



Online Bee Poll: Fans five Allen a reprieve: We had been hearing some grumbling from Celtics fans about Ray Allen's performance in this year's championship series. So in our online Bee Poll, we asked you if the Celtics should hang on to him? Here's what you said:

58 percent: Yes, he actually did a great job on defense, especially during the last game.

14 percent: No, he doesn't produce enough points to make it worth keeping him.

28 percent: The whole team, not just Allen, let the fans down.

So, are you tightening your belt and giving up your summer travel plans because

of the slow economy? Or are planning a getaway regardless?

Go to www.wickecllocal-beverly.com and share your thoughts.

A true Beverly hero: Paul Belski, the general manager at Endicott College, has been named a 2010 Hero of Everyday Life by the Sodexo Foundation, the anti-hunger charitable arm of Sodexo Inc. He was one of eight such heroes honored in June in Washington, D.C. at the foundation's annual dinner.

Belski has been organizing two canned food drives each year for the last five years. He's collected more than 2,000 pounds of canned goods and about \$1,500 for needy local families. He's also repacked enough surplus food for 39 meals every day for the last five years.

Congratulations to Paul. And, we thank him for all the work he does for the community. He's a true Beverly hero.

The Updike paper trail: Apparently, John Updike left behind a huge archive of materials that tell more of the story of his life and how

he produced his writing. The New York Times recently reported that Updike himself started the archive as a record not just of his writings but also of the time in history in which he lived. The famous author, who lived in Beverly for many years, attended Harvard University. And, now, that is where the archive is being housed.

Never a dull moment with Doig and Co.: We've been remiss in not mentioning that the Beverly Recreation Department summer programs are in full swing. The catalog came out a bit ago and you can pick it up at many shops downtown. There's everything from flower arranging to boot camps for adults, and lots of fun stuff for the kids to do. Director Bruce Doig and his staff do a fabulous job making sure there's something for everyone. If you are bored this summer, it's because you haven't checked out what the Rec Department has to offer you. Check it out at www.bevrec.com or pick up a catalog while you're downtown.

