump:** 1. Jess Salley 5-6, 2. Moira Cronin 5-4; **100 hurdles:** 1. Belluche 15.87; **100 meters:** 2. Bishop 12.8, 4. Terra Organisciak 13.11; **4x100 relay:** 2. Andover 50.56; **400:** 1. Sydney Eberth 59.44, 5. Rae Bronenkant 1:02.03, 6. Sarah Van Antwerp 1:02.70; **200:** 3. Chelsea Angelsanto 27.17, 4. Moira Cronin 27.23; **2-mile:** 6. Leila Aruri 11:52.62; **4x400 relay:** 1. Andover (Eve Bishop, Alex Puccia, Bronenkant, Eberth) 4:02.10

Andover Pony League Baseball

(Travel Team)

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Roundup: AHS girls lacrosse crushes state champs

GIRLS LACROSSE

Two earn hat tricks

Meghan Morris and Sara Miller each scored a hat trick as Andover bested defending Division 1 state champion Framingham 14-4 last Thursday. Ally Fazio added two goals and two assists and Jaclyn Torres and Weezie Gross each scored twice for the winners.

Andover earned its 12th straight win, besting Medford 13-3 on Monday. Weezie Gross led the winners with four goals while Jen Caro had two goals and four assists, Ally Fazio scored twice and Kate Farnham added two assists.

Meaghan Keefe scored five goals to help Andover roll over Chelmsford 20-8 on Saturday. Meghan Morris and Sara Miller each added three goals and Ally Fazio had two goals and an assist for the winners.

Normally a goalie, Katherine Gefken scored two goals before moving back into the net and making four saves to pace Andover in a 16-4 drubbing of Dracut last Tuesday. Jenny Hill and Morgan Manning each had two scores and another goalie, Jill Beucier, was one of 10 Golden Warriors with one goal each.

BASEBALL

Norris fires no-hitter

Colin Norris fired a no-hitter, leading Andover past Billerica 3-2 last Wednesday.

"He pitched well," said head coach Dan Grams. "They scored two runs on a walk and then an error — we blew a double-play ball. No one should have scored for him. But Colin pitched very well, he pitched great."

Nathaniel Spellacy led the Golden Warriors with two hits and two runs.

Mike McQuillan had two hits, but Andover lost to Lawrence 5-3 on Friday. Cam Farnham and Sean McQuillan each scored a run for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Krupnik leads rally for win

In the final and decisive match of the day, Michelle Krupnik rallied for a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles, giving Andover a 3-2 victory over Central Catholic on Wednesday.



Michelle Krupnik returns a shot against Central Catholic. Krupnik won the deciding match at No. 3 singles as the Golden Warriors beat the undefeated Raiders 3-2.

"Michelle refocused in the third set and kept her confidence. She stepped in on the service and put them away," said Andover coach Jen Deschenes.

With the match to be decided on No. 2 doubles, Reid Campbell and Melanie Zakin delivered with a hard-fought 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory to give Andover a 3-2 win over Marblehead last Tuesday. Rachel Ochs (No. 2 singles) and Michelle

Krupnik (No. 3 singles) added the other two wins for the Warriors.

Andover beat North Andover 4-1 on Friday.

BOYS LACROSSE

Price paces Andover

Nick Price scored four goals, helping Andover best Waltham 7-4 on Saturday. Andrew Erikson added two goals and Alex King had a goal and an assist for the

winners.

David Belluche and Connor Gaffney each scored twice to help Andover down Dracut 7-5 last Tuesday. Tom Lomedico, Jeff Hanson and Matt McIver each added a goal and an assist for the winners.

Connor Gaffney and Nick Price each scored two goals and assisted on another but Andover lost to Masconomet 10-9 on Monday. Tom



Lawrence High Lancers defeated Andover High Warriors 5-3 in baseball Friday night. Andover's second baseman, Nathaniel Spellacy tries to corral the throw to second base as Lawrence's Juan Ventura comes up safe after diving into the bag.

Lomedico had a goal and an assist for the Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Leary leads offensive outburst

Meaghan Leary was 2 for 3 with two runs and two RBIs as Andover rolled over Haverhill 9-4 last Wednesday. Shannon Tully added two hits and scored twice, Dina Hagigeorges drove in a pair of runs and Caroline Kiezulas was the winning pitcher.

Despite two hits and a run for Molly Awiszus, Andover lost to Methuen 8-5 on Friday. Nicole Ericson added the lone RBI for the Warriors.

BOYS TENNIS

Bendetson, boys roll

Austin Bendetson swept No. 1 singles, leading Andover over North Andover 4-1 on Friday. Christian Waters added a win at No. 2 singles and Evan Birenbaum and Justin Edelman took No. 1 doubles for the winners.

Andrej Samardzic earned a key 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 3 singles to lead Andover past Chelmsford 3-2 last Wednesday.

"Andrej had a strong baseline game and mixed things up well," said head coach Mike Wartman.

Andover lost to St. John's Prep 3-0 on Monday.

BOYS TRACK

Farnham shines in loss

Pat Farnham continued to roll with victories in the 100 (10.6) and 200 (21.6) but Andover lost to Central Catholic 75-64 last Wednesday. Mike Nuzzolo (discus), Brian Knapp (400) and Pat Morrow (high jump) added wins for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Belluche takes two

Emily Belluche won the 100 hurdles (15.7) and triple jump (36-4), but Andover was edged by Central Catholic 74-71 last Wednesday. Eve Bishop added wins in the pole vault and 100 and Ryan McRae (shot put), Sydney Eberth (400) and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays added firsts for the Warriors.

VOLLEYBALL

Gold's efforts for naught

Will Gold tallied 21 assists, but Andover lost to Lawrence 25-20, 25-20, 23-25, 25-21 on Friday. Joe Kuykendall added 12 kills and 12 digs and Alek Dean had 16 service points for the Warriors.

Despite 26 kills and 18 assists for Joe Kuykendall, Andover fell to Chelmsford 24-26, 23-25, 27-25, 25-15, 15-12 last Wednesday. Alek Dean chipped in with 25 service points for the Warriors.

Andover fell to Haverhill 27-25, 25-11, 25-22 on Monday.

U8 girls fall in finals



Andover's U8, all-girls Mite team went to the Valley League finals before losing to Masco at Merrimack College. The players, in no particular order, are Tess Barrett, Cora Barrett, Emma Berube, Paige Fabiani, Audrey Gallacher, Sophie Gallacher, Bridget Gorham, Caroline Huntress, Samantha Lawler, Charlotte Maravelis, Kendall McCullom, Katie McCullom, Amanda McHardy, Hanna Medwar and Lilly Reeves.

Squirt All-Stars three-peat Merrimack Valley Cup becoming an Andover possession

With another first place finish this month, the Andover Squirt Major All-Stars team is making a name for itself at the Merrimack Valley Cup Tournament. This is the third year it has participated in the tournament and the team has won the championship all three times (2009, 2010 and 2011).

The group representing Andover at the 2011 Merrimack Valley Cup Tournament won the championship game against Masconomet Sunday, May 1, by a score of 2-0.

There were 12 All-Star teams representing the towns in the Merrimack Valley during this year's four-day tournament which provides fun, excitement, and highly competitive hockey as well as a showcase of the best hockey talent available in the Merrimack Valley and surrounding areas, according to coach Will Winship. The tournament is hosted at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury.

The players on the 2011 team are Joe Bidle, Trey Deloury, Caedan Dillman, Alexander



Duncan, Andrew King, John Kuta, Jake Lachance, Thomas Manty, Jack O'Connell, Stephen Serrao, Riley Smith and Will Winship. The coaches are Will Winship, Scott Lachance and Scott Manty.

21 GRANT'S MOMENT OF TRUTH

IN A MERE SIX WEEKS, GRANT'S OVERLAND CAMPAIGN LEFT 100,000 MEN ON BOTH SIDES DEAD, WOUNDED OR MISSING.

Wounded from the Battle of the Wilderness in Fredericksburg, Va. Library of Congress

The South, for all of its generalship and determination, could not seem to win the war in the East. The North, for all of its generals' blundering and caution, could not seem to lose.

Three years after Fort Sumter, little had changed in the East except the roster of generals President Lincoln pitched at Robert E. Lee. The toll of dead, wounded and missing — from First Manassas to Gettysburg — topped 150,000.

In March 1864, Ulysses S. Grant, who had captured two Southern armies and been in charge of victorious forces at Chattanooga, took command of all Union armies. Two months later, Grant and Lee's soldiers collided in a Virginia tangle known as the Wilderness.

The fight took place in overgrown jungle terrain that negated Union strength in numbers and artillery. Wadding discharged by rifles ignited leaf litter and underbrush, setting fires that burned over wounded men.

James Longstreet — Lee's "warhorse" and one of his most dependable commanders — became, like Stonewall Jackson, a casualty of friendly fire. Longstreet survived but was out of commission for months.

Nearly 30,000 men were killed or wounded in two days' fighting. The result was another stalemate.

Events played out between the armies as they always had.

Then Grant changed everything.

Grant didn't pull his men back across a river to give them time to lick their wounds. He pushed South. The Union soldiers, on the march in the aftermath of one of the war's most brutal battles, cheered as they grasped what it meant: They were advancing. Grant and Lee's armies collided next at Spotsylvania Court House.

Another 30,000 men were casualties of two weeks' fighting. Breaking off, Grant shifted south again.

At North Anna, the two armies met once more. The cost was another 5,000 casualties between them.

At Cold Harbor, Lee's army turned back a Union assault, but not before adding 7,000 more federal casualties to the toll. It is the one attack Grant said he always regretted ordering.

In a mere six weeks, Grant's Overland Campaign left 100,000 men on both sides dead, wounded or missing. Grant ended his campaign by mid-June and continued swinging south, this time toward Petersburg. But the Union squandered its numerical advantage and a chance to capture the city before Lee's reinforcements arrived just in time.

The Union siege of Petersburg lasted into the following spring. According to historian Edwin Bearss, the Union, by not pushing aggressively into Petersburg when it had the chance, missed "a once-in-the-war opportunity, which condemns thousands of men on both sides to death, disabling wounds and a long, hard summer before Petersburg eventually falls."

The Wilderness battlefield Library of Congress

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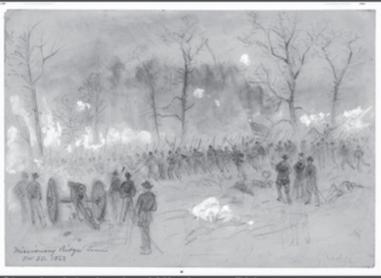
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CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT BY THE YARDSTICK OF THE TIME — 5,800 FOR THE NORTH AND 6,700 FOR THE SOUTH. BUT THE VICTORY WAS BIGGER THAN THE CASUALTIES SUGGEST.

For two years, generals on both sides ordered their men to attempt the almost-impossible – a head-on assault.

Soldiers died by the thousands in these attempts – most notably at Marye’s Heights at Fredericksburg in 1862 and Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg in 1863 – usually for naught.

But in November 1863 it worked.

Following its defeat at Chickamauga, the Union’s Army of the Cumberland withdrew north to Chattanooga. Southern commander Braxton Bragg retained the high ground around the city, including Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

Ulysses Grant, put in charge of all Union forces in the region, planned to use the Army of the Cumberland to pressure the Confederate center on Missionary Ridge while the real attack came from either end.

Veterans from the eastern Army of the Potomac, under Joe Hooker, would strike Bragg’s southern flank. William Sherman and his Western warriors from the Army of the Tennessee would hit Bragg from the north. Grant hoped the two flanks would collapse.

Hooker initially had luck taking Lookout Mountain but then bogged down. Sherman, too, struggled. Grant ordered the Army of the Cumberland to move against Confederate rifle pits at the base of the ridge to keep Bragg from shifting reinforcements from his center to the flanks.

The 20,000 men in the Army of the Cumberland succeeded – and kept going. As the army charged the ridge, Grant turned to his subordinates and demanded to know who ordered the head-on assault.

To a man they said, “I did not.”

“When those fellows get started, all hell can’t stop them,” one of the men told Grant, writes historian Edwin Bears.

Unexpectedly, the Confederate center collapsed. Before long, Bragg and his stunned troops were in a headlong retreat that didn’t stop until they were well down the road to Atlanta.

Casualties were light by the yardstick of the time – 5,800 for the North and 6,700 for the South. But the victory was bigger than the casualties suggest.

The North held Chattanooga, a river city and railroad that would serve as a base to move against the Deep South.

Union President Abraham Lincoln, meanwhile, realized that in Grant he had a man who could win him the war. But, surely, part of the reason for the North’s success was revealed when a Union soldier stopped to examine the body of a dead Confederate on Missionary Ridge.

The Confederate was a boy, about 15 years old, fighting barefoot in November, according to historian John Bowers.

“For a day’s ration there was a handful of black beans, a few pieces of sorghum and a half dozen roasted acorns.”

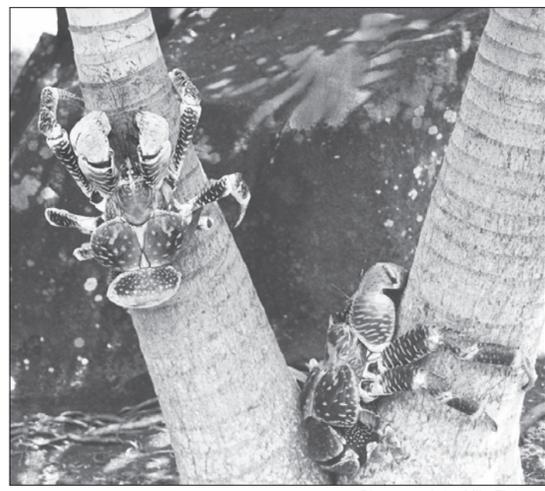


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This week the Kid found the coconut crab (*Birgus latro*), also known as the robber crab or palm thief. This crab is the largest land-living arthropod in the world.

The average coconut crab is about 16 inches in body length and weighs about nine pounds. Its legs span more than three feet. Some coconut crabs grow as large as six feet across the thorax and weigh 30 pounds.

Two coconut crabs climb a tree on the island of Bora Bora in the south Pacific Ocean.

The coconut crab is a decapod. The front section of its body (cephalothorax) has 10 legs and an abdomen. The first front legs are large powerful claws (chelae) that can lift up to 64 pounds. The crab cracks open coconuts with these claws.

used for walking and climbing vertically up trees.

The legs also help the crab walk and climb trees.

The fourth pair of legs is smaller and has tweezer-like claws. These claws grip the inside of a shell or coconut husk.

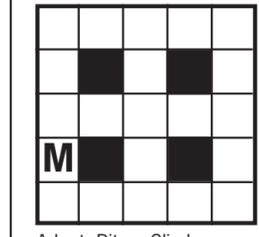
The last set of legs is very small. The crab uses these legs to clean its breathing organs.

The second set of legs is

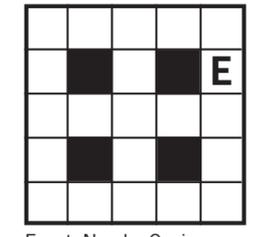
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