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Art Barber, above with wife Connie, calls himself a fiscal conservative.

FOR SCHOOLS: JAMES, BARBER

Two new faces, two different messages

The town has two new School Committee members. Tony James and Art total ballots. Barber beat out their three competitors for the posts, including incumbent

and Barber, with Barber besting him by only 12 votes, as Barber collected a

with 1,162 votes, meaning he was cho-sen on nearly 50 percent of the 2,339 ry to sit back and wait." he said James believes he has alread

One member-elect says he plans to hit the ground running. "I have some very specific questions to ask Claudia It was a tight race between Gustus Bach and Bernie Tuttle," said Barber. Barber called the budget the "immediate problem" he would give his attentotal of 871. James came out on top tion. "The town doesn't have the luxu-

James believes he has already had a strong voice in the formation of the budget, suggesting that principals should be put in charge of money. He says he will continue to be a good listener and said he would get the School Committee to act as a team, "instead of a collection of individuals.



Tony James, above with his wife Connie, collected the most votes of any candidate Tuesday

Spring is here, fields are not

By Andrea Gregory

Spring is officially here, but playing outside and running around on the grass is on hold in Andover.

The 51 athletic fields in town have some drying to do following a heavy winter. Their grounds are wet and soggy, some even still have snow on them, and all are closed until further notice for the second week in a row.

We're trying to protect them while they're in this very fragile state, to prevent any damage to them," says Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi. "Until we get past this sensitive stage we have to be as careful as we can."

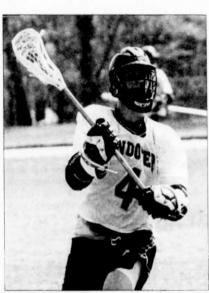
Piantedosi blames this winter's weather for the condition of the fields, saying the fields are usually dry by now and do not still have snow patches dotting them. He says they're very wet, muddy and

soft, making them extremely vulnerable to damage. "If you were to walk on them you would leave footprints," he says, which proves they are in no shape for recreational use. "We're asking for the cooperation of everyone in town.

According to Piantedosi, each field will be released as it's ready, on a cases-by-case basis.

"If we have one that's soggy we're not going to d all the others," he says. "We know people are hold all the others," he says. anxious to get out there and play.

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Many fields are not yet ready for spring players.

To Kuwait or Umm Qasr tomorrow



Michael Morris, who joined the Army Reserves 10 years ago, at 17, may soon be flying Black Hawk helicopters in the war with Iraq.

By Andrea Gregory

Ginny Morris gets a little choked up as she talks about her son. Michael, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. Michael signed up for the Army Reserves at age 17, just before his senior year at Andover High School. Ten years later he's living in Texas with a wife and baby awaiting orders to fight for his coun-

She believes he'll be heading toward Kuwait or Umm Qasr, just over the Iraq border from Kuwait,

"I keep having to tell

myself he's in God's

hands and God will

take care of him, but

that only comforts you

for a little while"

she says, but he really can't tell her much He expects to leave by Friday.

From her Andover home, Ginny calls her son down in Texas to send her love before he begins what is expected to be a yearlong journey over

"I keep having to MOTHER GINNY MORRIS tell myself he's in God's hands and God

will take care of him, but that only comforts you for a little while," she says

Not knowing exactly where he'll be doesn't

make things any easier.

Clearly, the front lines of emotions concerning the war in Iraq have established positions in every community in the country - including Andover. Crowds quietly protest in front of Old Town Hall

on Main Street and in Shawsheen Square, others fly flags, churches hold candle-light vigils and, behind the doors of private homes, family members of soldiers nervously pray and hope for the best.

Ginny Morris says this war is different than previous ones because television has brought the battle watching the coverage is becoming addictive.

"I don't know if it's a good thing or a bad thing.

Flow of news reports can wear some down

war. Morning, noon or night, it's being carried on the news.

Though the constant visual bar-

rage certainly can't be compared to coverage of the war could harm. Conlin says this war could cause a what American troops are endurperson getting bombarded in this ing, it could have psychological effects on Americans sitting on hard to turn on a television set their couches, says Jayan Conlin, without seeing images - often live an Andover resident and coand uncensored images – of battles founder of the Trauma Intervention

people without them even knowing

"There are a lot of people walking around, not knowing why they are feeling like crap," she says.

Unlike the overt trauma and dis-Program of the Merrimack Valley, tress that struck many Americans Conlin says the hour-after-hour after the September 11 disaster.

slower, more insidious stress. Conlin says it is easy to sit down and lose oneself in the news reports, but people should try to turn off the television and spend quality time doing something

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To pour no more on Main

Dunkin' Donuts rolled from downtown; new coffee shop takes place

By Andrea Gregory

Usually it's the big chain coffee shops pushing out the smaller cafes. but at 96½ Main St. in Andover coffee seekers will soon see the opposite.

James Hadad II went before the selectmen and received the common victualer license he needed to start his own business, Ultimate Perk, a coffee shop that will take over 96% Main St., currently the downtown Andover Dunkin' Donuts. His father, also named James Hadad, owns the property, and for the past 10 years has been renting it to Frank Pino who runs all four of the Dunkin' Donuts in

Pino, who in 2000 spent \$150,000 years to renovate the shop, said he had no

own business," says Hadad II, the son, who is hoping it turns into a "Mom and Pop" type place.

The logo for the new business is ready and the color schemes have been chosen. He says they're going to go with earth tones, and the shop is going to be very different from a Dunkin' Donuts. He hopes to roast

his own coffee beans on location. The younger Hadad says he can't remember how far back how he had begun thinking about these plans but says it's been "less than two and a half

Whenever it was that Hadad II idea he would be asked to leave until started forming plans to move into the

this month. He will have to be out in location with his own business Dunkin' Donuts was left in the dark "I've always wanted to have my until receiving an end-of-lease notice on March 12, says Pino.

Hadad II did not wish to comment on the situation involving the current occupants. His father could not be reached for comment. Pino says he didn't know about the Hadad family's plans when he paid to renovate the 96% Main St. location so he could sign a 20-year franchise agreement with Dunkin' Donuts. It's unclear if the plans were in place in December. when Pino last had contact with the landlord. Pino says the possibility that he might not be allowed to continue operating his Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street was not mentioned at that

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Mandy Uliano pours coffee at Dunkin' Donuts

For Women's History Month, a look at voting history

March is the month when turn of the century, however, woman are remembered and commended for their contributions throughout history. One local person worthy of attention was Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, an Andover writer on a crusade for women's rights.

"When marriage and mother-In 1920, women got the hood no more complete woman's mission 350 Andover women to the world than marriage and fatherhood complete a man's

and woman are qualified and eager to keep pace with men in committee public usefulness - only then can we draw the veil from the brows of the true woman," she said 130 years ago. Her comments came generations before Janet Lake was elected Andover's first female selectman in 1974; a century before Sue Tucker became Andover's first female state representative in 1986; and decades before women in this town even cast their first ballots, let alone were candidates on them.

Andover women were elect-

ed to local offices before the says Joan Patrakis at the Andover Historical Society.

At a Town Meeting in 1882, the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association proposed allowing women in Andover to

hold town offices and to vote in town affairs. The article was indefinitely postponed. According to Patrakis, in 1890, things changed, and three women were elected to Andover's school

right to vote and

took advantage.

In 1920, women got the right to vote and 350 Andover women took advantage of their first opportunity to choose candidates in the state primary election that year.

Yet, the list of women who have held office in town is not lengthy and, in most cases, doesn't date too far back. Lake, who only served one term, was the first woman to open the door for others on the Board of

"She was very smart, very

'I DEMAND A BALLOT'



Sally Matson, who dresses and acts the part of Susan B. Anthony for school children, visited a class on Tuesday and then wore her costume to the poils. Unlike Matson, Anthony spent her life fighting for the right to vote. Matson was given a ballot, and was one of 2,339 Andover residents to vote in the town election.

capable. Took the job seriously," selectman." said long-time moderator Jim

Doherty, remembering a woman and worked hard at the job. He or another such as Susan (Poore) he knew well. "She was a good said many of the first women to Dalton, who in addition to being

Editor

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become selectmen have worked He said she was dedicated on other committees at one time

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a selectman served on the School Committee, and Virginia Cole, who was also on the Finance Committee.

"Right up to the day (Cole) died she was very interested in town government and politics, Doherty said, mentioning the award now given in her honor to an Andover resident for distinguished public service.

Today, six woman hold elected positions in town and two Andover women hold state positions alongside many others on various, appointed local com-

Current Selectman Mary Lyman was chosen after Select-man Mary French died. Lyman said even though she had served on other town committees she hadn't thought about holding a selectman position before that

"It was an honor for me to pick up some of the issues she (French) cared about," said Lyman, who saw the opportunity as a way to continue French's legacy, such as her involvement with the Senior Center Task

Lyman had actively worked on French's election campaign and said there was an emotional bond between them. Lyman said she was anxious about starting out on the board, and didn't see it so much as filling the shoes of a woman she thought very highly of, but rather filling the position in her own way.

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Although sports seasons are starting soon, it may be a few more days before teams can use Andover fields

Wet fields

SPRING THAW

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Piantedosi says the town has to see that the playing areas offer a hard surface to release the fields. Beyond that, there's an enormous amount of work to be done, such as picking up the debris, raking, filling in bare spots, fertilizing and striping the fields for sports, all of which is waiting for warmer weather to work its charm.

"The weather certainly has been cooperative," he says about the past week. "Our hope is to get them (the fields) open some point in April."

He says possibly next week or the week after, some of the fields could be released contingent on more sunny days





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IN BRIEF

FOLLOW UP

Eco park plan revival will go for test flight after Town Meeting

Plans to beef up the surroundings of Pomps Pond to create an ecological park are by no means dead in

Rather, Tom Jones, the force behind the effort for an "eco park" at 2001 Town Meeting, says he realizes this is a tough economic year for the town, and that selectmen are focused on the town budget. Jones says is waiting until after this year's Town Meeting to get the full attention of town officials. That's when he says he'll revive his plans to turn the gravel pits at Recreation Park (near Pomps Pond) into the Andover Ecological Park and Wildlife Refuge.

The timing is just not right. We will make a proposal after Town Meeting," said Jones. "Selectmen are tightly focused on the budget situation, as they should be."

It was more than two years ago when Jones proposed his park plans at 2001 Town Meeting. Opponents included local youth sports officials who said the six acres of sand and rocks at Recreation Park is a poor habitat for animals and plants. They supported an article to create play ing fields in the area. With supporters for both the eco park and new playing fields attending Town

OVER the approval they needed. Town rejected both plans.

Meeting, neither project

Meeting. eco-park ated to block the playing fields, as some opponents charged He pledged to continue working toward a park, and

Now, Jones says he continues to work with the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Walden Woods Project to keep his plans for an ecological park alive. Currently, sun turtles enjoy the area around the gravel pits and Jones would like to see the breed repopulated.

Additionally, environmental

PAST AND PRESENT

tional." His presentation to selectmen will include

p h o tographs of suc-cessful ecological parks around the state. "They provide a great model of what can happen," Jones

Jones stressed that his project will be privately paid for. He is condid meet with a few groups in town at the end of 2001 and the beginning dations focused on the environment to pay for the project.

Jones hopes selectmen will give him three or four years to transform the gravel pit. During that time, he would use the privately raised money to pay for a gravel-pit cleanup and replanting. Residents could get a feel for the park and Jones would then return to selectmen who could either take the land back or let

groups have ideas that Jones and the Andover Eco Park
Jones called "inspiragroup maintain the area. Jones has group maintain the area. Jones has said he needs about \$400,000 in private money to pay for the clean-up. He also said there are many volunteers from Andover willing to staff such a park.

What we are saying is let us work with the property for a few years and demonstrate what can be done," Jones said.

Unneeded retirement buyback to be pulled from TM warrant

Article 59 in the 2003 Town Meeting warrant would have reopened the window for townemployed veterans who passed up on an opportunity to buy back time toward early retirement, but the article is being withdrawn because it would have benefited only one town employee, who claims he was never notified.

We gave him the benefit of the doubt," says John Doherty, town veterans agent. There would be no reason to have the town vote if the article would not affect anyone, he says.

Correction: \$1 million would be from schools

In the page 1 story "School leaders can't agree on budget," the Townsman erroneously reported last week where School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood suggested the schools might find \$1 million more for the school's operating budget. Girdwood suggested reducing the schools capital improvement plan by \$1 million and using that money in the schools operating budget. She did not suggest taking funds from other town departments' projects.

Clarification on library

A heading to a page 3 brief last week might have given the impression that Memorial Hall Library had recently been open on Friday nights. The library has been closed on Friday nights since 1991. However, starting April 4, Memorial Hall Library will be closing a half hour earlier on Fridays, at 5 p.m. Otherwise, library hours will remain the same.

Memorial Hall Library will be open Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

April health clinics

The Andover Health Department will have mini-clinics on Monday, April 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday. April 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. No appointment

Quote, unquote . . .

THERE ARE A LOT of people walking around, not knowing why they are feeling like crap

Jayan Conlin, Trauma Intervention Program founder, on the effect on some people of watching hours and hours of war coverage. (Story, page 1)

THINK IT'S PRETTY REASONABLE and also worth it

Shawsheen School mother Susan Russo, on paying \$3,500 for all-day kindergarten. That fee will continue next year, and other new and increased school-related fees - such as busing fees for older children - will be added as a way to raise more money for the schools. (Story, page 12)

News Calendar

Thursday, March 27

Board of Assessors, Town Offices ssor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Town

Offices, second floor, 1 p.m. Disabilities Commission, Memori

al Hall Library, activity room.

Monday, March 31

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third

Finance Committee, Selectmen, joint meeting, Town Offices, sec-ond floor, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, regular meeting, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, regular meet ing. Town Offices, second floor,

Tuesday, April 1

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m. Conservation Commission, Town

Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2 Ballardvale Historic Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees. Town Offices, plant & facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 3

Board of Assessors, Town Offices

Senior Center Task Force, Senior

Monday, April 7

School Improvement Council. Wood Hill Middle School, conference room A, 6:15 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second

Tuesday, April 8

Planning Board, public hearing. Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Rabies vaccinations April 5

The third annual statewide Otherwise, the vaccination will rabies vaccination day is planned for April 5. The Andover Anirabies clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 5 at West Middle School on Shawsheen Road from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost of the vaccination will be \$10 per animal and all animals should be leashed or restrained.

Rabies vaccinations will be good for three years for residents who bring proof (current rabies certificate) that their pet has been immunized within the past year.

Girl Scouts cookies

Andover Girl Scout troops

will be selling cookies "cash-

and-carry" at Old Town Hall on

Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to

noon; Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.

to noon; Saturday, April 19, 9

a.m. to noon; and Saturday, May

3, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and at

April 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

be good for only one year.

State law requires that all mal Hospital will conduct the dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age and must be three months of age before they can be vacci-

All dogs must be licensed annually in accordance with state and local statues. If residents have not yet licensed their dogs for 2003, they should contact the town clerk's office for further information at 978-623

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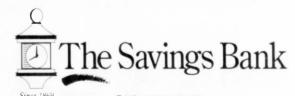
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Coping with war

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Still Conlin says she hasn't received a single phone call about the war. She says people compare everything to September 11 – and nothing really measures up. But the longer this war wears on, the more people are likely to know a person or a family directly affected by the death or injury of a loved

Children are more easily affected by images and should be protected from television images, says Conlin. She says to limit kids' exposure to television news. Children exhibited post-traumatic stress syndrome after September 11, having nightmares and anxiety that disrupted their regular activi-

Sanborn principal Stephen Jankauskas agrees kids should be protected from television coverage of the war. He says parents need to monitor what their children are watching on television very closely. "This is a war that's being covered like never before," says Jankauskas. He says parents should limit how much kids watch the news. He also says parents shouldn't alter their children's routine in this potentially stressful

Andover elementary principals say they are not talking about the war in the schools unless a student brings it up and then only to listen to the stu-

Shawsheen principal Moira O'Brien says she is happy to be in an environment where she doesn't have to think about the war. There is no televi-

A protester in front of Old Town Hall last week

sion in her office and she likes it that way.

Like Sanborn's staff. Shawsheen teachers don't bring up the war. If a student were to bring it up. O'Brien says the teachers would listen. But she is happy she doesn't have to talk about the war because she doesn't know what she would "I can't say that everything is going to be all right because it might not be true," says O'Brien.

DOMAINE DU GRAPILLON D'OR

VINTAGE 2000 GIGONDAS

Andover son heads for Iraq

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I'm glued to the set as soon as I come home," she says. "It's good that I know what's going on, but it's bad that I know what's going on.'

During previous wars people waited, knowing less about the specific problems, she says. She looks for support from others, including her friends, knowing the televised images she sees will soon be a reality for her son.

After being a marine in Vietnam, William "Buff" Morris, Michael's father, says the televised battle scenes don't affect him the same way they do his wife. "I've seen it myself firsthand," he says.

Buff Morris says he's proud of his son and concerned for his

He says technology is a twoway street and just as the people in Andover can see the images of war, the troops in the Middle East can see the anti-war demonstrations back home. He believes some could think the protesters aren't supporting

'I don't think it's productive for their morale or their cause," he says

People who have gathered in Andover, calling for an end to military action in Iraq, frequently make a point of saying they support America's troops. Standing by the side of the road in front of Old Town Hall last Thursday, some of them hold hand-made signs asking for peace, for an end to the fighting. Some hold candles, others wear black ribbons tied around their

"We can't solve our problems and create common security through military means," says Don Abbott, holding a sign saying "this war is not just" on one



Former Andover High student Michael Morris and his wife in

side and "choose life" on the other. He says this war is not in the best interest of the American people. "We are using weapons of mass destruction right now."

Ginny Morris says she knows people are protesting in town, but hasn't seen it for herself yet.

"Before the war is one thing, but it serves no purpose now,' she says. "It's like a slap in the face to me.

'We think: support our troops by bringing them home," says Lou Bernieri, another local protester. "We're not demonizing our troops. Most of us have friends and family over there.'

We want to hear from you

The Andover Townsman wants to hear from local military and their families involved in the Iraq war. We're interested in stories about how families are coping on the home front and in hearing from the soldiers about action on the war front. Please contact us at nfater@andovertownsman com or by phone at 978-475-7000, Ext. 8733. Include a phone number where we can reach you. Thank you.

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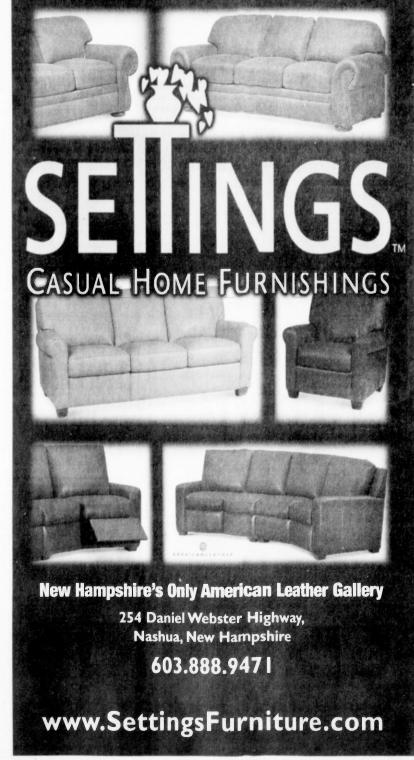
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New sticker shock on budget

Health insurance costs even higher than expected

By Meir Rinde

A \$1.7 million surge in health insurance expenses is the latest budget-busting news in a season of money

The town expects to spend \$6 million on health insurance for its employees this year, 40 percent more than Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski budgeted and Town Meeting approved last year.

Some excess spending was expected. But as recently as the first week of February, when Stapczynski released his proposed budget for next year, the overrun was only

The money will probably

come out of the town's freecash account, which will be further drained by \$450,000 in higher-than-expected special-education costs, and by excess snow-plowing and road-salting expenses.

Officials will ask residents to approve the extra spending at Town Meeting April 28 and 29.

"We don't have much choice, because these are bills we have to pay by July 1." Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne F. Marden said yesterday.

To soften the blow, the state will provide \$1.6 million in so-called transitional assistance designed to help towns suffering big cuts in state money. But that money should not be spent all at once, Selectman Brian Major said.

"It's a non-reoccurring, one-time payment," Major said. "In 2005 that's not going to be there. If we pay operating expenses with that money, and it's not here the next year, how are we going to pay for the expenses then?"

One option is to sock away the assistance money and spend it over the next two or three years, when the state's economic problems threaten to put the town even more deeply in the red, he said. The health-insurance jump dwarfs increases of recent years.

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On guard since September 11



Stephen Fields went from keeping track of school employees to keeping tabs on Air National Guardsmen.

tember 11, 2001. His assignment - to keep track of a few good men (and women).

As the sole human resources administrator for the 101st Security Forces Squadron in Bangor, Maine, Fields says his job is not very different from the work he did for Andover. "I keep track of squadron personnel. he says.

Except that as a member of a security have been married for six years. force he also has to protect the base from threats, something Andover's HR department didn't require him to do. Sometimes, Fields checks the perimeter fence, other times he is given a plane to watch over.

Asked which work is preferable, Fields says, "That's a tough question to answer. I enjoyed working for the town."

Fields' base refuels the air force's "flying gas stations," the KC135Es, which refuel

other aircraft in the air. Fields couldn't say if Andover schools' human-resources these planes were involved in fighting overworker and Air National Guardsman seas, but he says his base has been a busy Stephen Fields was called into duty on Sep- place in the year and a half he's been there.

"We're just as busy as Pease or Hanscom (was)," he says.

Fields has gotten 36-48 hours of leave time a month since September, 2001. "I try to get more time off, but it usually doesn't happen," he says. He says he and his wife Beth discussed the possibility of his being called up when they were dating, but the separation has been tough. They

Fields' squadron numbers more than 100 people, and he says they were all called up together. "It's like a great big family - an extended family," he says.

Fields expects to finish his duty by Sept. 30 this year. He says the military could keep him longer or send him home sooner. His message to Andover: "Thank you for the continued support and God bless all the service men who are doing their jobs

Shawsheen magnet not attracting

Principal: Enrollment low, parents worried school might not be open in future

Talk of closing the Shawsheen School has hurt enrollments, says principal Moira O'Brien. There are at least 10 spaces open in the grade one class and in half-day kinder-

"At least 10 people we knew didn't register because they thought the school might close," she says.

Suggestions of closing Shawsheen to save money came up at parent budget forums this winter. There were also suggestions of using the building to house all-day kindergarten, special-

school administration to the building. This has Shawsheen's potential parents jittery and has even kept some parents from enrolling, says O'Brien.

School Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood said this week there has never been a formal discussion about closing or reconfiguring Shawsheen.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's open," said Girdwood.

But parents are still concerned, says O'Brien, and the low turnout has teachers worried about their future. She is worried for them herself. "Do I tell

education programs or to move these wonderful people to go announced to parents gathered looking for jobs?" she says.

Superintendent Claudia Bach responded to questions this week about the school's future with an e-mail that suggested Shawsheen would be open.

"The School Committee has never indicated they had any plans to have fewer than 10 schools next year," said Bach in an e-mail to the *Townsman*. job security. Tuesday night, after the election, she also said that the new School Committee members school should be discussed. might alter the committee's

stance on the matter. January.

at Shawsheen's open house that Bach guaranteed her in writing that the school would be open in the coming school year.

But O'Brien said this week that Bach's e-mail response was not the reassurance that parents needed to enroll their children at Shawsheen, O'Brien said it

Candidate-elect Tony James said the idea of closing the

Fellow election winner Art Barber says he is against closing O'Brien the K-2 school.

Guest column

March: Breathing a sigh at winter's last gasp

By Don McCandless 20 Ravens Bluff

Written last week, before the warmer

One grande latte and an everything bagel into a Sunday's daylight and I've already scanned three newspapers, settled on and begun a Julia Child's recipe, and done my good deed for the day - letting the wife take my car for the morning. Of course, she's working, if you can call singing work, so it was the least I could do to assuage my guilt

at having the whole morning to myself. Aside from all that, the time has been taken up with a silent celebration of the girl's varsity basketball team's winning the state championship and the ardent willing of spring to arrive, if not early, at least on time for once. Is it me, or had the entire town taken on the dour look of, if not cabin fever, the winter blahs?

We have definitely had one of the most miserable winters on record. For starters, we personally are on our third snow plower this year. The first, who also used to do our lawn, went out of business. The second one plowed us out twice and then disappeared,

never to answer his telephone again. The third is still with us, barely, but only seems to like to plow after every other storm.

Other signs that this winter has been worse have been numerous. After living next to "Deer Jump Reservation" for years but never having seen a single deer, we've had multiple sightings of up to seven deer at a time this year. The excitement they generated was somewhat spoiled, however, by their behavior, seeing as how it will take at least half a growing season to replace the healthy bites they took out of the rhododen-

We have also seen the usual fox and wild turkeys, although there are many fewer turkeys than in years past. But the most exciting and scary sighting was that of a lone coyote that came loping by nonchalantly just a couple of weeks ago. From the safety of the house it was a beautiful creature to behold, with its bushy tail and lustrous mixed coat of white, black and brown. Plus, it had just the hint of a swagger to its gait that induced a little awe along with some trepidation. We were just as happy to see it keep going in the general direction of

The pickings must be mighty slim to roust these creatures out of their usual haunts and into our backvard.

As the saving goes, however, one should watch what one wishes for because you might just get it. Although the loss of the last hubcap on the snow tires is an indication that the winter has gone on too long, the list of required activities once the glacier has receded from the lawn is slightly daunting. Soon after the "wearing of the green" on the feast of St. Patrick follows the "fretting over the green" that comes with spring.

First, there's spreading the crabgrass retardant on that patch of lawn that, without benefit of the weeds, may have no green at all. Then there's selecting and planting of upwards of a dozen new specimens to fill in that garden expansion undertaken with such abandon, and utter lack of concern for the work it was creating, in the fall. The list

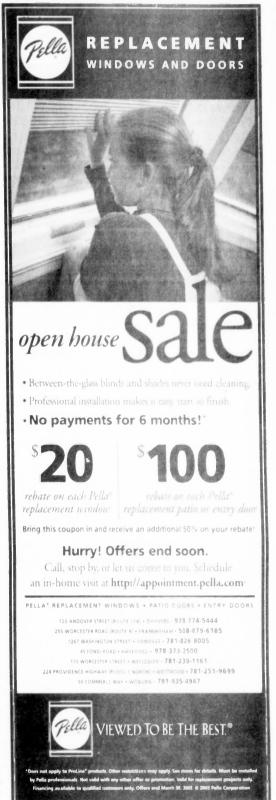
So perhaps we'll just sit back, have a cup of tea, and enjoy the last gasp of winter by taking a nap by the fire. We can always wish for spring another day. I have a feeling it will be a long time coming no matter what incantations we may try

Your Dental Health

by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.



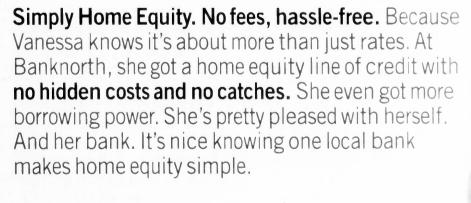
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Opinion

Blame game

BLAME THE MEDIA. Blame your parents. Blame the fast-food restaurants. Whatever you do, don't accept any responsibility. Those are the unfortunate tactics our society has become accustomed to, frequently from people who want to distract the public from the real issues.

So it wasn't too surprising to see a letter last week from School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood blaming this newspaper for disagreement among Andover leaders, saying it was trying to drive a wedge between school and town officials. She charged the paper was trying to create a misleading appearance that officials aren't working together enough. "Let's not let the Townsman come between us," she wrote.

Never mind that in tough budget years, officials are going to disagree honestly over the best way to divide tax revenues, and people should know about these disagreements. Never mind that during the same week Girdwood made her charges, School Committee members themselves couldn't agree on a budget for their own department. It's the newspaper's fault people might think officials aren't all on the same page.

Girdwood was upset with the paper's continued coverage of the superintendent's furlough idea school employees not working or getting paid for two days. The selectmen chairman and a School Committee member both said they didn't know the superintendent had tied her school-employee furlough idea to town employees agreeing to a similar furlough until after she pulled the idea from the table. Because a town and school furlough would save Andover more than \$400,0000 - a number not known until the Townsman article - this was a story worth covering.

Girdwood is an official who devotes a good deal of time to understanding the intricacies of Andover government and its budget. But she is also one of several Andover officials who prefers shielding disagreements from the public eye. Some officials believe it's better to keep arguments behind closed doors, and to project a facade of homogeneity whenever possible. In truth, they'd be better served if they devoted less time to passionately bottling up any whiff of discord and more time to continuing the difficult work of running the town.

Last week Girdwood was also unhappy with fellow School Committee member Gerry Gustus. Why? Gustus dared to suggest the superintendent's positive evaluation didn't reflect some of his statements. He said the community should know the superintendent had been told of areas where she could improve.

Girdwood labeled his tame statement "a minority report" and called it "totally unnecessary." But officials expressing their opinions - opinions that may clash with other people's – is necessary.

Democracy isn't always pretty. People are going to disagree. Newspapers are going to report on the differences of opinion. That way, the public knows what the people it elects believe, and what the people it pays to run the town want to see happen. That way, the public can decide whom it supports, who deserves to be elected, whose policies it will support at Town Meeting.

There's nothing wrong with people disagreeing It's a by-product of a healthy democracy in action. And this newspaper will continue to report on differing views. It will also report when officials say they weren't fully informed about issues such as the furlough. That's its job.

LETTERS POLICY

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A golden retriever in the Shawsheen Plaza parking lot looks sleepy as it waits for its owner.

LETTERS

Music teachers. not just tech, shape education

Editor, Townsman.

The All-Bands Night performance held Wednesday evening, March 12 at the Collins Center was superb. The hard work, dedication, and most of all enthusiasm of teachers Allan Minkkinen and Joseph Wright, and all the students and others involved that make these concerts possible, deserve accolades from the community

When the retirement of Minkkinen was announced, I found it hard to applaud not because I didn't think he deserved a great retirement, but because I'm sad to see him leave our school community.

The magnificent display of so many levels of talented student musicians and instructors is a complement to our schools. Communication lately is frequently limited to discussing the problematic budget issues and cuts. Sometimes, it is important to look at where we are now and to apply merit to what is done well and accomplished.

Learning and understanding music and instruments, like learning to speak foreign languages, or developing athletic, math, social studies and language-arts skills, takes time and many small steps to achieve talent. The newest technology alone does not guarantee a wholesome and well-rounded approach to developing and maintaining thinking, caring, and dedicated students and staff. A positive "can do" attitude, patience, dedication, and creativity for teaching the arts, are incontestable characteristics exemplified by the dedicated music instructors.

The positive impact from this dedication will walk with the town's youth well into their adult lives. The band instructors deserve recognition and our sincere gratitude for their ability to forge ahead and motivate so many students. The students and their families should also be proud of their beautiful achievement.

> Debra Saba 6 Spruce Circle

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10.000

The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

In-law apartments would ruin old neighborhoods

Editor, Townsman:

I read with alarm last week's article regarding what is commonly called "in-law" apartments and a move afoot for the next Town Meeting to consider changing zoning regulations to allow them to continue as legal, income-producing apartments when the person for whom the apartment was originally established no longer lives there. My caution to voters is the old saving "be careful what you wish for, because you might get it."

The goal of affordable housing and responsibility to our elderly parents must not obscure the history of the creation of such living units. The intent is lofty; but they frequently come back to bite you later. Historic districts like Shawsheen, where I live, and the smaller lot, in-town

and constructed for the modern world's automobile parking needs. We left an older neighborhood in Stoneham 18 years ago because our neighborhood had lost complete control of such apartments. Front lawns were regularly paved, sidewalks parked on, or front lawns were used for excess parking with the obvious mess that creates in the mud season. That's all to say nothing of the deterioration of the streetscape of what was, at one time, a beautiful old neighborhood. It is different when the in-law unit is later occupied by a renter. The elderly relatives did not have cars, or if they did, it was the same family so cars were jockeyed around as needed. This is an expensive town to live in and a rental until will most neighborhoods were never sited two people, both needing sepa-

rate parking from the owner. Where does this get sited? I like living in older neighborhoods, but do not want to wake up one morning with cars parked on my neighbor's front lawn, or worse, with it paved for parking

The assurance that the property must remain owner-occupied is also not enforceable due to the limited resources of the town to monitor such compliance. Neighbors could be placed in positions of potential conflict, having to inform the town if they are negatively affected by a noncompliant owner

My wife and I regularly walk from Shawsheen to the downtown and we don't have to walk too far to see the future if this zoning issue is weakened. Not far from the intersection of York likely be occupied by at least and Haverhill streets is an old Continued on page 7

State rep: Don't forget Andover's many blessings

There is an uncertain feeling surrounding recent events nationwide and around the world. However, during these times, it is easy to overlook our blessings. Here in Andover, we have many, and they were out in full force last weekend.

On Saturday, March 15, I was pleasantly amazed at how many people were holding signs for their respective School Committee candidates. are big decisions to be made this year and more people are choosing to get involved instead of sitting back and doing nothing. All candidates and their supporters deserve credit for rolling up their sleeves and trying to make a difference.

That night in Worcester, in one of the best high-school basketball games I have ever seen, Andover girls posted a stunning victory. In the crowd were the usual suspects - parents and friends - but remarkably, there was an enormous group without a daughter or sister on the team. They were there to watch a good game, support and cheer for the local team.

What impressed me the most was this team's strong character and the fact that they refused to

The next day I went over to Lawrence for the

St. Patrick's Day parade. For the first time ever, our own selectmen and town manager marched. While I am sure that all five selectmen have other things to do and knew there were only a handful of people in the crowd from Andover, they were there out of respect and camaraderie with our neighbor, the city of Lawrence. They saw what many of us have been seeing for many years, a vibrant city with people who also care a great deal about their community. I hope next v will follow their lead and watch this great parade; communities like Andover and Lawrence should interact more in many other events. With all the talk about the differences of the two communities, the two were in step on Sunday

We live in trying times, but Andover's townspeople shined very brightly that weekend. We have a remarkable character, in that we recognize Andover's value is greater than the sum of its parts. This is not typical in every community throughout the country. We are fortunate to live somewhere where people want to know their neighbors. We are even more fortunate to live in a place where people care about them.

Barry Finegold Andover state representative

FILE THE THURSDAY

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, 'til it seems as though you could not hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

A good scare is worth more than good advice.

J. W. EAGAN

It is with trifles, and when he is off guard, that a man best reveals his character.

ARTHUR SCHOPENHAUER

A door is what a dog is per-

petually on the wrong side of. OGDEN NASH

The men who succeed are the efficient few. They are the few who have the ambition and will-power to develop themselves.

HERBERT N. CASSON

Man is a rational animal who always loses his temper when called upon to act in accordance with the dictates of reason.

ORSON WELLES

Vigor is contagious, and whatever makes us either think or feel strongly adds to our power and enlarges our field of action.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Know how to listen and you will profit even from those who talk badly.

PLUTARCH

Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.

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Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

I could not at any age be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on.

Best quotation sent

Too often, man handles life as he does bad weather. He whiles away the time while he waits for it to stop.

LETTERS

Further inclusion not answer

Editor, Townsman:

Andover should not attempt inclusion as a way to lower the costs of SPED.

Our nephew Brian (age 8) is autistic and attends the May School in Arlington.

Because of Brian we have gotten to know many families with special-needs kids and many special kids.

The vast majority of the SPED kids that we know cannot learn in a traditional classroom setting. Learning math, or spelling, or science, or history is not the issue. In Brian's case, he needs an intensive, year-round structured environment just to learn basic living skills like speech, taking turns, avoiding compulsive behavior, etc. He did not and will not make progress in a mainstream environment.

On the flip side, the SPED kids are a major distraction in the classroom to other kids. With classroom sizes approaching 25 kids in elementary school, it is difficult enough for kids to get the attention they need to learn.

Inclusion is not fair to them

Andover cannot create a quality program on par with the May School and others. What we need to do is work with other surrounding towns to identify the kids that need special placement and then go to the special schools as a group. Fighting and placing the cases one by one is a waste of time and money for the school and the SPED parents. As a group we can save on tuition and transportation, and possibly save even more if we use our own facilities

Inclusion for Andover on its own will not work.

Steve Root

Funding for vet school efficient use of state cash

Editor, Townsman:

Mitt Romney, Governor; Robert Travaglini, President of the Senate; Thomas Finneran, Speaker of the House:

I am writing to urge you to fully fund the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in the next budget. I run a small animal veterinary practice in Andover and am a 1989 graduate of the Tufts Veterinary School. Were it not for the Tufts Veterinary School, I would have been shut out of a veterinary medical education. Bearing in mind that no veterinary school in the United States has been able to survive without adequate state funding. I fear our students could be shut out again and many small businesses like mine could soon lose access to the important referral services, consultations and pathology services that the Tufts Veterinary School provides.

I also urge you to view this issue from a global perspective. Tufts' state appropriation is not simply a benevolent gesture, but the kind of investment a selfinterested government makes to create new jobs in high-growth industries like biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and public health. Other

states such as California and North Carolina, which also suffer from large budget deficits, provide far more funding for veterinary schools and are quickly challenging the comparative advantage Massachusetts currently enjoys in the biotechnology sector. Consider-ing Tufts Veterinary School receives the lowest level of public support in the country, the partnership between the Commonwealth and Tufts should serve as a model for the efficiencies that can be achieved at a real savings to the taxpayer when public and private institutions work together.

It is also most important to recognize that a veterinary education offers the broadest possible training in the recognition of diseases that can spread from animals to people. Such diseases include rabies, eastern equine encephalitis, West Nile virus and anthrax. Usually such diseases are diagnosed first in animals; animals are considered sentinels of the disease such as Nile in crows. The first person mals, is what it's all about. who accurately diagnosed the mysterious new human encephalitis cases in New York and defined them as West Nile

virus, was a veterinarian. In addition to the diseases the public is now familiar with, there are many others that vets are highly trained to recognize in animals first and alert the public health system about, to protect people, as was done with West Nile virus. Now, with the threat of biological attack, is not the time to decrease the training and diagnostic support of veterinary professionals who serve to protect the state's public health.

On a more sentimental, less sophisticated, but important note, remember how much people love and care about animals. Animals are always an emotionally charged subject and any measure that withdraws support of animals and the institutions like Tufts Vet School that benefit them is bound to be extremely unpopular. Most of us have loved a special animal at one time or another and, ultimately, in addition to all the strong economic and public health consequences of not funding Tufts Vet School, caring for the aniencephalitis in horses and West mals, including the human ani-

> **Amanda Corliss** Hearthside Veterinary House Calls Andover

Honesty still the best policy

Editor, Townsman:

I wanted to take the time to catch someone doing something right." I went to Elizabeth for a facial. I had to remove my jewelry as it gets in their way.

left the salon asking if I had lost est people of Elizabeth Grady! something. I checked and, sure enough, they had my bracelet.

I am not a regular customer

there. So it could have been very easy for someone to keep their precious find. In hard times like we are experiencing today, its Grady in Andover on Saturday nice to know that there are still honest people in this world. I am so incredibly grateful to have Unknowingly, I lost my gold my bracelet back. I am more bracelet while I was there. I got impressed by the call returning phone call a few hours after I it to me. Kudos goes to the hon-

Jill R. Harris 11 Kingston St. North Andover

Laptops versus special education

Editor, Townsman:

I am concerned with recently published comments regarding Andover's pilot laptop classroom program. It has been presented as if the program is fully funded. The laptops are purchased by participating families. Parents with technology backgrounds volunteer their time to support families involved in the program. The total cost to the school system has been estimated to be approximately \$7,000 per year (less than .02 percent of budget), for one part-time technician to handle more extensive issues/repairs. It has been proposed that parents with participating children help cover even that cost, and I have yet to find someone who does not agree with that proposal.

Comparatively, Andover's special-education expenditure is 12.2 million this year. The than 25 percent of our \$46.7 million budget, servicing 14 percent of students. The average cost to pupil. Do I feel these children do not deserve an education? Of course not. But it is perplexing,

Committee member to say increases in special education are not driving the district's ongoing budget problems. We have seen an increase in specialed costs of \$2.5 million in three years, with a projected increase of \$400,000 next year. Meanwhile, the rest of the system is cutting \$2.3 million from physical education, music, health, staff positions, and janitorial positions, and is potentially increasing class sizes. How can anyone consider an increase of that magnitude of no influence?

We should support the creation of a task force, as suggested by a School Committee can didate, to analyze special-education programs and expenditures. There has been an enormous amount of work put into analyzing the school budget this year The special-education programs should be put under scrutiny as well. We should insure that all children receive the services they deserve and are allowed to reach their full potential. In the meantime. I sincerely hope those who would seek to cut the almost entirely self-funded pilot laptop program will reconsider the

Susan L. Lucci

Zoning change could lead to paved front yards

IN-LAW APARTMENTS

Continued from page 6 Shawsheen home where cars regularly populate the front lawn as the people living there have no practical alternative. We regularly walk around cars on the sidewalks of High Street, as there is a property where the entire front lawn is paved but it is

still not adequate for the tenants. Under existing zoning, additions can be added to properties

include an elderly parent in a property values to be borne by household. If the desire is to have them live near but not with never see a rent check, but will you, then if you construct a separated living unit with a kitchen. it is clear up front to people such as the article's Greenwood Road residents that upon the end of the need for the unit, it must go. Such units are not back-door methods to change single-family

to accommodate the desire to with the burden of decreasing the adjoining neighbors who will see a deterioration in the streetscape of the neighborhood they invested in. The future of such a property if zoning is changed is to be investor-owned but not occupied, regardless of

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ARRESTS

Thursday, March 20 - At 6:10 p.m., Bryan Buck, 24, of 357 Pelham St., Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle after his license was revoked for a drunk-driving con-

Friday, March 21 - At 2:21 a.m., Jennifer Lougee, 28, of 128 Warren St, Lowell, was arrested on River Road and charged with a marked lanes violation and drunk driving.

Sunday, March 23 - At 3:22 a.m., Kelley James, 21, of 1 Janice Road, Billerica, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged a

second offense of drunk driving. Monday, March 24 – At 8:27 a.m., Thomas Tricca III, 31, of 317 Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving without an inspection sticker and driving with a suspended license

a shipment of laptop computers

arrived eight machines short. Thursday, March 20 - At 9:21 a.m., a Dundee Park business reported someone sliced into the company's phone line.

Monday, March 24 - At 11:20 a.m., a Whittier Street resident reported numerous items stolen from his house

At 1:13 p.m. a resident called to say her daughter's cell phone was stolen from her daughter at

Tuesday, March 25 - At 10 a.m., a woman reported her wallet was stolen from her car at a North Main Street address.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 20 - At 11:17 a.m., a resident reported her car stolen while at Dunkin' Donuts for five minutes. She had parked the car further down the street and forgot where she parked it

Monday, March 24 - At 6:13 Wednesday, March 19 - At a.m., an Andover Country Club

4:16 p.m., Hewlitt Packard said employee reported someone got into one of their dump trucks and caused damage to the yard.

At 4:12 p.m., a resident reported that an 18-year-old male ripped an anti-war sign from his van and then threatened

Tuesday, March 25 - At 2:40 p.m., the state Department of Social Services took custody of an Andover child.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, March 22 - At 3:28 a.m., a person was injured when their car crashed into a telephone pole on Central Street. The car rolled over and wires were knocked down.

Tuesday, March 25 - At 2:33 p.m., a car was booted for having 11 parking tickets and owing the town of Andover \$225.

VANDALISM

There were five cases of vandalism reported this week.

- Compiled by Ben Hellman

Message from the chief of police

The Andover police department has distributed the following information to all employees, and to citizens who inquire about the issue of terrorism:

As you are too aware, we are facing challenging and uncertain times with the onset of war in Iraq. The threat of retaliation against our country as a result of this action is obviously a possibility. It is imperative that we all join together, share information and remain vigilant to protect ourselves from any future threats.

As our town and nation's concern about terrorism intensifies it is important that we educate ourselves so that we are able to respond effectively and appropriately in the event of an emergency. While we must remain aware of the serious threat that terrorism presents to us we must not allow that potential threat to consume us in our daily routines. While events of the recent past remind us of our vulnerability in a free society it is that very freedom that terrorists utilize to carry out their missions

Following some simple

guidelines will help keep you, your family and our community as safe as possible during these uncertain times

· Assemble an emergency supply kit as you would prepare for a winter storm.

· Develop a family/neighbor communication plan. In the event of a major emergency. where do you meet? Especially if telecommunications are not

· Learn more about different types of emergencies you could face and how to prepare by logging onto www.read.gov, or call 1-800-BE-READY for printed information

If you find yourself in a situation where you feel threatened or there is a potential for your safety to be compromised you should:

· Move to a safe location, protect yourself.

· Contact emergency personnel to report:

Who (is causing threat)? What (actions are causing the

When (is this happening)? Where (at what location)?

How (what means are being

It is important for you to know your surroundings. Take a moment and look at exits when you enter a facility. During your daily routine, look for things or people that might be out of the ordinary. Report suspicious activity or packages to the police.

It is important to take what you hear seriously and report anything out of the ordinary to the police.

If you are notified or become aware of a technological hazard such as a chemical, biological or radiological emergency, Do Not Panic! The best defense from any emergency is education awareness and following direction from emergency responders

In conclusion, we know that threats to our way of life are very real; however we cannot let fear overtake us. We must remain vigilant and work with each other to successfully manage in times of crisis. Doing so will allow us to keep our community and each other safe from

Brian J. Pattullo Andover Chief of Police

Town Meeting Selectmen vote on articles

Selectmen are recommending approval for the majority of warrant articles residents will see at 2003 Town Meeting, including spending \$4,480,000 to improve the water treatment plant.

Selectmen voted 4-0, with an ill Brian Major absent, to approve Article 20, to upgrade the ozone purification system at the water treatment plant.

The selectmen couldn't agree on whether the town should spend \$9,000 on Fourth of July fireworks, or another \$19,500 on the elderly and disabled; winter holiday lights for the downtown area. Votes on both articles stalled, 2-2.

"I just feel that, in this budget year, I have a hard time supporting this," said Mary Lyman, of the fireworks money

"This is \$9,000 that can go somewhere else if we need it,

said Chairman Ray Hender. "I'm in the same place I was last year on this."

Selectmen voted to disapprove a private article that would have changed the zoning at 173 High St. to allow the owner to convert the single-family home into apartments

Recommended

Among the articles selectmen unanimously voted to recommend approval of were:

• Article 12 for \$25,000 for the transportation program for

 Article 18 for \$80,000 to go toward water-storage-tank rehabilitation; and

· articles that will allow people with attached dwelling units to rent the units once the relatives the units were built for no longer lives in them

- Andrea Gregory

AHS war reaction

Senior class president Jeff Smidt stood in stark contrast to 40 of his fellow students protesting the war Tuesday at Andover High School.

Smidt, dressed in a khaki shirt and army green pants, stood at attention by the school's flag, which he raises and lowers every day at the high school.

"I see so much in the news right now that goes against the war. The protesters are getting more attention even though support for the war is a view more widely held. Right now, it's time to support our troops and put politics aside," said Smidt.

He said he respected the war protesters, whom he said had as much a right to protest as he did.

The other students stood in a circle in front of the school for a brief peace rally and vigil

Amy Stewart, 17, read a 'pledge of resistance.'

"We believe, that as people living in the United States, it is our responsibility to resist the injustices done by our government in our names,' said Stewart.



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Townspeople

Skipping out after two terms

Outgoing School Committee member Frank "Skip" Eccles presided over his final meeting last Tuesday.

Eccles, a two-term committee member who volunteers at the Lawrence Public Schools and for Habitat for Humanity, said he didn't expect the free time to last for long. "History suggests I'll find something to do," he said.

When he announced his intention not to run for reelection, Eccles, who turns 78 this year, said he didn't think it was wise to make a multi-year commitment

Eccles was congratulated by fellow committee members and by Superintendent Claudia Bach.

- Ben Hellman

Condo shoppers need about \$300K for Coachman's Ridge

The first homes at Coachman's Ridge - Andover's newest condominium development - should be finished sometime this year and available at prices starting in the high \$200,000s

Coachman Ridge is located on Haverhill Street, across the street from the YMCA.

Melissa Kimball, sales manager for the development, dropped a note this week to say plans call for the first 27unit building in the development to be ready by the end of

Brochures on the condos are not yet complete, she says, but she hopes the brochures will be ready by the end of

Eighty condos will be built in three buildings

Twenty of them will be deemed affordable. Most will be two-bedroom, two-bath units, while 24 of them will be onebedroom, one-bath units. All units get two parking spaces.

The state's preference law mandates that some of those affordable condos will be reserved for residents, relatives of residents, town employees and Andover natives looking to

America's home – for long haul

Andover called itself the "home of America" throughout its 350th anniversary in 1996. Now it could adopt the slogan long-term.

Expect a vote after Town Meeting where the selectmen will have the opportunity to approve "Home of America" as the official slogan of Andover.

Historians say the song America was written in town by Rev. Samuel Francis Smith.

"It's something we really need to address this year," says Selectman Brian Major, adding he takes great pride in the

The idea has come up before, but he says this is the year for action and he guesses things will start rolling in May or

Major credits Jim Doherty for the idea, calling him the "champion behind this concept."

Major says someday this slogan could be on town letterhead and stationary, but for the time being a logo with the saying would probably be used on the town Web site and printouts. Details are far from being worked out, but he assures adopting these three little words won't financially burden the town, such as through the need to buy all new office supplies.

- Andrea Gregory

Rock for a Cause

People won't soon forget the tragic fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., when 99 lives were lost and other lives were changed forever when the rock group Great White performed last month and set off pyrotechnics on stage. Because victims and many families are still in need of support and medical care, Merrimack College junior Alexander Chute of Lawrence has organized a benefit rock concert to raise funds and to show that people care. Nine area rock bands - Mappari, Labb, Decadence, Missing Joe, The Mobius Band, Chauncey, Drop Out, Averi, and No Ones Kind – are volunteering their time and talent to perform in the Sakowich Campus Center at Merrimack College next Friday, April 4 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

All proceeds will go to the Station Nightclub Fire Relief Fund, care of the United Way of Rhode Island. Order tickets (\$15 and \$20) at 978-837-5388

TOWN TALK Local teen's direction is Hollywood

Matt McDermitt wins video competition – again

By Judy Wakefield

wood an collection.

McDermi N ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE aspiring to be a Hollywood director has added another video award to his growing

Matt McDermitt was named a winner at Merrimack College's Tambakos Video Competition. He won first prize in the "best short" category. His video, entitled The Underground, is a 59-minute film about a ring of young thieves who attempt to steal an expensive painting. It's described as a serious drama with a suspenseful and surprising ending.

Matt's sister, Abby McDermitt, is featured in the film along with his brother, Dan McDermitt. He said he spent about two years making the video and it took hundreds of hours of filming.

Matt, son of Maryellen and David McDermitt of Balmoral Street. won \$400 for his effort. He said his film-making days started when he was about 6 years old

and he's been fascinated with the art ever since. "This competition is really helping me work toward my goal of

becoming a Hollywood director," he said. "I was very happy to win and am grateful to Merrimack for providing this opportunity

This year marked the college's third-annual Tambakos competition, which is held in honor of Demosthenes "Peter" Tambakos, a 1974 graduate. Tambakos was an aspiring screenwriter when he died a few years ago. His untimely death prompted his friend, playwright and actor George Furth of Hollywood, to establish a fund at Merrimack to pay for the annual film festival. Furth is a member of the Motion Picture Academv and has received two Tony Awards.

About 50 entries were received in this year's contest, mostly from college students around the country.

Winning this from among nearly 50 entries submitted by college students is a real tribute to his dedication and commitment," said Matt's father, David McDermitt.

This marked the second time around for Matt, as he also won the competition two years ago. He plans to submit yet another entry in next year's competition. In fact, filming has already begun on next year's

Matt thinks it's great that the event attracts more attention every year. hope the competition is even greater next March," he said. Robert Arnold, associate professor of film at Boston University,

served as guest speaker at the screening of the eight films that won awards, including Matt's. The screening was held earlier this month.



After hundreds of hours of filming, Matt McDermitt of Balmoral Street won Merrimack College's Tambakos Video Competition for



Betsy Williams of Chestnut Street offers Marvelous Mustard. Gourmet Serendipity Sauce, Pleasurable Pestos and Heavenly Herbal Wines in her new cookbook, Mrs. Thrift's Cupboard.

Mrs. Thrift comes to town, cookbook-style

TELL-KNOWN ANDOVER HERBALIST Betsy Williams has just published a new mini cookbook featuring a lovable, fictional character appropriately named Mrs. Thrift.

Mrs. Thrift offers recipes that use all those refrigerator leftovers for unique treats with names like outrageous relish and mixed-up-fruit refrigerator

Williams describes her new cookbook, called Mrs. Thrift's Cupboard, as "fun, informative and easy to use." The featured recipes can be given as gifts or can be used to enhance simple meals, she said.

of growing, selling, decorating trated the cookbook and teaching about herbs, and

Mrs. Thrift merrily at work Williams is a trained florist depicted by the author's huswho specializes in the business band, Ned Williams, who illus-

how herbs can be a part of people's lives. She is particularly well known around town for her fresh and dried floral arrangements for weddings and private home

In the book, Mrs. Thrift insists there are many opportunities for those refrigerator goodies (that haven't gone bad) - and also offers tips on how herb-flavored treats, such as rosemary walnuts and garlic wine, can spice up ordinary meals

The paperback book, Mrs. Thrift's Cupboard, is available at the Andover Bookstore for \$4.95

Arrival of spring keeping Andover Garden Club members busy



Marisa McCoy demonstrates to Andover Garden Club members creative ways to decorate tables with flow-

Numerous projects include New England Spring Flower Show The Andover Garden Club's April 1 chusetts and is chairman of the flower

ning gardener who will share the latest Cloister Garden. on ornamental-grass varieties and discuss how grasses can enhance Andover-area

The horticulture program, open to both members and nonmembers, will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., on Tuesday, April

1. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and run for approximately two hours. The nonmember admission fee of \$5 includes coffee, tea and refreshments.

Decorating, with flowers

The club's March membership meeting featured Marissa McCoy, an awardwinning floral designer who demonstrated different ways to decorate tables with flowers. [Photo at left.] A nationally accredited flower-show judge, McCoy has exhibited floral arrangements at the Museum of Fine Arts and in countless tional. She serves on the executive board

membership meeting will feature Pernell committee for Trinity Church, Boston, Gerver, a horticulturist, lecturer, garden where she was previously head gardener writer, TV personality, and award-win- and consultant in the Trinity Church

New England Spring Flower Show

Attendees of last week's New England Spring Flower Show may have seen the handiwork of several Andover Garden Club members - although many of their efforts were behind the scenes.

Joyce Bakshi, Helga Frazzette and Sharon Ristuccia entered the floraldesign division of the show, where Leslie Frost and Ann Lange served as judges Virginia Lopez Begg judged in the landscape division. [Photo at right.]

In addition to entering a floral arrangement in the design competition. Frazzette served as vice chair of Amateur Competition/Exhibitions for the show As an instructor in the 2003 New England Spring Flower Show Demonstrations, she presented two lectures on flower-arranging mechanics. Finally, she flower shows, from regional to interna- participated in the commercial area of the show, where her company, Country of the Garden Club Federation of Massa- House Florals, maintained a booth.



Virginia Lopez Begg, shown here delivering a talk at the March Andover Garden Club membership meeting. served as a landscape-design judge in the New England Spring Flower Show.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it volunteers will be back Tuesday, April 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fix-it fellas are happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item that might be in need of repair.

Northeastern University Exercise Study: We are currently participating in a research study with Northeastern University on the beneficial effects of exercise. If you are not interested in exercising, but would like to be part of the control group for the study, contact Bernadette at the senior center

Author Janet Stone: On Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m., the senior center will host Janet Stone, author of My Parents and Alzheimer's: A Daughter's Story. A lively storyteller, Stone provides a detailed account of what it is like for a middle-aged married daughter to cope with her parents' illness. The author portrays with humor her resolve to turn tragedy into a vibrant life. Reserve your space by purchasing tickets at the senior center by April 10. Cost is \$5. Respite services may also be arranged by contacting Marion Aziz at the center.

American Artists Slide and Lecture Series: Gershon Weisenberg will offer a four-session art history slide-, lectureand discussion course focusing on American artists Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Georgia O'Keefe and Edward Hopper. Class will meet Monday, March 31 and April 7, 14, and 28 at a cost of \$20. Pre-registration is necessary.

Seasonal Scams Andover: Plan to join us tomorrow, Friday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. when Detective Mark Higginbottom from the Andover Police Department will present an informative program on seasonal scams that seem to hit Andover every spring. There is no charge, and a continental breakfast will be served. Call the center to make a reservation.

Stained Glass Workshop: Sandy Dukeshire from the Essex Art Center will conduct a oneday workshop at the center on Tuesday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to

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of the month.

3 p.m. Cost is \$40, which includes all materials and the instructor's fee. Pre-registration is required.

Elder Hostel Breakfast: The senior center announced that it has become a vendor partner with the Elder Hostel organization. This partnership will allow us to customize Elder Hostel opportunities for senior center attendees. A presentation will be held at the center Friday. April 4 at 9:30 a.m., where information will be available about this year's trips - a theater trip to Toronto and another on exploring the Fundy Trail. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome, but we would appreciate knowing you are coming so we can prepare an appropriate number of materials A continental breakfast will also

Volunteer Appreciation Reception: The senior center will host a volunteer appreciation reception at Old Town Hall next Thursday. April 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. All registered volunteers who have been active this past year are cordially invited to attend. Call your reservation into the center 978-623-8321

Museum Of Fine Arts: Reservations are currently being accepted for our April 9 trip to the "Impressions Of Light" exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts. This exhibit features a selection of more than 80 paintings as well as an additional seventy works on paper by artists such as Monet, Renoir, Degas and their contemporaries. If you appreciate fine art, don't miss this exhibit. Cost of the trip. including transportation, is \$34.

Classical Indian Dance Performance: Tickets are currently on sale for our classical Indian dance performance scheduled for Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at the senior center. Students of Preetha Arun will perform Bharathanatyam, the most famous and popular classical dance of India. Cost is \$3 for the performance and the following

Blood Sugar and Cholesterol Screening: The Andover Health Department will sponsor a health screening at the senior center Thursday, April 10 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tests will measure total cholesterol and highdensity lipoprotein (HDL).

PHOTO DEADLINE

April 18 May 23

June 20 July 25

Aug. 22

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS

BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the Townsman free.

They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of

the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having an April 2003 first birthday will be published in the April 24

issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 18.

Similarly, first birthday photos older than the current month

also will not be published. Births are printed the first Thursday

Photos received after the deadline will not be published.

SUPPORTING THE CAUSE



Charlotte Purcell, Megan Richards and Lauren Barwick are making signs for an April 26 community yard sale to benefit the Committee to Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ), which has an appeal pending in Superior Court to oppose the density of the proposed Avaion at St. Clare development on River Road. A "donation event' will be held Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 115 Bailey Road. Volunteers will help unload donations, which should be clean and in good condition (no large appliances). Call Maddy St. Amand at 978-685-2441 for other arrangements. Unsold items will be donated to Lazarus House. Equipment and volunteers are still needed for this event. To volunteer, call Lori Mattheiss at 978-686-8625.

'Sermon on the Mount' one-man performance Monday at St. Robert's

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish will present Frank Runyeon in a one-man production on "The Sermon on the Mount" on Monday, March 31, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church, followed by a discussion on "Faith vs. Hollywood."

"This event promises to be an engaging and thought provoking experience for all," organizers said. "Originally schedule to take place in February, we feel very fortunate to have been able to re-schedule for March 31."

According to organizers, few parts of the Bible are as famous as the Sermon on the Mount. "It includes the Lord's Prayer, the Golden Rule... but did you know: it also includes a story? It is a story that is brought to life in this spellbinding performance of the Sermon on the Mount."

The performance will be followed by a half hour in which Runyeon discusses, with humor, the very different values the media teaches, and the choices people face daily as Americans and people of faith.

Runyeon has performed Biblical texts for tens of thousands of people in almost every state in America. He is probably still best known, however, from his many years on television where he starred opposite Meg Ryan on As the World Turns, won two Emmys as a cast member of Santa Barbara and guest-starred on several other popular television programs. Runyeon is an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church is located at 198 Haggetts Pond Road. The presentation is free and open to the public.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Alexandra



Francesca



Cameron



Timothy Ryan Lynch

Alexandra Ardini and Francesca Ardini recently celebrated their first birthday. They are the children of John and Kristin Ardini of Messinia Drive. Grandparents are Vincent and Maureen Olivero of Melrose and Rosaline Ardini of Danvers Alexandra and Francesca enjoy playing with each other and their big sister, Olivia, 3 and cousins, Carter and Nolan. Alexandra especially likes climbing the staircase to the second floor and going for a ride in her cozy coupe. Francesca especially likes playing her musical saxophone and running in and out of her pop-up Princess Castle.

Cameron Bulens, son of Lynne Capozzi and Don Bulens of Iron Gate Drive, turned 1 on March 5. Grandparents are Ona and Dave Magee of Tewksbury and Don and Arlene Bulens of Ossipee N.H. Cameron enjoys climbing, playing peek-a-boo, and playing trucks with his 2 year-old brother, Cooper.

Timothy Ryan Lynch, son of Ryan and Amy Lynch of Andover, celebrated his first birthday March 19. Timothy enjoys spending time with his grandparents Hap and Sue Redgate of West Newbury, and Bette Lynch and Kevin Lynch, both of Andover, Timothy is an energetic little boy and loves to play ball and run



Aurora Elizabeth Levesque Aurora Elizabeth Levesque,

are Charles and Annette Chase of Methuen.



Hannah Elizabeth



Robert Thomas



Kailyn Elizabeth

daughter of Heidi and Keith Levesque of Methuen, celebrates her first birthday today. March 27. Aurora enjoys reading picture books while listening to classical music. She spend most of her time chumming her cat, Alaska. At age 1, she has learned to take the time "to stop and smell the roses." Grandparents are Brian and Phyllis Winters of Andover. Great-grandparents

Hannah Elizabeth Rose turned 1 on March 24. She is the daughter of Christopher and Sarah (Reddish) Rose of Andover. Grandparents are Robert and Betsey Reddish of Andover, Elizabeth Rose of Stoneham and the late Norman Rose. Hannah loves to read her books and play with her school bus. She loves to play with her Aunt Leslie and squeals when she sees her cat Whiskers.

Robbie Peachey celebrated his first birthday March 3. He is the son of Jennifer Evans of Middleton, Grandparents are David and Paula Evans; Paula is the manager of Danvers Savings Bank's Andover branch on Central Street.

Kailyn Elizabeth Nixon recently celebrated her first birthday. Her parents are Robert and Alison (Phleger) Nixon of Grafton, Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Phleger of Andover and Mr. and Mrs John J. Nixon of Canton. Kailyn loves to play with brothers, Brendan, 6, and Jason, 3.

APRIL FIRST BIRTHDAY PHOTOS & WRITE-UPS ARE DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 5 P.M.

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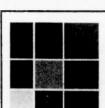
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OBITUARIES

Charles Greely Loring

Had long career with Cabot Corp.

Charles Greely "Charlie" Loring, 76, of Andover, died Thursday, March 20, at home from complications associated with pancreatic cancer. Born in



Charlie

Boston, he his split between Concord and his grandfa-N.H. Family members said it was

Loring on the frozen ponds and rivers of Concord and the snowcovered mountains in New Hampshire that Mr. Loring acquired a life-long enthusiasm for skiing and hockey. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University

World War II. After spending a year at Brasenose College, Oxford University, where he skied the Alps and played collegiate hockey, Mr. Loring began a 42-year association with Cabot Corp. in

graduating with the class of

1948 after Army service during

Boston. He retired in 1992. His Cabot career began with an apprenticeship at their carbon black plants in Pampa, Texas. Returning to Boston, he held various positions in sales and joint ventures including job assignments in Iran, Brazil, China and Slovakia.

In addition, he was director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in the mid-1960s and was very involved in that decade's Civil Rights movement, taking his sons on the march to Washington in August 1963.

Family members said he enjoyed current events and issues by conscientiously reading newspapers and watching television news. He voted in every election and never missed Town Meeting.

He was a quiet man who radiated extraordinary patience, selflessness and kindness, they

Members of his family include his wife, Priscilla Krey Loring; daughter, Elisabeth "Lily" K. Loring of Baltimore, Md.; son, Peter K. Loring of Andover; former wife, Victoria H. Loring of Concord; sons, Stephen Loring and wife, Joan Gero of Washington, D.C., and David H. Loring and wife, Kathy (VanForst) Loring: daughter, Katharine P. Loring Amador of Cave Creek, Ariz. sisters, Alice Page Pickman and husband, Anthony Pickman of Lincoln and Katharine Hadden of Tamworth, N.H. and several grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Committee for A Better Chance, P.O.

OBITUARIES

The Townsman will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived when he or she died and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

the Andover Hockey Associa- Fairhaven. tion, P.O. Box 323, Andover.

Arrangements will be made Wilmington. At the family's request, there are no calling Andover.

A memorial service and reception will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover, at 2 p.m.

hildhood Herbert J. O'Brien

ther's home Airport logistics in Chocorua, manager was longtime resident

> Herbert J. "Herb" O'Brien, 56, of Methuen and formerly of Andover, died Friday, March 21 at the Lahey Clinic, Burlington.

Mr. O'Brien was born and raised in Lawrence. He graduated from Lawrence High School in 1965. He attended Merrimack College and Lesley University in Cambridge, graduating with a bachelor of science in business administration

He worked as a systems analyst and computer consultant at Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford. Recently he worked as an airport logistics manager.

He lived in Andover for many years before moving to Methuen six years ago.

He served two tours of duty 100 Years Ago - 1903 in Vietnam as a sergeant in the

Members of his family include his wife, Pauline M. (Dufour) O'Brien of Methuen; daughters, Melissa L. O'Brien and Sarah L. O'Brien, both of Methuen; brothers, Richard G. O'Brien of Andover and William E. O'Brien of Hampton, N.H.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and greatnephews

be made to The Lahey Clinic, Oncology Department, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805.

Arrangements were by the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Robert C. Devanna

Was a courier for Cabot Corp.

Robert Charles "Bob" Devanna, 67, of Andover, died Thursday, March 20 at Union Hospital in Lynn.

He was a courier for Cabot Corp. and a driver for special needs children in North Read-

He was born and educated in

Mr. Devanna served in the Army during the Korean conflict. He was also a member of the Air National Guard

American Club in Malden.

Members of his fam include his wife, Kathleen contest between Thaxter Eaton brothers, Edward Devanna of Everett, Richard Devanna of Athol and Barry Devanna of New Hampshire; sisters, Sandra Hoyle and Nancy Adams; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Cota the ensuing year. Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading.

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Inez D. (Lewin) Jenkins, 75, of Mattapoisett and formerly of Andover, died Thursday, March

Box 212, Andover, 01810; or to 20 at the Our Lady Haven in

She was an executive secretary at AVCO in Wilmington. Nichols Funeral Home, She was also a legal secretary at Sherman, Tavenner & Craig in

She graduated from the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston.

Mrs. Jenkins was a member of South Church in Andover and recently Marion Congregational Church, volunteering at the church consignment shop.

Members of her family include her husband of 54 years, Chester T. Jenkins; sons, Roger Jenkins and his wife Susan of Andover, Robert Jenkins and his wife Nancy of Arlington and Maurice S. Stephen Jenkins of Weston; sisters, Ruth Griffin of Portsmouth, N.H., and Patience Langevin of Gulfport, Fla.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late Donna Malley.

Burial was in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Team Donna Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, 10 Brookline Place West. Floor 6, Brookline, MA 02445.

DEATHS

Maurice S. Close, 81 Robert "Bob" Devanna, 67 Augusta M. Ferris, 97 Inez D. Jenkins, 75 Lorraine J. Lorigan, 77 Charles G. Loring, 76 Herbert J. O'Brien, 56 Edward J. Rossetti, 66

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

FERRIS - Augusta "Gussie" M. Ferris, 97, of Lawrence, died Sunday, March 23, She was employed by the American Woolen Co. in Shawsheen and the Raytheon Co. in Andover

LORIGAN - Lorraine J. (Pomer leau) Lorigan, 77, of Haverhill, died Sunday, March 23 at Hannah Duston Healthcare Center She was as a waitress, and most recently worked at India: Ridge Country Club in

ROSSETTI - Edward J. Rossett 66, of North Andover, died Friday, March 21 at Prescott Nursing Center in North Andover, Most recently he worked as a security guard at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy

Close

Practiced law for more than 60 years

Maurice S. Close, 81, a longtime resident of Andover, died Sunday, March 23 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. Close was a past president of Temple Emanuel, Andover, and past president of the Temple Emanuel Brotherhood

He was past president of the Lawrence Bar Association. He was a practicing attorney for 61

years in Lawrence and most recently in Andover.

"He loved the law and he loved people," said his wife, Bernice (Yavner) Close. They were married for 61 years.

In addition to his wife, family members include sons. Richard H. Close and his wife Sally of Sherman Oaks, Calif. and Donald R. Close of Andover; a brother, Samuel Close; a sister, Dorothy Charm, both of Brookline; and three grandchildren.

He was also brother of the late Harry Close.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26.

Burial will be in the Temple Emanuel of Lawrence Cemetery in Andover.

A memorial observance was scheduled for Wednesday. March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. and today, Thursday, March 27 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at his late residence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel. Arrangements were by Levine Chapel, Brookline.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

The fire department was called out on Wednesday afternoon shortly before 2 by an alarm from Box 65, Frye Village Center, to extinguish a brushfire on Corbett Street. There was no occasion for the alarm as the fire, a slight one, threatened no property and should have been attended to by the fire wards. Chief Hardy, who was in the vicinity at the time, so informed the young man who had rung Memorial contributions may the alarm, and threatened to make it warm for him if he rang in an alarm again for such a

> slight cause. The street lighting committee requests of the citizens that they will report the finding of street lights not burning to any of the members of the committee.

> The opening of the new archaeology building at Phillips Academy will be held Saturday, March 28. Owing to the somewhat limited accommodations, invitations will be issued.

President George Harris of Amherst College, formerly of Andover, will preach at the Chapel Church next Sunday.

The sprinkling carts were out

75 Years Ago - 1928

In a Town Meeting marked more than usual by disorder and acrimonious discussion - not to mention vociferous refusal to discuss at all – Andover voters disposed of the 21 articles in the town warrant on Monday after-He was a member of the Irish noon within a three-hour period.

Eaton loses in recount: At the count held Saturday in the 'Kaye" (Murray) Devanna; and Dr. J.J. Daly, selectman and assessor-elect, Mr. Eaton gained two votes on the selectman count and lost six votes on the count for assessor.

The Board of Public Works organized Tuesday evening for

The board received bids on 125 tons of coal for use at the pumping station as follows: Cross Coal Co., \$7.25/gross ton delivered; and Andover Coal Co., \$7.57/gross ton delivered. The contract for the 125 tons was awarded to the Cross Coal

It was voted at the School Committee meeting to excuse the Boy Scouts from school when the emergency call is sounded on the fire alarm.

50 Years Ago - 1953

The School Committee at a special meeting Tuesday night voted on motion of Miss Anna Greeley seconded by C. Carleton Kimball to postpone consideration of the teaching of conversational French in the grade schools until the December meeting. At that time the committee will be making the budget for the following year.

The acquiring of land for a complete new high school with auditorium, gymnasium and athschool committee as an eventual solution of the school housing problem.

The salary increases which the School Committee recently voted not to give to the press are the usual increments granted each year to the teachers who have not yet reached the maximum in their salary schedules.

The board of appeals by a 2to-1 vote has rejected the petition of Guy B. Howe for a motel on the by-pass. In order to have the petition granted the vote mous. Erection of a motel on the northwest corner of Prospect Road and the by-pass drew protests from a large number of remonstrants. Representatives of Phillips Academy and the local

banks favored the petition. More than four and a half

recent storms, which, outside of concern. Hopefully, said Comseveral flooded cellars, did little mitteeman Casimir Kolaski. damage here

25 Years Ago - 1978

- principals, assistant principals, program advisors, pupil personnel administrator, and vocational counselor - will vote Monday whether to continue their affiliation with Teamsters Local 380. The election was mandated by the State Labor Relations Board, upon petition of the eight members of the unit. If they don't continue with the Teamsters, they can't join they will consider fees for fine another union for at least a year, arts and athletics and perhaps though they can hire a professional negotiator to represent them on their own.

After nearly a year of considering the alternatives, the School Committee Tuesday night voted to ask town meeting for planning funds for a \$10 million dual building project: renovation and addition at East Junior letic field facilities is visualized. High, and addition and renovain the annual report of the tion at the Shawsheen Road complex

> The Sacred Heart package appears to be wrapped up, following over a year of planning. developing and meeting legal requirements. Crowninshield Corp., of Peabody, which will develop the Sacred Heart School building into 87 apartment units. has purchased the structure from the Brothers of the Sacred Heart for \$330,000.

had met over the weekend with someone else to love would have had to be unani- the town-manager-to-be. Jared S.A. Clark, and that he and Clark will be meeting regularly

inches of rain fell in the two to discuss matters of mutual such meetings will lay to rest a lot of concern residents have had that the town and schools Andover's 19 administrators don't work together all that well.

10 Years Ago - 1993

Parents who attended the public hearing on the schools budget Tuesday night told the School Committee they'd rather pay fees than lose an instrumental teacher and the four learning specialists in the elementary schools.

Committee members said student parking at the high school. But if \$135,000 can't be found, the music teacher and four learning specialists will have to go. The committee unanimously approved a budget Tuesday that did not include the music teacher or learning specialists.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski told selectmen that Saturday's blizzard cost the town about \$200,000 to clean up. That included, the snow budget is now about "\$500,000 in the red." Stapczynski said

The consensus seems to be that host families and the town of Andover get as much out of the town's A Better Chance Program as do the students. "Having another teenager in the house has been great," said Sally Superintendent Kenneth Gordon, a host parent. "It's just Seifert reported Tuesday that he another person in your life

> - Compiled by Townsman intern Evan Green

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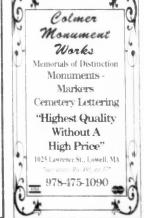
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Education

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Andover resident C. Ryan Buckley was honored with the Service to the Alumni Association Award at the Providence College National Alumni Association Awards Dinner on Friday, Feb. 21 in Providence, R.I. The award was presented in appreciation of his long and distinguished volunteer service to the Alumni Association and the College.

Buckley is a 1966 gradu ate of Providence College and holds advanced degrees in education from Westfield State College and in law from Suffolk University Law School. An attorney since 1976. Buckley has a private law practice.

Active in community affairs, Buckley is a member of the board of directors of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and the former chairman of the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals.

Buckley is a member of the National Alumni Association Board of Governors, and has served as co-chair for the Boston President's Circle Committee for 2001-02 and 2002-03 and as an Alumni Association phonathon vol-

Shannon Callahan-Higgins of Andover has been named to the dean's list at Regis College in Weston for the fall semester.

Callahan-Higgins is a senior, majoring in manage-

Senior, junior, and sophomore members of the dean's list must maintain a 3.5 aver-

Ashley Susan Heller. daughter of Paul and Barbara Heller of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the 2002 fall semester at Elon University in Elon, N.C.

The dean's list is composed of students with no grade below a B and a grade point average of at least 3.40 in a minimum of 12 semester

Heller is a business major

Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., announced its dean's list for the fall semester of 2002

Caitlin Meehan, a member of the class of 2006, was named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Meehan, of Andover, and is a graduate of Andover High School.

Students must earn a minimum of 3.5 grade point average (4.0 scale) to attain dean's list status

Andover resident and Bunker Hill Community College student Christopher Jon Stone, a science major, has been inducted into Alpha Kappa Mu, a chapter of Phi

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Lea Macheras, a fourth-grader at High Plain Elementary, wants to continue her music lessons. Below, her brother Alex, plays chess after school at Wood Hill Middle School



Evan Macheras, a third-grader at High Plain Elementary, saw the fee for his cello lessons set at \$420 per student.

Paying to play

By Ben Hellman

CHOOL LEADERS ARE COUNTING on parents and students to raise \$305,000 next year by paving new and increased fees

An increase in parking fees at the high school should raise \$30,000 more than this year, and more expensive school-lunch items should raise

\$50,000. School bus fees for students in 7-12 are expected to raise \$225,000

But in a town where students already pay to join sports teams, play instruments, participate in after-school clubs and enroll in special academic programs.

Andover public education can already be a pricey proposi-

For Liz Pallotta, junior at Andover High School, it all seems like a good deal. She plays basketball and softball

sity soccer and JV basketball. The cost to the Pallotta family for five high school sports: \$300.

the week, but \$300 is the most a family can be er \$1,800 if they have a kid in Andover's laptop charged for sports. Athletes are charges \$100 per computer program. sport with \$200 being the limit an individual must pay. "I think it's good how it is now. I don't think there's anything wrong with it," she said.

Liz says the down side is that some students may have decided not to come out for teams if they thought they'd spend most of the time on the bench. She didn't know of anyone who stayed away because of fees.

Macheras has paid \$1,880 for her son and daughter to rent instruments and take lessons this year. She decided to have her son Evan switch instruments when she learned it would cost \$700 for bass lessons. He now plays the cello, for \$420.

Macheras says one of the flaws in the current

Current

public school fees

parents pay

All-day kindergarten (one student): \$3,500

Laptop program (one student):

Middle school activity:

Instrument lesson & rental:

High school activity:

Lunch (K-5, 180 days):

Lunch (6-12, 180 days):

High school sports (family limit):

after-school instrumental music program is that money is paid to private instructors in a lump sum at the beginning of the year One of her teachers has missed lessons this year. She hasn't gotten a reimbursement. "You have no control over the missed lessons. It's a pricey way to take music lessons," she said.

Shawsheen mom Susan Russo says \$3,500 for all-day kindergarten is all right with her. "I think it's pretty rea-

sonable and also and swims. Her younger sister, Emily, plays var- worth it," she said. Her son is in all-day kindergarten now. She will send her daughter next year.

\$1,800

\$300

\$75

\$50

\$860

\$270

\$315

The costs can add up for some families. Fami-Pallotta says she and her sister are involved in lies can spend \$1,880 for music, \$3,500 for allome sport or activity after school every day of day kindergarten, \$300 on sports, and also anoth

> Then there are lunch costs and parking or bus fees. Some parents open their wallet for another \$75 so their child can join a middle-school afterschool club, or give \$50 so a student can join an Andover High School club. A large and multifaceted family with a student in each of these situations could pay nearly \$8,000 in additional costs for one year of school.

High marks for Bach

Gustus says committee noted areas of concern

of the evaluation, there was

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made of this in the statement

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has noted these areas, and I

believe that all

of us on the

School Commit-

tee are commit-

ted to ensure

that the town of

Andover is well

served by her

Gustus held

to his comments

this week, say-

ing he believed

it was important

that they were stated. "Every

one of us, in all

office."

UPERINTENDENT CLAUDIA BACH received high marks again in the School Committee's annual evaluation, but a disagreement regarding public disclosure

of improvements should consider highlighted a possible rift over Bach's job performance.

The committee rated Bach in five areas: educational leadership, managerial skills, human relations, communications and personal quali-Chairwoman Tina Gird- our jobs, have improvements

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have been acted

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wood read a summary of the to be made," said Gustus. Girdwood tried to stop Gustus from reading the statement at the open meeting calling it "a minority report.

After Gustus read the statement, Girdwood said, "I think that was totally unnecessary."

Gustus wouldn't comment on the dis-

from those with whom she School Committee candiworks," the statement read. It dates questioned the effectiveness of the



Superintendent Claudia Bach gets high

This seemed to be the marks again. only negative statement in the two-page

evaluation But the statement added, "conflicting interests, lack of resources and considerations of site-based management make such disappointments

inevitable It cited the budget forums as an example of Bach's desire to include the public in

her decision-making process. Member Gerry Gustus said he didn't believe that summary reflected comments he made. He had his own prepared statement to read:

"I think it is equally important to let the community know that in the course

Gerry Gustus: Summary lacked his informaalty and respect agreement. current superintendent evaluation form and

> School Committee candidates Tony James said he was surprised to see that the evaluation lacked "measur-

tifiable goals.' Louis Velazquez called the lead-

able and quan-

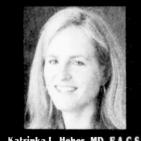
ership section of the evaluation "subjective and immea-

Art Barber said MCAS results and college placements should be taken into account in the evaluation, along with the superintendent's efforts to reduce overhead.

John Roberts said the form could be used, but that the evaluation should be made on time and in public.

Last year's evaluation was made in late August, nearly six months later than the evaluation date stated in Bach's contract.

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ON CAMPUS

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college students.

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The fall semester dean's list at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. includes Edith Muller of Andover, a freshman majoring in management.

Students has been named to the fall 2002 dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, N.H. include Kathleen Rubino of Andover.

The following Andover students enrolled in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University were named to the semester.

James-Michael Checrallah of 11 Countryside Way is a junior majoring in broadcast journalism.

Laura O'Connell of 6 Fairfax Drive is a freshman majoring in public communications.

To quality for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) during semester.

Andover resident Dr. Janine LeBlanc-Straceski, associate professor of biology at Merrimack College, has been named the recipient of the Paul E. Murray Fellow for 2003-04.

The \$10,000 Paul E. Murray Fellowship was founded in 2000 at Merrimack to promote science and engineering research that will lead to enhanced effectiveness in classroom teaching. She will study the role of a protein in the neural development of the frog. which may lead to better understanding of nerve rejuvenation in humans.

The Paul E. Murray Fellowship and Symposium in Science and Engineering grew from the

dean's list for the fall 2002 Paul E. Murray Fund, which has fueled Merrimack's science and engineering education since the 1980s. A bequest from Andover resident Paul E. Murray, a district manager of engineering for the East Central District with General Electric, has enhanced Merrimack College's science program, said a spokesperson for the college.

Merrimack trustee Alice Murray, the daughter of Paul Murray, re-dedicated the fund to fulfill its original commitment to faculty development and to support significant projects of research and study at Merrimack

As the award recipient, LeBlanc-Straceski will continue to study how nerve cells develop in frog embryos. One particular protein, called myosin, might have broader medical importance.

"If you can find out how nerves grow in an embryo, you might be able to coax them along to grow in adults who have injuries, nerve damage from spinal cord injuries. This particular protein might be important in how nerves signal each other," she explained.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Students named to Phillips winter honor roll

its students on the honor roll for the winter term.

To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6point scale.

Class of 2003

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Class of 2004

Heidi Adlman, Benjamin Bloom, Margaret Dallett, Michelle Easton, Leon Fay, Ariel Gold. Emily Guerin, Gordon Hoople, Jessica Hsiao. Alanna Hughes, Katherine Nelson, Natasha Pakravan, Stephen Russell, Laura Schoenherr,

Phillips Academy has announced the names of Leah Russell, Ilana Segall, Daniel Serna, Margaret Sullivan, Amy Yang, Scott Silverstein,

Class of 2005

Peter Accomando, Marc Asch, Sylvester Boumil, Matthew Brennan, Stephen Chang, Erin Coleman, Jennifer Davis, Katherine Dix, Sarah Donelan, E. Jacqueline Dwulet, Sara Helmers, Edward Henningsen, Christopher Herlich. Jonathan Hillman, Benjamin Hoerner, Adam Holt, Katherine Koh, Laylah Mohammed, Nathan Scott, Patrick Shannon, Anne Sharp, John Thorlin, Cassandra Tognoni, Angela Tenney, Meng

Jeffrey Bakkensen, Emily Brenner, Bradford Colbert, Andrea Coravos, Michael Galaburda, Rebecca Howe, Andrew Hsiao, Rachel Isaacs, Julian Jacobson, Faaez Jafarey, Michael Li, Sarah Linnemann, Julia Littlefield, Domenica Mac-Naughton, Pumelele Maqubela, Ali Siddiqi, Sara Snyder. Kate Therkelsen. Nandini Vijayakumar, Jennifer Wang, Samuel Weiss

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public orange, vanilla pudding and milk. schools next week, March 31-April 4:

Elementary schools

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog on a roll. Lucky Tray Day

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, mashed potato, blueber-

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, pizza ring with marinara sauce, cheeseburger on a roll, green

beans, oranges, vanilla pudding and milk. Thursday: Stuffed shells, french toast with sausage, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, milk hash browns, peaches and milk.

Friday: Chicken McSchool, bakery pizza, hot dog on a roll, corn, strawberries and milk

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, baked chicken nuggets, nachos with taco, meat and cheese sauce, carrots, mixed fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, baked chicken nuggets, cheeseburger with chips, mashed potato, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, green beans,

Thursday: Stuffed shells, baked chicken nuggets, two hot dogs with chips, potato puffs, applesauce and milk

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, nachos with taco, meat and cheese, bakery pizza, corn, strawberries and milk

Secondary schools

Monday: Cheeseburger with chips, chicken. broccoli and ziti, bakery pizza, carrots, mixed fruit

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, stuffed crust pizza, rotini with meat sauce, mashed potato, fruit and

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, bakery pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, green beans, orange, vanilla pudding and milk.

Thursday: Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, 6-inch meatball sub with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, bakery pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, corn, strawberries

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

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SMILE AMBASSADOR



First-grade students at West Elementary made "giggle books" to distribute to the residents of Wingate at Andover nursing home. The school is celebrating its eighth annual WERAWC - West Elementary's Readers and Writers Conference - last week. Ten authors, illustrators, and storytellers came to the school to present to the children. In addition, parents were invited in to hear their children's stories and poems. The student council presented a skit entitled "The Wolf Who Wanted it All." In addition, there were grade-level songs and skits put on by the WERAWC performers. Above, from left. are Collette Incropera, student Alexa Baldwin and Josephine Deluca.

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tion with medical and rehabilitative se Their services are also available to dents of assisted living homes and r homes, as well as patients in hospit Families can also use Home Instead respite care. Martha says the comp prides itself on its reliability. The police Home Instead Senior Care is to also

Martha generously donates her time which, among other things, provides trai-ing and support to families and public se-vice organizations. She also facilitates caregiver support program at Merrima

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Sports

VARSITY TEAMS

Changing of the seasons

Ski team members making tracks

Members of the Andover High boys and girls alpine ski teams were honored at their annual banquet held recently at Andover Country Club.

Athletes and families celebrated the season in which the girls team became North Shore League champions for the second straight year, and the boys won 10 meets and placed a solid third in their division of the league

Head coach Tom Busta and assistant Lisa Tylus recognized several skiers for their

Lauren Underhill and Jordan Thibault received the Sportsmanship Awards Keriann Bartley and Doug Heath were presented with Coach's Awards. Mallory Jaracz and Garrison Macomber were named Most Improved Skiers mie Sweeney and Jim Green were recipients of the Top Performer Awards MVP trophies went to Jennie Williams and Erik Fosse.

Captains for next year were also named: Keriann Bartley, Mallory Jaracz and Lauren Hayes for the girls and Jason Durant, Jim Green and Dave Holstein for the boys



The six girls who represented the Andover High ski team at the Massachusetts State Interscholastic Alpine Championship Meet at Berkshire East in Charlemont were, kneeling in front: Kerianne Bartley (left) and Brittany Roy. Rear (from left): Lauren Hayes, Mallory Jaracz, Jennie Williams and Stephanie Sweeney. Individually, Sweeney had a strong meet by placing sixth in the slalom competition and 14th in the giant slalom in a field of 156 skiers from across the Commonwealth.



The 2003 Andover High girls alpine ski team recently captured first place in the MIAA North Shore Ski League, finishing with a perfect 10-0 record to win the title for the second straight year and stretch its undefeated streak through 20 meets. The Lady Warriors then placed fifth, for the second consecutive year, in the Massachusetts State Interscholastic Alpine Championship Meet at Berkshire East in Charlemont. Members of the team were seniors Kelly Crawford, Kaitlin Maguire, Capt. Lauren Underhill and Capt Jennie Williams; juniors Keriann Bartley, Rachel Bolster, Lauren Hayes, Mallory Jaracz, Courtney Reed, Brittany Roy and Stephanie Sweeney; sophomores Talena Bucci, Kara Bularzik, Jess DeChristofaro, Kate Gladstein, Ashiey Kane, Mary Keohane, Casey Malarney and Laura Taylor; freshmen Jocelyn Chang, Michelle Guy, Danielle Liffman and Amanda Trerotola.

Practices/tryouts are underway

Andover High spring sports practices/tryouts got underway last week With weather and field conditions forcing athletes to train indoors in the field house and Dunn Gym, workouts began for the 2003 baseball, softball, boys and girls track, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls lacrosse and boys volleyball teams

Head coaches are Ken Maglio (baseball), Steph Ragucci (softball), Peter Comeau (boys and girls track), Mike Wartman (boys tennis), Tony Russo (girls tennis), Ryan Polley (girls lacrosse), Wayne Puglisi (boys lacrosse) and George Sullivan (boys volley-

Top AHS teams last spring were girls tennis (21-1), girls lacrosse (16-3), boys tennis (13-5), boys volleyball (12-8), softball (12-9) and girls track (7-2).

Regular season play is scheduled to begin for some teams as early as next week. Rick Harrison

lacrosse, boys volleyball, girls tennis and boys tennis squads.

BASEBALL

It was one of those rare years when noth

ing fell into place.

Murphy's Law haunted the 2002 Andover High varsity baseball team from early April to late May.

Head coach Ken Maglio is confident the 3-17 record was an aberration, and he heads into the 2003 season confident of a totally different outcome.

"We're young but it's going to be an exciting season," he said. "We're looking forward to regaining our place among the op teams in the region.

The players are getting back to the postive attitude and work ethic that made Andover a very good program year in and year out," added Maglio. "They want to win and are ready to make the sacrifices necessary for us to achieve our goals

We're working hard on the fundamentals, especially since the league is switching from aluminum to wood bats. Executing fundamentals will be a huge key," said

Key graduates included Chris Hanlon, Ross Trainor, Brian Daley and Sean Smith

Returning starters are senior pitcher Brett Carroll, senior catcher Paul Skinner, junior outfielder Ryan Shepard, junior third base man/pitcher Brian Buckley, junior DH/out-fielder Joel Keefe, junior outfielder Jarrett Mackin, junior pitcher Kyle Ahern, sopho-more outfielder Matt Hennessy and sophomore second baseman Matt Iorio.

Other lettermen are senior pitcher Jon Shaw, junior pitcher Pat Bateson and junior pitcher/first baseman Chris Vining.

Promising newcomers, who survived the cuts from an original turnout of 72 candidates (top three grades), are junior catcher/outfielder Anthony Perry, sophomore third baseman/pitcher Peter Burke-Wallace and sophomore first baseman/pitcher Matt Hogan.

Freshman prospects are outfielder-/catcher Nick Caro, shortstop Greg Carroll, second baseman Andrew Hennessy, shortstop Paul Malaguti and pitcher Tom White.

The catching position has been solidified by the return of Paul Skinner," said coach Maglio. "He does everything well and there won't be many who will run successfully on his arm.

We have strong competition for the starter's spot at every infield position. Vining and Hogan are battling at first base, Iorio and Andrew Hennessy at second, Malaguti and Carroll at short, Buckley and Burke-Wallace at third.

Shepard, Mackin and Matt Hennessy should make for a strong outfield, and Caro will see time out there as well," said Maglio.

"As always, pitching will be the key to a successful season. Carroll, Bateson (lefty) and Ahern will be the top three starters while Shaw, Buckley, Hogan, Vining and Burke-Wallace have the potential to give us some innings or develop into starters

The first pre-season scrimmage is today (March 27) against North Andover, with others listed tomorrow versus Greater Lawrence Tech, next Monday versus Malden Catholic and Wednesday versus

The regular season opens next Friday when Andover opens play in the four-team Wakefield Invitational Tournament.

The Golden Warriors will play Beverly in the semifinals, with the consolation and championship games scheduled Saturday. Saugus and host Wakefield complete the

AHS will also compete in the fourth annual Showcase Tournament on Saturday, April 12, joining MVC leaguemate Chelmsord and traditional South Shore powers Brockton and New Bedford.

The event, at Brockton this year, has Andover playing New Bedford at 4 p.m. and Brockton at 6:45 p.m.

Non-league home-and-away sets are

The Townsman begins previews of 2003
Andover High varsity spring sports teams this week with looks at the baseball, girls largester have vallented with the loss of the specific process. The specific process of the specific spring sports teams

> scheduled against Leominster and Revere, and the non-league home opener is April 8 at Aumais Field against North Andover (3:30

The MVC lidlifter is also on home turf. April 17 versus Division 2 power Tewksbury (3:30 p.m.).

Maglio begins his 11th season as head coach, after succeeded Dave Bettencourt in 1993, with an overall won-lost record of

This is his 33rd consecutive year overall with the Andover program, the first 22 as freshman coach.

Varsity assistants are former AHS standout players Kevin Rourke and Dave Blank. Dan Grams begins his 19th year as JV coach and Rich Robinson returns to the

freshman fold. A number of former Andover High base-

ball standouts will be playing college or minor league professional baseball this Mark O'Sullivan is with the world cham-

pion Anaheim Angels Single A team, Cedar Rapids in Iowa, and Ryan Hanigan with the Cincinnati Reds Single A team, the Dayton Dragons in Ohio. College players are Kevin Shepard

(Boston College), Jeff Volinski (Tufts), Mark Rocca (Villanova), Chris Hanlon (Bryant), Chris King (UMass Boston), Sean Lawton (Merrimack), Mark Matos (Fitchburg State), Jason Daley (UMass Dartmouth), Josh Topp (WPI), David Powers (Amherst College) and Danny Hughes

GIRLS LACROSSE

It usually takes a new program a few years to get its feet wet and become estab-

But the Andover High girls lacrosse team proved very impatient, skipping over the growing pains stage to win a league title last

year in just its second season of varsity play.
The Lady Warriors posted a 17-4 overall record, including 16-3 during the regular, and won the North League title in the

Opponents shouldn't expect much of a dropoff this spring, with the top four scorers, four All-League players and one of the best goaltenders around leading a group thirsting to repeat and go deeper in the tournament than the second round.

"Defense is going to be a major strength," said head coach Ryan Polley. "We only allowed double figures once last year



Head coach Ken Maglio, beginning his 11th season as Warrior coach, would like to reverse last year's 3-17 season. The first pre-season scrimmage takes place today, Thursday, March 27 against North Andover.

in our tourney final against Framingham. We have everyone back including (goalie) Jennie Williams who was a real surprise in

"We also have some scoring punch and a lot of experienced, three-year starters.

What we have to guard against is getting complacent," said Polley, a Pennsylvania native and former Merrimack College laxman. "We made such a huge jump last

"We went from a new team to a good team - and now we want to take the next step to being a great team."

AHS lost only four seniors to graduation. attack Emily Shaer, midfielders Krissy Leonard and Alice Gregory, and goaltender Angelica Rotsart.

Returning All-Leaguers are senior second home attack Demorie Crawford, senior attack wing Grace Farnham, senior attack wing Amanda Gallant and senior cover point Laura Denison.

Crawford was second on the team in scoring with 29 goals and 30 assists, Farnham was third (42-9-51) and Gallant fourth (35-6-41).

Also back is top scorer and senior first home attack Diana Crawford, who netted 45 goals and passed out 20 assists last spring.

Goaltender Williams, a standout skier, stopped 147 of 230 shots last year, recorded a rare shutout against Lowell and held seven other opponents to five goals or less

"When Vivian (Crossley) graduated two years ago we weren't sure how we'd do in net. But Jennie came through in a big way, said Polley.

Other players who saw plenty of action 2002 were senior defense wing Ashley Hegarty, senior defender Lindsay Mann senior center Katie Stewart, junior center Ali McCoy and sophomore defense wing Kate Nichols

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Last year's Lady Warriors lacrosse team, shown practicing behind Doherty Middle School, posted a 17-4 overall record. The team has equally high expectations this spring, having lost only four seniors to graduation.

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Andover High School Spring Sports Schedule

BASEBALL

(Home Games at Aumais Field)
APRIL
Wakefield Tournament
4 - Beverly, 3:45 p.m. (semifinal)
5 - Championship & consolation games, vs. Wakefield or Saugus, time TBA
8 - North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
10 - at Leominster, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
Showcase Tournament at Brockton High
12 - New Bedford, 4 p.m.
12 - Brockton, 6:45 p.m.
16 - Revere, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
17 - Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
21 - Central Catholic, 2 p.m.
23 - at Chelmsford, 2 p.m.
25 - Billerica, 2 p.m.
28 - at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.

23 – at Chelmsford, 2 p.m 25 – Billerica, 2 p.m. 28 – at Dracut, 3:30 p.m. 30 – Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

- at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. - at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

7 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
9 - at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
12 - at Methuen, 7 p.m.
14 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
15 - at Haverhill, 7 p.m.
21 - at Revere, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
24 - Leominster, 11 a.m. (non-league)
Note: Leominster, Revere and North Andover will include
JV games. Methuen on May 12 will be night games
for both varsity and JV.
Head Coach: Ken Maglio (11th year, 150-78 career
record)

record).
Assistant Varsity Coaches: Kevin Rourke, Dave Blank
JV Coach: Dan Grams.
Record Last Year: 3-17.

SOFTBALL

APRIL
4 – at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
9 – North Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
11 – at Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
14 – Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
16 – at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
18 – Everett, 3:30 p.m.
22 – North Andover, 10 a.m. (non-league)
24 – Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

28 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. 30 - at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 – Nazareth Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league) 5 – Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m. 7 – at Chelmsford, 7 p.m. 9 – Methuen, 3:30 p.m. 12 – at Central Catholic, 7 p.m. (Merrimack College)

15 - Dracut, 3:30 p.m. Methuen Tournament

Methuen Tournament
17 – Lawrence, time TBA
18 – Championship & consolation games, opponent TBA, time TBA
19 – Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
21 – at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Stephanie Ragucci (7th year).

JV Coach: Betty fannuccilli. Record Last Year: 12-9.

BOYS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Shawsheen Field) MARCH

29 – Andover Jamboree APRIL

1 - Acton-Boxboro, 4 p.m

4 - at Concord-Carlisle, 4 p.m. 8 - at Lincoln-Sudbury, 4 p.m. 11 - Chelmsford, 4 p.m. 14 - at St. John's Prep, 4 p.m. 17 - at Acton-Boxboro, 4 p.m.

19 — at Lowell, 4 p.m. 21 — at North Andover, 4 p.m. 24 — at Lexington, 4 p.m. 28 — Billerica, 4 p.m.

1 – Lincoln-Sudbury, 4 p.m. 5 – Concord-Carlisle, 4 p.m.

5 – Concord-canisie, 4 p.m.
8 – at Chelmsford, 4 p.m.
15 – Hopkinton, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
19 – Tyngsboro, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
21 – at Billerica, 4 p.m.

Head Coach: Wayne Puglisi (5th year, 44-28).

Record Last Year: 10-8.

GIRLS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Doherty Middle)
MARCH

29 – at Duxbury Jamboree, 8:30 a.m. APRIL

1 - at Ipswich, 3:45 p.m.

1 - at Ipswich, 3:45 p.m 3 - Salem, 3:45 p.m 8 - at Glouester, time TBA 10 - Masconomet Regional, 3:45 p.m. 14 - Arlington, 3:45 p.m. 15 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. 17 - at Shrewsbury, 3:45 p.m. 23 - at Duxbury, 10 am. 25 - at Algonquin Regional (Northboro), 11 a.m. 29 - Beverly, 4:30 p.m.

MAY 1 - at Danvers 3:30 p.m.

North Andover, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field) Tyngsboro, 3:45 p.m. at Marblehead, 4 p.m.

8 – at Marblenead, 4 p.m.
13 – at Lowell, 330 p.m.
15 – at Tyngsboro, 3:45 p.m.
22 – Billenca, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
23 – Arlington, 4 p.m.
26 – Lowell, 5:15 p.m.
27 – at North Andover, 7 p.m.
Head Coach: Ryan Polley (3rd year, 26-11-2 career record)

record).

JV Coach: John McVeigh.

Record Last Year: 17-4, North League champion.

BOYS TENNIS

4 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m

4 – Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
7 – at Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
1 – at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
1 – at Central Catholic
17 – Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

at Lowell, 3:30 p.m 30 - Billerica, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 - at Lawrence, 3:30 p, m.
5 - at St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
7 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
9 - at Methuen 3:30 p.m.
12 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
15 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

19 - Coecin, 330 p.m. 22 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. 22 - at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m. (non-league) Coach: Mike Warman (19th year, 312-41 career record). Record Last Year: 13-5.

GIRLS TENNIS

APRIL
4 – at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
7 – Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
9 – Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
11 – at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
14 – Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
16 – Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
17 – at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. - Lowell, 3:30 p.m

30 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.

2 – Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. 5 – Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. 7 – at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m. 9 – Methuen, 3:30 p.m. 12 – at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

14 - at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.

16 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. 19 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

19 – actowen, 230 p.m.
Coach: Tony Russo (14th year, 264-14 career record)
Record Last Year: 21-1, MVC champion, Division 1
North Tournament finalist.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches at Dunn Gym)
APRIL

1 - Methuen, 5:30 p.m.

1 – Methuen, 5:30 p.m.
4 – at Lowell, 4 p.m.
7 – at Lawrence, 4 p.m.
9 – Chelmsford, 5:30 p.m.
11 – at Westford Academy, 4 p.
14 – at Central Catholic, 6 p.m.
16 – Billerica, 4 p.m.
19 – Haverhill, 10 a.m.
24 – Lawrence, 10 a.m.
28 – Lowell, 4 p.m.
29 – Westford Academy

- Westford Academy, 4 p.m. 30 - at Dracut, 6 p.m

5 - Central Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

- at Methuen, 4 p.m. - St. John's Prep, 4 p.m. (non-league)

- at Billerica, 6 p.m.

12 – at Billerica, 6 p.m. 14 – at Haverhill, 4 p.m., 15 – Dracut, 6 p.m. 19 – at Newton South, 4:30 p.m., (non-league) 20 – at Chelmsford, 6 p.m. Head Coach: George Sullivan (15th year, 198-93 career

record).

JV Coach: Dennis Aikman.

Record Last Year: 12-8, MVC Division 2 champion.

BOYS TRACK (Home Meets at Lovely Field) APRIL

3 – Dracut, 3:30 p.m. 10 – Billenca, 3:30 p.m. 16 – Lowell, 3:30 p.m. 22 – MVC Relays, 10 a.m. 26 – Haverhill Invitational, 10 a.m. 30 – at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m. MAY

MAY
3 - MVC Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 10 a.m.
3 - at Phillips Academy, 2 p.m. (non-league)
7 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
10 - Andover Boosters Invitational Meet, 10 a.m.
14 - Chelmstord, 3:30 p.m.
17 - State Class A Relays, 10 a.m.
20 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
24 - at MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m. (Tewksbury

High) 31 – at MIAA Class A Meet. 10 a.m.

.7 – at All-State Meet, 10 a.m. 14 – at New England Championship Meet, 10 a.m. Head Coach: Peter Comeau (6th year). Record Last Year: 1-7,

GIRLS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)
APRIL

3 – Dracut, 3:30 p.m. 10 – Billerica, 3:30 p.m. 16 – Lowell, 3:30 p.m. 22 – MVC Reidays, 10 a.m. 26 – Tewksbury Invitational, 10 a.m. 30 – at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

MAY
3 – MVC Freshman/Sophoner Meet, 10 a.m.,
3 – at Phillips Academy, 2 p.m. (non-league)
10 – Andover Boosters Invitational Meet, 10 a.m.,
14 – Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.,
17 – State Class A Relays, 10 a.m.,
20 – Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.,
24 – at MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m. (Tewksbury High)

MAY

High) 31 – at MIAA Class A Meet, 10 a m

7 - at All-State Meet, 10 a m. JUNE 14 - at All-State Meet, 10 a.m. 14 - at New England Championship Meet, 10 a.m. Head Coach: Peter Comeau (6th year). Record Last Year: 7-2.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

AP 17 – at Tewksbury 3:30 p.m. 21 – at Central Catholic, 2 p.1 23 – Chelmsford, 2 p.m. 25 – at Billerica, 2 p.m. 28 – Dracut, 3:30 p.m. 30 – at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
5 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
7 - at Cheimsford, 3:30 p.m.
9 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
12 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
14 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
15 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
21 - at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m.
23 - at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
(non-league)
23 - at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Rich Robinson

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

17 - at Tewksbury, 3/30 c

17 – at Tewksbury, 3:30 p. 21 – at Central Catholic, 2 23 – Chelmsford, 2 p.m. 25 – at Billerica, 2 p.m. 28 – Dracut, 3:30 p.m. 30 – at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

MAY
2 - Lowell 3:30 p.m.
5 - Central Catholic 3:30 p.m.
7 - at Chelmsford 3:30 p.m.
12 - Methuen 3:30 p.m.
14 - at Lowell 3:30 p.m.
14 - at Lowell 3:30 p.m.
15 - Haverhill 3:30 p.m.
23 - at North Andover 3:30 p.m. Coach: Dick Loschi,

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AHS PREVIEWS

■ GIRLS LACROSSE

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Gallant, for the second year, Williams and Stewart are the captains.

Also lettering last year were junior defense wing Arianna Miliotis, junior point Chrissy McSweeney, junior attack wing and top skier Stephanie Sweeney, junior attack Jeannie Lothrop, junior attack wing Adrienne Shea and sophomore attack Jacqui Munro.

Newcomers expected to make an impact are sophomore third home Maggie Lamond and senior attack Meghan Toland.

Andover hosted Westboro for an indoor scrimmage last Friday afternoon in the AHS

The locals scrimmaged traditional power (2001 state champ) Hingham earlier this week, and travel to the annual Duxbury Jamboree Saturday morning.

We did well against Westboro but it's tough to tell much indoors," said Polley. "Hingham is a huge test and will be a good vardstick in terms of where we're at in our

Duxbury is a fun time. They bring a lot of the best teams in for a bunch of mini-

Polley believes Marblehead, which split with Andover last season and finished second

Conference honors for AHS athletes

Andover High has placed three athletes on the 2002-03 Merrimack Valley Indoor Track All-Conference teams.

Those selected are senior Phil Shaw in the boys distance races, senior Stephanie Casper in the girls middle distance events and sophomore Michelle Pirro in the girls

Named as MVC Division 1 boys All-Stars are junior hurdler/sprinter Vin Errico, sophomore sprinter Robert Kaufman and junior distance runner Ryan Durkin.

Division I girls All-Stars are sophomore sprinter Jenny Dlesk, junior sprinter Amanda Carlson, freshman sprinter Caroline Pierce, freshman sprinter/hurdler Brittany Pierce, junior distance runner Jazzy Dingler and sophomore middle-distance runner

in the North League, will be strong again along with Beverly and North Andover

Beverly and Andover split a pair of 9-8 games last spring, and North Andover has a new coach which could give the Scarlet Knights a boost.

The Lady Warriors, who attracted a solid turnout of 65 candidates, open the regular season next Tuesday afternoon at Ipswich

Home games, with the exception of two under the lights at Lovely Field, will be played at the Doherty Middle School.

The home opener is next Thursday (3:45) versus Salem (Mass.)

Andover, which beat Billerica 14-6 in the ourney last year before losing to Framingham, will enter the 2003 campaign riding a

four-game regular season win streak. John McVeigh is the JV coach.

GIRLS TENNIS

There is no question more frustrations vait opponents of the nearly-invincible Andover High girls tennis team this spring.

Last year the perennial powerhouse won unprecedented 13th straight Merrimack Valley Conference championship, finished the regular season undefeated and went 21-1 overall with the only loss to Boston Latin in the Division | North Tournament title match.

Only two players have graduated from

"We're young and we're strong," said coach Tony Russo, who numbered 19 newcomers among his 34 candidates. "We have a lot of juniors and sophomores — and I'm pleasantly surprised by the quality of the new

The only graduates were No. 2 singles Carolyn Purcell and second doubles Linn

There is a lot of competition for those two spots and we might not know until just before our first match who will get them, said Russo, who begins his 14th season at the

After that, of course, there will be weekly challenge matches that could change the

Leading the way for the Lady Warriors is returning Merrimack Valley Conference

Player of the Year Marsha Mogilevich, a cially since Boston Latin finally graduated junior who went 12-0 in conference matches last spring and 14-2 overall with team tournament losses to her Winchester and Boston

Mogilevich played third singles as a freshman, going unbeaten in MVC play, before moving up to No. 1 last year.

Sophomore Christie Spang played third singles last year, going undefeated in the MVC and 11-1 overall with the only loss to Boston Latin.

She has the inside track to the vacated second singles slot, but could also stay at No. 3 if one of the new girls is stronger.

The first doubles tandem of seniors Jenic-

ka Hornung and Lauren Fitzgerald is back intact. They were 10-1 last year and earned Senior Helen Hodges, who paired with

Spitzer at second doubles last season, returns and right now the top candidate to join her is junior Wendy Chen.

Other returners who earned varsity letters year are sophomores Elissa Slovin and Jodi Richards.

Splitting time between varsity and JV matches in 2002 were juniors Brittany Roy. Alyssa Bindman and Stephanie Hargadon. along with sophomores Lindsay Davidson, Whitney Upton, Lauren Reed and Reena

Freshmen vying for the other singles slot are Hannah Zarkar, Emma Haak, Meredith Levinson, Shannon Fitzgerald (Lauren's sister), Elizabeth McPartland, Casey Mitrano, Donna Shin and Patty Collins. Also in the mix is lone sophomore newcomer Ali Nill.

 Andover has won an amazing 201 straight MVC matches since a 3-2 loss to Lowell on May 21, 1990.

The Lady Warriors are also 274-1 in their last 275 conference matches and 299-17 overall in their last 316 including tournament

· Before losing to Boston Latin 5-0 in last year's North final, Andover clicked off consecutive tournament wins over Lincoln-Sudbury (3-2), Acton-Boxboro (4-1) and Win-

. Coach Russo feels both Chelmsford and Central Catholic will be top MVC chal-

He also believes Andover can challenge for the State Division I title this spring, espeseveral key players who started since they were eighth graders.

· AHS will scrimmage Middlesex League ember Burlington next Monday and Cape

Ann Leaguer North Andover next Thursday · The regular season opens with the first of 18 conference matches next Friday, April 4. at Lawrence (3:30 p.m.).

The first home matchat the AHS courts is Monday, April 7, versus Tewksbury

• Jen Griffin, a top player at Andover from 1992-'95 and captain of the '95 team which went 17-1, is now teaching at AHS and will serve as assistant coach.

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team is in very unfamiliar position this spring.

"For the first time in a long time we are not the favorite," said coach Mike Wartman. "It's a good thing. It gives us some extra incentive. We're a goal-oriented team and out mission is to get back on top.'

Last year the inevitable finally happened, as Chelmsford snapped the Golden Warriors' 144-match Merrrimack Valley Conference win streak by edging the locals 3-2 on April

It was the first conference loss in almost a decade, since May 20, 1992 when Chelmsford recorded a 3-2 victory.

The upstart Lions then repeated the feat 21 days later, registering another 3-2 triumph in their title showdown.

Chelmsford has everyone back from that team," said 19th-year coach Wartman. "Central Catholic and Lowell both have very good firstsingles players returning. The league is as strong as it's been in many years."

Despite the two losses to Chelmsford, the

AHS boys still have a remarkable record.

They are 272-11 in their last 283 MVC matches, following last year's 12-2 showing and overall they are 312-41 in the last 353

They have won the conference title eight of the last nine years and 14 of 17

We're returning four players who started most of out matches last year - and that's a big help," said Wartman.

The key graduates were No. 1 singles Andy Chiaraluce, who played at St

Michael's College last fall; No. 3 singles Andrew Ong; and first doubles Will Chen.

Heading the list of 40 candidates is senior Capt. Jason Lynn, an All-Conference choice at second singles last spring. He was unde-

feated in MVC matches.

Senior Capts. Alex Cline and David Nill, along with juniors Avi Lasser and Brian Axelrod, are all back at doubles.

Moving up from the JV to the varsity am are juniors Dave Hornung, Dan Jordan, Dave Szafarz and Dave Tankelfsky, along with sophomores Josh Caplan, Brian Hsieh, Dave Ong and Mike Zakin.

Hoping to make their mark, and possibly crack the starting lineup, are newcomers Jason Edelstein, sophomore transfer Peter Caraviello and the freshman quintet of Seth Davidovits, Jeremy Hogan, Eric Krupnik, Seth Johnson and Julian Vastl.

Edelstein, a junior, is a top gholfer and former baseball player. Caraviello moved to Andover from the Rochester, N.Y. area.

Last May AHS blanked Cambridge Rindge & Latin 5-0 in the opening round of the tourney, before losing 5-0 to eventual

State Division 1 champ Concord-Carlisle The season opener is next Friday, April 4, at the home AHS courts against Lawrence.

The highly-anticipated Chelmsford matches will br April 17 at home and May 15 at Chelmsford.

The Golden Warriors also play three nonleaguers, all on the road, facing Middlesex Leaguer Reading for the first time in a regular season match (away, April 7), perennial State Division 1 power St. John's Prep of Danvers (away, May 5) and crosstown rival Phillips Academy (away, May 22).

Gabe Adams, who played No. 1 singles for Andover two years ago, has hooked on as a volunteer assistant coach

Adams attended Skidmore College last year and is currently taking some time off before enrolling at a new school next fall.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

With four starters returning from last year's 12-8 team, which won the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 championship. Andover High boys volleyball coach George Sullivan is hoping to capture another title and

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AHS PREVIEWS

■ BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Continued from page 16 make some noise in the Division 1

North Tournament. Sullivan, who begins his 15th year as head man, should also achieve another personal milestone early next month when he chalks up

his 200th career win with the boys Sullivan, who has 226 victories as

girls coach, enters with a 198-93 career mark.

His boys teams have won eight league titles, North Alliance crowns in 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995 and MVC championships in 1998, 2000 and 2002.

Andover has also qualified for the MIAA tourney 11 of the last 13 years, reaching the state final once and state semifinals twice

The 1995 squad, led by Matt Gibson, finished 22-2 and battled to the State Division 1 final where it lost to

Key graduates from the 2002 crew were George Lewis and captains Elliott Perkins and Stu Smilowitz.

Topping the list of talented veterans is second-year Capt. Steve Johnson, a senior middle hitter who was MVC 2 Player of the Year and is coming off an outstanding 37-point ice hockey season.

Other starters back are senior defender and Capt. Shawn Furey, senior middle hitter Cameron Day and senior outside hitter David Hsu.

Additional lettermen are versatile senior hitter/defender Andy Ahern, junior outside hitter Jake Kleinman, senior outside hitter Mike Monteiro and senior setter/defender Steve Ger-

Gerstein is currently sidelined with mononucleosis and is expected back in about three weeks.

Among the 47 original candidates, newcomers who made the varsity squad are senior defender Jake Minton, senior setter Tim An, senior defender Casey Cho, junior 6'7" out-

side hitter Ian McMahon and junior p.m.) defender Sean Cummings.

Ann played as a sophomore and

returns after missing all of last sea-

"Johnson is as talented a volley ball player as there is around," said Sullivan, whose left hand is wrapped in a cast following surgery to repair several broken bones. "While An will be a good addition."

The Golden Warriors hosted a Play Day at the Dunn Gym last weekend, bringing in Milton, Wey-mouth, St. John's Prep of Danvers, Central Catholic, Lawrence and Haverhill for a series of round-robin matches

"We did OK," said Sullivan. "We just about broke even. We need work on our blocking, which is primarily a matter of getting the timing down, and we need to pick up and improve our defense play.

"We have the potential to be a good hitting team.

A second Play Day is scheduled this Saturday at the Dunn with Newton South, Cambridge Rindge & Latin, Chelmsford, Haverhill, Lawrence and Central Catholic rounding out the field.

Sullivan looks at Central as the MVC 2 co-favorite and Haverhill as the team to beat in MVC 1.

"Central has three of those big basketball players (state finalists) up front. They'll be very strong in the

Chelmsford also has the potential to be a title contender.

"I won't see Chelmsford for the first time until Saturday and they could also be very strong," said the veteran Andover coach.

The Lions gave AHS fits last season, recording a pair of 2-0 regular season wins before whitewashing the locals, 3-0, in the opening round of the Division 1 North Tournament.

The Golden Warriors open the regular season next Tuesday at home against Methuen (5:30 p.m.), and Friday the locals travel to Lowell (4

The only non-leaguer on the 20match schedule is May 19 at Newton South.

Dennis Aikman is the JV coach and former Andover player Jeung An will serve as a volunteer assistant

New 8th-grade travel football team to hit field

There is a new 8th-grade travel football team in town, which will play eight games, four at home and four away, on Saturday afternoons beginning later this year. There will be varsity and JV

units, both of whom will play a game each Saturday at the same site.

This is going to help the high school program tremendously," said AHS head varsity coach Ken Maglio. "They will use the same offense and defense as the high school teams. They will also run the same drills."

Maglio and his staff will conduct clinics to help build and improve the middle school program.

There are no weight limits for positions which will help in the development of skill players at the 8th-grade level.

This is a giant leap forward and an excellent opportunity for all involved," said Maglio, who credits the dedication of supporters Ted Teichert, Ron Morander, Ralph Del-latto, Ellen Lynch and Carmen Scarpa for transforming this idea into a reality.

'We're excited to see how our kids respond to playing other teams from other towns.

The 8th-grade teams will travel to away games by bus and will wear the same uniform design as the high school team.

For more information, contact any Andover Junior Football League official or Ken Maglio.

LOCAL ATHLETES

Hillary Brownson, 10, of One Brentwood Circle, finished the qualifying ski season in first place overall in Maine for the J5 girls (10 and under). The Bancroft student then represented the state of Maine as the firstplace seed March 15 at the Francis Piche Invitational Championship Race held at Gunstock in Laconia, N.H., where the top athletes from eight Northeastern States competed.

Hillary competes in both GS (Giant Slalom) and SL (Slalom) and trains at Shawnee Peak in Maine every weekend along with other USSA/ MARA (Maine Alpine Racing Association) racers.

She began racing and training



Katherine



Andover Hockey Association PeeWee 3 team won the Tier IV State Championship title earlier this month in Waltham. They played Framingham in the finals and won 3-1. They were under feated throughout the five-game series. The PeeWee 3 team scored 21 goals, with only 3 goals scored against them for the entire series. The players remained strong and earned this title as a team, coaches said, adding that this team is only the fifth Andover team ever to win the State Championship finals. Players, from left are: (Standing) Ben Roberge, Paul Hunter, Michael Emmons, Stephen LaFortune, David Nader, Jake Mattison and James Shannon; (crouching) Kelly Cooke, Matt Newton, Matt Sambuco, Michael Cahill, Rick Shanahan, Greg Hanafin and Chris Caradonna; (in front) Andy Moschitto. The coaches are, from left: (Back row) Larry Moschitto (head coach). Tom Sambuco, Wayne Nader and Jim Mattison.

Gymnast Katherine Yao, a tion last fall. junior at Andover High School, qualified for the USA Gymnas-she advanced quickly and qual tics (USAG) Level 10 State iffed for the Level 10 Massachu-Championships USAG governs setts State Championships at the sport of gymnastics ranging Springfield College, Katherine from Levels 1-10, Level 10 is was scheduled to compete with the most advanced level before 47 other Level 10 competitors into the Elite - Olympic Pro- from Massachusetts.

Gymnastics Center in Tewks-bury, and in her first Level 10 ing piano and drawing competitive season. Katherine She is a high honor student suffered a back injury and was and a member of the National

A team member at Northeast hours a week in gymnastics

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Kochakian: Top producer

Andover High grad Jim Kochakian, a vice president for Interate Mortgage Corp., Methuen, earned the compa-"Top Producer" award for 2002.

The award is given annually to the salesperson with the highest loan production volume each year. Kochakian has 15 years experience in the mortgage banking industry and has been with Interate Mortgage for the last 12 vears. He has won the top producer award every year since joining the company in 1991. He has closed more than \$600 million worth of loans during his career and has helped thousands of people in and around the Merrimack Valley own a home.



Kochakian

Kochakian holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Bentley College and is a 1984 graduate of Andover High

Bodycote executive elected president of association

Stephen J. Mashi, manager of research and development, Bodycote IMT Inc. on River Street in Andover, was elected president of the Advanced Particulate Materials Association (APMA).

Affiliated with the Metal Powder Industries Federation, APMA represents 44 companies that make special products from metal powders and particulate materials produced by advanced production techniques such as hot and cold isostatic pressing, direct powder rolling, activated sintering, rapid solidification, spray forming and mechanical alloying. These technologies are used to make aircraft-engine components, valve lifters for truck diesel engines, high speed tool steels and parts used in off-shore oil drilling

Mashi has a doctorate in metallurgical engineering from Michigan Technological University. He joined Bodycote in 1998 and lives in Chelmsford with his wife, Mary, a metallurgical consultant.

Andover resident named to worldwide accounting group

Feeley & Driscoll, a 100-person, Boston-based, regional certified public accounting/business consulting firm serving businesses for more than 25 years,

announced that Thomas M. Feeley, managing partner, has been appointed to the Worldwide Executive Committee at Moores Rowland International (MRI). MRI is an association of independent accounting firms and the eighth-largest accounting group worldwide and the fifth-largest in the United States. There are more than 700 offices in 90 countries with more than 18,000 staff members.



Feelev

Feeley received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Salem State University (1968), his MBA

from Babson College (1971) and an MST from Bentley College (1982).

Feeley currently resides in Andover with his wife, Joan, and children Kelly, Dan, Tom Jr. and Jonathan.

Andover agents Carroll, Coco go platinum

Tom Carroll and Rick Coco, brokers/owners of Re/Max Partners in Andover, have been named to the Platinum Club, one of the most prestigious honors Re/Max of New England awards for outstanding sales during a year, according to H. Charles (Chuck) Lemire Jr., Re/Max of New England executive vice president/regional director.

great deal of hard work and a commitment to customer service and developing technologies in the industry," said Lemire. "We are proud of the results these agents achieved on behalf of their clients.

They were formally honored at the organization's awards celebration at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville.

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After the Tage Inn welcomes Budget Car and Truck Rental onto its property, a local resident complained about the trucks there. Now, Budget, which operated for years at the now defunct Ramada Inn on Route 133, will need a zoning varience to continue renting trucks.

Budget Rental could pack up and move

"We're not in dire

trouble if we have to

move."

BILL DEVEREAUX,

BUDGET VICE PRESIDENT

Zoning board to decide on varience; town could lose thousands in revenue

By Andrea Gregory

Budget Car and Truck Rental a company residents hire when moving - might be picking up and moving themselves out of Andover, pending a decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

After a local resident complained about the business renting tractor-trailer trucks at its new Tage Inn location, the town building inspector determined the hotel area is not properly zoned for such business. If Budget leaves town, Andover will lose \$25,000 in vehicle tax Budget pays annually.

Budget Car and Truck Rental has operated in Andover for almost two decades. Months ago, the company moved to the Tage Inn off River Road following years of service at the Ramada Inn on Route 133. However, it turns out neither of these areas is zoned for large motor-vehicle sale or rental.

Kaija Gilmore, the town building inspector, also says she doesn't see how renting tractor-trailers is related to hotel services.

"Limo service, that is an accessory we can't deny," she says.

She says she believes Budget expanded its business since its Ramada days and says she saw "10 huge trucks" when she went to allowed the renting to continue

plaint of a local resident. No com plaints were ever filed during Budget's days at the and Ramada. Gilmore says she never saw trucks at the Ramada.

"We weren't really aware of the extent of the business, savs

were operating a car rental for people outside the hotel."

Budget does not have a business certificate through the town of Andover since it operates under a national certificate. Gilmore says it probably was an oversight on behalf of Tage Inn and Budget that the town was not notified in advance of their business arrange-

Tage and Budget both received

March 10 for the vehicle-rental operation, but filing an appeal has the Tage Inn following the com- until the hearing on Thursday, April 4 at Memori-

> al Hall Library. If the zoning

board of appeals denies Budget's request for a variance, Budget can appeal to Superior Court. Until a decision is made. Gilmore says she's not doing anything.

She declined to Gilmore. "I didn't realize they discuss what might happen to Budget following the zoning board's decision.

"Personally I don't see where there is a conflict," says Bill Devereaux, vice president of operations for Budget. "It's a needed service in the area.

Devereaux says Budget was never trying to hide anything, and the notice from the town came as

"We pay a lot of money to the

a cease-and-desist notice sent on town of Andover," he says. "We pay \$25,000 a year for vehicle

> He says if the business wasn't supposed to be there, the town should have been aware of it before a resident complained.

"Taxes have nothing to do with land use," says Gilmore. She says she's not responsible for tax collection, and different town departments separately handle tax and land-use matters.

'We're not in dire trouble if we have to move," Devereaux says. 'We're in a lot of hotels in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and around the country.

Budget has hired a lawyer, is following procedures and, if it has to leave town, it will, he says.

"It's not the end of the world," Devereaux says, but Budget won't be looking to stay in Andover. He says Lawrence would be a more likely option. "Andover has limited areas you can go into," he says.

According to Devereaux, all Andover hotels know the company is there and call to use its ser-

State's dime helps two Andover firms train

State awards training grants to beef up healthy businesses intent on staying in Mass.

By Andrea Gregory

In a time of layoffs and bankruptcies, two Andover companies - California Products Corp. at 150 Dascomb Road and Standard Duplicating Machines Corp. at 10 Connector Road - will get help from the state to further train their employees.

Mitt Romney has grants will be rewarded to 86 healthy businesses throughout the including the two in setts Division of Employment and Training (DET).

California Products moved from Cambridge to Andover in 2001. It has 110 employees in its paint-making business for houses and sports surfaces as well as abatement coatings to safeguard

buildings against lead paint, mold It's part of our daily life." and mildew.

Roger Woodhull, vice president of operations, has been with the company 19 years.

"The majority of our employees are long-term employees," he says, pointing out one employee who's been on board 40 years.

The \$47,059 grant the company announced \$5.3 million in training is receiving will allow 87 employees to participate in four different outside training programs geared toward their jobs. Woodhull says Andover, through the Massachu- the company already funds thousands of training hours every year itself. The grant will supplement the cost, but he says the company will still spend twice what it receives from the state on training.

"We have a very expensive have safety training every week. cent of California Products

This is the first year California ny after the move. Products has received a grant to assist with its training cost. Woodhull says he's happy grants like this are available and his company was chosen to receive one. "The reason that this grant is so important to us is because our employees are our most important asset,"

"We applied two or three years ago," says Patricia Peek, Califor- ty. We do everything right here. nia Products human relations manager. "We did not get the grant then.

her company applied for the grant it was worried about how moving from Cambridge might mean it would lose employees and have to safety program," he says. "We train new staff, in the end, 98 per-

employees stayed with the compa-

Peek says the wording is everything when it comes to applying for grants and her company sought help from an outside agency this time around. She found out afterwards DET offers free help, but says the most important thing is they got the grant.

"It helps us become competitive," she says. "We are one facili-

Woodhull believes the Romney administration is doing a great job encouraging companies to stay According to Peek, last time and grow in Massachusetts by providing these types of grants.

"We look for companies staying in Massachusetts, growing in Massachusetts," says Linnea Walsh, spokesperson for DET. Continued on page 19



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"He lead me to believe there was nothing to worry about, and we would talk about it when the

time came," Pino says. Pino says the notice saying his lease was up came out of nowhere and the elder Hadad knew Pino's company had no intentions of leaving for a long time when Hadad approved its remodeling plans in 2000. Now, Pino's Dunkin' Donuts is supposed to be out by the end of

"We were totally shocked and very disappointed," Pino says. "It was our hope, and it still is, to stay.'

According to Pino, no explanation was given and phone calls he's made to the landlord have not been returned. He says he was willing to pay fair market value for the space and the elder Hadad knew all along Dunkin' Donuts had long-term plans for use of the property. "He's obviously not acting in a professional manner," Pino Pino says rent was always

paid on time and he thought he was a good tenant.

them on board and have them St., 139 River Road, and 309 temporarily transferred in town Lowell St. until the shop relocates.

'We really don't want anyone to lose their job over this," he says

Dunkin' Donuts will still maintain it's three other fourth shop in town. The three locations are at 349 North Main

Pino says it's too early to say

exactly where the new location will be, but he's hoping it will be a stone's throw from his current location.

"(Hadad I) described us as Andover locations, while in the his anchor, we'd be there forevprocess of looking to reopen the er," Pino claims. Now, it looks like that anchor will soon be his son's competition

Changing brands?



It appears a new coffee spot will replace Dunkin Donuts at 96% Main St., downtown.



As for the employees at this Cindy Brudley picks out a doughnut at Dunkin Donuts at 96% Main St. Next month, she and other store, Pino says he plans to keep—workers will be filling boxes elsewhere, as the shop will need to find a new location.

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State money

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Walsh says looking at companies with plans to stay in the state is part of the process.

According to her, 176 applications were submitted, and 86 businesses will receive grants. Grants can be up to \$250,000. A nine-member advisory panel makes the call. They look at the need for training, cost effectiveness and how many people will benefit from the grant.

"We do make our decisions thoughtfully and carefully," says Walsh. "Having a well trained workforce improves their competitive position, which is good for the Commonwealth's economy.

Walsh says the next deadline is March

"It's obtainable," she says and thinks more companies should look into these grants. Information about applying is available at www.mass.gov/det/workforce, or by calling 800-252-1591

25 years in town

Tucarella is VP at Danvers Savings Bank

Marie Tucarella:

Bringing with her 25 years of experience in the banking industry, Marie Tucarella has become a vice president of commercial lending with Danvers Savings Bank.

"It's important to me to work for an organization dedicated to customer service. one that is strongly rooted in the communisaid Tucarella, in a release. "Danvers Savings Bank has a reputation for both in cial-and-industrial and commercial real the banking industry.

Tucarella worked at the former Andover Bank, joining the bank in 1984, working initially on its retail side. In 1985, she moved to the commercial lending area. where she had worked ever since. Andover Bank was bought by Banknorth during 2001.

Tucarella holds a bachelor's degree from Merrimack College, and graduated from the National School of Banking at Fairfield University. She is a member of the

New England College of Finance faculty and serves on the board of the Holy Family Hospital Sports for Life program, a yearly fundraiser to support the hospital's cance management center.

Tucarella's office will be located at Danvers Savings Bank's Andover branch, at 18-20 Central St. She will serve the commer

> estate needs of businesses in the Andover/North Andover area. The Andover location of Danvers Savings Bank has been open since September 2002

A native of Methuen, Tucarella now lives in Salem, N.H., with her husband John. The two have an 18-year old son, Nicholas, a freshman at Bryant College



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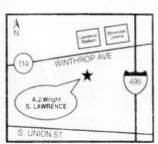
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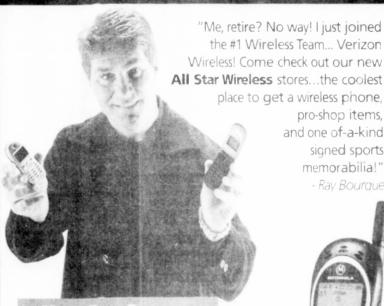




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TOWN ELECTION

James, '02 override supporter; Barber, fiscal conservative, tapped

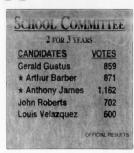


Incumbent Gerry Gustus fell just 12 votes shy.

III ELECTION

The town may have elected two candidates with different views. During the campaign, both were asked if the schools should receive more money. James said "yes"; Barber said

James was a key planner behind the pro-override group "Support Our Students" last year, though he says whether he will support a higher budget figure than is listed in the superintendent's preliminary budget this year is "very much an open question.



Barber said his views are more aligned with committee member Christopher Smith who won last year's election on an anti-override platform.

what similar to mine," said Bar-

"People who voted for me are fiscally conservative, as I am," said Barber. He vowed to represent such people.

The three losing candidates garnered votes from the town. John Roberts took 702 votes. Louis Velazquez got 600. Roberts, vice-chairman of the Vision 21 Committee, attended a meeting of that committee Tuesday night while election results were posted.

Gustus conceded the race to Barber with a phone call shortly after the results were posted. He said he was surprised by the results and hadn't any plans for future office. "This is the board I like," he said. He said he would spend more time with his fami-

Gustus attributed James' and Barber's successes to good organization and campaigning. "The town's getting two good men,"

In the uncontested select-

1,713 votes and Ted Teichert got 1,635. There were 1,306 blanks.

to the Andover Housing Author-term.

"Smith's positions are some- men's race Brian Major got ity. Kenneth Hamilton was elected as Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School In other uncontested races, District, a position he stepped Paul Higginbottom was elected into last summer to complete a



Supporters for many candidates tried to garner last minute support at the polls.

WERAWC

West El rocks with authors, books

Parent's \$2,000 donation keeps popular program alive

By Judy Wakefield

West Elementary School's annual reading and writing series continues to be a favorite among parents as one anonymously donated \$2,000 to make sure it happened.

This marked the eighth year for WERAWC - West Elementary Readers' and Writers' Conference - which is pronounced

we rock. The brainchild of assistant principal Liz Roos, the series featured several authors and book illustrators who spent last week visiting classrooms at the 600-student school, Andover's largest elementary school.

With 80 parent volunteers could become more involved this year, it's clear parents support the project and somebody got out the word that the series budget was coming up

The event costs about \$8,000 as authors and illustrators get paid honorariums for their visits. While the school's parents group kicks in \$5,000 every year, there is still a \$3,000 balance. As with every school budget in town, there is no extra money in the West El budget.

Roos said an anonymous parent gave a \$2,000 donation for the reading series. Grant money

covered the remaining \$1,000. "It's a phenomenal way to bring the school family together... It's a great way to make a large school feel small," Roos said of the event's popularity. "I love the fact that everyone speaks the same language for a week, whether it's a kindergarten teacher or a fifth-grade book collection.

Plus, she said the executive

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event attracted six parents this year. Usually there is just one member, Roos said.

Roos, a former teacher at West El who launched the program just after being named assistant principal eight years ago, said preparation for the event starts a year in advance. In fact, parents are meeting this week to get organized for next year - just days after a pizza party officially closed down this year's event. It was held last open. Thursday night, Roos said.

Keeping favorite school projects, like WERAWC, alive commonplace for parents in the next school year as Andover tackles its most challenging school budget year in more than a decade

Last year, parents helped rescue aging school libraries and book collections. Andover High parents donated more than \$2,300 to buy new books while Bancroft School parents donated more than \$7,500 to refurbish their school's library and book collection. At South School, parents have already raised over half of the \$24,000 they pledged raise to beef up that school's

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committee that organizes the the A-list when it comes to school-based projects that parents will help pay for. Parents at Sanborn and Bancroft schools raised thousands of dollars and also volunteered to build new playgrounds at their schools.

Roos agreed cash donations from parents will indeed become more commonplace in the wake of school budget cuts. Based on past experience, if a school has a hit, such as WER-AWC, a parent's checkbook will



Second-grader Michael Cirbee shows his book while wearing the "Read, Write, Thank, Dream hat.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



Brooks School announced that the exhibit "The Art of the Theater will soon grace the Robert Lehman Art Center on the Brooks School campus. The exquisitely detailed work of Vladimir Shpitalnik, a painter, illustrator and set and costume designer, will be on display, surrounded by examples of art inspired by the theater. The show runs April 1 through June 14. Shpitalnik, whose Golden Rooster watercolor is pictured above, will give a gallery talk on April 9 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 27

Cheerleader registration, Andover Junior Football League Cheerleading in-town and travel (8th grade) registration, 6-8 p.m., Andover High School, cafeteria; Beth 978-409-1099, www.ajfl.com.

Storytelling, storytellers' night, free, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets 978-372-5441, www.crescentdrag on.com

Open Mic, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007

Meeting, Andovers Writers' Group



Doherty

entation and workshop. Andover resi dent and author James David Doherty will read from his book Andover, As I Remember It,

meeting,

author's pre

7 to 9 p.m Memorial Hall Room - upper level, Andover Memorial Hall Library; Leo Griffin

978-470-1186 Live music, Maria Muldaur, \$18-\$20, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle Si Lowell: 978-453-5755

Friday, March 28

Story Swap, at the Andover Book store, bring a story to tell or just come and listen, ages 6 and up welcome, free, 7 p.m., Andover Book store, 89 Main St: 978-475-0143.

Theater, South School's Cooperative Theater presents an adaptation of Mary Poppins, \$7, 7 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium, tickets are available at Strawberry Tree, Learning Express, or at the door; Heather Conn 978-623-8830.

Author talk, Temple Emanuel of Andover presents author Larry Tye, who will speak on his work in progress about Pullman porters and his research which includes efforts of the black and Jewish commun. ties in the early days of labor and civil rights movements, 7:30 p.m., all are invited to the service and

lecture, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road; 978-470-

Ballet, The New England Civic Ballet will perform Cinderella, \$18 for adults, \$15 for children and seniors, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, tickets New England Civic Ballet, 274 S. Broadway, S. Lawrence; 978-975-0289 or the Rogers Center box office.

Theater, the Nashoba Players presents the Fantasticks, featuring Andover residents Martin Johnson and Lynette Toomey, Groton School, Groton, for show times and tickets call 978-392-8555.

Live music, the Spectrun Singers. Boston area choral ensemble performing Brahm's Ein deutsches Requiem, with Andover resident Carl Bewig as part of the chorus. \$30-\$40, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Route 4, Chelmsford; tickets 617-492-8902, Carl Bewig 978-470-1072, www.spectrumsingers

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Jon Fisch, Anne Maneikis, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088

Live comedy, Al Ducharme, Charlie Kwaks, Bernadette Pauley, \$12, 8 m. and 10:30 p.m., Jokemaven Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE www.jokemaven.com

Live music, Tom Pacheco, \$10, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdrag

Live music, the Nields, \$13-\$15, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Antiques, and collectibles show. 35 exhibitors, \$5, 5-9 p.m., appraisals by Frank Kaminski (\$5 an item or 3 for \$10), Wakefield First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St. Wakefield: 781-245-1539

Artists reception, artists Andrew Anderson-Bell and Susan Kauderr. 5-7:30 p.m., Mingo Gallery, 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

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The musical comedy Godspell is at The Amesbury Playhouse Amesbury. The show runs March 28 - April 2. Call 978-388-9444

Make way for chocolate

By Andrea Gregory

on Doherty Middle School's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory the first weekend in

Until then, a group of about 100 students say they're excited as they piece together sets, practice lines and rehearse cues in preparation for opening night.

Kayla Dufton is a seventhgrader still working on cues. She was cast as the reporter in the play. She says it's her first play and already plans on auditioning next year

"Even without big roles it's still fun," she says.

Mary Burke, also a seventhgrader, will be one of the oompa loompas and is working behind the scenes, too.

"In the beginning we'll start out really relaxed," says Burke. Then rehearsals pick up and sets still need work

Many of the kids say they're too excited right now to think about being nervous

"It's part acting, but the other part is social and you make a lot of friends," says Emily Martin, who was cast as Violet. "It's a really fun experience "It's a lot of worl and if I didn't have a good time here I

wouldn't want to be an actress Martin says she has dreams of making it big someday. Before auditioning for this play she spent two weeks in acting classes, which she says paid off by landing her one of the leads.

"It's a really big role so I'm very excited for it," she says. "I couldn't ask for a better part."

For Karen Schoenherr, the eighth-grade stage manager, this play means a lot of work for her and her crew. No. Hillary Nadworny with they're not dressing up or recit-

a Wonka Bar. ing lines, but Schoenherr says their biggest play yet

"It's a lot of work, long hours, non-stop,"

Peg Orlando and Ken Matteucci have overseen school plays at Doherty for the past six years.

devote their lives to the produc-

on stage. A group of 100 students is involved with putting on the performances

Hillary Nadworny plays Charlie in the Doherty Middle School production of Charlie and the

Chocolate Factory next weekend. Hillary holds the pun-laden "square candy that looks around"

"March is really intense," Orlando says, because rehearsals pick up and the kids are required to invest more time Orlando says the entire pro-

duction is student-run and the kids do a superlative job handling everything. This year is

classes.

William Kennedy for Roscoe: Victor

LaValle for The Ecstatic and Gilbert Sor-

rentino for Little Casino.

Matteucci wrote the script for this per-

roles. He says the play is a product of the book and not the movie. The story was recshe says, adding the week of the play she ommended by the students. "We try to and the rest of the stage crew are going to choose literature-based stories," says Orlan-

While Orlando helps the kids go over lines, Matteucci coaches the young actors on lighting and helps them create prop and set ideas. He says he puts the majority of the work in their hands because on opening night he'll be sitting in the audience with

"That's our philosophy. Get the kids to

do as much as they can," he says. Both Matteucci and Orlando call this year's cast "fabulous" and praise the kids for all their hard work.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be performed Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. Shows start at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for stu-



"I see (a caprice) as the

absence of all reason -

when things cease to make

sense and you don't really

know why these things

are happening."

SABINA MURRAY

By Judy Wakefield

TIE CAPRICES, written by Filipino author and Phillips Academy teacher Sabina Murray, has been nominated for this year's PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.

Murray's book is among five finalists for the prestigious literary award. More than 350 titles novels and short story collections published last year in the US were considered for the

award. The winner gets \$15,000 while the four finalists each receive \$5,000. The winner will be announced next month.

Past recipients include Walter Abish. Tobias Wolff, Annie Proulx, Richard Ford, Michael Cunningham and Philip Roth.

Murray's book is a collection of short stories set against the backdrop of the Pacific campaign of World War II. Murray, who grew up in the Philippines and Australia, recalls her family stories of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines. Murray's mother lived through the occupation of Manila and she shared her memories and experiences with Murray and other family members. Murray wrote her book from their tales. The short stories in the book are set in Southeast Asia, Australia, and the

"I was trying to do it from as many different points of view as possible. I'm hoping to bring to light a number of voices, which people might not have thought about much," Murray told the Townsman last

She spent five years writing the book and explained the title like this: "I see (a caprice) as the absence of all reason – when things cease to make sense and you don't really know why these things are happen-

ing. She was not available this week for comment on her nomination.

Her book spent three consecutive weeks on the popular New York Times' New and Recommended column when it was published by Mariner Books of Houghton Mifflin Co. early last 'year



Phillips Academy teacher and writer-inresidence Sabina Murray

PAINTING FITZGERALDS



Andover natives Jane Bailey, Virginia Johnson and Catherine Meeks, the daughters of Frederick and Elizabeth Fitzgerald of Central Street, will hold their first joint exhibit of paintings at the Boulevard Studio & Gallery, 39 Memorial Blvd., Newport R.I. The paintings, in watercolor, pastel and acrylic, will be exhibited from April 26 to May 18. An opening reception will be held Saturday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are noon to 5, Thursday to Sunday. Their work can be seen at www.artisticsisters.com

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- Virus
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- 16. Monetary unit
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- 20. High pitches
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- 23. Tower city
- 25. Bless 28. Cowbarn (British)
- 29. Signing
- 32. Dandies 33. Region near Troy
- Corporate executive "They that go down
- Psalm 107
- 39. East southeast
- 40. Toadfrog 41. Stakes
- 42. Chromatic color
- 43. Egyptian sun god
- 44. Speech sound
- 46. Interest
- 47. Caliph 48. Earlier
- 51. Diapsid reptile
- "Damn the torpedoes"
- 58. Nourishment
- 59. Linen
- Gallery
- - 61. Thomas British composer, 1700
 - 62. Confederate general
- 63. Caught

Clues DOWN

ENTERING ANDOVER

- 1. Holiday resorts
- 2. Church booklet
- 3. Make softer 4. Heavenly body
- 5. Rovers 6. Rumpled laws
- 7. Command right
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- 10. Counteractive

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- 18. Water
- 19. Haunt 23. Pus-like
- 24. Asian country
- 25. In following order
- 26. Rope 27. Selected
- 28. Having great intelligence
- 29. Grape
- 30. Plant organs
- 31. Scoundrel
- 33. Meaning
- 36. Blackboard or rubber
- 37. Make full
- 38. Den, for example
- 44. Flowering tree
- 45. Winged
- 46. Get together with
- 48. Spoken in Sulu archipelago
- 49. European river
- 50. Asian country
- 51. Lofty
- 52. Gum
- 53. Plant genus 54. Egyptian Sun god

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias

THE YARD.

- 56. Base
- 57. Expresses distaste, disapproval

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Saturday, March 29

Comedy Extravaganza, hosted by comedian Larry Starr, featuring Kevin Knox, Tony V., Paul Nardizzi to name a few, proceeds to benefit ongoing Andover High School projects, including the completion of the fund to create a new marquee for the Collins Center, \$25, 8 p.m.; Collins Center Box Office 978-623-8666, Joe Spanos 978-697-9110

Demonstration, Music Together of Andover will offer demonstration classes, free, 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., RSVP Rosemary Halloran 978-688-3326.

Crafts, South Church Women's Ministries is hosting a Craft and Home based Business Show and silent auction, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St.; 978-475-0321

Live music, Tommy Evans concert, free, 10:15 a.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., RSVP 978-475-4225.

Yard sale donation event, to benefit the Committee to Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ), drop off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., donations should be clean and in good condition no large appliances, volunteers will be on hand to help unload goods, 115 Bailey Road. (Yard sale will be April 26, unsold items will be

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donated to Lazarus House.) If donors are unable to drop off merchandise on this date, call Maddy St. Amand 978-685-2441; to volunteer call Lori Mattheiss 978-686-8625, www.pazonline.org.

Open house, to recognize women in history and to celebrate the Unitarian Universalist heritage, refreshments will be served, 4-6 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, 190 Academy Road, Parish Hall, North Andover; 978-687-7948.

Forum, the Massachusetts Coalition for Healthy Communities will sponsor a Save Our Communities Forum, local area organizations will speak about the budget crisis and a teach-in about tax reform led by Jill Stein, 10 a.m.-noon, Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill; 781-674-2422 www.masschc.org.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Jon Fisch, Anne Maneikis, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088

Live comedy, Al Ducharme, Charlie Kwaks, Bernadette Pauley, \$12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat. 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE. www.jokemaven.com.

Artists talk, Brush Art Gallery presents, Chanthou Oeur gallery slide/talk and poetry reading, 1 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Live music, Bob Martin with Carl Cacho, \$10, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Hot Day at the Zoo, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007

Craft Fair, sponsored by Dracut High School Band Boosters, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Dracut High School 1540 Lakeview Ave., Dracut; 978-454-6043.

Antiques and collectibles show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Mar. 28 entry.

Mary Poppins, see Mar. 28 entry. Cinderella, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., see Mar. 28 entry

Fantasticks, see Mar. 28 entry.

Sunday, March 30

Talent Extravaganza, a talent show held by Curtis Knight and Joe Spanos for solo and duet performances, proceeds to benefit ongoing Andover High School projects, including the completion of the fund to create a new marquee for the Collins Center, \$5, 2 p.m., Collins Center; Joe Spanos 978-

Jazz Band Suede, free, 3:30 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.,

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Swim show, featuring the ANA Synchers synchronized swim team. \$5, \$3 seniors and children, 4 and 6:30 p.m., Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 978-685-3541

Live music, and dancing, sponsored by Division 8 AOH and LAOH and the Irish Foundation, Irish day of culture, dance lessons 1-2 p.m., music by Comhaltas Musicians 2:30 p.m., lecture on traditional Irish music, 2 p.m., Claddagh Restaurant & Pub, 399 Canal St. Lawrence; 978-688-8337.

Theater, UMass Lowell Center for the Arts presents, The Nightingale, as part of the family Discovery Series, \$10, 2 and 4 p.m., Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., UMass Lowell South Campus; 978-934-4444.

Live music and story, American Textile History Museum, Family Day Performance An American Journey Revels Circle Song presents a performance celebrating the immigrant experience, with an ensemble cast of singers, dancers and musicians, sponsored by Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, tickets are by advance reservation and will be held at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children including Museum adraission, American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton Street, Lowell: 978-441-0400, Ext. 244, www.athm.org

Artist's reception, Gordon Pryzbyla. free, 2-4 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com

Live music, Lorrie Landry, 5-9 p.m. Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammatt St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Cinderella, 2 p.m., see Mar. 28

Monday, March 31

One-man show, presented by St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, featuring soap opera star Frank Runycon in The Sermon on the Mount, followed by a discussion Faith vs. Hollywood, free, 7-8 p.m., open to the public, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-683-8922

Tuesday, April 1

Auditions, for students entering 7th through 10th grade (as of Sept.). Summer Theatre Ensemble musical theater program at the Collins Center will be performing Evita, on Aug. 1 and 2, auditions South School, call DCS for details and appointment; 978-623-8274.

Registration, DCS Summer Fun Registration begins, for Department of Community Services popular summer programs at the DCS office during regular office hours, Mon. Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; 978-623-8274, www.town.andover.ma .us/des

DCS classes. Wine Tasting featuring wines of Australia, from 7-8:30 pm., Andover Inn. and What to Know When Remodeling Your Home, runs 3 weeks from 7-9 p.m.

at Andover High School, \$50 per course, both classes begin today. call DCS or course descriptions and to register 978-623-8274.

Lecture, Ornamental Grasses and Andover Garden Club membership meeting presents Pernell Gerver, horticulturist, lecturer, garden writer, TV personality, and awardwinning gardener, \$5 for nonmembers; includes refreshments, 12:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.: Karen Schnorrenberg, 978-474-8973, karensberg@attbi.com.

Networking, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce with the Nevins Manor presents A Shower of Networking Marketing Mixer, \$10, \$20 non-members, 5-7 p.m., Nevins Manor, 110 Broadway, Methuen; 978-682-7611

Live music, Phil Person Quintet, \$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

Wednesday, April 2

DCS class, DCS is offering an 8week dog obedience class at the Red Spring Road parking lot, puppy class, 6:30-7:30 p.m., older dogs 7:30-8:30 p.m., registration fee for residents is \$57, contact DCS for course descriptions and to

register 978-623-8274. Talk, sponsored by Friends of



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family of the late Jeanne P St. Pierrer, a former Friend of the Library. Dr. Robert Brooks will speak on Raising Resilient Children," free, 7

p.m., Memorial Hall

Library; 978-623-8400 www.mhl.org/temp/brooks.htm Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting, light refreshments 7 p.m. program 7:45 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-455-8519. www.mvcameraclub.org

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Auditions, see April 1 entry

Live music, the Ted and Florence Russem Memorial Series presents music by the Zamir Chorale of Boston, and the Treble Chorus of New England hosted by Merrimack's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, free. 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the

Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355

Poetry reading, Flint Memorial Library, in honor of National Poet ry Month present three Andover poets, Michael Casey, Hilary Holla day, Mark Schorr and Ray Landry of North Reading will read their poems, discussion will follow, frep.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading: Helena Minton 978-664-4942

ON THE MOVE!



The Andover High School Dance Club is getting ready for its 4th annual dance show. Dances range from jazz and hip-hop to ballet and lyrical, and all are choreographed by Andover High students. The show will be held in the Collins Center next to AHS tomorrow, Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information. call Meredith Schmidt at 978-387-5187.

Phillips Academy Skating School

Live music, Ethan Bessey, \$8, 8

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Dance, High Plain Father Daughter Dance, \$25 for father/daughter, \$5

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p.m., High Plain Elementary

ell: 978-453-5755

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p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Low

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Docket No. 03D0289DV1 Divorce/Separate Support Summons By Publication

CARLOS MANUEL HENRIQUEZ, Plaintiff v RAISSA FERRER DE DIOS

To the above named Defendant: A complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, CARLOS MANUEL HEN-RIQUEZ, 39 ROYAL CREST APT 3, N W I ANDOVER, seeking DIVORCE

An automatic An automatic sustice of said court.

Restraining Order at Salem this 12TH has been entered in day of MARCH, this matter preventing you from taking.

Pamela Casey

O'Brian Register of Carrier Page 1 action which would negatively impact the current fi-

ther party. Please ments of Article VIII, § refer to Supplemen tal Probate Court Rule 411 for more information. You are required

to serve upon CAR-LOS MANUEL HEN RIQUEZ- plaintiff whose address is 39 **ROYAL CREST APT 3** NORTH ANDOVER MA 01845 your answer on or before JUNE 30, 2003. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adju-dication of this acquired to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at

WITNESS JOHN C. STEVENS III ESQUIRE. First Justice of said Court

O'Brien Register of Probate Court

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LEGAL NOTICES

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BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at THE HALL. SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of L & R Rentals.

ance from the require-

3.1.3.C.18 and as Farry OFFICE OF THE Aggrieved, for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector to operate a car rental business that does not meet zoning regulations. Premises affected are

located at 131 River Rd. Andover, MA in an ID District as shown on Assessor's Map 165 as Lot 1D. Inc. d/b/a Budget Rent A Car. 131 River Road.

DANIEL S. CASPER. CHAIRMAN Andover, MA for a vari-BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lih Ming Chen and Suchu Lai Chen to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated March 28, 2001 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6074, Page 328, of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a national banking association f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California. N.A. as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2. is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of fore-closing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2003, on the ortgaged premises located at 20 Keystone Andover, Essex County. sachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT The land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts being known as Lot #9, on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan of Hearthstone Village, Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass. of Keystone Way." Scale 1"=40' Date: March 14, 1987. Sheets 4 & 5 of 15. Said plan being recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 11021, Reference is made to said plan for a more particular description of said

land, more or less, according to said plar Subject to all rights, restrictions, covenants and easements of record, insofar as the same way be to force and applicable.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 3278, Page 321.

These premises will be sold and cor veyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements. ovenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other munici pal assessments or liens or existing encum brances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mort-gage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION FIK/A BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2001-2 Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys. HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. Autumn S. Sarzana, Esquire 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 March 20 & 27, April 3, 2003

Said Lot #9 contains 47,779 square feet of MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

32 Lincoln Circle West
Andover, MA 01810

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Brian J. Callery and Olga M. Callery to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated June 25, 1999, and filed with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 5485, Page 255, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 16, 2003 at 3:00 PM, at or upon the mortgaged premises more particularly described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit.

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Andover, being shown as Let No. 18, no. a place particularly shown as Let No. 18, no. a place particularies.

In mortgage reserves the right to post-pone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises will be soid subject to and with the benefits of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, nutstanding tax files, municipal or other public taxes, assessements, improvements and existing encombrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any, insofar, as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises.

If the successful bidder at the foreclusiver

one hundred and 67/100 feet by Lot 19 as shown Containing 16, 568 square feet accord-

This conveyance is made subject to restrictions of record which are now in force and applicable.

For title reference, see Deed dated, March 20 & 27, April 3, 2003

September 21, 1994 and recorded with

A certain parcel of land with the buildings applicable to the premises. Thereon situated in said Andover being shown as Lot No. 18 on a plan entitled said edaults in purchasing the property. Relocation of lot lines of Subdivision and Acceptance Plan, portion of Lincoln Circle, or the terms of the Memoracidum of Saie executed at the time of the foreclosure, the ber 1958" said plan being recorded in the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the prop-North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as end by the property of the proposition of the pro

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Said plan;

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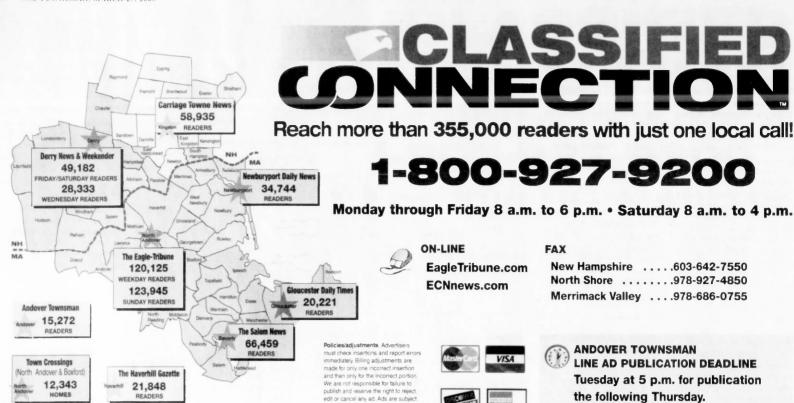
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BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING held at THE HALL SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL

on THURSDAY, April 3. 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of The Chateau Restaurant of Andover, Inc., 195 School Street, Waltham, MA 02451 for variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 5.2.13(3) to replace existing internally-illuminated, doublesided box sign & to add an L.E.D. message board mounted to existing pylons that will not meet zoning regulations. Premises affected are located at 131 River Rd. Andover, MA in an Industrial D District as Map 165 as Lots 1 & 1D

DANIEL S. CASPER CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be SQUARE ANDOVER held at THE HALL

SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL ELM SOLIARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3. 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Alan M Cregg, 45 Maple St. Hamilton, MA 01982 for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for a Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct a new residence behind existing dwelling on a lot that does not meet zoning regulations & the eventual demolition of the

located at 25 Porter Rd. Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 76 as

existing.

DANIELS, CASPER. CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at THE HALL. held at THE HALL

SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL LIBRARY. ELM SQUARE. ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Robert & Christine Zdunczyk 69 High St., Andover, MA Box 101, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for a special permit under construct a deck that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 69 High St. Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 38 as

DANIELS, CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be

SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3. 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of River Birch Development, LLC, P.O. for variances from the VIII, § 3.1.3.A.4 & § 7.6.2 and for a special permit under Article VIII § 7.6.2 to construct a 3unit dwelling that will not

Premises affected are located at 53 High St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 104.

meet zoning require-

DANIEL S. CASPER. CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE **BOARD OF APPEALS** NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at THE HALL

SECOND FLOOR in MÉMORIAL LIBRARY ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER THURSDAY, April 3, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of D. Shirazi, 19 William St., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII. § 4.1.2 and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 of the for a special permit Zoning By-Law to con-under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 struct a 10 '4'x24' addition that will not meet dimensional require-

Premises affected are located at 19 William St., Andover, MA in an SRA Assessor's Map 52 as DANIEL S. CASPER.

ments.

CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE **BOARD OF APPEALS** NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be

SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL LIBRARY SQUARE. ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the Patricia Pelletier 14 Wolcott Ave., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of to construct a 1 1/2 story addition that will not

requirements. Premises affected are located at 14 Wolcott located at 44 Central St. SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 38

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DANIELS, CASPER BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003 BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING held at THE HALL SECOND FLOOR in HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY. ELM

OFFICE OF THE

SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3. 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Richard Marino, 44 Central St. Andover, MA for a variance from the require 4.1.2 and/or for a specia permit under Article VIII § 3.3.5 to construct additions & alterations to an existing residence that that will not meet zoning

Premises affected are Ave., Andover, MA in an Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 55 as Lot 135

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NOTICE Public Hearing

Tree Removal Under Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a public Hearing will be removal of five Public Shade Trees as

follows: 24" Red Oak 11 West Knoll Road Hearing will be held on Monday, April 7, 2002 at 1:30p.m. the third Floor Conference Room. Andover Offices, 36 Bartlet

April 3, 2003

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 287991 To Dorothy M. Winn and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Investors Realty Trust claiming to be new office along with a parking area conthe holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover. at 69 Park Street and numbered 40 C Washington Park Drive, Unit #9, Washington Park Condominium given by Dorothy M. Winn to Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., Dated May 24, 2002, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6856, Page 237 and now held by the plaintiff by as-

entry and possession and exercise of power of sale If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and an-Boston on or before the 21st day of April. 2003, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such

signment has filed with said court a

complaint for authori-

mortgage in the

manner following: by

under said act. Witness, K SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 7th day of day of March, 2003 Ann-Marie J. Breuer

foreclosure is invalid

Deputy Recorder March 27, 2003

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate And Family Court Department ESSEX Division

Docket No. 03P0493AD1 the Estate Of Late of ANDOVER covered by this sale.

In the County of ESSEX Date of Death November 3, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been BERNARDIN of AN-DOVER in the County of ESSEX be apinted administratrix of said estate to serve without surety.

OBJECT THERETO YOU OR MUST FILE A WRIT-TEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM. ON OR BE-O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 14.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE. First Justice of said Court this day, March 12,

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court March 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at THE HALL,

SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL ELM SQUARE. ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the

family dwelling unit. located at 9 Brown St. Andover, MA in an SRC Andover, MA in an SRC
District as shown on
Assessor's Man 212 as Assessor's Map 212 as day.

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THE ANDOVER DANIEL S. CASPER. PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN Paul Salafia, Chairman BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003 March 20 & 27, 2003

TOWN OF OFFICE OF THE ANDOVER BOARD OF APPEALS Dated March 11, 2003 PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby giv-en that a public hear-A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, ing will be convened on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL the Third Floor Con-ference Room, Town Office Building, Bart-LIBRARY, SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 3, let Street, on an 2003 at 6:00 P.M. on the application submitted petition of Coachman by Highview LLC, for Development, LLC, c/o Special Permit for a 12 - Chestnut

Lot Design, under Section 5.1.11. of the fication of Decision No. 3153. Zoning By-Law, said application associated with a Special Per-Premises affected are located at 170 Haverhill mit for a Planned St. Andover MA in an Development - Mixed SRB District as shown Use, for the construction Assessor's Map 1 as tion of nine residential Lot 3 units and 2,480 SF of

Andover, MA for a modi-

DANIEL S. CASPER. CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS March 20 & 27, 2003

NOTICE OF

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anthony J. Pisano and Patricia A. Pisano to TMS Mortgage Inc. dba The Money Store dated 8/20/97 and recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4825. Page 138 and now held by plaintiff by assignment, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 1:00 PM on April 11, 2003, on the mortgaged premises. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land with the buildings thereon located in Andover Massachusetts, and shown as Lot 16 on a plan of land entishown as but of a plan of fadden Oaks' in Andover, Mass., Owner: Launching Road Trust of Andover, engineer: Nysten Engineering & Assoc. Scale "f"=40' Date: January 22, 1983", and said plan is recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 9165, and reference is made to said plan for a more particular description.

The aforesaid Lot 16 contains 31,001 square feet more or less according to

Together with the right to the grantees heir heirs, successors and assigns, to pass, repass and otherwise use Golden Oaks Land and all other streets and ways in the Golden Oaks Subdivision in common with all other users lawfully entitled thereto, for all purposes for which such streets and ways are com monly used in Andover, Massachusetts

Subject to and with the benefit of ease ments, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

In the event of any typographical error set rth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference.

This property has the address of 12 Cher rywood Circle, Andover, MA 01810.

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and prof its, water rights and stock and all fixtures JOHN J. HEWITT AKA now or hereafter a part of the property. All JOHN J. HEWITT, JR replacements and additions shall also be

Terms of Sale:

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000,00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of DOO-NAN & GRAVES, & LANGORIA, L.L.C., 16 Front Street, Salem, Massachusetts, time being of the essence.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to post-pone the sale to a later date by public procla-rnation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any F YOU DESIRE adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises is to be sold subject to and B. 47, P. 509. the the benefit of all easements, restrictions, 2000 tax \$1.013.78, 2001 tax \$1.032.46, 2002. with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

ing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed 2000 tax \$272.48 2001 tax \$277.50 2002 tax at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee \$286.84 reserves the right to sell the property by fureclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, DOONAN & GRAVES, & LANGORIA, L.L.C. 16 Front Street, Salem, Massachusetts, 01970, the amount of the required deposit as 2000 tax (bal) \$21.65 set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the Peter D. Butterfield and Maureen J. Butterfield.

within twenty (20) days of said written notice. purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder.

The foreclosure deed and the considera- (This form approved by the Department of Revenue.) tion paid by the successful bidder shall be March 27, 2003

petition of Peter Lai, 9 more specifically held in escrow by DOONAN & GRAVES Brown St., Andover, MA identified as Lot 98 AND LANGORIA, L.L.C. (hereinafter call the for a special permit on Assessor's Map "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be under Article VIII, § 39. The application released from escrow to the successful bid-and associated docu- der at the same time as the consideration is ments may be exam: released to the Modrage bitch (30) days. ments may be exam-released to the Mortgagee, thirty (30) days Premises affected are lined in the Planning after the date of sale, whereupon all obliga-ocated at 9 Brown St.

Department between tions of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed the hours of 8:00 to have been properly fulfilled and the a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Escrow Agent shall be discharged.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. The Bank of New York-as Trustee

under the Pooling and Servicing Agree ment dated as of August 31, 1997. Series 1997-C

By: John A. Doonan, Esq., Doonan & Graves & LANGORIA, L.L.C. 16 Front Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 741-2680

Marh 20 & 27, April 3, 2003

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town PLANNING BOARD of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter speci-fied, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover, by the Third Floor Conthe Board of Assessors of said Andover Board of Assessors of said Andover, ference Room, Town ain unpaid, and that said parcels of land Office Building, Bart-be taken for the said Town of Andover on will be taken for the said Town of Andover, on Friday, April 4, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any. Section 5. on a petiunless the same shall be previously dis-

described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1962, P. 56. 1999 tax (bal) \$53.26 2000 tax \$105.48 2001 tax \$107.42 2002 tax \$113.04

in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds. B. 2664. P. 78. Hospital water supply 1999 tax (bal) \$1.966.57 2000 tax \$2,783.50 wells for the health 2001 tax \$2,834.80

2002 tax \$2,930.56 2002 sewer lien \$158.17 dents, staff and visi-2002 water lien \$191.69

in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 14 Lucerne Drive, shown as Parcel 151 on Assessors Map 21, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 4740, P. 104. 2000 tax (bal) \$1,594.56 2001 tax \$3,106.34 2002 tax \$3,210.34

2002 sewer lien \$235.32.2002 water lien.

Andover at 95 Jenkins Road, shown as Parcel 1B on Assessors' Map 31, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 4625, P. 59. 2000 tax (bal) \$1,156.24 2001 tax \$2,276.78

Paul V. Cassidy, Jane M. Cassidy and Steven M. Cassidy, Jarle M. Cassidy and Steven M. Cassidy. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 59 Elm Street, shown as Parcel 239-2 on Assessors' Map 38, being Unit 2 of the 59-61 Elm Street Condominium. described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds. B. 2379. P. 170

Michael H. Chow. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 22 Railroad Street, shown as Parcel 57A-103 on Assessors' Map 54 being Unit 103 of the Andover Condo um, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds. B. 3704, P.

2002 tax \$1,862.32

Robert E. McKinley and Brenda L. McKinley. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 10 Nancy Circle, shown as Parcel 34 on

2002 tax \$4,585.18 Thomas J. Talbot and Grace H. Talbot, Land in said Andover at River Park, shown as Parcel 141 on Assessors' Map 139, being Lots 7 and 8, Bik. 5 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 13110-B, sh.1, described in Ex No. Dist. Cert. of Title 1975. B. 13, P. 501. tax (hal) \$47.38 2001 tax \$59.68 2002

Katherine M. Quinn and Peter D. Quinn, Land in said Andover at 33 River St., shown as Parcel 147 on Assessors' Map 139, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 7097, P. 307. Supposed subsequent owner: Michael Ristuccia.

2000 tax (bal) \$47.49 2001 tax \$62.66 2002 tax \$63.58

Andover Portland Avenue Associates LLC Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 168 River Road, shown as Parcel 5

Deca Corp. Land in said Andover at 10 Mulberry Circle, shown as Parcel 25 on Assessors Map 190, being Lot 313 on a plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds. Plan #5908 described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1234, P. 348. and being Lot 35 on Ld. Ct. Pl. described in Ex. No. Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title 7076

Launching Road Truat of Andover, George Chongris, Trustee, Land in said Andover a 114 Sugarbush Lane, shown as Parcel 16 or In the event that the successful bidder at Assessors' Map 191, being Lots 344 and 332 the foreclosure sale shall default in purchas- on a plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist Deeds. Plan #5908, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds

> Dargoonian Bros. Realty Trust, Benjamin Dar goonian and Garabed Dargoonian, Trustees. Land in said Andover, at 12 Lenox Circle, shown as Parcel 2B on Assessors' Map 199, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B.1180, F.

2000 tax (bal) \$21.65

previous highest bidder and title shall be Land in said Andover, with the buildings there-conveyed to the said second highest bidder on, at 374 River Road, shown as Parcel 3A on inthin twenty (20) days of said written notice. Assessors' Map 223, described in Ex. No. Dist. If the second highest bidder declines to Deeds, B. 3850, P. 134 DAVID J. REILLY

Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover foot. Steve 978-469-0426

the requirements of Section 51 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, the Andover Contributory Retire a public hearing on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 8:30 AM in the third floor conference room in the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA 01810 for the pur-pose of deciding whether to elect to fown of Andover an increased cost of liv ing allowance

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and Paul J. Kneeland, Trustees, Land in said Andover on Route 125, shown as Parcel 3 on Assessors' Map 5, being Lot C on a plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds. Plan #10147

tax \$107.42 2002 tax \$113.04 preserve and protect
Nancy Lindquist. Land in said Andover, with groundwater the buildings thereon, at 15 Flint Circle, shown as Parcel 41 on Assessors' Map 20, described of the

Bradford A. Pearson and Lynda McNeil. Land district may be used

Stowe Development, Inc. Land in said

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Assessors' Map 63, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1285, P. 583. 2000 tax (bal) \$1,138.59 2001 tax \$4.413.34

Assessors' Map 166, described in Ex. No. Dist Deeds, B. 5065, P. 267. 2000 tax (bal) \$8,730.88 2002 tax \$12.965.68

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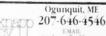
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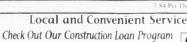
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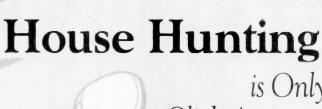






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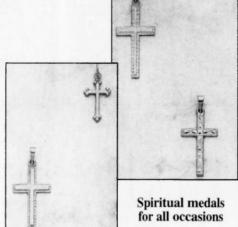
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Kids today have many choices ...

By Thea Shapiro

There was a time, not long ago, when kids got home from school and hung around the neighborhood, or perhaps played on a Little League team. Much of children's after-school and weekend time was spent riding bikes, running in and out of each other's homes and getting homework done.

busy - from the time they get up ter to play the piano, but to go to school to the time they Gabriella had other plans. She

go to bed. There are many more told her mother she wanted to options, from sports to music lessons, offered to youth of all

Kids are doing all kinds of unusual things after school these

Music

Shawsheen kindergartner Gabriella DeVincenzo plays the harp. Her mother, Jennifer These days, kids are more DiVincenzo, wanted her daugh-

play the harp because, "That's what the angels play in heaven and that's where Papa (her grandfather) is, so he'll hear it." Her mother searched quite a while before she found harp teacher Michelle Pinet through Creative Arts in Reading. "Michelle is a wonderful, patient teacher. I'm so happy we found her" says DeVincenzo.

Pinet, who has been teaching harp at Creative Arts for five years, says she has seven students this year ranging in ages from 6 to adult. Pinet brings her harp to class, so students don't have to lug theirs back and forth. The closest place to rent a harp, according to DeVincenzo, is in Salem, Mass. "I thought that was far to go to rent an instrument," says DeVincenzo, "But then I met a family who had to drive four hours, from New York, to rent one.

Gabriella likes the harp, but says she doesn't always like to practice, and it can be hard on her fingers. When asked her favorite piece to play, she said, "I'm learning to play a waltz that I really like.



The Andover Department of Community Services offers some unusual activities for Andover youth. One of these is archery, taught by Marcia Wyman and Harry Steever of the New England School of Archery, who have been offer-



continued on page 3A Theresa Cloutier in archery class at West Elementary.



Gabriella DiVincenzo and her teacher Michelle Pinet.

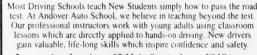
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From archery to dance a kid can find a niche



Students fencing in a class at the Bancroft School.

■ CHOICES

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ing archery through DCS for the past 5 years. Each season brings a mix of novice archers' along with kids who have been shooting arrows for a while. Theresa Cloutier, a fourth grader at West Elementary, decided to try archery because a friend told her it's fun. Theresa says her friend was right; she is really enjoying

Three Andover brothers, 7year-old Kyle Kearney, 10-yearold Ian, and 12-year-old Shane,

"because our grandfather, who lives far away, always sends us cool presents. He sent us each a

shoot them in our yard. We also

wanted to learn because we

loved Lord of the Rings." Steever says that classes seem to get bigger after movies New England School of Archery has 30 students in Andover from ages 6 to 14.

take lessons, explains Shane, Sullivan has been teaching fenc-

7 years. Sullivan got involved in fencing in the fourth grade. She is dyslexic and was having trouble in school, when her father decided she had to do something physical to get her motivated. She fell in love with the sport; it gave her confidence and helped build her self-esteem.

Sullivan takes her story around to schools and tells children about her struggle growing up and finding a place for herself. Jake Merrill was in kindergarten when Sullivan spoke to his school, Bancroft Elementary. Merrill came home from school and told his parents he wanted to fence. That was seven years ago, and he has been fencing with Sullivan ever since. Merrill, now a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, recently competed in two fencing events at the Division Championship of the New England bow and arrows, so we can Division of the US Fencing Association. In the first event for the Youth 12 Epec he placed first, winning all bouts, and placed second in Y12 Foil. Merrill likes the competitive aspect like Lord of the Rings and Robin of fencing. "You have to think Hood come out. Right now, the about what your opponent's next move will be. It's never boring. You need to be on the offensive and defensive at the same time," he says

Joseph Cloutier, a sixth-grad-Two-time Olympian Molly er at West Middle School, started fencing last summer. He agrees with Merrill: "Fencing is challenging both physically and mentally. Advancing and retreat-

ing through the DCS for the past ing correctly is hard physically. and reacting to your opponents attack and defense style is mentally challenging." DCS offers four fencing classes per week. Sullivan calls DCS "a gift to the community.'

Ballet lessons are often associated as something girls do, and for the most part in Andover. that is true. But there is room for boys who have an interest in

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David Stein at his jazz and tap class.

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babies. Unless parents are sure the paint does not contain lead. they should consider a newer model crib.

2. The space between slats should be no more than two and three-eighths inches apart to prevent a baby's head from get-

3. There should be no cutout 1. Old, hand-me down cribs areas on the headboard or foot-

may be painted with lead-based board that can trap a baby's stuffed animals or toys that can paint, which can be harmful to head. Cribs made since 1974 be suffocation hazards. meet this standard

> itself up to stand, set the mattress at its lowest position.

5. Make sure the mattress fits is no gap. If an adult can fit two ture fingers between the mattress and the crib, the mattress should be replaced.

6. Any toys that hang across the top of the crib should be removed when the child can begin to push themselves up on hands and knees. This is usually around five months of age.

7. Cribs should be free of plastic sheets, pillows, and large

8. Cribs should also be free 4. As soon as a baby can pull of ladders, which might help children climb out.

9. Do not put the crib next to window, lamps, heaters, wall snugly next to the crib so there decorations or climbable furni-

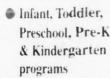
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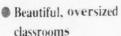
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Guys find the joy in dancing

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David Stein, a second-grader at Sanborn, has been dancing since he was 4 years old.

At the Andover School of Ballet, he has taken pre-ballet 1 and 2, primary ballet and this year he is taking jazz and tap. Stein says the movements are fun and that he feels all right being the only boy in his class. The recitals always have a role for guys," he says. Stein enjoys dancing and plans to keep at it.

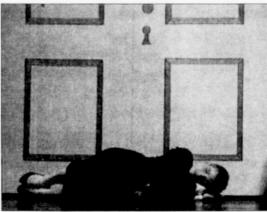
Another dancer, Peter Galvin, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, started dancing at the YMCA in an all-boys tap class when he was 3 years old. Now in his ninth year at Andover School of Ballet, he studies both modern and ballet.

He has performed in the Phillips Academy version of the

Nutcracker as a party child, and the New England Civic Ballet version in the role of Fritz. This week he will dance in the New England Civic Ballet's Cinderella as an older gentleman who tries to teach one of the stepsisters how to dance at the ball.

Galvin feels good about dancing; he enjoys the adrenaline and energy he gets from the workout. When asked if other kids make fun or tease him, he says, "Anyone who makes fun of me is ignorant and close-minded." He also said that his friends and teachers are supportive and come to see his perfor-

When asked what he likes about dance, he says, "I've always thought of dance as the only art in which we are the pens and pencils ourselves." He says he will continue to dance, but plans on being an engineer.



Peter Galvin in the Nutcracker as Fritz.

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eye doctor take place? According to to see is that a baby at six to eight John McHale, O.D. of Andover Eve Care, "All children should have their eyes examined by an eye doctor at least by the time they enter school. However, it is very important to get an early look at an infant's eyes as early as six months old. Early eye exams an detect misalignment, depth for example." perception difficulties and crossed

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According to Dr. Alan Beaulieu, When should that first visit to the O.D., "One of the main things I like months is beginning to develop some visual accuracy like being able to reach for things. This is important to see that the baby's eyes are developing normally. The baby should also be following the parents with his or her eyes, when they enter the room,

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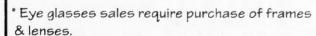
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8. Make sure the child understands the danger of strangers. Children are coaxed into unknown automobiles everyday.

9. Always keep a first-aid kit on hand for cuts, scrapes and

10. When a child is old enough to begin riding a tricycle, he or she should wear a helmet designed for young children.

By following these simple steps, people may avoid tragedy. Parents interested in more child safety information may visit the American Academy of Pediatrics Website at www.aap.org step off a curb can end in or the Children and Families Commission of Orange Coun-5. Be aware when children ty's Web site at www.occhil-

Dr. Alberto Gedissman, execthe home with window locks, utive director of the Pediatric window guards and cabinet and Adolescent Comprehensive locks. Keep doors locked so Care Medical Group at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), and Dr. Phyllis Agran, director of the Pedi-Research Group at the Center Have the fire department, for Health Policy and Research, jointly oversee the Children and Families Commission of Orange the child's car seat meets all County's Child Safety and Prevention Initiative.



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the leading cause of infant death and disability, affecting more than 150,000 babies every year. Birth defects can happen regardless of a woman's age, sex and race. If a couple is thinking about having a baby now or in the future, the choices a woman makes now can determine her baby's health. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' (BCB-SMA) Prevention and Wellness Program offers these tips to help start or maintain a healthy lifestyle during pregnancy.

Prenatal Care

· As soon as a woman sus-

BOSTON - Birth defects are pects she is pregnant, she should average growth of the baby. schedule an appointment with a doctor. Seeing a doctor early in a pregnancy can help to assure that a woman has the healthiest baby possible. Even if she has confirmed her suspicion with a home pregnancy test, it's wise to follow up with a professional physical examination so she can begin receiving prenatal care.

> Prenatal care consists of several visits to the doctor. During visits, the doctor will monitor weight, blood pressure, administer urine tests to check levels of sugar and protein, and measure the height of the uterus to ensure

> > Eating right and staying physical active are

key for remaining

healthy during

pregnancy.

· It's recommended that a woman take 400 micrograms of folic acid before and during pregnancy to reduce the risk of neural tube defects. Talk with a doctor about prenatal vitamin supplements. A women needs to let the doctor know what, if any, herbal products, such as teas or other supplements she may be

· The food a woman and her unborn baby need each day includes: 6-11 serving of grain products, 3-5 serving of vegetables, 2-4 servings of fruits, 4-6 servings of milk or milk products, 6-8 glasses of water and 3-4 servings of meat and protein foods. Limit fatty foods and sweets. Avoid under-cooked meats, beverages with caffeine (tea, coffee, and soda), smoking and drinking alcohol.

· Physical activity during pregnancy can ease discomfort and fatigue, enhance well-being and promote early recovery after delivery. Walking and swimming are good choices. Check with a new exercise program.

ments. Certain substances may harm an unborn baby.

· Stay away from toxic sub-

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stances, such as chemicals March of Dimes Foundation/

BCBSMA's Prevention and Wellness Program started in 1995 with a series of initiatives tive health care to its 2.4 million members. For more information These suggestions were about the Prevention and Well-







* First Lady Laura Bush recalls a childhood love of reading

By Laura Bush

(FeatureSource) - When I was young, I fell in love with reading. I remember looking forward to trips to our local library with my mother. We would pick just the right book from the huge selection all around us. At home, my mother would put her arms around me and read to me for hours. Those times are among my most favorite and precious childhood memories.

Not surprisingly, I grew up to become a public school teacher and librarian. I loved being surrounded by volumes of literature and tomes of information.

Knowing that the cure for many a curiosity was an arm's length away was both satisfying and empowering.

I am very fortunate that my mother took me to get my library card at an early age. In fact, my library card was the first one I carried in my purse, and I used it throughout my childhood and into my adult life. Beyond our trips to the library, it was very important that my mother spent endless hours reading with me at home because it was there where I developed a lifelong love of reading.

Parents are their children's

first teachers, and as a result. they should read to them early and often. Once children learn to read, they must continue to practice each and every day. As a matter of fact, new studies on early childhood development show that success in school strongly correlates to how often parents spend time on reading and language activities with their very young children including infants.

Children who are read to learn two things: (1) That reading is empowering and, (2) That they are important - worthwhile. Simply stated, reading with children is one of the most important building blocks of their entire education and upbringing.

Repetition of the rhythm of speech is all-important to help the developing brain understand how language is organized. Thus, stories, songs and nursery rhymes are vital daily activities that par-

ents can share with their children and reinforce reading skills. until they are old enough to attend school. Parents should not stop reading with their children, even after they have learned to read themselves. Sharing books and reading to each other should be a lifetime pastime

We must remember that the education we provide our children from the day they are born will shape the way they think and learn. The quality of their education will either drive or stifle the enthusiasm, motivation and effort they put into learning. It will affect how they interact with others and their ability to adapt to their successes and setbacks throughout their lives.

I strongly urge parents who are looking for other free or inexpensive reading opportunities for their children to go to their local libraries. Beyond the bounty of books, many libraries have wonderful programs to encourage

I hope you will join me, and many other American bookworms in visiting the library. And while you're at it, sign up for a free library card. You'll be among good company. Take it from me: Reading together is a great way to develop strong educational skills and create lasting memories, all the while increasing your chances of success for the future.

I call to all Americans - parents, educators, business leaders and policymakers - to focus on the importance of reading and literacy. Your efforts will help ensure that all our children can learn to love books and make reading a lifetime passion.

This article uppeared in the January/February issue of "Children's Magic Window Magazine." a bi-monthly publication that contains stories and poetry for children 6 to 12.



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Volunteering by youth reaches record levels

good news - despite global unrest, young people remain dedicated to making a difference in the world.

Nearly 80 percent of the 9,891 youth who responded to a volunteering survey conducted by the PBS Kids show ZOOM, said that they volunteer in theircommunities. Highlighting the importance of starting to volunteer young, a study conducted by

Youth Service America revealed that two-thirds of adult volunteers began volunteering their time when they were young. The study also showed that volunteering among high-school students recently reached the highest levels in the past 50 years.

An entry point for many young people will be the 15th Annual National Youth Service Day, April 11 to 13. Young peo-

(NAPSI)-And now for the the Independent Sector and ple across America will address important community needs through service-learning projects focusing on literacy, hunger, public safety, youth voice, healthcare, and the environment.

Youth in more than 150 countries will band together with their US peers as part of Global Youth Service Day, which takes place concurrently.

"As our greatest national asset, it is only fitting that young people in America play a lead role in learning about community needs, while giving their time, energy, commitment, and experience," said Steve Culbertson, president and CEO of Youth Service America. "Millions of young people serving together creates a tidal wave of good and sends a powerful message of hope and healing around the globe.

For more information about National Youth Service Day or to find an opportunity to volunteer, visit www.SERVEnet.org.

"Zoom Survey" results, compiled by the Michael Cohen Group, will be available at the ""700M Into Action" section of the ZOOM Web site, pbskids. org/zoom/action. Here, kids can find resources to help them get started volunteering and submit their volunteer stories to be highlighted on the show. ZOOM's new season premieres in April.



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