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## GOING TO THE FINALS!



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

The Andover Warriors celebrate their 61-34 win over New Bedford at the Garden Tuesday night.

## Andover earns trip to title game

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

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BOSTON — Laura Renfro could barely believe the words were coming off her lips. “Wow, the state finals,” she said, enjoying the sound of the words. “That sounds really weird, to say we are going to the state finals.”

But that became the case on Tuesday night, when the Golden Warriors girls basketball team downed New Bedford 61-34 in the Division 1 EMass. finals at the TD Banknorth Garden.

Andover will play for the state title on Saturday at 5:45 p.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester. It will take on the winner of the Westboro vs. Northampton game, played late Wednesday night.

This marks the first time the Golden Warriors will play for a state title since the 2003-04 season, in which they lost the title game.

“I can’t believe we are going to the state finals,” said star guard Meghan

Thomann. “I have been dreaming of this, and coming into this year we knew we had a good chance.”

The Bentley-bound Thomann was the star, scoring a game-high 17 points, including three 3-pointers. Renfro was right behind her, hitting two 3-pointers on her way to 15 points.

“We were trying to stay calm and I think it worked,” said Renfro. “I don’t think we were nervous at all. A lot of us played here in the fall in a charity game so we were used to the floor. ...This was just a lot of fun.”

## Teachers prepare for contract vote

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

special education money from the state.

Andover teachers will vote on a tentative contract agreement on Thursday, March 27, that would save \$300,000 annually in health insurance but potentially require service cuts or a tax hike in future years for the town to afford the pay raises.

The Andover Education Association, which represents the town’s teachers, came to the tentative deal with the School Committee on Feb. 18 after a “marathon session” of bargaining, according to union President Tom Meyers.

Teachers had been working under an expired contract since September.

The proposed pact includes an 8.5 percent wage increase doled out over three years, including a 1.5 percent bump this year that will be covered by a surplus in

“It was the best agreement we could get under the circumstances,” said Meyers, a social studies teacher at Andover High School. “We agreed to it because we thought it was in the overall best interest of our teachers.”

The terms of the contract were posted March 6 in all school buildings for the union’s approximately 600 members to review. Meetings are currently being held by union leadership to explain proposed changes from the previous contract, which allotted a 9.1 percent cost-of-living increase over three years.

“We’re very happy with it,” said School Committee member David Samuels of the tentative settlement. “It’s very fair, conservative. I think the teachers realized because of the looming bud-

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## Voters to decide fate of preservation fund

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

**Election Day is March 25**  
■ Learn more about School Committee, selectman candidates. Page 5.

Some residents may see it as just another dip into their pocket. Others consider it to be a valuable tool to unlock state money and help pay for projects town residents would otherwise fund entirely on their own.

On March 25, majority will rule as the fate of the Community Preservation Act falls in the hands of Andover’s voters.

Since going into effect in December 2000, 127 communities across the state have adopted the act. Defeated in Andover at 2002 Town Meeting, the CPA was proposed for a second time last year.

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## From Andover to India: Lunch is delivered

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

school meal program in the world.

What can you get for \$28? A couple of bags of groceries? Half a tank of gas?

On March 30, \$28 will go far. Not only will it buy a ticket to a Rogers Center performance of traditional Indian dance, it will provide school lunches for an underprivileged child in India for a year.

The dance performance at Merrimack College, featuring renowned classical Indian dancer Mouli Pal, will raise money for the Akshaya Patra Foundation, the largest nongovernmental

The U.S. office of the nonprofit — considered so efficient that Harvard Business School is using it as a case study — is run and supported by Andover residents Madhu Sridhar and Desh and Jaishree Deshpande.

“(The dance performance) is a nice window to get a cultural view of India, and get exposed to the innovation of Akshaya Patra,” said Gururaj “Desh” Deshpande. “It’s a global world now. The way we lived 20 years ago, what happened in Andover was

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School girls in India enjoy some of the 820,000 fresh meals the Akshaya Patra Foundation cooks and distributes throughout the country each day. For many poor Indian children, this is the only full meal they receive in a day. The U.S. office is run by Andover residents.

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# CPA: Preservation act falls in the hands of Andover voters

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After passing its first hurdle at 2007 Town Meeting, the CPA must be ratified at the ballot box this month.

If approved, residents would be charged an additional 1 percent on their property tax bills to pay for projects supporting conservation, recreation, affordable housing and historical preservation.

The additional revenue raised by the CPA would be placed in a reserve account and could only be used for Town Meeting-approved projects related to those categories.

Participating communities receive state funding corresponding to the money they raise under the act. Communities can create up to a 3-percent surcharge.

Andover CPA supporters say creating new recreational fields, expanding the town's conservation land and affordable housing stock, and renovating Veterans Memorial Auditorium and Old Town Hall are projects that would be eligible for state funding if the act is approved this year.

"I don't think we'll have a lot of fluff projects," said John Hess, a former selectman and chairman of the Andover CPA Coalition, addressing selectmen on March 10. "These are all projects that we want to do and must do."

Under the CPA, Hess said the average Andover homeowner could see a \$56 to \$58 increase on his property tax bill this year. The town would raise roughly \$800,000 annually before receiving state funding, he said.

According to Bob Bliss, communications director of the state's Department of Revenue, an exact percentage of state reimbursement for each CPA dollar raised locally will not be determined until October.

Though a dollar-for-dollar match from the state has been enjoyed by all CPA communities since the act's inception, a reduction in state funding is expected next year and for the foreseeable future. A new estimate was expected by Bliss this week.

**“Basically, I think the best argument is that the CPA funds will be used to do things we need to do anyway. Even if it's only a 50 percent (state match), that's money that we wouldn't otherwise get.”**

Dick Howe

The CPA is funded through filing fees paid to the state Registry of Deeds.

"If there's less activity in the housing market, there's less deeds posted; there's fewer revenues," said Bliss.

The expected contribution from the state could be as low as 65 cents on the dollar, according to Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, who along with selectmen Alex Vispoli and Ted Teichert, voted against recommending the CPA last year.

### Two exemptions

Two exemptions to the CPA were also approved at 2007 Town Meeting.

One exempts the first \$100,000 of assessed property value from being calculated in the property tax surcharge. The other would allow for low-income senior citizens to fill out an abatement form at the town assessor's office to avoid any additional tax payments.

"If they want to take advantage, they'd have to apply," said Hess.

Such exemptions currently apply in North Andover, which adopted the CPA in 2001.

According to the state Department of Revenue, North Andover, which ratified the CPA at 3 percent, has received more than \$1 million annually from the state

over the last four fiscal years as a result of the act.

### Five years, or forever?

If a community votes in favor of the CPA, that surcharge lasts for at least five years. Only after five years can voters repeal the act.

"Once you put it in place you'll probably never get rid of it. From that perspective, I'm very opposed to it," said Major.

"In my eyes it's a permanent tax increase that we don't need to absorb at this time," said Major. "People are already in a tight financial situation."

Andover is one of nine state communities that will vote on the CPA in the next three months.

"It's going to be very difficult to get that passed, in terms of all the discussion of an override," said Selectman Jerry Stabile, who along with Selectman Mary Lyman voted to recommend the CPA in 2007. "It's a shame we did not pass this in '02, when it was originally voted on."

Dick Howe, a member of the Finance Committee choosing to speak as a member of the Andover CPA Coalition, said ratification of the act would be a good move for the town financially.

"Basically, I think the best argument is that the CPA funds will be used to do things we need to do anyway," said Howe. "Even if it's only a 50 percent (state match), that's money that we wouldn't otherwise get."

"I would take that any day of the week," agreed Stabile. "The money to address those projects has to come from somewhere."

Stabile said improvements to Shawsheen School could be included on the list of potential CPA projects.

"We live in New England," said Stabile. "A lot of the structures we have are very old and would qualify."

Capital projects at Memorial Hall Library and Lovely Field would also apply, according to Stabile and Lyman.

"The list is very long," said Lyman.

# VOTE: Questions on paying for 2010

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get crisis that we couldn't give them everything they deserved. It was a very modest increase, given the financial backdrop."

If the contract is accepted by the union, teachers would receive 3.5 percent bumps in salary during both the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

"A lot of it is actually being paid for by savings in health insurance," said Samuels.

Samuels said the new contract would have minimal effect on the fiscal 2009 budget and provide both the school department and town with "predictability and stability" as officials continue long-term financial planning.

In the past, other Andover employee unions have used the AEA's contract as a benchmark for their own, said Samuels. "Historically, that's played out," he said. "I think it sets a good precedent."

While the contract shouldn't alter budget planning this spring, Samuels said the town must find \$755,000 to pay for the pact in fiscal year 2010 if the deal is ratified by the teachers' union.

"Hopefully new growth will help us out. That's where we're worried," said Samuels.

Multiple calls to members of the Finance Committee were not returned earlier this week seeking comment about the tentative agreement with Andover teachers.

### Looking to 2010

The contract's long-term outlook drew criticism from selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

"With those sets of numbers we're going to have serious cuts

(next) year and on top of that we'll have serious cuts in 2010," he said, noting the town would need to pass an override to afford the contract's terms. "With our current revenue capabilities, we don't have the funding to maintain the personnel and pay out that kind of money."

"It's not a pretty picture and that's why it was absolutely critical that when we looked at the contracts we considered fairness and affordability," said Major. "For 2010 it becomes even more unaffordable. Fairness, that's in the eye of the beholder."

Samuels said the anticipated \$755,000 gap created by the tentative agreement in fiscal 2010 would be much larger if the pact didn't offer significant savings on employee health insurance.

"It took a lot of creative effort to sort of redesign the plan," said Samuels. "The change in plan amounts to big savings."

### Health-cost savings

Under the settlement, overall employee health-insurance premiums are expected to increase between 3 to 5 percent annually. That would offer \$300,000 in savings each year when compared to the teachers' current health plan, which was expected to jump by more than 10 percent in FY09, Samuels said.

"By negotiating a less expensive health plan, the rate of increase will be slower," he said. "This is kind of a gift that keeps giving."

The settlement also proposes that \$250 deductibles for outpatient surgery and \$500 deductibles for hospital admissions be billed di-

rectly to the town.

"We're going to self-insure that piece," said Samuels. "That's what brought the premiums way down."

Co-payments for office visits would increase from \$15 to \$20, and emergency room visits from \$75 to \$100. Prescription drug co-payments would range from \$10 to \$45, with increase ranging from zero to \$10 depending on the prescription.

A new optional flexible spending plan would allow teachers to withhold up to \$4,000, pre-tax, from their pay checks for health expenses.

"I really hope that everyone in the AEA takes advantage of the flexible spending plan, because that is a potential windfall if you use it correctly," said Samuels.

"Other communities have done this," said Meyers. "We're asking our members to vote for it. We thought it was the best deal we could obtain at this time, given the circumstances nationally and in the community."

The proposed changes to the teachers' health plan drew praise from Major and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"I'm very excited about those changes," said Major. "They were very well thought out."

Stapczynski said the new increases in health-plan premiums would likely be reduced to 5 percent rather than 3.

"To get it down to the 5- or 6-percent range is huge because it really frees up resources, available funds that can go back to employee wages, that kind of thing, or go back into some of our budget deficiencies," said Stapczynski. "It's a big step. It's certainly the right step. I think it's a positive sign."

# Andover High best in math, science?

Is Andover High School the best place in the state for advanced math and science courses? The Siemens Foundation believes so.

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As a part of the award Andover High School receives a \$1,000 grant from the Siemens Foundation to be used for math and science education. Andover High School is regularly among the top

Advanced Placement programs in the nation with many students recognized each year as AP Scholars. According to Peggy Cain, AP coordinator, more than 100 students took AP statistics exams, more than 70 students took AP calculus and more than 150 exams were taken in Advanced Placement sciences during the 2006-07 school year.

Donna Pappalardo, curriculum director for math and science last school year, reported that 100 percent of students enrolled in biology, physics, and calculus BC scored a 3 or better on the AP exam, and 98 percent did so in chemistry. Overall, in 13 different AP exams, 86 percent of Andover High School students scored a 3 or better. Nationally, 24 percent of all students taking AP exams score 3 or better.

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**NOW:** Some of the businesses housed in the Barnard Building at 10 Main St. are Starbucks coffee, Kabloom flowers and Latitude Fitness.

### Candidates forum

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will host a candidates forum tonight, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Candidates without contested races will have the opportunity to make a statement concerning the duties of their office. Candidates with contested races will introduce themselves and respond to questions from the audience. The moderator will be Mary Jane Morrin from the LWV of Topsfield/Boxford/Middleton. The forum is free and open to the public. It will be televised and rebroadcast on cable. Following the forum, there will be an opportunity for audience members to have informal discussions with the candidates. For more information, call Peggy Kruse at 978-474-0176.

### Easter event

Annual Eggsellent Easter event will be held on March 15 at the Merrimack Valley YMCA, 7 Ballard Way, Lawrence. Seating times for the light breakfast will be 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Children can make an Easter craft project to take home and the Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Cost is \$8 family members, \$10 general members, \$12 nonmembers. For more information, call 978-725-6681 or visit [www.mvymca.org](http://www.mvymca.org).

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### QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



It's CHANGED SO MUCH IN 20 YEARS, GOING from a poor country in Europe to its wealthiest. It's a new Ireland.  
— Elizabeth Shannon, journalist and author of two books about Ireland, who will speak at the Andover Senior Center on March 24. *Story in Arts*, page 20.

THE TEACHERS RARELY ENCOURAGE THE LEARNERS AND SPEND their lessons shouting. It's no wonder the learners are so timid.

— Kathryn Martorana, an Andover resident in Namibia, on teaching in that country. *Column in Education*, page 13.

"ONE YEAR IN THE SPIRIT PARADE, WE had a live chicken."

— Jim McConaughy, Andover Fund for Education president, on the organization's annual adult spelling bee, a lively event to be held this year on March 28.



### NEWS CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 17

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 a.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Joint meeting of Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 24

Town Audit Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 to 11 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Watershed Advisory Committee, Water Treatment Plant, 397 Lowell St., 7 to 9 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Town Yard Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, noon

### Board of Health holding cholesterol screenings

The Andover Board of Health is holding cholesterol screening clinics on Wednesday, March 19 and Wednesday, April 9 from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

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## ■ POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

**Tuesday, March 4** — At 7:01 a.m., Jason Coronado, 21, of 56 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence, charged on a warrant for assault and battery.

At 12:50 p.m., Keith Colby, 35, of 20 18th Ave., Haverhill, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 8:37 p.m., James Bisson, 23, of 1000 Spring Valley Drive, charged on a warrant for breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property.

**Wednesday, March 5** — At 1:01 p.m., Jose Solivan, 18, of 30 Crestwood Circle, Lawrence, charged with carrying a firearm on school grounds at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

**Thursday, March 6** — At 12:59 p.m., Erik Nickerson, 25, of 101 McLaren Road, Tewksbury, charged with malicious injury to railroad property, trespassing and larceny over \$250.

At 1:24 p.m., Dana Nickerson, 26, of 101 McLaren Road, Tewksbury, charged with malicious injury to railroad property, trespassing and larceny over \$250.

At 1:47 p.m., Duran McNeil, 24, of 1009 Chandler St., Tewksbury, charged with malicious injury to railroad property, trespassing and larceny over \$250.

At 2:18 p.m., Kenneth Paquette, 32, of 157 Andover St., with malicious injury to railroad property, trespassing and larceny over \$250.

At 4:05 p.m., Samuel Dias, 38, of 380 Pinnacle St., Tewksbury, charged with a red light violation and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for operating under the influence.

**Friday, March 7** — At 10:28 p.m., Grant Brewer, 21, of 25 Yardley Road, charged with failure to grant right of way at an intersection, no inspection/sticker, operating under the influence of liquor, and having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

**Saturday, March 8** — At 4:03 p.m., Joel Fernald, 39, of 14 Albany Terrace, Lynn, charged with a revoked license for an operating-under-the-influence conviction and an uninspected motor vehicle.

**Sunday, March 9** — At 2:17 p.m., James Valvo, 36, of 6 Chablis, Concord, N.H., charged on a warrant for two traffic violations.

At 2:51 p.m., Rolando Negron, 20, of 49 Hamlet St., Lawrence, charged with an improper turn, a motor vehicle lights violation and possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute.

At 3:18 p.m., Wilmer Uruchima, 19, of 41 Himrod St., Brooklyn, N.Y., charged with conspiracy to violate controlled

substance laws.

At 3:36 p.m., Eduardo Mackenzie, 25, of 288 Devoe St., Brooklyn, N.Y., charged with conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

**Wednesday, March 5** — At 7:59 p.m., larceny of a briefcase and coffee mug from a motor vehicle was reported at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant on Lowell Street.

**Thursday, March 6** — At 9:03 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on River Road.

**Saturday, March 8** — At 12:49 a.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported on Clark Road.

**Sunday, March 9** — At 5:35 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported at the Boston Sports Club on Lowell Street.

**Monday, March 10** — At 10:43 a.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

### THEFTS

**Tuesday, March 4** — At 10:10 p.m., larceny of luggage by a cab driver was reported on Old River Road.

**Thursday, March 6** — At 12:08 p.m., larceny was reported on Andover Street.

**Friday, March 7** — At 3:19 p.m., larceny of jewelry by Constantine Jewelry on Main Street was reported, according to police.

**Sunday, March 9** — At 6:19 p.m., a stolen cell phone was reported on Cross Street.

### BREAKS

**Wednesday, March 5** — At 1:08 p.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on Brown Street.

### INCIDENTS

**Tuesday, March 4** — At 9:54 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on North Street.

At 11:34 a.m., a missing cell phone was reported on Lowell Street.

At 2:55 p.m., vandalism to a front lawn was reported on McKenney Circle.

At 3:45 p.m., fraud was reported on River Road.

At 3:50 p.m., a person reported his cell phone was lost at the technical school.

At 11:20 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported.

**Wednesday, March 5** — At 12:34 p.m., possession of a weapon was reported at Greater Lawrence Technical

School on River Road. The weapon, originally feared to be a semi-automatic pistol, was a pellet gun.

At 2:20 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported at Brickstone Square.

At 4:10 p.m., a death was reported on Lucerne Drive.

At 6:39 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Rattlesnake Hill Road.

**Friday, March 7** — At 3:29 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Lowell Street.

At 10:34 a.m., an attempted suicide was reported.

At 3:43 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 5:09 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Bateson Drive.

At 6:34 p.m., a missing license plate was reported.

**Saturday, March 8** — At 2:47 a.m., an employee from Lawrence General Hospital reported that a patient claimed he was assaulted with a bottle at a house party near the Lawrence border.

At 8:05 p.m., a missing cherry blossom tree was reported on West Knoll Road.

**Sunday, March 9** — At 1:05 a.m., a desk clerk at the Courtyard Marriott on Campanelli Drive reported an attempted robbery. The clerk said a male with a stocking cap over his face "attempted to hold him up with a hypodermic needle he stated was loaded with AIDS," according to the police log. The man fled after the clerk didn't give him any money.

At 3:10 p.m., a pocket book was found on Main Street.

**Monday, March 10** — At 9:29 a.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Burt Road.

At 1:56 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on River Road.

At 2:12 p.m., a large turkey was reportedly in the middle of Lowell Street.

At 3:48 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Black Birch Way.

At 6:58 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Lakeside Circle.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

**Saturday, March 8** — At 10:10 p.m., a Toyota Corolla hit a pedestrian on Main Street. The pedestrian was taken to Lawrence General Hospital and a detective took photos of the crash scene.

**Monday, March 10** — At 11:22 a.m., a two-car crash with personal injury was reported on North Main Street.

At 3:15 p.m., a crash involving a pedestrian was reported on Lowell Street.

— Compiled by Brian Messenger

# Are you a word wizard?

## Adult spelling bee is for you

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Brush up on your spelling words and start planning your costume now, because the annual Andover Fund for Education Andover Spelling Bee is around the corner.

The bee, for adults and planned this year for March 28, is a fundraiser for AFE, which provides special classroom grants for Andover teachers. The annual event is part spelling bee, part spirit contest and always a good time, said Jim McConaughy, AFE president.

"What makes it so much fun is that it's a community event. We like to have all aspects of the community involved," from church groups to town officials, he said. "It's a low-stress event, a very fun event with costumes and spirit parades and silliness.

"One year in the spirit parade we had a live chicken."

In the bee, teams of four adults compete by writing out spelling words on white boards. Each word's spelling is decided by the four team members; no spelling is done individually. Winners walk away with trophies and bragging rights.

The Andover Spelling Bee has been an annual tradition since 1998. Teams compete not only for the champion spelling title, but a spirit award, given to the team that has the best costumes and most enthusiastic supporters in the audience.

The 2007 spelling bee was won by a team from Bancroft Elementary School, aptly named "the letterheads."

Last year, 25 teams competed in the bee. Organizers would love to see groups from all facets of the community participate, from local businesses and church or synagogue groups to members of town government, said McConaughy.

The Wood Hill Middle



File photo

**Team A.C.E., Andover Coalition for Education, made up of Sue Greenberg, Lisa Glickstein, Annie Gilbert and Cheryl Sullivan celebrated its Round 1 victory in the 10th annual Andover Spelling Bee last year. A.C.E. was able to spell its way all the way to the finals, where it lost to Bancroft Elementary School.**

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School band will perform, as it has the last two years.

"They're like 'The Tonight Show' orchestra," said McConaughy.

AFE will set up displays with photos and examples of past classroom projects it has funded. Team entry fees and advertising in the event program goes directly to the AFE, he said.

So far, nine spelling teams have signed up; organizers are hoping for 30, McConaughy said. The registration deadline is Monday, March 24.

Entrants must be out of high school, simply because younger students would "be too good," said McConaughy. Once a team registers, its members are given a study guide of words that might come up at the bee.

"Most of the words will be ones you've heard of, familiar to the ear. We have a spelling oracle that divines which words are used at the bee," he said. "We try to make it interesting and fun."

## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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■ Teams work together; there is no solo spelling.

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■ Teams compete in rounds, whose winners join a final championship "spell off."

■ Uniforms, costumes, team spirit and friendly competition are encouraged. A spirit trophy will be awarded to the school team supported by the most enthusiastic, creative and colorful audience cheerleaders. Spirit contestants take part in a spirit parade.

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# Selectman candidates make their pitch

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

A self-described “agent of change” and a former school department employee with nearly a decade of experience in public office are vying for the solitary open seat on the Board of Selectmen this spring. Election Day is March 25, and the ballot will also ask residents if they want to pay more to fund the Community Preservation Act.

Newcomer Peter Cotch and incumbent Mary Lyman shared their views on numerous topics, including the CPA, at a Senior Center forum on March 7. Both can be heard again March 13 at Memorial Hall Library, in an election forum sponsored by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters.

Cotch, a lawyer, said that if elected, he would ask the “uncomfortable questions” and demand real answers when it came to town business. He told the senior center audi-

ence that he opposes any new taxes. “We’ve been living very high on the hog in this town,” said Cotch. “We’ve got to be accountable for every buck.”

Cotch said he is an advocate of zero-based budgeting, with the town’s operating budget built from scratch annually instead of carrying over the same formulas and assumptions from year to year.

Cotch suggested temporarily hiring an independent auditor to do this, and also proposed hiring a professional negotiator to collectively bargain with town employee unions to save money on contracts.

“We have to do a better job in negotiating these contracts,” said Cotch. “That’s the solution I believe we should be looking at.”

Lyman, a veteran selectman of more than six years, former School Committee member and former director of personnel for the Andover School Department, said town officials are working with employee

unions on ways to find savings, including on health insurance.

“We’re trying very hard to work together. It takes a buy-in from everyone,” said Lyman. “You can expect to see some changes.”

Lyman defended the current effort by selectmen, school and finance officials as they attempt to balance the fiscal year 2009 operating budget or create a plan that could raise taxes to avoid cuts to personnel and services.

Selectmen are working with the Finance Committee and town moderator to streamline the town and school departments’ budget proposals, Lyman said, a task she believes will make financial decisions easier.

“We are in a real fiscal crisis,” said Lyman. “It’s a unified front and we’re working very hard on that.”

## Trash and other fees

Both candidates opposed any fee-based trash collection, which would raise Public Works rev-

enues, though both Cotch and Lyman acknowledged that new funding sources are needed.

Cotch proposed that Andover team with neighboring communities to buy and operate expensive pieces of capital equipment, and also suggested local municipalities receive “a more equitable portion” of aid from both the state and federal governments.

With local fees in Andover already raised to a level similar to those in comparable communities, Lyman said additional state and federal aid must be considered as a means of financial assistance.

“All our fees are right at the max,” said Lyman. “Obviously, the state needs to keep local cities and towns in mind.”

## Difference on CPA

The two candidates’ views differ on the Community Preserva-

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# School Committee candidates call for transparency, change

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

The newest member of the School Committee will advocate wide-ranging changes to the budget process. Whether that individual will be Dennis Fergie or Greg Rigby will be decided at the ballot box March 25.

The two candidates shared their views — from calls for more transparency in the school department’s budget to a proposal to merge school and town finance operations — with a senior center audience on March 7.

They will appear on March 13 at 7 p.m. in a candidates forum sponsored by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters at Memorial Hall Library. Candidates for selectman, town moderator and Housing Authority will also participate.

Rigby, a financial planner with 20 years of corporate finance experience, also expressed a desire for change in how the school department forms its budget each year.

Noting the recent example of how members of the School Committee supported using more than \$600,000 in surplus special education aid from the state as a means to pay for teacher raises, Rigby said such a surplus should have been converted into Free Cash (a reserve account) or transferred into a school department surplus fund instead.

“In the last several weeks the School Committee has lost an incredible amount of credibility in the community,” said Rigby. “I’d like to see a lot more transparency in that process.”

Fergie, a graduate of Merrimack College with work experience in both the public and private sectors, said Andover’s school department is in need of a “philosophical shift” when it comes to maintaining a strong district.

“They need to balance that with the economic reality of the town,” said Fergie. “We want to have a good school system, but the budget needs to be affordable.”

Claiming there is a lack of transparency in the annual budget process, Fergie called for structural changes like merging the town finance department and school de-

partment business staff to restore accountability to taxpayers.

“I would strongly suggest and advocate that we merge those organizations, and that we have one key person in town,” said Fergie.

## Future budgets

Neither Fergie nor Rigby supports overriding Proposition 2 1/2 to pay for town services.

Fergie suggested officials avoid conflict on the floor of Town Meeting this year and propose a balanced budget. By continuing efforts at long-term financial planning with a moderator or mediator to guide the process, Fergie said a plan for the future will take shape.

“Some good things have been accomplished,” said Fergie.

Rigby said he recently asked Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle about how \$298,000 had been spent within the school budget, and was told only that the department “generally spent it in special needs,” he said.

“We need clear answers to questions about the budget,” said Rigby. “We don’t get those.”

Rigby suggested the school department use a zero-based budgeting model or something closer to the town’s budget model, which he said was easier to understand than what the school currently uses.

“It’s very difficult to pull numbers together,” said Rigby of the school’s budget model. “I really believe that if we can get the School Committee to use a zero-based budget, we can eliminate stuffing money away and having fat in the budget.”

## Ready to roll?

Both candidates were asked on March 7 if they’d be able to hit the ground running if elected.

Fergie said he has become increasingly involved over the years as co-president of the Shawsheen School PTO and as a member of town’s school facilities task force. He said he has attended meetings and built relationships with members of the School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.

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## ► School Committee

# Hopefuls offer their ideas of ‘quality education’

Voters will decide which of two candidates should gain the open seat on the School Committee. The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover posed this question to the candidates: **Who should define what a “quality education” means to Andover — the School Committee, teachers and administration, parents, taxpayers, or the state and federal government? How do you define a “quality education?”**

### Greg Rigby

No one group is singly qualified to define a quality education, as each of these groups have differing but important points of view. Parents know what they want for their children and need to define what they want in a quality education. Those ideas are combined with the talents and knowledge of teachers and administrators who are charged with developing and implementing those curricula that meet the goals defined by the parents. The state and federal government must set basic standards to be met by the schools and those

standards form the foundation on which to construct Andover’s education system. Finally, the School Committee’s role is to provide direction and oversight of the education process and to communicate the financial needs of the system to the taxpayers through a transparent and clear budget process.

I define a quality education as one that teaches children the basic learning skills of the English language, composition, mathematics, science and the arts and humanities. It necessarily requires a focus on good mental and physical health and results, by the end of the twelfth grade, in a well-rounded individual capable of meeting the demands of further education. It is our responsibility as a society to provide these skills to the next generation to ensure they are prepared for their future.

### Dennis Fergie

All of us — parents, teachers, administration, School Committee,

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## ► Board of Selectmen

# Tackling Interstate 93 interchange

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover posed this question to the two candidates for one selectman seat, incumbent Mary Lyman and challenger Peter Cotch: **The proposed Interstate 93 interchange has the potential to have a major impact on Andover. What do you see as the positive and/or negative effects on the town?**

### Peter Cotch

The Interstate 93-Lowell Junction interchange is being proposed as a means to spur economic development and to divert commuter traffic off Ballardvale streets. Two designs are being proposed. They are the so-called loop alternative and the so-called trumpet alternative. I am in favor of the trumpet alternative.

The trumpet alternative is in keeping with smart-growth principles. It is less costly, will create less impact on Andover’s environment and infrastructure, and may help alleviate Ballardvale traffic congestion. Just the opposite is true of the loop alternative. It calls for a massive construction project with a corresponding impact on Andover’s environment and infrastructure. And the loop alternative, as proposed, would actually wors-

en traffic conditions in Ballardvale.

Right now, Ballardvale streets are inundated with traffic during peak commuter drive times. Given the engineering scheme of the loop alternative and the plans for commercial and retail development to be served by it, Ballardvale will experience ongoing traffic headaches, day and night.

That is because all vehicles exiting the proposed new development would be funneled exclusively onto Ballardvale streets. Ironically, the bulk of the new development would be constructed on the opposite side of the border line, in Tewksbury, contributing richly to the tax base of that town. So, in the end, under the loop alternative, Tewksbury would get the mine and Andover would get the shaft.

I’m all for public works projects that foster economic development in our region. But not when it comes at the expense of Andover residents and business owners. We must apply common-sense principles to be certain that projects such as this do not adversely affect our local quality of life.

### Mary Lyman

The Interstate 93 Interchange

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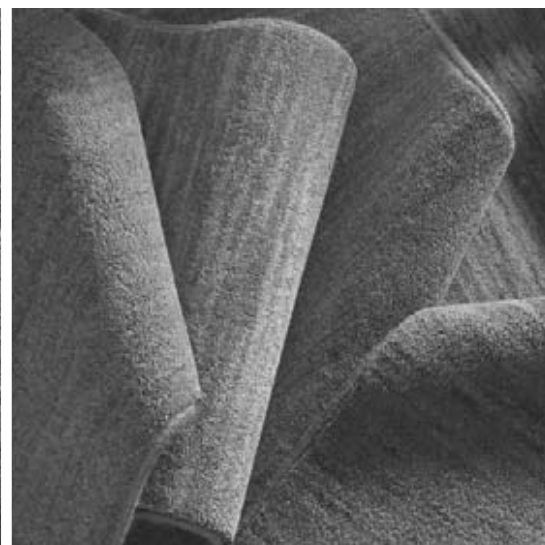
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# Opinion

## Andover High is king this month

Gas may be up to about \$3.20 a gallon, but there's one road trip well worth making this weekend: A trip to Worcester to see the Andover High School girls basketball team in the state finals.

The Andover High girls return to the state championship game on Saturday at 5:45 p.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester, following a dismantling of New Bedford, 61-34. They'll face the winner of Wednesday's game between Westboro and Northhampton, played after the Townsman's deadline.

The girls' success continues an amazing month for Andover High, a month that is less than two weeks old.

In the classroom, the school has been recognized for the successful results of its Advanced Placement math and science programs. The school has been named as the top AP school in the state by the Siemens Foundation. Every single Andover High student enrolled in biology, physics, and the calculus level known as BC scored a 3 or better on the AP exam, and 98 percent of students in AP Chemistry did so. Depending on the college, students can earn the right to skip beginner-class levels with scores of 3 or better. Such AP results could continue to improve, considering the feeder system being put in place at the middle schools. Andover was awarded another grant this month, which could help it expand its fledgling engineering program to all three middle schools next year. The support and hard work of students, teachers and the people who support them, such as parents, has paid off.

The Andover basketball cheerleaders are the Division 1 North Regional Champions, and became the first cheerleading team at Andover High School to earn a national bid through their performance at the Massachusetts competition.

On the stage, the junior class pulled off another successful and entertaining Mr. Andover High School Pageant on March 7.

Teachers, who postponed an open house because of stalled contract battles, can relax knowing a tentative agreement has been reached on a new contract.

March has roared in like a lion at Andover High. Whatever happens Saturday, the girls basketball team has had a terrific season. A victory this weekend would simply allow the school to roar that it is king — or queen — of the jungle again.

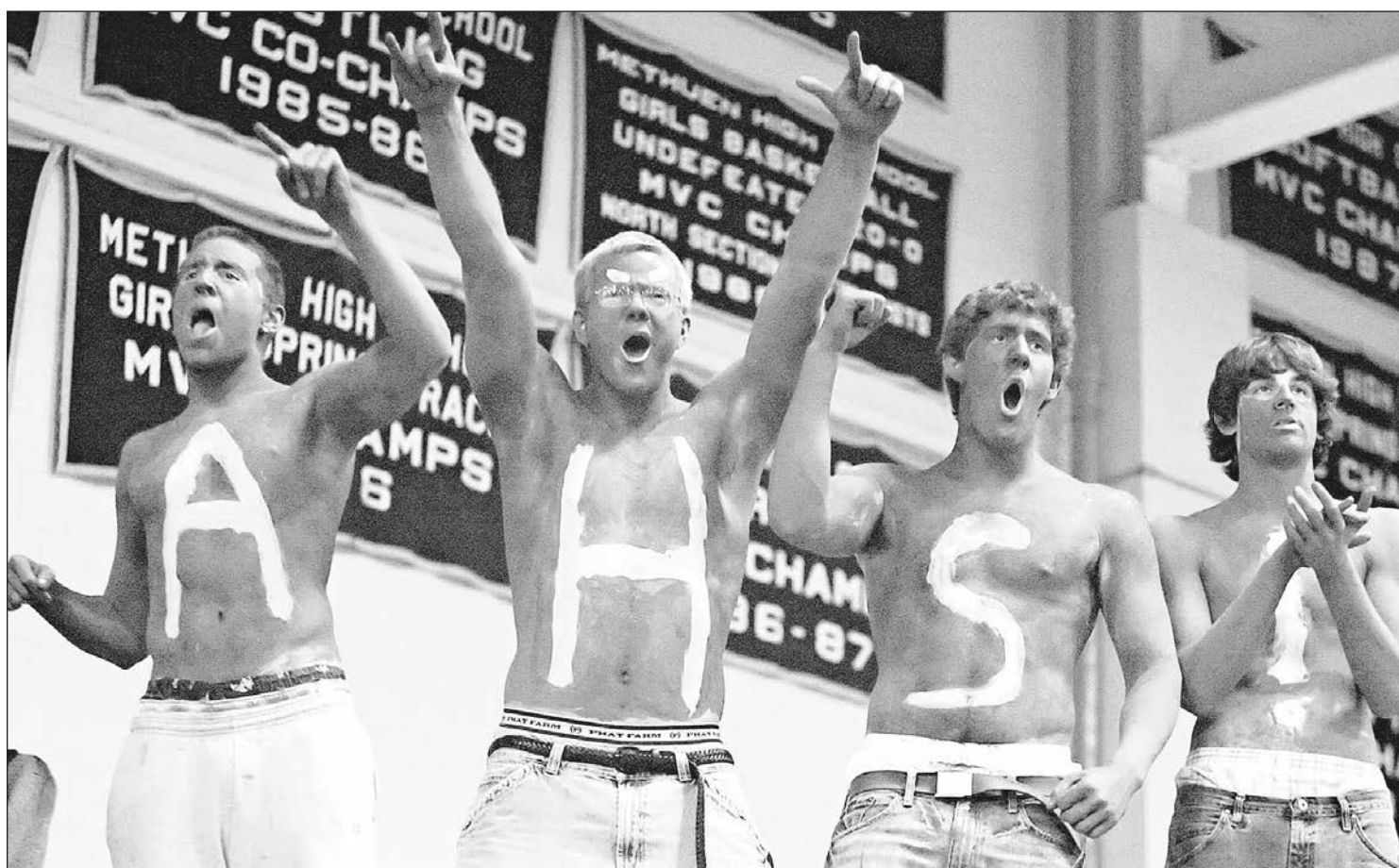
## WEB QUESTION

### Are you well informed on the CPA?

**Shocking**  
Last week's question was, "What is your reaction to news of an extra \$628,084 in the school budget?"  
1.9 percent said, "I support the schools without restriction."  
3.8 percent said, "People are overreacting. The schools did nothing unusual."  
11.3 percent said, "Surprised, but it doesn't change that Andover needs an override."  
38.9 percent said, "Same old tricks by town leaders."  
A plurality, about 45.3 percent, said, "Shocked. It has affected my trust in the town's statements."  
The rest said, "Other."

**What do you know?**  
This week's Web question is, "The town will go to the polls next week for a town election and vote on the Community Preservation Act. Do you feel informed?"  
■ Yes, and I plan to support the CPA.  
■ Yes, and I plan to vote against the CPA.  
■ I have not made up my mind on the CPA.  
■ No. I need to study this more.  
■ I don't vote.  
■ Other.  
To vote, go to the Townsman Web site and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

GO, TEAM!



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Andover fans, from left, Peter Saunders, 17, JonLars Carlson, 18, Garrett Kent, 18 and Nick Sievers, 18, celebrate in the closing minutes of girls basketball 44-34 win over Lowell at Methuen High School last week. The girls team has continued winning and will next play for the state title.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### When it snows, shovel

**Editor, Townsman:**

I'm writing to express my disgust with the businesses and home-owning residents who don't already do the right thing: remove the snow and ice from the sidewalks and walkways — down to bare pavement, the way the roads in town get done — on and near their property here in town.

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I'm also disgusted by the town, which doesn't seem to require the businesses and home-owning residents to do the right thing.

I believe it is a right of our residents to have safe sidewalks and walkways.

With the current lack of proper snow removal, that right is being denied them. They have two choices because of this: to walk on the sidewalks and walk ways as they are and risk slipping and falling as well as injuries, or to walk on the streets in town and risk getting hit by a car. I find this unacceptable.

Shame on the businesses, home-owning residents and/or landlords who aren't already properly removing the snow in our town! Shame on the Andover Housing Authority for lack of removing the snow and ice from the sidewalks and walkways on its property, especially Frye Circle where until last year I lived. I still have friends over there and care about their safety.

If the Housing Authority, businesses in town and the home-owning residents (and even landlords who don't already do so) are unable to properly remove snow and ice due to physical limitations, age or similar reason(s), then they ought to be required to obtain assistance from relatives, friends, neighbors or the town government itself.

I'm not really sure what the exact problems are here in Andover. Is it just people being lazy and not doing the right thing? Or are people too stuck up and consider themselves too good to do the right thing? Or are they just ignorant and not paying proper attention and care about themselves, their safety and that of their neighbors?

In Boston, Mayor Thomas Menino has a program where businesses and residents get fined for not properly removing the snow from their property. I think it's an excellent idea and ought to be done in all cities and towns.

Town manager and selectmen, you are our government and it is your job to ensure that the town is safe for all.

I've been an Andover resident for the past 15 years and am tired of the problem.  
**Joanne Taylor**  
Harding Street

### League: CPA offers support, transparency

**Editor, Townsman:**

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover supports the passage of the Community Preservation Act for Andover. The League has studied many issues facing our communities over the years. Affordable housing, open space and historic preservation

### LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

**Note:** It is the Townsman's long-standing policy not to print letters about candidates in the paper prior to an election. That means this week's paper is the last for letters about candidates in the March 25 town election.

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have emerged as important factors that contribute to a community's strength and character. CPA funds will enhance Andover's ability to retain diverse housing stock and provide affordable housing, enabling both young families and elders to make Andover their hometown. CPA funding can help preserve open space and create much needed recreation areas like ball fields; and maintain our commitment to preserving our historic buildings.

The League also advocates for transparency in government. Town Meeting will have the final say over what projects Andover funds with CPA money, so there are checks and balances built in to give citizens adequate information before decisions are made. We believe that the relatively modest tax increase for most homeowners will leverage a significant amount of funding for projects that will help Andover tackle important challenges in the years to come.

**Stefani Traina Goldshein**  
6 Roulston Circle  
President  
League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover

### CPA will help us pay for projects

**Editor, Townsman:**

On Tuesday, March 25, Andover voters will have an opportunity to accept the Community Preservation Act. The CPA enables communities to set aside funds for projects in the areas of conservation and recreation, historic preservation, and affordable housing, and receive up to 100 percent matching funds from the state. Every year that Andover fails to participate in this program costs Andover taxpayers money: first, because we must pay the full cost of any expenditures in these areas; second, because state reimbursements may be reduced as more communities participate; and third, because a special levy on real estate transfers at the Registry of Deeds is dedicated to providing the funds for the state reimbursements. Any real estate transfers in Andover contribute to that fund, but Andover is receiving no benefits.

Since inception, 127 towns in Massachusetts have accepted the CPA and the state has provided almost \$249 million in matching

grants to these communities. North Andover, among the first towns to accept the CPA, has received over \$6 million. Andover has many needs that would qualify for CPA grants: extensive repairs to the Old Town Hall and Memorial Hall Library; restoration of Veterans Memorial Auditorium; development of new playing fields; open space and water resources protection; repairs to our affordable housing units; and, since we no longer meet the 10 percent affordable housing standard set by Chapter 40B, we need to develop alternatives to large developer-initiated projects.

We have a choice: we can pay for these needs ourselves using only town funds or we can accept the CPA and become eligible for state matching grants. It seems to me the choice is very clear. Andover is facing severe budgetary problems. Any help we can get for needed town projects should be welcomed.

**Peggy Keck**  
52 Harold Parker Road

### Candidate balances needs, finances

**Editor, Townsman:**

As our town elections are fast approaching, I encourage voters to consider supporting Dennis Forgue for School Committee. Forgue has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Andover public schools the past few years to help enrich the educational experience for our students. Forgue recognizes the budgetary constraints that our town and schools face and he has dedicated enormous amounts of time to raising money for our schools and building partnerships with other educational institutions to help our students thrive without taxing our already overburdened school budget. As PTO president, Forgue helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars which went toward enriching the elementary science curriculum, providing playground equipment for our preschoolers, and for school supplies. In collaboration with the Andover Coalition for Education, he spearheaded an effort to build a partnership with Olin College of Science and Engineering to strengthen our science and engineering programs at the middle and high school levels. And as a member of the School Facilities Task Force, he meticulously assessed every school and classroom in the Andover school system to understand the space constraints facing each of our schools and worked with state officials to obtain state funding for our capital improvement projects.

Forgue recognizes the proposals under consideration to increase class sizes to 30 or more students at the elementary level and to abolish athletics at the high school are unacceptable; but he also appreciates the needs of our citizens who are on a tight budget and already have difficulty making ends meet. Forgue will continue to seek funding from external sources and work toward building relationships with outside constituents to strengthen our schools. In dealing with the budgetary process, Forgue will present clear and objective data and provide a num-

ber of options so the community can make informed decisions regarding our funding priorities. As he has done in the past, I am confident that Forgue will strive to make sound decisions for both our students and the rest of our community so that Andover will continue to be an excellent place to live.

**Cheryl Sullivan**  
Whispering Pines

### Lyman maintains quality, responds to concerns

**Editor, Townsman:**

I write to support Mary Lyman for re-election on March 25 to the Board of Selectmen. Lyman cares about the issues that make Andover a better place to live, work and play. She approaches all issues with good common sense and attention to detail, and her work results in outcomes that benefit the town of Andover and its residents. She supports passage of the Community Preservation Act, which, if passed on March 25, will enable Andover to earn its fair share of state matching funds to be used for acquisition of open space, construction of new playing fields, preservation of the town's historic structures and development of affordable housing.

Lyman listens well and works collaboratively with other town officials and residents to identify and respond to needs and improve efficiency in our town government. Andover is fortunate to have a high quality of town services and Lyman has played a role in maintaining that quality as well as responding to the concerns of individual town residents.

**Susan Stott**  
4 Roubandy Road

### Lyman best candidate for difficult times

**Editor, Townsman:**

The town of Andover is fortunate to have Mary Lyman running for re-election for the Board of Selectmen. Lyman has served more than six years on the board and has made many sacrifices in her personal and family life to be able to do her job well. She is committed to Andover and that is why she seeks another term.

There are several reasons I feel Lyman is the best candidate for the job:

- She has no conflict of interest in town;
- She has no hidden agenda;
- She is not afraid to take on a difficult task (most recently the town's vehicle policy);
- She listens, really listens;
- She relates to all walks of life; and
- She is respectful of others' views, not condescending.

If you have watched or listened to Lyman in her role as selectman for the past six years, you have witnessed these values first hand. If you have gone to her with questions or concerns, you have found her approachable and honest. If you have worked with Lyman on one of the many sub-committees she has served over the years, you have seen that she is hardworking and committed.

With her knowledge and experience, Lyman is the best candidate to lead us through these difficult financial times.

**Tracy Callahan**  
6 David Drive

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Forgue: Reasonable positions, relationships

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing this letter in support of Dennis Forgue as a candidate for the Andover School Committee. I have three school-age children who attend the Andover public schools: Andover High, West Middle and West Elementary. Over the past five years I have become very involved in Parent Teacher Organization organizational activities, including Andover's Townwide PTO, the West Middle Parent Advisory Council and the West Elementary PTO. Through these activities I have had the opportunity to get to know and work with Dennis Forgue.

Forgue is hardworking and committed. He takes the time to collect data, to research positions and to think through his positions in a well reasoned and articulate manner. His experience on the School Facilities Task Force has given him a solid understanding of the enrollment numbers and facilities' dollars. This participation also gave Forgue the opportunity to forge solid working relationships with the sitting School Committee and the selectmen. I believe that these qualities enable him to be productive right from the start on the School Committee.

Like many in Andover, I am focused on the budget numbers too. We're at a critical juncture and we need solid leadership on our town and school committees. In talking with Forgue I've gotten a good feeling about his priorities. He brings not only good business sense to the table, but also passion and compassion. Forgue will bring a measured and objective viewpoint to the School Committee. Please consider him when you come to polls to vote on March 25.

Marj Andresen  
85 Argilla Road

### Forgue takes positions supported by facts

Editor, Townsman:

Please join me in supporting Dennis Forgue in his campaign for School Committee by voting for him on Tuesday, March 25.

I have known Forgue for only a year, but my knowledge of him has been in a working relationship with him, as we both served as members of the School Facilities Task Force, formed in late 2006 to study the condition and capacity of Andover schools. Forgue applied

himself with great commitment to the task, putting in untold hours of analysis work, in addition to the many meetings he attended.

Forgue's particular task was the development of enrollment projections for the schools for the next 10 years. He quickly determined that the various models being used currently all had some weaknesses, and he took it upon himself to study the various models and to develop a hybrid measuring tool that combined the strengths of the other models. It was in this task that I discovered his ability to be measured and objective. He demonstrated an ability to bring all to agreement in support of his findings.

During Forgue's work on the task force, he has gotten to know members of the School Committee, as well as members of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee who served as liaisons to the task force. I believe he has earned the respect of each.

I trust Forgue to continue to take a hard look at the issues facing the town, and to suggest solutions that may not be popular but that will be supported by the facts.

Tom Deso  
81 High St.

### Forgue's experience right for schools

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to urge the voters of Andover to choose Dennis Forgue for School Committee on March 25. Forgue and I both have children enrolled at the Shawsheen Elementary School. As the co-president of the Shawsheen PTO, Forgue has led parent efforts to be involved and ensure the highest standards of excellence at Shawsheen. As an entrepreneur and founder of his own company, Forgue possesses the business sense that the School Committee will need in the coming months to confront the challenge of providing a high quality education for the students of Andover in these financially difficult times.

Education is the cornerstone of Andover's success as a community. Whether you have children enrolled in Andover public schools or not, the quality of the education in this town affects you. Home values in Andover have more or less held steady while neighboring communities have suffered, in large part because of our excellent schools.

At the same time, resources are not limitless, and difficult decisions will need to be made. As a parent and a taxpayer, I trust Forgue to make those decisions as a member of the School Committee.

Judy Rich  
33 Ballardvale Road

### Forgue is responsible choice for schools

Editor, Townsman:

While most people don't know it, there will be a local election in Andover on March 25. There are two people running for the School Committee. Both are conservative, honest and good people. That does not mean, however, that they are equally qualified or deserving of the position. Dennis Forgue has been working closely with the school department for several years. He has always been interested, involved and helpful in many different arenas. Most recently, he served on the Space Needs Task Force to determine the future needs of Andover with respect to space and the physical condition of our schools. This led to the ongoing work with the state to replace one of our schools.

For years, Forgue has kept a close eye on the school budget, continually questioning expenditures and making suggestions on how to operate more efficiently. He is an even tempered professional with the right knowledge, experience and interest to help move our town forward. He works well with everyone, and uses numbers and facts to gain consensus, rather than instincts or emotion. As co-president of the Shawsheen School PTO, he gained intimate knowledge of the workings and budget constraints of our district. From there he moved on to be very active with Townwide PTO. In addition, Forgue helped craft a survey of our district which we used to read the pulse of the school community.

Many of us understand that we are at a crossroads in terms of available revenue versus the services that the town provides. Forgue is the candidate with years of involvement, a vested interest in this town, and the conservative, reserved temperament to work with the other elected officials in solving our budget crisis. The next three years will be quite difficult for the School Committee, and we need Forgue to help us through it.

David S. Samuels  
7 Ridge Hill Way

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tion Act, which town voters will be asked to ratify on the March 25 ballot. Approval would add a property tax surcharge of 1 percent to fund local conservation, affordable housing and historic projects, with additional funds coming from the state. Lyman is in favor of passage; Cotch is not.

"CPA is a tool we can use to help keep Andover a town we're proud of," said Lyman. "I think it's something that we could greatly benefit from."

Cotch, however, said he does not support asking people for more money in a time where the

economy is struggling.

"I applaud the objectives of the CPA," said Cotch. "The problem I see here is that this isn't the year, unfortunately."

### Senior issues

Both candidates wanted more information from local legislators before taking a position on a bill before the Senate that would exempt some senior citizens from paying additional property taxes if a Proposition 2½ override is successful.

"It sounds great on paper," said Cotch. "I'd like to have the opportunity to quiz our legislative delega-

tion a little more thoroughly to find out what the ins and outs are."

When asked how to improve local public transportation for seniors, Cotch suggested using taxi vouchers or volunteer services to compliment the MVRTA bus service, which he described as inadequate.

Lyman said improving public transportation for seniors and expanding town services to seniors are important issues to her.

"We need to expand where we offer them," said Lyman. "We don't have enough space to offer the services we need (at the Andover Senior Center)."

## SCHOOLS: Hopefuls push for transparency

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"They know I take a reasoned and objective view," said Forgue. "I think I'm in a position to contribute immediately."

Rigby said he also regularly attends town board meetings and, when he cannot, records them on television for later viewing. He has also built strong relationships with School Committee members, he said.

"I've been involved with what goes on," said Rigby. "I have a lot of knowledge with how the School Committee is run... I've been doing my homework."

### Savings and expenses

Rigby said the School Commit-

tee could consider decreasing special education funding while still meeting state mandates as a potential means to save money.

Rigby also noted that the school's budget has never decreased on a year-to-year basis. "When the School Committee talks about cuts, they're talking about cuts from proposed increases in funding," said Rigby. "We're not looking at cuts, just reductions in what they want to spend."

Forgue suggested looking into each school's budget annually for possible savings, as well as examining the cost advantages and disadvantages of using a block schedule at Andover High School as op-

posed to a traditional schedule.

"If it's a union issue, a negotiation issue, so be it," said Forgue. "Let's be realistic."

Both candidates expressed interest in exploring savings on employee health care costs.

While Forgue said he would vote to support the Community Preservation Act on March 25, Rigby said he is opposed to the surcharge, which opens up the possibility for receiving additional state funding for projects related to conservation, affordable housing and historical preservation.

"That's not where the crisis in our budget is right now," said Rigby. "It's not something that's going to solve all our problems."

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taxpayers, and the state and federal governments — are responsible for defining what a "quality education" means to Andover. A quality education means giving our students the tools to take on their responsibilities as citizens, whether by pursuing higher education, private employment or public service. We all have an important stake in this issue and should work together to define the meaning of a "quality education."

There is no dispute that Andover provides a high quality education to its students. Our children benefit from varied educational experiences. We have strong academic and extracurricular activities. Our athletic programs are among the most successful in the state and a source of great community pride. Thanks in large part to the quality education Andover provides, our property values

have remained strong despite significant downturns in neighboring communities.

An equally important question is: how do we ensure that Andover continues to provide a quality education? First, we must look to the teachers and administration to establish a strong, current, and innovative curriculum. Second, objective goals must be established and adjustments made based on measurable milestones. Third, parents and students should be an integral part of the process, and we should work together to accommodate state and federal mandates. Fourth, we must make a realistic assessment of the resources available to fund Andover's ambitious educational programs. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the School Committee to balance these interests to ensure that Andover continues to provide the highest quality education possible within the fiscal constraints of the town.

## RAMP

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proposal has many both positives and negatives to be watched to ensure Andover stands to win. If the right interchange is selected that does not cause traffic to use Andover's local roads, then:

1. It could definitely improve traffic for the Ballardvale section and Route 125 corridor.

2. It could provide jobs both long and short term; during construction and create strong economic growth for that area. Andover could really be in the forefront of a statewide economic growth initiative.

3. Now that Mills Corporation no longer has rights to the property, it may be developed as a mixed-use area that could help all three towns by opening up this parcel to balanced development.

We need to be careful that we continue to be active participants as Andover has a lot at stake. This is an area where regional cooperation could result in huge economic growth, but Andover cannot bear the brunt of all the traffic.

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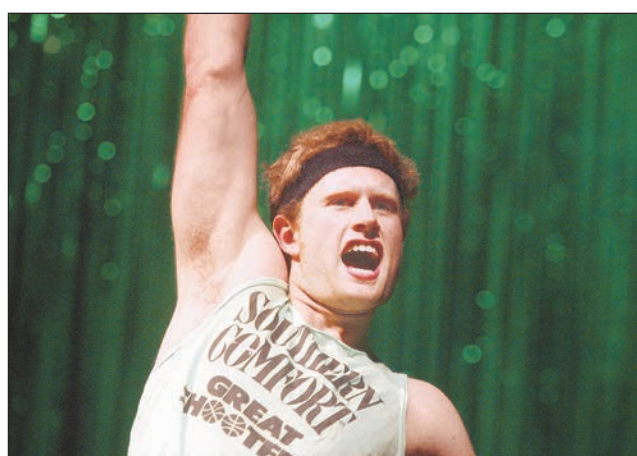
# Townspeople



## THE NEW KING OF THE HILL

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Contestants in the 2008 Mr. Andover High School competition take the stage with their sponsors. From left: Michelle Laracy, David Keohane, Rudhdi Karnik, Eric Geffken, Lucy Silverman, Bryce Davidson, Alex Abisso, Brian Mason, Barbara George, Matthew Newman, Liz Tverskoy, Matthew Newton, Emily Selwyn, Jeremy Fox, Katie LaMark and Jake Mattison.



Erik Geffken shows off his moves as an aerobics instructor during the sportswear portion of the competition.

### Mr. Andover High School crowned in lively competition

The new Mr. Andover High School seemingly can defy gravity. And he didn't even use that skill during the talent portion of the competition.

Brian Mason was crowned Mr. AHS March 7 after an entertaining night involving seven other contestants for the coveted prize open only to junior males. The competitors this year were David Keohane, Eric Geffken, Bryce Davidson, Matthew Newman, Matthew Newton, Jeremy Fox, Jake Mattison and Mason. They competed in sportswear, talent, dream date and a question-and-answer session.

During his "dream date," Mason wore black pants with false, white, stuffed pants in front, made to look like his real legs. It worked well against the black curtain behind him. When his date became enraged over a comment (junior boys aren't always the smoothest conversationalists), Mason and his fake legs jumped spread-eagle style over thrown objects. He also took food in the face and karate chopped a plate in two — all in slow motion. He should be on speed dial for "The Matrix 4."

Runner-up for Mr. AHS was Bryce Davidson, who made a quick impression with the first contest of the evening, dressing as a Transformer for the sportswear competition. After Davidson was introduced, a spotlight ran across the stage looking for him. It stopped on what looked like a wooden car. The car slowly unfolded to reveal that parts of itself were the arms, legs and back of Peterson, transformed and ready to battle any Decepticons.

The hosts for the evening were Kasey Quinlan and Steve Moore, who kept the crowd engaged between segments with help from performances by the school's dance club, dance team and junior class board of directors.

— Neil Fater



Brian Mason is crowned Mr. Andover High School.



Katie LaMark, left, and Liz Tverskoy help Matthew "Fig" Newton into his fig outfit for the talent competition. Below: Liz Tverskoy helps Newton complete the "fig" illusion.



## LOWELL DEVILS



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## Burning awning: An intro to town-gown

### Bill Dalton



Around 1910 or so, an awning caught fire on Main Street. Seventy years later my father told the story to me and said a local newspaper reported that Phillips Academy students were suspected. I asked dad why PA boys were suspected, and he said that unsolved small crimes were generally blamed on them. I asked if it was because they were poorly behaved, and he answered that they were no better or worse than town kids, although the two groups taunted each other and there were occasional fights.

When my dad told me the awning story, there was a good reason why it was clear in his memory: he and his brother Bill, ages 11 and 9 respectively, accidentally caused the fire by tossing lighted wooden matches in the air. My dad said they felt real bad for days, but the story died as quickly as the small fire.

A few years later, Bill went to PA on a post-graduate sports scholarship. Over the years, more and more town kids went to school on the Hill, and the comingling of town and gown no doubt had a salutary effect on boys from both sides, although it could never be perfect in an age group that features raging hormones.

Miles Pendleton, nicknamed "Kim" after a Rudyard Kipling character, moved with his family to Andover when he was in the second grade. His father was a Phillips alumnus who had friends on the Hill, so it was natural for the Pendletons to live at 64 Salem St. Kim went to Stowe School and junior high before being admitted to Phillips, class of 1957. He attended as a day student.

Kim says, "Day students were given a room in the basement of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Memorial Library where we could hang out. That room was something of a den of iniquity where fairly raucous card playing overshadowed any attempts at lesson preparations. Miss Eades, the librarian, periodically swooped in to attempt to keep the noise down and to keep us on the straight and narrow. Her efforts were not particularly successful. Soon thereafter, PA started to assign day students to desks in the rooms of the boarding students in an attempt to integrate them more fully into the life of the Academy."

According to Kim, a now-forgotten incident involving Townies in 1953 or '54 incited PA students. He says, "It propelled my classmates from PA to march downtown to express their collective unhappiness with the powers that then were. I came under considerable pressure to join their ranks, which I reluctantly decided to do. I tried to keep out of sight at the back of the pack. But a policeman who knew my mother spotted me and called to me by name, saying that if I did not get my tail back up the hill, he would report me to my parents and the school. And he demanded that everyone else return to the hill. The march on downtown concluded without incident."

Jo-Ann Gorrie graduated from Andover High School in 1962. Her dad, John Murray, owned the gas station on the corner of Main and Chestnut. Jo-Ann has an interesting perspective on the town-gown relationship, and she speaks of the era just prior to PA's merger with Abbot (1973), when PA was

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Lauren Michelle Ofria and Andrew Matthew Savarese



Mr. and Mrs. James Ofria of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Michelle, to Andrew Matthew Savarese, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Savarese of Norwell, Mass. Ms. Ofria graduated from Providence College and is an account manager with Studiocom in Santa Monica, Calif. Mr. Savarese graduated from Georgetown University and has an MBA from Boston College. He is a clinical sales manager for Intuitive Surgical in Los Angeles, Calif. A fall wedding at the Boston Harbor Hotel is planned.

## SENIOR NOTES

**Book club:** The next book club discussion will take place on Thursday, March 27, with the discussion of "My Sister's Keeper," by Jodi Picoult. This group is open to all who enjoy reading a good book and getting together for a friendly discussion. Books are available for checkout at the center approximately two weeks prior to each discussion.

**Exercise classes:** The spring semester gets underway this week and will run through May 23. Classes will include low-impact aerobics, modified yoga, tai chi, strength training for women, water workout, cardio flex, spinning, fit walk, men in motion, water yoga, tap dancing and senior spinning.

**Fix-it shop:** The next fix-it shop will be Monday, March 17, at 1:30 p.m. Bring in any small appliances or household items in need of repair.

**Movie matinee:** On Monday, March 31, the film "Saving Sarah Cain" will be shown at 1 p.m. A well-meaning but self-centered newspaper columnist learns some important lessons when her late sister's children come to live with her in the city.

**Shingles vaccine:** The Andover health department has announced that it is the recipient of a generous grant from the Andover Home For Aged People. This funding will allow the continued offering of the shingles

vaccine Zostavax. The vaccine, at a cost of \$10, is available for Andover residents age 60 and older who have had chicken pox but never had shingles. For further information, contact the health department at 978-623-8295.

**Men's breakfast:** Friday, April 18, at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$3, advance reservations required. "Mechanical Mind Benders" with Stewart Coffin. Stewart will discuss his varied career which led eventually to his inventing unusual geometrical puzzles and fabricating them in wood. Stewart has created about 223 designs over the past 37 years, written several books on puzzles, and was honored with an award for his lifetime contributions to mechanical puzzles. Many hands-on models will be available, so be sure to make a reservation to come and be amazed and even try your hand at some of these mechanical mind-benders.

**Tax prep:** Volunteer tax help is available by appointment for those who need help with tax preparation. Please note that this service is only for simple, straightforward returns only. Please call the center at 978-623-8321 if you would like to schedule an appointment time.

**Irish history course:** March 17, 24 and 31 at 1:30 p.m.; the cost is \$15, preregistration is necessary. Topics to be covered will

be "The Irish in Lawrence" with Casey Coburn; "Ireland Then and Now" with Elizabeth Shannon, wife of the former ambassador to Ireland, and "Original Irish Art," a gallery talk at Loric Artworks.

**"The Joy Of Herbs":** Preregistration required. Please note change in dates for this class: Tuesday, March 18, 1 p.m., and Tuesday, March 25, 9:30 a.m., \$10. Included in this series will be information on growing herbs, both in the garden and in containers; harvesting and preserving herbs via drying and freezing; vinegars and oils, and hints and recommendations for cooking with herbs. Instructor: Rita Wollmering, owner of the Herb Farm.

**St. Pat's party** on Thursday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50. Advance tickets only. Entertainment will be provided by Brian Corcoran, who has entertained in venues through the United States, Canada and Ireland. Reservations must be made separately for the corned beef and cabbage lunch that will be served before the show.

**"Dinky Murphy's Wild & Crazy Irish Wake"** on Saturday, March 15, at the Amesbury Playhouse. Cost is \$49 and includes dinner, admission and transportation. This will be a fun-filled interactive celebration of the life of dear old Dinky with dinner and music by the Blarney Stone Baladeers.

## Timber!



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Charles Cipriano, from M.O.N. Landscaping of Fall River, cuts a tree in front of Bertucci's Restaurant on Main Street last week, kicking off notable changes that will continue throughout the spring and summer. Most of the trees along Main Street will be cut down, then replaced, as part of a state- and town-funded redesign.

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## DALTON: The town-gown connection

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an all-boy school. She says being a Townie meant not having a dorm curfew like the Abbot Academy girls, which meant the Townies could stay for the entire Friday evening movie with their dates, while the girls from Abbot had to leave early.

Jo-Ann says her former classmates, who were now attending Phillips, often wandered over to her house on Summer Street, which was close enough to PA to be in their allowed "walking area." On Wednesdays, when PA students had a free afternoon from sports, they'd convince her mom to bake fresh cookies for them. The cookies would usually be "stolen," to use Jo-Ann's word, before she got home from high school.

Jack Gorrie, Jo-Ann's husband, was also born and brought up in Andover. He led the above named "former classmates" to Jo-Ann's house. When discussing how PA boys used the word "Townie," he says, "First, and most important, the word applied to the girls from town. I think the average incoming PA boy viewed himself as very eligible and would surely have the local girls falling at his feet. To use the current phrase, the local girls had 'been there, done that, got the merit badge' and were not about to put up with an elevated ego. Once that was figured out, and the bruised egos were repaired, the guys began to see the girl Townies in a different light. Being a Townie became a good thing. Townies lived in town, which meant local knowledge, access to good food (the Commons was not a gourmet's treat) and sometimes a retreat away from the Hill."

Jack says the other use of the word Townie by PA boys was to apply it to day students. He says, "Like the local girls, the Townie student was misunderstood in his first year at PA. We were often viewed as someone who got into



Courtesy photos

A picture of the entrance way to Abbot Academy. Phillips and Abbot Academy merged in 1973. Photograph courtesy of Mia Kelly, the author and photographer of "Andover: the Face of Phillips Academy."

PA because we lived in town and not because we were particularly smart. As time wore on, the attitudes changed. Townies could invite PA students home for the weekend. We knew most all the girls in the area, and during our last two years we had cars. Cars were status. If you had a car you could make a night run to McDonalds or Santina's. Once again, "Townie" was a good thing."

Jack and Jo-Ann were married in 1972. They have two adult sons and a grandchild and live in Gambrills, Md. One of their sons has served three tours in Iraq. I grew up near the center of town and went to school with kids from the Hill. We played Little League together and used PA's skating rink. A few of us hung out together. Lifelong friendships developed, even though many of the Hill kids went to prep schools during and after junior high school.

Institutionally, Andover and Phillips have maintained a cordial, cooperative relationship that has existed for many decades. Youth hockey was played at PA for years; Little League and high school baseball tryouts were held in PA's in-

door athletic facility called the "Cage"; the high school's winter track team used that facility throughout its entire season; Headmaster Claude Fuess wrote a history of the town; and Headmaster Ted Sizer led an army of PA students downtown to help dig out after the Blizzard of '78.

For Townies, having an asset like Phillips Academy with its wonderful campus, is something to be proud of. Few towns can boast of having a place like Addison Gallery of American Art within walking distance of its center. For Phillips, the town offers a traditionally well-governed, well-policed place that is safe, convenient and attractive. People from the Hill have been active in the League of Women Voters and have served often as elected or appointed town officials. Although there are occasional differences, there is a symbiosis between town and gown that may not have its equal anywhere.

Bill Dalton's e-mail address is [billdalton@andovertownie.com](mailto:billdalton@andovertownie.com). He writes a weekly column for the *Townsmen* and enjoys receiving your stories about Andover.

## BOOMER VENTURES PROGRAMMING

**Energize with exercise:** Get a great workout without going to the gym from March 13 through May 1 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Build strength and flexibility with an exercise buffet. No experience required. Cost is \$45.

**Serenity yoga:** Delve into a yoga practice with a series of gentle postures to build strength, balance and flexibility of mind and body from March 13 through May 1 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Suitable for all levels. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Cost is \$45.

**Boomer bridge:** A beginning basic bridge course covering modern bridge theory and play of the hand from April 3 through May 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each lesson will combine lecture, discussion and plenty of time for

putting new information in to real practice. Manual available at additional cost. Cost is \$150 for all eight weeks.

**NOW - New Opportunities for Women:** The first in an ongoing dialogue about women reinventing themselves in the boomer years on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 for the series. Schedule: Alexandra Mezey, life clarity coach, will start the dialogue on April 10 as we open Pandora's Box and explore your plans as you approach retirement. Gain perspective on traditional retirement and generate possibilities for your post-career life; attorney Debra Silberstein will talk on April 17 about planning ahead to maximize assets and

examine estate planning as participants explore how philanthropic values and wealth are passed on by generation; Darrin Courtney, director of Mutual Fund Services for AARP Financial, presents "Your Finances, Your World, Your Guide to Retirement Income Planning" on April 24. Hear AARP's seven tips to avoid common pitfalls as you near retirement.

All programs take place at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, and registration is required. Registration starts Feb. 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fitness classes require a yearly health form. Light meals and chair massage available with 24-hour notice. For more information, call 978-623-8321 or visit [www.boomerventure.com](http://www.boomerventure.com).

## Go green for St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is a great time to celebrate the Irish. The day is now celebrated worldwide, even by people who aren't Irish. "Everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day," is a popular saying.

It's fun to wear green, eat Irish food, attend parades and talk about leprechauns.

Some people pin shamrocks on their clothes or hats.

Americans like green food on St. Patrick's Day ... like green popcorn, green bagels and green eggs.

Saint Patrick was a patron saint of Ireland. His day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Montserrat, and the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador. It is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland.

People in the rest of Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States celebrate unofficially.

St. Patrick's Day is also called St. Paddy's Day or Paddy's Day.

Usually, the holiday is celebrated on March 17, the date on which Patrick died. However, this year celebration will be March 15 in many places.

The Roman Catholic Church moves the date when March 17 falls between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. That's so the festivities don't interfere with Holy Week activities. The last time the holiday was moved was in 1940.

People in Dublin, Ireland celebrate with a five-day festival. In 2006 over 500,000 people attended Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade.

The first American St. Patrick's day parade was held in Boston in 1737. The idea slowly caught on. Now many American cities are hold parades.

The largest St. Patrick's Day parade is in Chicago. Over two million people watch the parade. Chicago even dyes the river green.

Savannah dyes the downtown city fountains green. In Rolla, Missouri, engineering students and alumni paint the city streets green before the parade.

Chicago will hold its parade on Saturday, March 15. Dublin and New York City will have parades on March 17, the traditional date. Detroit's parade will be March 16.

No matter when you celebrate St. Paddy's Day, wear something green.



The St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. Louis, Missouri, features big inflatable characters, including a leprechaun.

**Word Scramble** Unscramble these names of Irish cities and towns.

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WALGAY                    ROCK



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**Joanne V. Howard, 61**



ANDOVER — Joanne V. (Lally) Howard, 61, of Andover and formerly of Wilmington, died on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at her home.

Joanne was born in Woburn to the late Joseph A. and Arlene (Hammond) Lally.

She was a L.P.N. for many years at local nursing homes which included Mary Immaculate in Lawrence and the Prescott House in North Andover, where Joanne loved her job and took great pride in caring for the elderly and those less fortunate, however her greatest passion was being a devoted

mother who worked hard her entire life to give her family a better life in return.

Joanne is survived by her three sons, Joseph L. Howard and James M. Howard both of Andover and John J. Parker of Wilmington; her four grandchildren, Seth, Jake, Ethan and Nicholas; and her former husband, Donald L. Howard of Andover.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** At the request of the family, all of Joanne's services will be private. For those who wish, Joanne may be remembered through donations to the Irish Children's Fund, 55-A West St. Charles Road, Villa Park, IL 60181. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Conte Family Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

**ALL THOSE YEARS AGO**

**100 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 13, 1908**

Dr. Timothy J. Cullinane has gone to Lowell where he has opened an office.

George E. Holt of T. A. Holt Co.'s store has been ill this week.

J. P. West will shut down his baker next Tuesday night to make some repairs in the sop and to install a fine new oven. Many modern improvements will be made and when completed, the bakery will be one of the finest in the community.

**75 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 10, 1933**

Over 2200 Andover people voted in favor of having the State reconsider the state school question in the only upset that took place Monday in the heaviest vote yet cast in a town election. The state school supporters led in all precincts except the fourth, and even on the Hill they managed to annex 207 votes out of 670.

The reunion committee for the classes of 1929-1932 of Punchard has been very fortunate in obtaining Louis Amphen's orchestra for the first annual semi-formal reunion dance to be held in Punchard hall on April 1 at 7.30. This orchestra features at Longwood Towers for the proms of the col-

leges in and around Boston.

**50 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 13, 1958**

A number of Andover residents are members of the committee for the Lawrence General Hospital "Follies of '58" annual musical production sponsored by the Aid Association of that Hospital.

The Andover Boosters Club will sponsor a "Get Acquainted Night" at the High School Gymnasium March 21. The 8 p.m. program will feature movies of the 1957 football season and of Olympic track and field events, provided by Ralph Colson of the state division of education.

It's Spring! Little League try-outs will be held this Saturday and Sunday in Case Memorial Cage at the Academy. And this year, there will be six teams in the league - Giants, Cardinals, Yankees, Red Sox, White Sox and Braves.

**25 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 10, 1983**

It will cost a bit more from now on to file a petition before the Zoning Board of Appeals. The selectmen Monday night voted to increase the filing fee by \$10, raising it from \$25 to \$35 for unregistered land, and from \$35 to \$45 for registered land.

— Compiled by Michelle Wiener

**INDIA: Lunch made without cooks**

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Andover and what happened in Bangalore was Bangalore. Now we live connected and everything happens all over the world."

"\$28 is the cost of getting a pizza and going to a movie on a Friday night," said Sridhar, who described Mouli Pal's dancing as "absolutely fabulous."

"We are bringing this at your doorstep. How many people get to go to India and see this type of dance?"

Sridhar is president of the U.S. office of Akshaya Patra in Stoneham and the Deshpandes help fund the organization through their Deshpande Foundation; Desh Deshpande is chairman of Akshaya Patra's board of directors.

Akshaya Patra cooks and delivers fresh, healthy lunches to 820,000 public school children in India each day, many of whom would go hungry otherwise, say supporters. Since its inception in 2000, attendance at public schools in India has increased, helping break the cycle of poverty for many children.

A 2006 AC Nielsen study reported increased enrollment, better health, and improved performance among students who received Akshaya Patra school lunches — 13.8 percent for boys and 34.2 percent for girls.

India has 57 million malnourished children, said Sridhar, and for many school children, the lunch they receive from Akshaya Patra is the only complete, healthy meal they eat.

The supreme court in India recently ruled that lunch must be provided in all public schools, said Sridhar. At schools that are not part of the Akshaya Patra program, the teacher often cooks lunch for students, which often offers little nutrition.

"Providing meals and education will break these children's cycle of poverty," she said. "It will bring about peace and make them productive citizens."

Akshaya Patra meals are cooked and distributed through an innovative, organized system of 12 kitchens throughout the India. Each kitchen, designed and built by engineers, is equipped with specialized machines that



Courtesy photo

The Upasana trio will be dancing a performance of traditional Indian dance at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College on March 30. The event will be a fundraiser for the Akshaya Patra Foundation, which provides meals for Indian school children.

**A POETRY OF SPRING IN ODISSI DANCE**

The performance features Mouli Pal, some of her students and her 6-year-old daughter. The dancers will perform a rare form of classical Indian dance called Odissi, which is based on religious sculptures, texts, art and poetry.

Guest of honor at the event will be Malcolm Rogers, director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Classical Indian dance performance, featuring Mouli Pal and the Upasana trio

March 30, 4 p.m.

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prepare and cook food with very little human interaction — no chef — using gravity to combine ingredients and a steaming cooking method.

The cooking process begins at 2:30 a.m. and meals are delivered to schools in specially designed vehicles the same day. Because they have a dozen kitchens, Akshaya Patra can tailor meals to different tastes and food habits in the different regions of India and also buys its vegetables, dairy products and other food from local markets.

In very rural areas, where the infrastructure won't support an Akshaya Patra kitchen, cooking is outsourced to local women

trained and paid to prepare meals, said Sridhar.

"People used to go to India to see the Taj Mahal, and now they come to India to see our kitchens," said Sridhar with a laugh. Akshaya Patra's largest kitchen, in Hubli, in the Southern part of India, has an observation deck for visitors.

"We take a great deal of pride in providing quality, healthy meals," she said. "It's a great model of how we can build community and bring about change."

Sridhar has lived in Andover since 1981 and the Deshpandes moved to town in 1992. They first met when their children were attending South Elementary School

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Sridhar said they are also making plans to create U.S. chapters of Akshaya Patra, like the one in Stoneham, launched in June 2006, all over the country as well as overseas to spread awareness of the program and fundraise.

"We've just begun. We've got our work cut out for us," said Saluni P. Fadia, head of the newly formed Boston chapter of Akshaya Patra. "At the end of it, it's all about humanity. We want to give millions access to a single square meal. It's an important difference."

Mouli Pal, a Wilmington resident, is donating her time and artistry for the performance on March 30.

"She is a young woman with a big heart," said Sridhar of Pal. The only cost incurred with the fundraiser is renting the Rogers Center, said Sridhar. Tickets are sold in increments of \$28 and are tax-deductible.

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# Obituaries

## Robert J. Bourgeois, 52



METHUEN — Robert J. "BSH-WA" Bourgeois, 52, of Methuen, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Lawrence General Hospi-

tal. He was born in North Kingstown, R.I. on Sept. 16, 1955 to Robert C. and Marilyn (Battle) Bourgeois.

Mr. Bourgeois was educated in the Methuen schools.

He operated heavy equipment for Arthur Hutton Construction Company in Methuen, Curuso Construction Company in Revere, and for the Town of Methuen.

Mr. Bourgeois was a member of the Harley-Davidson Association of America. He enjoyed riding his Harley, whether it was with his beloved Terri, or his family or his friends, he loved his bike. Bob loved to travel by Harley cross country and see new and exciting places. He enjoyed fishing and the good times he spent with family and friends in his garage. He loved

life. He took extra special pride in remodeling his home.

Mr. Bourgeois family members include his significant other of 12 years, Theresa "Terri" P. Abbott of Methuen; his sister, Lynne D. Burns and her husband Douglas of Mars Hill, N.C.; brothers, James M. Bourgeois and his wife Joan of Andover and John T. Bourgeois; nieces and nephews, Sheila, Diane, Allyson, Lisa, Donny, Chris, Michael; great-nephew, Carson; as well as his extended family, Lisa, Keith, Diana, Bunny, Mandy, Kate-Lyn, Freddy, Keith, Savannah, Michael, Meghan, Alyssa, Jacob, Stephanie; and aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours for family and friends were Tuesday, March 11, 2008 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For online condolences and other information please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers please make donations in his name to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01841 or to a charity of one's choice.**

## Doris Bredberg, 86

ANDOVER — Doris Bredberg passed away in the early morning on Saturday, March 8, 2008, in Andover. She was 86 years old.

Doris was born on Nov. 7, 1921 in East St. Louis. After the death of her mother Grace, she and her siblings, Myra and Bob, were cared for by her maternal aunt and husband.

She lived in East St. Louis until she married Roy P. Bredberg in 1951, at which time they began the life of a military family, moving to Greenland, then Washington, and Baltimore, Md. When Roy retired from the military in 1961, the family moved to Melbourne Beach, Fla., where Doris and Roy lived until the last few years of their lives.

In 2002, Doris and Roy were moved to Chandler, Ariz., to be with their daughter Kathleen

Bredberg and her daughters, Natalie, Mallory, and Kinsey. A year ago, after a visit to her daughter Lisa Guy, in Andover, she remained there being cared for by Lisa, her husband, Tom Guy and their children, Dany, Michelle and Jackie. Doris was preceded in death by her first son, Norman Green, first husband Cloud Green, her second son, Paul Bredberg, and her second husband, Roy Bredberg. All of her grandchildren were privileged to get to know Doris and spend time with her in the last few years of her life. She will be missed by them and by her niece Janet Strube.

**ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 14, at South Church in Andover, 41 Central St., Andover, MA 01810.**

## Sylvia G. Edelstein, 86

ANDOVER — Sylvia G. (Goldstein) Edelstein, 86, died Sunday afternoon, March 9, 2008, at Lawrence General Hospital. Mrs. Edelstein had been residing at Marland Place in Andover for the past five months.

Mrs. Edelstein was born in Spring Valley, N.Y. She was a resident of Brooklyn most of her life.

She worked as a bookkeeper for many years. Her last employment was with a real estate company.

Mrs. Edelstein is survived by her husband Herbert Edelstein, her children, Marion and her husband Richard Santiago of New Windsor, N.Y., and Peter and his wife Beth Edelstein of Andover.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jared Santiago, Erica Santiago, Adam Edelstein and Jason Edelstein. She was predeceased by her brothers, Nathan Goldstein and Charles Goldstein.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Graveside services were held at Wellwood Cemetery, West Babylon, N.Y., on Tuesday, March 11. Condolence calls may be made at the home of Peter and Beth Edelstein through Sunday evening. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02147; or Cong. Beth Israel, 501 South Main St., Andover, MA 01810. Arrangements were conducted by Goldman Funeral Chapel, Malden.**

## Mary A. Kane, 97

ANDOVER — Mary A. (Loneragan) Kane, 97, of Andover, beloved wife of the late Daniel J. Kane, died at Wingate Nursing Center in Andover on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

Born in Andover on July 9, 1910, she was the beloved daughter of the late Michael and Bridget (Conlon) Loneragan.

Mrs. Kane was a lifelong resident of Andover as well as a member of St. Augustine Church of Andover. She was an avid reader and loved to go out for lunch with her family and friends.

Mary worked as an assembler for Converse Rubber Company in Andover for more than 33 years,

until her retirement in 1974. She will be sorely missed by her loving nieces, Janet M. Moreau of Andover, Robert Kane of Peabody and Louise "Bunny" O'Grady of Lynn and several cousins.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Monday, March 10, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours will be in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Sunday, March 9, 2008 from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.**

## Corinne A. Johnson, 49



ANDOVER — Corinne A. (Morris) Johnson, 49, of Andover, beloved mother of James W. Johnson, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Saturday, March 8, 2008, following a lengthy illness.

Ms. Johnson was born in Melrose on Sept. 1, 1958, a beloved daughter of James L. and Julia P. "Pat" (Hayes) Morris.

She was a graduate of Melrose High School, Class of 1976. While majoring in Environmental Health at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, she survived Hodgkin's Disease during the summer of her freshman year at UMass and graduated with her class in 1980.

Following graduation, Corinne was employed by Avco Corporation and began leading teams in the analytical laboratory, implementing new hazardous waste removal regulations at the company. Prior to joining General Electric, Corinne was a consultant in the Environmental Health and Safety practice at Arthur D. Little. It was during this time that Corinne completed her Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering from Northeastern University in 1989. In 1990, she joined General Electric's Aircraft Engine business to become the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) manager in Lynn. In 1993 she assumed responsibilities for the Utilities and Facilities Engineering organization.

She gave birth to her beloved son, Jimmy Johnson on June 20, 1991. In 1995, Corinne was named plant manager of the Hooksett manufacturing facility in Hooksett, N.H. During this time in her life, Corinne survived breast cancer in 1998. In 2000, Corinne achieved her "Master Black Belt" status at GE, overseeing all pro-

ductivity initiatives for Aircraft Engines. Soon after, Corinne survived heart valve replacement surgery. In 2001, Corinne was appointed the Lynn Area Executive and General Manager and was responsible for the management of more than 2000 employees. In April, 2003, Corinne was honored at the State House with the UMass Distinguished Alumni Award.

She was on the Board of Trustees for the North Shore Medical Center, a founding member of the UMass Alumni Club, Boston, former member of Girl's Incorporated of Lynn, and a member of the G.E. Women's Network.

In her spare time, Corinne loved to travel, listen to music, garden, Andover High School sports and politics. Above all she enjoyed her many close friends, family and co-workers.

On March 8, 2008, Corinne succumbed to pancreatic cancer.

She will be very sorely missed by her beloved son, Jimmy W. Johnson of Andover; parents, James L. and Julia P. "Pat" (Hayes) Morris of Melrose, Carol M. and her husband David L. Galvin of Topsfield, Steven R. and his wife Carrie L. Morris of Glen Ellyn, Ill. and James L. and his wife Lisa M. Morris of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; nieces and nephews, Julie and Lindsay Galvin, Madeline and Megan Morris and Nolan, Mitchell and Eva Morris.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends were most welcome to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Tuesday, March 11, 2008, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial was in West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. Donations in Corinne's memory may be made to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714.**

## Marie J. Janvrin, 89



METHUEN — Marie J. (Tait) Janvrin, 89, of Methuen, died Sunday, March 2, 2008 at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

The daughter of the late Harry and Belle (Madore) Tait, Marie was born in Old Town, Maine.

She was educated in Manchester, N.H. schools and was a graduate of Manchester Central High School. She was employed for several companies in the Manchester area. She moved to this area and took courses to obtain her Licensed Practical Nursing Certificate in Massachusetts. She was employed for several hospitals in the area and also did private duty nursing, until she retired.

She attended St. Augustine's Church on Tower Hill, and was currently a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

She had an extensive collection

of dolls and enjoyed decorating doll houses. She was a former member of the Lynn Woman's Club.

The widow of Wesley M. Robie and Philip Janvrin, she is survived by a son and his wife Wesley M. and Cathy Robie of Andover; a daughter and her husband Annabelle and Thomas Stanley of Fitchburg; five grandchildren, Michael, Thomas Jr., Debbie, Jennie and Joanna; 22 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Carl Tait of Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be held Saturday at noon in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish — St. Theresa's Church, Plymouth Street, Methuen. Relatives and friends may call Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence 978-686-0386. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.**

## Katherine V. Flanagan, 83

HAVERHILL — Katherine V. (Boland) Flanagan, 83, lifelong resident of Haverhill, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at her residence.

Mrs. Flanagan was born in Haverhill on Dec. 14, 1924, daughter of the late Thomas H. and Mary (Cronin) Boland. She was educated in Haverhill schools, and a graduate of St. James High School, class of 1942. She then began the Nursing Training Program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton, and graduating with class of 1945.

She joined the Army Cadet Nursing Corp. at Camp Edwards, for Army Nursing training during World War II, however the war had ended prior to her completion of the program. She had worked at the former Hale Hospital, Haverhill until becoming a homemaker raising her children and then re-

turning to work part time some years later again at the Hale Hospital until her retirement in 1978.

Mrs. Flanagan was an active parishioner in St. John the Baptist Church, Haverhill, teaching Sunday school for several years. She enjoyed spending time with all of her family and friends.

Her surviving family members include her loving husband of over 60 years, William "Bill" Flanagan of Haverhill; her children, M. Erin Wrobel of Haverhill, Patricia D. Alger and her husband Robert of Londonderry, N.H., William G. Flanagan and his wife Cynthia T. of Houston, Kathleen E. Hartin and her husband Brian of Brighton; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; her siblings, Mary V. Boland of Haverhill, James P. Boland of Haverhill, Sheila Fasella of Methuen, William Boland of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral was held Monday, March 10, in the C. Frank Linnehan and Son Haverhill Funeral Home, 129 Kenzo Ave., Haverhill at 9 a.m. Funeral Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, 114 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill. Interment followed in St. James Cemetery, Primrose Street, Haverhill. Calling hours will be held Sunday, in the C. Frank Linnehan and Son Haverhill Funeral Home, 129 Kenzo Ave., Haverhill, from 2 to 5 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. For information and directions, please visit www.linnehanfuneralhomes.com.**

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## Philip W. Ragusa

ANDOVER — Philip W. Ragusa, of Andover, formerly of Burlington and Medford, died Thursday, March 6, 2008.

He was a late U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was the beloved husband of Diane (Kelleher); devoted father of Philip Jr. and his wife Erika of Florida, Michelle Mountain and her husband Brian, Dinine Fitzgerald and her husband Thomas, all of Merrimack; loving grandfather of Joshua, Karina, Justin, Alexa, Michael, Philip and Courtney; loving great-grandfather of Autumn and Natalia; brother of Marguerite Moreau of Medford and Roseann

Chardo of Gloucester.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral from the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., Medford, was Tuesday at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, 512 High St., Medford at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours were Monday 4 to 8 p.m. Services concluded with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. As an expression of sympathy memorial contributions may be made in Philip's memory to the St. Charles Children's Home, 19 Grant St., Rochester, NH 03867. For directions, obituary and guestbook delorosso.net.**

## Thomas W. Low, 96



ANDOVER — Thomas W. Low, of Andover, died Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Thomas was born on Dec. 27, 1911, to the late Robert and Jemima (Bissett) Low. He attended Andover grammar schools and graduated Punchard High School.

Thomas was employed for many years as a supervisor at Tyler Rubber/Converse Rubber in Andover until his retirement. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was an avid sportsman and musician and was a member of the Free Christian Church in Andover and St. Matthew Masonic Lodge, also in Andover. Thomas was instrumental in the founding of the Andover Little League.

His family would like to thank the staff at Prescott House Nursing Home for all their care and

kindness.

Thomas was the widower of the late Constance (Forsythe) Low and Dorothy G. (Greenwood) Low, and is survived by his son Barry T. Low and his wife Anne of North Andover, and his daughter Linda C. Carlson and her husband Albert of Newburyport. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Robin Carlson, Kristen Ellis, Cheryl Iodice, Jessica Wood, Katherine Low and Margaret Low, his great-grandchildren, Samuel and Tess Ouellette, Rebecca and MacKenzie Ellis, BriannaLow and Maisie Wood, as well as several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Family and friends may call also on Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. For directions or to offer on line condolence, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com.**

## Margot Lebach, 90

NORTH ANDOVER — Margot (Marum) Lebach, 90, of North Andover, passed away Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Meadows at Edgewood.

She escaped Hitler's Germany in 1938 and immigrated to the United States along with her parents and five brothers and sisters. The Nazi regime forced the family to sell its hosiery mill in Sobernheim, Germany, but Mrs. Lebach's father, Alfred Marum, and other relatives re-established it in Lawrence as the Marum Knitting Mills.

She and her brothers and sisters worked at one time or another for the family business. So did her late husband, Gerry, whom she married in 1942.

Mrs. Lebach, who died of cancer on March 10 at the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover, was 90 years old.

Some members of the family had returned to Sobernheim in the 1950s to reclaim their mill, and Mrs. Lebach returned there as well in 1966. She moved back to Massachusetts several years after her husband died in Germany in 1982.

In Andover she was active as a campaign volunteer in the 1956 presidential campaign of Adlai Stevenson and in school committee and selectmen elections during the 1950s. She also volunteered as

a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

She was an avid bridge player, an accomplished knitter and a cook known for her German-style soups and other foods. She and her identical twin sister, Hildegard Lebow of Andover, looked so much alike even in recent years that people who encountered them in stores and on the street often confused the two.

Besides her twin sister, survivors include her son, Thomas, and his wife, Linda, of North Falmouth; her daughter, Susan Lebach-Rosenbloom, and her husband, Joseph Rosenbloom, of Newton; her grandson, Seth, and granddaughter, Alexa, both of New York, as well as many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: A graveside service at Temple Emanuel Cemetery in Lawrence will be private. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a reception at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14, at Edgewood 575 Osgood St. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford. Her family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA, 01701. Condolences to her family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.**

## Harry E. Youngman, 81



ENGLEWOOD, Fla. — Harry E. Youngman, 81, of Englewood, Fla., passed away Saturday, March 8, 2008 at home with his family by his side. He

was the son of Harry and Sarah O'Brien Youngman.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1927 in Watertown and moved to Englewood, Fla. from Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1990. He formerly lived in Hampton, N.H., Haverhill and Andover.

He served as director of Human Resources for Lucent Technologies for 30 years, retiring in 1983.

Harry is survived by his wife, Kathy of Englewood; four children, Richard of Chesterfield, N.H.; Cathy of Boston, Susan Donohue of Pittsburg, Tom of Andover; three step-daughters, Mary Bishop of Portland, Maine, Betsy Bowen of Stow, Suzanne Lynah of Hillsborough, N.H.; and four grandchildren, Ashley Donohue, Morgan Donohue, Heather Youngman and Andrew Youngman. He was predeceased by his first wife, Tillie, in 1999.

Harry attended the Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, N.Y. and served in World War II. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and the University of Virginia Darden Executive Program, where he was elected president of his class. He was actively involved in community service having been elected to the Englewood Water Board, serving two terms. In addition, he served on the Board of Selectmen in Hampton and was president of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Lion's Club in Haverhill.

He was an avid golfer who loved to travel and read. He served as past president of the Boca Royale Golf & Country Club and was Club Champion in 1991. He was a former member of Abenaki Country Club, Rye, N.H., Haverhill Country Club, Haverhill and Forsyth Country Club in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2008 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Englewood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238 or to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements made by Farley Funeral Home and Crematory, Venice.**

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# Education

## Andoverite in Africa sees different world

**Kathryn Martorana**



Namibia, a country that is rich in natural resources and land, has fallen short on its education system. Having liberated itself of German col-

onizers in 1914 and gained independence from South Africa in 1990, it is a country struggling to create a quality education for Namibian youth.

I have now been living and working in Namibia for two months. During the month of January, my World Teach group participated in a rigorous orientation schedule consisting of teachers training, language training, cultural training and security training held at the United States Embassy.

Currently, I am teaching at Lano Primary School, a private boarding school in Onayena. Onayena is a small town, approximately 50 miles south of the Angolan border. It consists of a few markets, a secondary school, a post office, a new clinic (built by Chinese construction companies), a police station, and various homesteads. Homesteads are properties consisting of a cement building and thatched huts (either for living or storage) enclosed by a stick fence for security.

Being a private school, Lano has more resources at its disposal than most government schools. There is a supply room, an office with two computers for the secretary and a copy machine for the teachers. Yet, the school does lack resources that I find essential for a quality education. First, the school does not have a hall large enough to fit all the learners, which means they eat their meals outside (rain or shine). Second, there is no computer lab, which puts the learners at a disadvantage when going into secondary school. Third, the lighting in the classrooms is so abysmal that people must study before the sun goes down so they do not have to strain their eyes to read their text. Last, their library consists of two bookshelves in the grade seven classroom.

I am teaching grades five through seven English and grade seven math. My learners (Namibians use the term "learners" for any child up to secondary school and "students" for a person at university) are very bright and attentive. Lano is an English medium school, unlike most government schools, which gives them a language advantage when entering secondary school. While English is the Namibian national language, it is not their mother tongue.

I have had minimal disciplinary problems in my classes. While physical punishment is illegal in Namibia, it is still a common form of discipline. Their main tool of physical abuse is a 2-foot section of hose. I've also witnessed a metal rod been used as a form of intimidation. The hardest thing to witness is the verbal abuse, because that it

more difficult to control. The teachers rarely encourage the learners and spend their lessons shouting. It's no wonder the learners are so timid.

My presence at the school makes a significant difference in their teaching manner. I usually avoid telling teachers their methods are incorrect. Rather, I assist them in teaching a lesson and demonstrate encouragement toward the learners. My World Teach predecessor successfully changed the disciplinary methods of the head of department at the school and he now uses alternative forms of punishment. I am starting to notice little changes with my colleagues, but it will be a long process.

My living conditions are different but manageable for my circumstance. I live in the teachers' building. I have my own room with a full-size refrigerator, a table, shelves, a window and a bed. It is the rainy season, which means there are more malaria-carrying mosquitoes, so I have a bed net for protection. The teachers share a common kitchen, which consists of a hot plate, a sink and an oven. Since I've been here, the oven has been broken. Also, there is a common shower and bathroom, but no hot water. I have grown accustomed to showering with cockroaches and oversized moths. Additionally, I have a bucket in my room for washing clothes and a clothesline outside for drying. Keeping a flashlight in my room is a must. There are frequent power shortages and visits from the local mice, frogs and snakes.

Isolation is a feeling often shared by people working in foreign countries, which makes it comforting living with other teachers. I am rarely alone for long enough to encounter the feeling. However, most of the teachers recently graduated secondary school, which means they are lacking maturity and are very under-qualified for their positions. I had a teacher come into my classroom to ask me to explain the mathematical terms "sum" and "difference."

I have started a project to further connect the Andover community with Lano Primary School. I have partnered my fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade classes with three classes at Doherty Middle School. My photographs of Namibia can be viewed at [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com); go to search people, and type in Kathryn Martorana. I love receiving snail mail and e-mail with reactions to my correspondence. If you would like to find out ways to help, whether small or large, please contact me via e-mail at [KMartorana@gmail.com](mailto:KMartorana@gmail.com).

My address in Namibia is: Kathryn Martorana, Lano Primary School, P.O. Box 16212, Onayena, Namibia.

Here in Namibia, I am not living in a vacuum. My family, friends and supportive citizens back at home all contribute to the change and influence I am trying to achieve at my placement. I plan to submit my future articles on issues in Namibia.

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*Kathryn Martorana is an Andover resident teaching in Namibia this year.*



File photos

Back when the engineering lab was a pilot program at West Middle School, Dan Miley tested a plane that was built by a student with Jeremy Haymon, left, and Abe Iyengar. The program has received high praise.



Nick Wall measures the distance his rocket traveled from the launch site behind Doherty Middle School, during an engineering lab this school year. Thanks in part to a state grant, Wood Hill Middle could join Doherty and West middle schools in offering an engineering lab.

## Engineering could really take root thanks to STEM

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Science lessons at Wood Hill Middle School are expected to become even more hands-on.

The Andover school district was recently awarded a three-year grant of \$400,000 to beef up its fledgling middle school engineering curriculum. The money means Wood Hill will receive a new engineering lab and teacher.

Wood Hill will become the last of the town's three middle schools to create an engineering lab. West Middle began offering engineering for students for the 2006-07 school year and Doherty Middle students did so this school year.

Andover middle-schoolers take engineering in addition to regular science classes. Skills learned are tested on the eighth-grade science MCAS test, 25 percent of which covers technology and engineering.

Andover's proposal was one of 10 chosen by the state for grant funds, which are available immediately, said Lisa Glickstein, grant coordinator for the district. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Pipeline Fund selected the 10 proposals from 19 across the state.

The grant money will cover 20 percent of a new engineering teacher position for next school year at Wood Hill, said Glickstein. The other 80 percent of the position's salary is included in the district's proposed budget, which has not yet been approved.

The grant also will pay for some engineering classroom supplies and professional development workshops for teachers on engineering principles. The first engineering workshop for teachers paid by the STEM fund grant is being organized for June, right after school ends, said Glickstein.

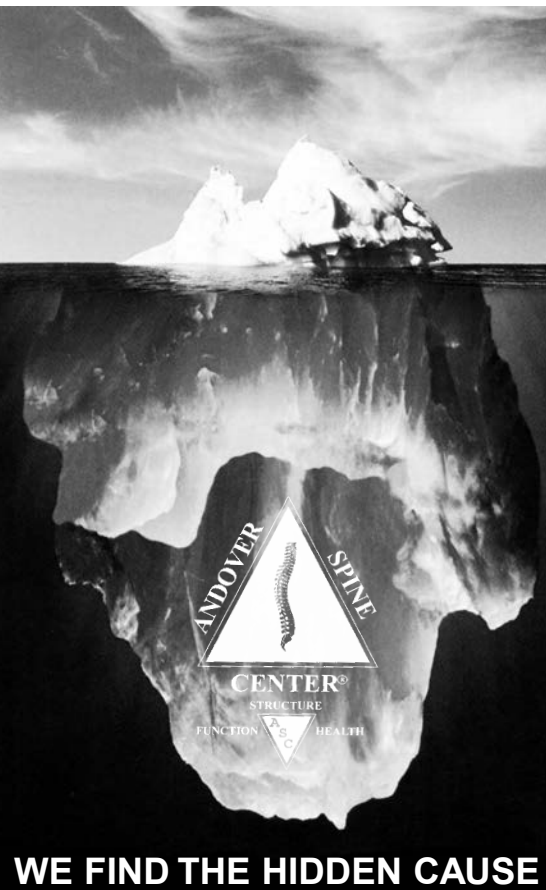
In engineering labs, students work on hands-on projects,

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### ANDOVER'S ENGINEERING LABS

- West Middle School, introduced during 2006-07 school year  
Teacher Dan Miley's salary covered by school budget as part of West Middle's integrated arts rotation; lab costs paid for by Raytheon
- Doherty Middle School, introduced this year  
Teacher Steve Cogger's salary paid for by Merrimack College; lab costs covered by the Andover Coalition for Education, the Andona Society and the Doherty Parent Advisory Council
- Wood Hill Middle School, to be introduced for 2008-09 school year  
Teacher to be hired, 80 percent of the salary covered by school budget (if approved), 20 percent covered by state grant; lab costs also covered by STEM grant

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## A grasp of foreign concepts



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Li Min Mo, left, reads a poem by Marina Rinaldi, a third-grader at South School, in a Learn to Write Chinese Poetry workshop for third- and fifth-graders at South School. Li Min Mo loved the last line of Marina's poem: "The sun in my blood." The workshops were part of South Authors and Illustrators Learning together, a PTO-sponsored author festival in its third year.

### SCHOLARS

#### Andover students win Scholastic Art Awards

Eight students from the fine arts program at Andover High School were recently honored at student awards ceremonies held at John Hancock Hall in Boston.

The awards, first given in 1950, recognize student work in ceramics, glass, computer art, design digital imagery, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, video and film. More than 3,500 Massachusetts students in grades seven through 12 entered the annual Scholastic Art Awards. Of that number, 900 were chosen for the exhibition. The competition's most prominent prize, the Gold Key, was awarded to 150 students. There were also 291 Silver Keys and 459 Honorable Mentions. Gold Key winners will have their work entered in the National Scholastic Art Awards as representatives from Massachusetts.

Andover High students honored this year are: **Carolyn Damphouse**, Silver Key; **Bryce Davidson**, Gold Key; **Leah Dearborn**, Silver Key; **Sean Gibson**, Honorable Mention; **Kelly Mahoney**, Honorable Mention; **Allison McCurdy**, Silver Key; **Maxwell Nolin**, Gold Key; and **Justine Silva**, Silver Key.

Their work will be on exhibit at the State Transportation Building in Boston through March 2008.

The following students were named to the Phillips Exeter Academy honor roll for fall 2007 — **Luke W. Miller**, high honors, son of Bill and Robin Miller; **Samantha L. Pellegrino**, high honors, daughter of Anthony and Stephanie Pellegrino; and **Nathan B. Elkin**, honors, son of Ross and Jennifer Elkin.

Phillips Academy seniors **Sebastian Caliri** and **Josh Infantine** were named semi-finalists in the 2007 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, the nation's premiere science research competition for high school stu-

dents. Their team entry in the biochemistry category is titled "Examining the Feasibility of Viral Filtration Using a Bioconjugated Cross-Linked Polyacrylamide Membrane." With 1,641 students entered into the competition, Caliri and Infantine were two of only 14 semi-finalists from Massachusetts and among 295 from 34 states. Caliri and Infantine, friends since first grade, plan to file a patent based on their project. In college, Caliri plans to study biology and Infantine will study chemistry.

Austin Preparatory School honor roll for the second quarter of the 2007-08 academic year — Distinction: **Maura Green**, grade 8; **Anne Green**, grade 7; **Shannon McCarthy**, grade 9, and **Katherine Weidlein**, grade 12. The honor of distinction indicates no grade lower than A minus. Honors: **Christopher Arrigg**, grade 8; **Nysa Casha**, grade 9; **William Green**, grade 10; **Michelle Menezes**, grade 9; **Aram Nalbandian**, grade 8; **Melissa Pettini**, grade 12, and **Bridget Sheehy**, grade 12. Honors indicates no grade lower than B minus.

Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, in Wakefield, has announced the following Andover residents have been named to the honor roll for the first trimester of the 2007-08 academic year. **Natalie Hebert**, sophomore, first honors and **Mary Hoar**, sophomore, academic commendation.

**Peter Casey** was one of 25 members of the senior class at St. John's Preparatory School that were named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. As a Commended Student, he is among the top 5 percent of the more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

**Nick Kochakian** of Andover was one of many students who displayed their floats at the Shore Country Day School Grade Five Parade of States. The parade was a culmination of a month-long intense study of a particular state as part of Shore's coherent curriculum. Drawn at random, the students' research on the respective state covers all facets of their curriculum concluding with the students creating their own stage float representing the uniqueness of their selected state. The parade was complete with marching music, bunting and cheering crowds.

**John Nugent**, **Elizabeth Scoble**, **Colleen Maher** and **Mary French** were named to the high honor roll at Pingree School for the first semester. **Vinay Rajur** was named to the honor roll.

Governor's Academy honor roll for the first semester — high honors: **Erin Cahill**, **Jillian Conway**, **Benjamin Jenkins**, **Julie Kutchin**, **Cameron Poole**, **Hope Fried**, **Anna O'Neal**, **Matthew Fisch**, **Margaret Hughes** and **Matthew Krzywicki**; honors: **Claire Lilly**, **Alanna McDonough**, **Cort Wadman**, **Abigail Howard**, **Julia Blanter**, **William Kavanagh**, **Rebecca Lindmark**, **Timothy McGrath** and **Kurt Berthiaume**.

**Timothy Lynch** and **Varun Vadlapati** were named to the St. John's Preparatory School headmaster's list for the second quarter. To qualify, students must earn grades of A minus or above in all courses.

**James Bradley**, **Michael Chan** and **Daniel McKeon** were named to the St. John's Preparatory School principal's list for the second quarter. To qualify, students must earn grades of B plus or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the St. John's Preparatory School honor roll for the second

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 17 to 21:

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Ham and cheese or turkey on bulky roll, carrots, chips, steamed hot dog on roll, assorted bagels and yogurt, baked beans, applesauce, carrot sticks and shamrock surprise

**Tuesday:** Cheeseburger deluxe on a roll, oven-fried chicken, biscuit, bagel and cheese stick, seasoned hot vegetable, side noodles, fresh fruit and juice

**Wednesday:** Rotini with marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, popcorn chicken, dips, roll, assorted bagels and yogurt, hot vegetable, rice pilaf, fresh fruit and juice

**Thursday:** Cheese or veggie pizza, assorted bagels and string cheese, confetti whole wheat spaghetti salad, fresh fruit and juice

**Friday:** No school

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Ham and cheese or

turkey on bulky roll, carrots, chips, steamed hot dog on roll, assorted bagels and yogurt, baked beans, applesauce, carrot sticks and juice

**Tuesday:** Cheeseburger on a roll with lettuce and tomato, oven-fried chicken, biscuit, bagel and cheese stick, seasoned hot vegetable, fresh fruit and juice

**Wednesday:** Rotini with marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, popcorn chicken, dips, roll, assorted bagels and yogurt, hot vegetable, rice pilaf, fresh fruit and juice

**Thursday:** Cheese or veggie pizza, assorted bagels and string cheese, confetti whole wheat spaghetti salad, fresh fruit and juice

**Friday:** No school

#### ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday:** Greek salad wrap, corned beef and cabbage dinner, meatball sub, fresh fruit and juice

**Tuesday:** Buffalo chicken wrap, twin taco bar on soft shells and all the fixings served with black

bean salad, refried beans, Mexican corn and pineapple, panini BLT with cheese, fresh fruit and juice

**Wednesday:** American sub, meatloaf, whipped potatoes, gravy, peas, dinner roll, burger with spices topped with provolone and BBQ sauce, fresh fruit and juice

**Thursday:** Nachos with all the toppings, crispy chicken burger, chilled mixed fruit cup and juice

**Friday:** No school

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100-percent juice, lowfat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

### ON CAMPUS

**Lauren Elizabeth Barber** of Sparta Way was named to the dean's list at Charlton College of Business at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. She is the daughter of School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber and Connie Barber, a South Elementary School teacher. Barber graduated from Andover High School in 2004.

**Amanda Kaminski**, a economics major and daughter of Linda and Carl Kaminski of Andover, is a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the fall 2007 semester at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., where she is a

member of the class of 2009. To be eligible for the dean's award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load or four courses per semester. Kaminski is a 2005 graduate of Andover High School.

The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bryant University, Smithfield, R.I.: **Justine M. Douvadjian**, a junior in finance; **Norbert C. Guery**, a freshman in international business; **Toby B. Maltz**, a freshman in business administration; and **Corinne D. Schweitzer**, a freshman in marketing.

## STEM: Schools introduce engineering labs, programs

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from building model rockets from scratch to learning about alternative energy, wind turbines and electronics. There is a "wind-up-toy surgery" project, where students take apart mechanical toys and put them back together to see how they work.

Students at West and Doherty middle schools have engineering lab for nine weeks as part of their integrated arts rotation, during which they also take health, music and art classes for nine weeks each.

The lab introduces basic engineering techniques including creating, testing and revising an original design, and it exposes students to engineering and technology careers.

Doherty Middle engineering teacher Steve Cogger started teaching this year, switching from a career as an engineer.

Wood Hill Middle Principal Patrick Bucco said an engineering lab will fit right in at his school, which uses an expeditionary learning style emphasizing hands-on and interdisciplinary projects.

He is excited about the grant and what it means for his school,

but said he is "cautiously optimistic," hoping that the 80 percent of the engineering lab teacher's salary will be approved at Town Meeting.

"We think it's a good tie-in because we try to do project-based learning as much as possible, where it fits. Asking regular science teachers to address engineering concepts is just too much. They often don't have the time or expertise," Bucco said. "We try to offer the best education opportunities we can. If we can add to that with this engineering program, we owe that to our students."

Andover is part of a consortium of schools working on implementing engineering for middle-schoolers. This includes Brookline and Worcester Public Schools as well as Northeastern and the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Philips Healthcare and Wyeth, Andover businesses, are part of the consortium as well. Engineers from both companies are slated to visit Andover classrooms next year, to introduce students to engineering careers, said Glickstein.

"This grant is all about partnership," she said. "Middle school engineering is really an unmet need."

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# Sports

## WORCESTER, HERE WE COME

### Andover blasts New Bedford to advance to state title game

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — As the final buzzer sounded, Andover forward Kelly Driscoll was so excited that she jumped up off the bench and ran past her teammates and nearly onto the other end of the court before finally turning around and joining the celebration.

"We were just counting down the seconds on the bench and waiting to run into the floor," said Golden Warriors star Meghan Thomann. "It was amazing."

You can pardon the Andover girls basketball players if they were a tad excited. After all, they had just achieved a dream.

After allowing the opening basket of the game, the Golden Warriors went on a 12-point run and never looked back in crush-

ing New Bedford 61-34 in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 final on Tuesday night at the TD Banknorth Garden.

The victory earned Andover the right to play in Saturday's Division 1 state final at the DCU Center in Worcester (5:45 p.m.). The Golden Warriors will face the winner of Wednesday's matchup between Westboro and Northhampton, which was played after deadline.

"I'm speechless," said Andover guard Laura Renfro. "We have been dreaming about this since seeing Samantha Hughes' team do this five years ago."

It was five years ago, Andover won its only state championship in program history, a 48-47 thriller over Minnechaug that

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Freshman point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez, right, goes up for a layup during Andover's win over New Bedford. Gomez-Martinez finished the night with eight points.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Most people avoid kissing floors, but the parquet was good to Andover on Tuesday. The Golden Warriors plant one on the Boston Celtics logo after downing New Bedford and advancing to the state final.

### By the numbers

- 27 — Margin of victory for Andover, the largest in the EMass title game (all divisions) in seven years
- 20.9 — Shooting percentage for New Bedford against Andover's stifling defense
- 9 — 3-pointers for Andover against New Bedford, on 18 attempts
- 0 — Number of tourney wins for Andover by fewer than 10 points
- 0 — Losses Andover suffered to archrival Central Catholic this season, in three meetings
- 5 — Inches Andover 5-foot-9 center Lauren Hughes was giving

- up to 6-2 Central Catholic star sophomore Katie Zenevitch, who has already been offered a scholarship from Boston College
- 26 — Combined rebounds for Hughes in wins over Central (11) and New Bedford (15)
- 4 — Times Andover has advanced to the state championship (1998, 2003, 2004, 2008)
- 1 — State championship for Andover, in 2003
- 112 — Combined margin of victory for Andover in its five tourney wins

### Garden Memories

The Andover girls made the most of their chance to play at the TD Banknorth Garden, home of the Boston Celtics.



*"It was so much fun to know Kevin Garnett has played on this floor."*

Natalie Gomez-Martinez, point guard

*"As soon as the game ended we kissed the Celtics logo at center court."*

Ilana Cohen, guard/forward



*"I have dreamed of this since my sister played here (in the 2003 Eastern Mass championship)."*

Lauren Hughes, center

*"It was so surreal to win on this court of all places."*

Meghan Thomann, guard



*"It was really scary at first. But we got used to it."*

Camille Fantini, power forward



Andover fans cheer their Golden Warriors to victory at the TD Banknorth Garden.



The Andover girls basketball team jumps for joy after advancing to the Division 1 state championship with a 61-34 win over New Bedford Tuesday night in the semifinals at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston.

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

## TITLE: Andover Golden Warriors going for it all

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saw Hughes win with a second left.

In all, this will be the fourth time the Golden Warriors have played for the state championship. They also lost in the finals in 1998 and 2004.

"This feels awesome," said Ilana Cohen. "Most of us have been playing basketball together since the third grade. To make it here, and to win at the Garden is amazing."

The Warriors did it with shooting. Andover was red-hot from 3-point range, hitting 9 of 18 for the night, and shot a strong 40 percent (21 of 52) overall. New Bedford, by contrast, had just one 3-pointer and was a miserable 13 of 64 from the floor.

Laura Renfro hit a 3-pointer within the first minute of the game, giving the Warriors a 3-2 lead, and the fireworks began. Meghan Thomann (game-high 17 points) and Renfro (15 points) both had three 3-pointers, Cohen had a pair and freshman Natalie Gomez-Martinez added one.

"When we shoot like that, and we get Lauren (Hughes) and Camille (Fantini) working hard underneath, we can be pretty hard to beat," said Andover coach Jim Tildsley. "We hadn't been hitting our shots in the tournament, but tonight we got good looks and made them."

"In our league, they know us and maybe defend us a little more, but maybe they weren't as ready for us. I just know I'm real proud of the way we played tonight."

At the same time, Lauren Hughes (sister of Samantha Hughes) was cleaning up down low. The 5-foot-9 senior grabbed a whopping 15 rebounds, and

added 11 points of her own.

"I can't ask for anything more than this," said freshman point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez, who had eight points. "We stuck with our man-to-man defense and it worked from there."

By halftime, with Andover ahead by a commanding 32-14, the outcome was no longer in doubt. At that point, New Bedford had hit on only 5 of 30 field goal attempts, a rate that only improved slightly in the second half.

"After Meghan and Laura got their first shots in, they felt confident and then we got confidence in them," said Hughes. "It makes it a lot easier when everyone's hitting their shots."

The 27-point margin of victory was the most in an Eastern Mass. title game in seven years. It also continued Andover's streak of pounding the opposition. Of its five tourney games, the closest was a 10-point win over Lowell in the North semifinals.

"We are doing very well," said Hughes. "We have won the last five games in convincing fashion. Now we are taking it to the state final."

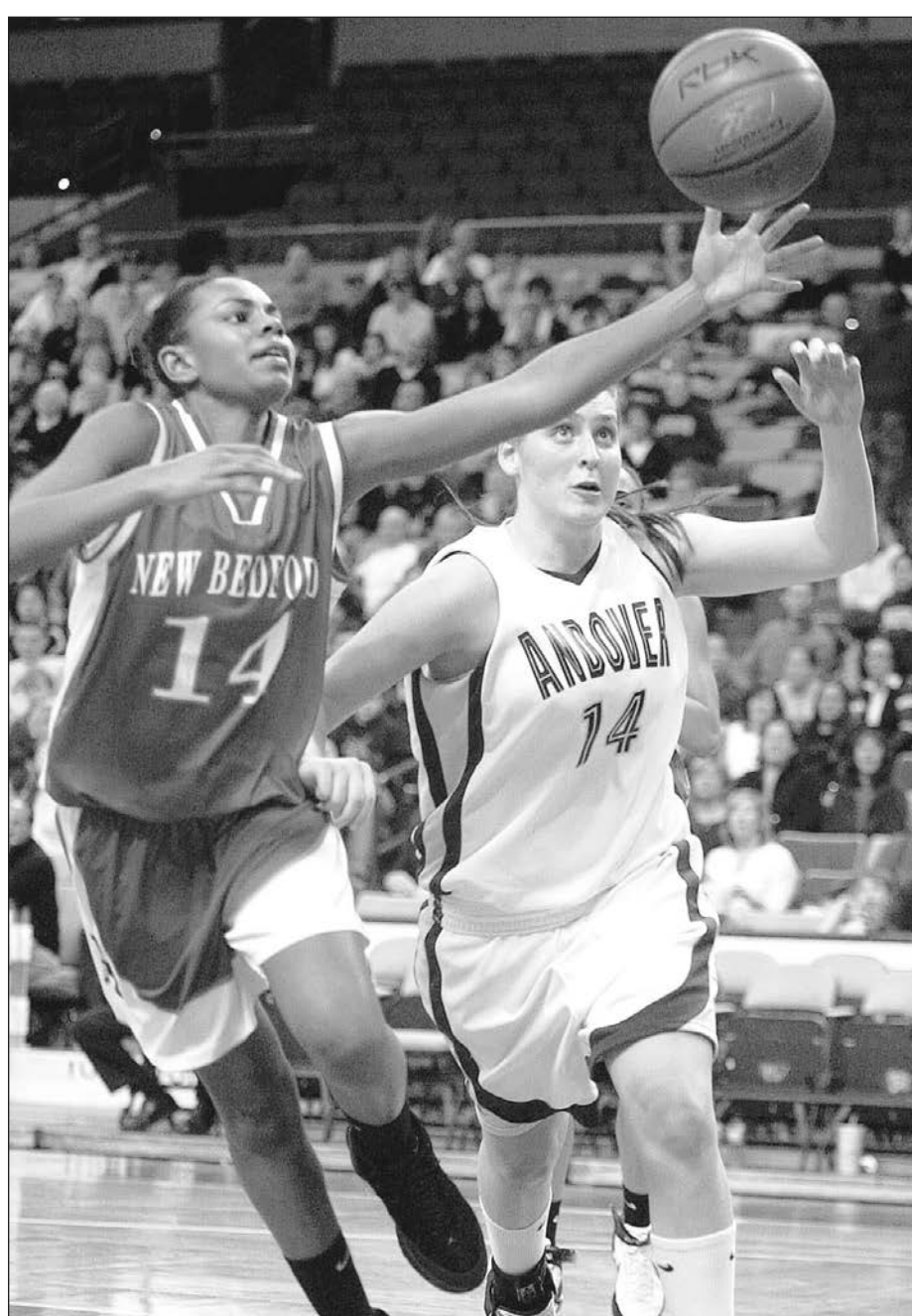
### Andover 61, New Bedford 34

Division 1 Eastern Mass. Final  
New Bedford (34): Azia Johnson 0 1-2-1, Shelly Depina 4 0-2 8, Alyssa Roach 1 0-2 2, Stephanie Houtman 1 0-0 2, Ariell Gomes 1 4-4 6, Brittany Mello 4 2-2 10, Torie Manny 2 0-2 5. Totals 13 7-12 34

Andover (61): Michelle Calabro 0 0-0 0, Natalie Gomez-Martinez 3 1-2 8, Kit Heinrich 1 0-0 2, Meghan Thomann 5 4-4 17, Alex Alois 0 0-0 0, Tiana Cohen 2 0-0 6, Jordy Shoemaker 0 0-0 0, Lauren Hughes 3 5-6 11, Kelly Driscoll 0 0-0 0, Laura Renfro 6 0-0 12, Camille Fantini 1 0-0 2, Shannon Cooney 0 0-0 0, Jess Miller 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 10-12 61

3-pointers: NB — Manny; A — Gomez-Martinez, Thomann 3, Cohen 2, Renfro 3  
New Bedford (19-6): 10 4 15 5 — 34  
Andover (23-2): 22 10 15 14 — 61

Next round: Division 1 state final Saturday, 5:45 p.m., at DCU Center in Worcester vs. winner of Westboro-Norhampton game



Andover's Lauren Hughes, right, chases a loose ball. The senior center was a force with 15 rebounds and 11 points in Tuesday's win.

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Andover's Lauren Hughes (14) holds the Division 1 North championship trophy over her head after her Golden Warriors defeated Central Catholic on Saturday. Hughes scored a game-high 12 points as her Warriors beat their archrival Raiders for the third time this season.

## Andover makes it three wins against Central Catholic

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

LOWELL — Before Andover could take on New Bedford, it had to take care of business against archrival Central Catholic on Saturday night.

The Golden Warriors jumped out to a 13-point lead in the first quarter and never looked back in downing the Raiders 55-43 at the Division 1 North championship at the Tsongas Arena.

"Those four seniors really stepped up," said Andover coach Jim Tildsley. "They have been with me for four years, and have lost in the semifinals three years in a row."

Instead of one individual taking control for Andover, it was the four starting seniors that led the way. Lauren Hughes (12 points), Meghan Thomann (10 points), Camille Fantini (11 points) and Laura Renfro (11 points) scored every Golden Warrior point in the first half, when they essentially put the

game away.

Renfro knocked down three huge first-half 3-pointers, and Hughes, who excelled on Central star Katie Zenevitch, led a defense which caused 25 turnovers and forced 32 missed shots (13 of 45 shooting). Andover committed only 15 turnovers.

Fantini was also a force down low, scoring eight crucial points in the first half. Brilliant freshman point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez added nine second-half points.

### Andover 55, Central Catholic 43

Division 1 North Final  
Central Catholic (43): Katie Zenevitch 6 4-4 16, Gabie Polce 1 3-4 5, Jackie Vienneau 3 1-2 8, Ashley Evangelista 1 0-0 2, Riley Dunn 2 6-6 11, Melissa Miller 0 1-2 1, Gio O'Connor 0 0-0 0, Monique Gosselin 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 15-18 43  
Andover (55): Lauren Hughes 6 0-0 12, Camille Fantini 4 2-2 11, Laura Renfro 4 0-1 11, Meghan Thomann 3 3-4 10, Natalie Gomez-Martinez 3 3-4 9, Kit Heinrich 0 2-2 2, Jana Cohen 0 0-0 0, Kelly Driscoll 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 10-13 55  
3-pointers: A — Renfro 3, Fantini, Thomann; CC — Vienneau, Dunn  
Central Catholic (16-8): 5 7 18 13 — 43  
Andover (22-3): 18 12 14 11 — 55



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# Thomann finds her shooting touch

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — Ask any great shooter the key to success, and he or she will always respond with the same answer. Just keep shooting, no matter what.

Count Andover star Meghan Thomann among that group.

"I had been off the last couple games," admitted the senior. "But I knew it was right there, so I just had to get a few shots off. I've always been taught to keep shooting. (Coach Jim) Tildsley will kill me if I don't keep shooting."

It took Thomann until early in the second quarter to finally take that first shot on Tuesday night. But when she finally fired it up from the shoulder, it had a picture-perfect arch and dropped beautifully through the net.

"I was just thinking, 'Thank God it went in,'" she joked. "After that I kept shooting, and they finally started to go in."

Shooting has been the trademark for the two-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star since she hit 71 3-pointers as a sophomore for the Golden Warriors.

But recently, her shooting has been a bit off. Her stat lines in the state tournament were very un-Thomann: three points against Medford; 10 against Malden; 10 against Lowell, and 10 against Central Catholic.

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Not great for a player that averages 12.0 points a game, and has scored over 15 points five times this year. She needed to break out.

Adding to the problem was the setting, the unfamiliar and unusual TD Banknorth Garden. The wide-open floor plan (the seats usually filling the end zones at Celtics games are removed), combined with apprehension caused by playing in an NBA arena, creates a difficult setting. Plus, there's no real backdrop to focus on.

"The depth perception is kind of off. That's tough," Thomann said.

Also, during a charity game this fall at the Garden, she struggled. If the rim expanded to the size of an above-ground pool, she wouldn't have been able to hit it.

"I had the worst shooting night ever. I could not make one shot," she said. "I was

kind of nervous because of that."

But once she took the court on Tuesday night, none of that mattered.

The 5-foot-7 guard finished her day a solid 5-of-10 shooting. She hit her second 3-pointer of the game as the clock wound down in the third quarter from the top of the key. Then followed that up one possession later with her third trey of the contest.

"It was more in her head than anything else," said senior Laura Renfro, often Thomann's shooting partner. "It's great to have her going because now everyone is playing at their best heading into the state championship."

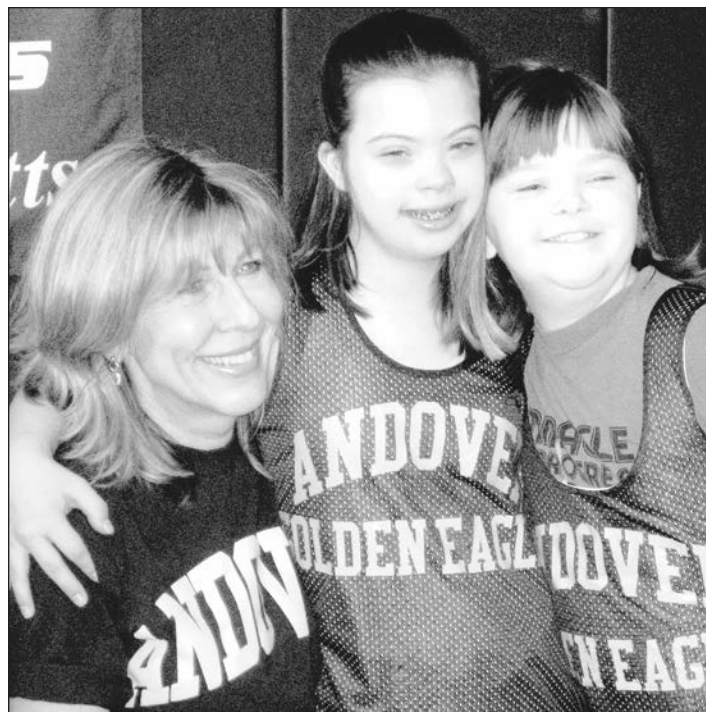
Thomann, who will be attending Bentley College on a basketball scholarship next fall, was also a perfect 4 for 4 from the free-throw line and finished with a game-high 17 points.

"Once Meghan starts hitting her shots," Tildsley remembered saying recently, "we'll really start killing teams."

That is exactly what happened Tuesday night, as the Golden Warriors never broke a sweat.

"When her shots are falling makes it easy for everybody else," said center Lauren Hughes.

Added forward Camille Fantini: "Awesome. It was a highlight of tonight. She's fully back."



Courtesy photo

Andover Eagles Special Olympics team participated in the Worcester Winter Special Olympics. Shown are coach Audrey DeSisto and players Allison Clark (right) and Devan DeSisto.

## Eagles Special Olympics basketball team soars to silver

The Andover Eagles Special Olympics basketball team participated in the Special Olympic Winter Games for the first time earlier this month in Worcester.

The teams were made up of Special Olympians — who are kids with disabilities — and Unified Mentoring Partners who ranged in age from 8 to 15.

Members of the Andover Eagles Blue Team, which was registered as a junior level team, won silver medals. The Andover Eagles and the Andover Eagles Gold teams placed fourth and fifth place in the beginners division.

"The fact that most of the families drove to Worcester in a big snow storm to get their kids to the games shows the level of commitment to our program," said Audrey DeSisto, the director and a coach in the program. Teachers from High Plain elementary also commuted in the storm to watch games, she said.

### The Andover Eagles Blue Team:

Athletes: Allison Clark, Devan DeSisto, Niko Wallingford, Alexis Alfonso

Unified Mentoring Partners: Jason Callery, John McKeon, Elena Primes, Montana Wilkie, William Heikkinen, Jaymi Cohen

### The Andover Eagles Gold Team:

Athletes: Ian Angles, Isobel Darfoor, Katherine Garofoli, Perrin Troiano, Kyle White

Unified Mentoring Partners: Jake Flaherty, Kelly Fox, Samantha Okun, Cate Wadman, Josh Torres, Max Novick, Eddie Martin

### The Andover Eagles Team:

Athletes: Christopher Chapman, Michael Fox, William Lionetta, Brandon McCormack

Unified Mentoring Partners: John Hennessey, Elise Krekorian, Martin Miller, Marissa Pekarovich, Kara Krekorian, Alyssa Otolo, Sam Kefferstan.

# Cohen makes good on her chance to shine

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — At the close of the game Tuesday night, one of the most memorable celebrations was Andover's Ilana Cohen and Lauren Hughes jumping into the air and bumping shoulders just like the pros do.

This may have shocked more than a few people. After watching Ilana Cohen on the court, few would have thought she would have the energy to jump up and down after the game.

With point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez and power forward Camille Fantini both battling foul trouble (each finished with four), Andover coach Jim Tildsley called on his 5-foot-7 utility player to fill in at both positions. And the versatile Cohen was more than up to the daunting task.

"Ilana can just do anything," said Hughes. "She fills in for me and Camille down low and then goes and handles the ball. And she brings a ton of energy to the team."

Cohen has made a career out of rising to whatever challenge Tildsley has thrown at her, including asking her to play all five positions when needed. That becomes even more challenging since she often must run Andover's high-paced offense and provide pressure in its full-court press defense.

"She is just such a smart player," said Tilds-

*Cohen, who is headed to the University of New Hampshire to play lacrosse, also showed off her shooting touch late when she knocked down a second 3-pointer.*

ley. "We only play seven players, so you need people who can do different things. I really believe she has been one of the key pieces to our team."

Ask Cohen, and she is more than ready to take on the challenge.

"I was so thrilled to be out there competing with the girls," said Cohen, who has the strength to overpower most guards. "Coach Tildsley always told me I had to be versatile. And I was happy to do it."

Cohen wasted no time taking advantage of her playing time. Her early 3-pointer helped spark Andover's 12-2 run that opened the game and put the Golden Warriors ahead of New Bedford to stay.

"That 3 was big for us," said Tildsley. "She goes out and sticks that 3, and it got us on the right track. That's Ilana."

While she did not light up the stat sheet, her

teammates were raving about her performance.

"When Ilana is a point guard she really brings experience and is a little calmer," said Laura Renfro. "Natalie is only a freshman, so a situation like this is a little nerve-racking. Ilana is very cool-headed. Then she goes and plays forward. I could never remember all those positions."

Cohen, who is headed to the University of New Hampshire to play lacrosse, also showed off her shooting touch late when she knocked down a second 3-pointer, this time from the top of the key. She then threw out a small fist pump. It was the fifth time she has hit at least two 3-pointers in a game. Her season-high was three against Pentucket.

She also noted why she is able to play so many positions.

"Most of us have been playing together since we were in the third grade," she said. "We have been running the same plays almost all that time. I love the chance to dribble the ball, then guard the big girls."

She and her teammates then finished off the game with a special celebration.

"At the end we all kissed the (Boston Celtics) logo at center court," she said. "To be out there with my teammates was just amazing. Being a senior, this means so much more. It was so much fun."

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# Business

## Increase in parking rate downtown may not happen

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Residents may not need to fork over an extra quarter to park downtown after all.

Selectmen may now reconsider their Jan. 28 decision that raised the town's parking rate from 25 to 50 cents an hour, after downtown business owners said they were caught off guard by the change and lobbied to be heard by the board.

Members of the Andover Business Center Association, some who publically criticized the rate hike for coinciding with the onset of Main Street construction work downtown, plan to appear before selectmen at their March 24 meeting.

"I am hoping that they realize how important the ABCA is," association President Sharon Breighner said. "Fifty members of businesses downtown — I hope that we can be heard."

Breighner said she was opposed to the timing of the unexpected parking rate increase.

"I think it was more a surprise and it happened so quickly," said Breighner. "There wasn't a chance to discuss options."

Selectmen approved the rate increase by a 4-1 vote on Jan. 28, with Selectman Mary Lyman dissenting.

"I want to make sure whatever we do we're not imposing an additional burden on the downtown businesses," Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said. "Are we scaring away potential patrons of their shops just from the construction project? In addition to that, are we making it hard on the patrons by charging double what we charged before?"

ABCA members expected to meet with Police Chief Brian Pattullo on March 13 to discuss the parking rate increase and potential alternatives to higher fees that would help alleviate any perceived parking woes downtown.

Breighner said that the Main Street redesign project is compounding residents' and business owners' concerns over downtown parking, with typically free parking spots along Main Street now being occupied due to the construction.

"I think we all just need to start brainstorming as a group, and that's what we're hoping to do," Breighner said. "It would be nice to hear his perspective. He can hear ours."

Major said the board is waiting to hear what the results are from Pattullo's meeting with the ABCA before potentially reconsidering their vote to increase the parking rate.

## Communication is still important

### As companies outsource, Andover firm helps them talk

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

The growing trend of American companies choosing to outsource their manufacturing needs has created a new problem for entrepreneurs, according to Chuck Cimalore, president of Andover-based Omnify Software.

As more manufacturing jobs are transferred overseas, coordination of the complex and ever-changing data needed to build today's high-tech products is a difficult task for many businesses to manage, Cimalore said.

"A lot of these guys are outsourcing their manufacturing now," said Cimalore. "In terms of streamlining that information to their other partners, there is a challenge."

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"Products are constantly changing. That's really a key focus of our product. We help manage these changes," said Cimalore. "There won't be any finger-pointing in the end. ... Our system sort of mitigates that risk. "It helps them share that information, in terms of what they have to build," said Cimalore of companies that used Omnify software. "We have a Web-enabled product that allows their partners to say, 'OK, let me go in and build this product for you.'"

Formed in Wilmington in 2002, Omnify Software moved its headquarters to Andover in 2005, where it has since expanded its operation on New England Business Center Drive to 25 employees.



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The Andover headquarters of Omnify Software on New England Business Center Drive.

Omnify also operates an office in New Hampshire and has multiple sales and delivery partners worldwide, according to Cimalore, who lived in Andover for five years before recently moving out of state.

"Andover's a great town to do business in, in terms of people wanting to live here and get out of the city a little bit," said Cimalore. "For us, it's close to a lot of our customers."

While Omnify's software streamlines the outsourced manufacture of high-tech products, Cimalore said the company has a strong regional customer base. Saving money and time on data management may also help local entrepreneurs consider keeping manufacturing jobs in the country, he said.

"We do about half of our business in the Northeast," said Cimalore. "The more we can do to

allow them to save money, the more it allows them to look at a local model, or an internal model."

With year-end growth anticipated at 27 percent in fiscal year 2008,

Cimalore said Omnify competes with larger public companies like Oracle and ESP while still offering manufacturers an economical means of data coordination.

## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

### Public Safety Forum

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# Arts & Entertainment

## For St. Patrick's Day, engage the green ...

### ... THROUGH POLITICS

#### Senior Center is going for the green

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The color green has always reigned in Ireland. But it's the dollar bill kind of green — not the green of shamrocks or leprechauns — that has been gaining in Ireland during recent years.

A guest lecturer who truly knows about the economic growth of the Emerald Isle will soon be in town to talk about it.

Elizabeth Shannon, a journalist who has written for *The Irish Times* and the *Irish Independent*, and the author of two books about Ireland, is speaking at the Andover Senior Center. Her visit on March 24, a week after St. Patrick's Day,

is part of the center's Irish History Series.

Shannon's late husband, Bill Shannon, served as U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Ireland under President Jimmy Carter. The couple lived in Ireland from 1977 to 1981 and she wrote about her experiences in the book "Up in the Park." Embassy life also will be discussed when she visits Andover.

Now living in campus housing in Brookline through Boston University as the director of the International Visitors Program, Shannon said she returns

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### ... THROUGH ART

#### The palette of Ireland

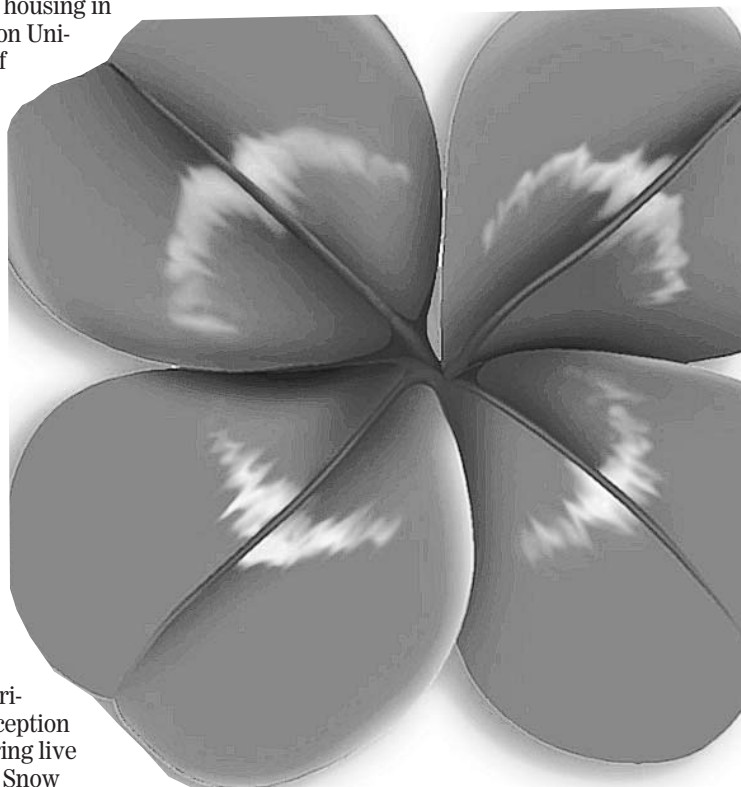
Lorica Artworks opens its spring show "A Field Day" with a collection of paintings by 24 Irish and American artists.

"Representational pieces as well as those with a more modern twist, relate in some way to blue sky living, or put another way, relishing the sublime," according to the gallery at 90 Main St. "Some are universal experiences: a trip to the country, an evening in the city, and others, undeniably Irish: a turf race or tapping time to mad fiddle music."

"A Field Day" opens Friday, March 14, with a reception from 6 to 8:30 p.m. featuring live music by the Ceili Band. Show date is March 21. Gallery hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10-5; Thursday, 10-7; Sunday, noon-4 and by appointment. Admission is free.

On view will be works by Vincent Castellonet, Lorraine Christie, Vincent Crotty, Robert Duff, Denise Ferran, John Patrick Flynn, Dan Gaudette, Eric Minzner, Jay Mulligan, Arthur O'Callaghan, Dennis Perrin,

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Chuck Sullivan, Eric Tobin and Lorin Willey. Returning are John Connery, Linda Lee, Marie Hennessey, Edith Martin, Helen McFarland and Hugh O'Neill. Showing with us for the first time are John Caggiano, Fidelma Flanagan and Darren Paul.

Dublin artist Fidelma Flana-

### ... THROUGH HISTORY

#### Local Irish story kicks off series

The Senior Center's Irish History series steps off with a presentation by local writer Casey Coburn of Andover on Monday, March 17.

Coburn will speak personally about the Irish in Lawrence, as she grew up in that city as a granddaughter of Irish immigrants.

"The first Irish immigrants arrived in Lawrence in 1846 and I'll discuss how they rose to power from then on," said Coburn who has visited Ireland often over the past several years.

First on that Irish success list is the first Irish mayor of Lawrence: John Breen, who served three terms beginning in 1882.

— Judy Wakefield

### ... THROUGH THE RADIO

#### March 17 show

Carrying on a long tradition, Andover's own Thomas J. Garvey will be back to host the 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day radio show on Monday, March 17, from noon to 5 p.m., presented by WCCM-AM 1110.

The show features traditional Irish music and conversation. It can be found on the Internet at [www.1110wccmam.com](http://www.1110wccmam.com).



Thomas J. Garvey will host a five-hour live Irish music show on Monday, March 17 for WCCM-AM radio.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**Green Art for Homeschoolers**, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., is an opportunity for children ages 6 to 10 to create art projects out of recycled material at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. This program is free. Participants should meet in the Visitor Center. Space is limited. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 978-645-5753 or visit [parkerriver.fws.gov](http://parkerriver.fws.gov).

**Latino expo/job fair** will be from noon to 6 p.m. at Salvatore's Convention Center, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Attendees will have the opportunity to win a \$25,000 cash prize. Participating businesses will have a chance to win \$1,000 worth of advertising. This event is sponsored by Power 800 WNNW, the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and Rumbo. For more information, call 978-686-9966 ext. 14.

**St. Patrick's Day celebration** at 1:30

p.m. at the Andover Senior Center. Tickets are \$3.50 each and must be purchased in advance. Entertainment will be provided by Brian Corcoran. Reservations must be made separately for the corned beef and cabbage lunch before the show.

**Atria Marland Place** and Angel Home Care will host a Free Stroke Awareness Lecture; recognizing the sometimes subtle symptoms of a stroke at 3 p.m. at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

**Free movie**, "A Beautiful Mind," 7 p.m., based on the true story of John Forbes Nash, Jr., a math prodigy able to solve nearly impossible problems, shows his rise and fall through a harrowing time of schizophrenia. Nash walked the tightrope of madness and genius for years. With the help of his wife and colleagues he went on to win the Nobel Prize, starring Russell Crowe, PG-13, the McQuade Library Auditorium, Merrimack College.

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## Green roof part of Addison Gallery's expansion

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

The first green roof in town is expected to blossom at Phillips Academy, as part of the Addison Gallery of American Art's multi-million dollar renovation and expansion project.

By placing plants atop a portion of the gallery's new addition, the school should save money and energy, Phillips Academy Director of Facilities Michael Williams said. Green roofs are designed to retain both heat and water, keeping temperatures more consistent.

"You won't see this easily from the ground walking around campus," said Williams of the roof. "You need to be inside the museum looking out to see it."

The green roof will be constructed on an area now occupied by a paved courtyard adjacent to the current Addison building, on top of a new first-floor structure that will house the gallery's shipping, receiving, art handling and storage needs.

Museum patrons will be able to see the green roof from the top two floors of the Addison's new addition, which will be home to gallery offices and classrooms, Williams said.

"People on those floors can look at something green, as opposed to the flat expanse of a regular roof," said Williams.

With plantings lined up in trays, Williams said the green roof, like natural soil, will absorb water and create no additional run-off. While traditional roofs also absorb heat energy directly into a building — which then must be removed from the interior through air conditioning and ventilation systems — the green roof is designed to absorb heat energy as well.

"It's much more thermally effective in that regard, and keeps the building cooler," said Williams.

The plants chosen for the roof, known as sedum, will be in 4 inches of soil. Though Phillips has yet to select a final species of sedum, the plant is expected to grow to between 8 and 10 inches in height.

Williams said sedum has thick leaves and resembles a cactus without spines. Sedum can withstand droughts and needs no supplemental watering, Williams said.

"You don't want to be watering your roof," said Williams.

Because New England roofs are designed to withstand additional weight from snow, Williams said the design of the green roof doesn't differ much from a typical roof of similar size and design.

"It doesn't make much difference," said Williams. "You've got to account for several feet of snow."

The concept of green roofs provide an alternative to traditional drainage systems such as ditches or underground basins placed in the area around buildings, according to Paul Materazzo, the town of Andover's planning director.

"Instead of looking at a mechanical (equipment), a blah roof, this green roof is going to add

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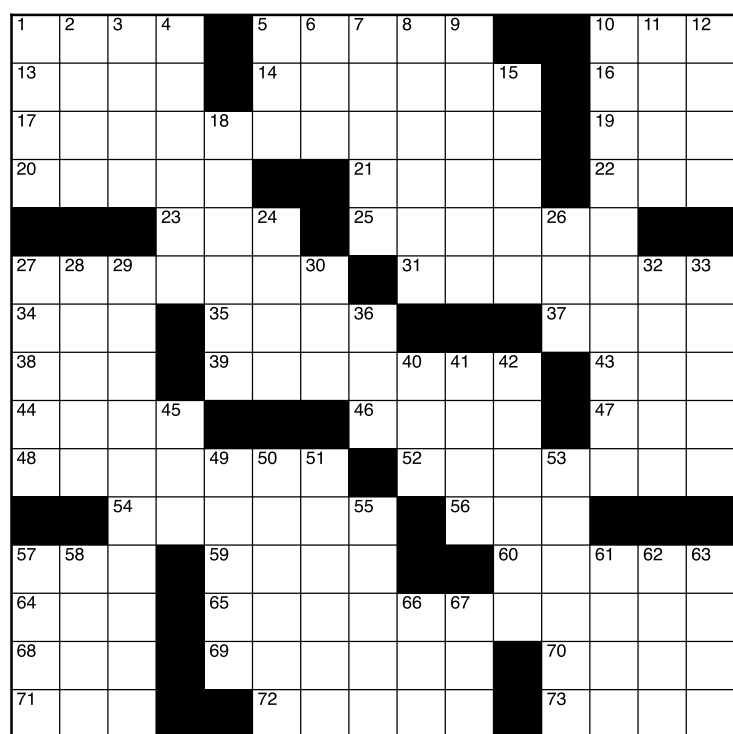
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# Crossword puzzle



- ACROSS**
- College teacher (abbr.)
  - Boxes lightly
  - Not wet
  - Roster
  - A sovereign's residence
  - European money (abbr.)
  - Injured and cannot play
  - Golf score
  - Steeple
  - Frank's diary
  - Frequently
  - Moose
  - Right-handed pages
  - Type of cracker
  - Dislike intensely
  - Lilly, drug company
  - Ogden, US humorist
  - Jab
  - The outward flow of
  - Winter weasels
  - Hirobumi, Japanese P. M.
  - Retain possession of
  - Palm starch
  - ja: Japanese assassin
  - Carried out in earnest
  - Superintends
  - Tantalizes
  - Hit lightly
  - Characters per inch
  - The content of cognition
  - Low-grade West Indian rum
  - Principal ethnic group of China
  - Doubling
  - They
  - Llama pacos
  - A line determining the limit of an area
  - The in German
  - It's capital is Sana
  - Anything that provides an inspiration for later work
- DOWN**
- Not cons
  - Reorganize: reg\_\_
  - Albanian footballer Bishani
  - Small flower
  - A health resort
  - Political action committee
  - Communion table
  - It \_\_\_ cats and dogs
  - Decorative wall bracket
  - Putting in a bank account
  - Canadian flyers
  - Mongolian tent
  - Yenisey language
  - Cat
  - Knot in a tree
  - Rhea
  - Searches
  - Edward, author and writer
  - Bad persons
  - Electronic warfare support measures (abbr.)
  - Fr. classical composer Erik
  - Very dark blacks
  - Belong to he
  - Veterans battleground
  - Mild exclamation
  - Music of 3 or 4 movements of contrasting forms
  - Indian arrowroot
  - Pen name of Louise de la Ramee
  - Excessively
  - Extensive plain without trees
  - Diminishes
  - Arabian greeting
  - African country
  - Capital is Belem
  - Bona, in good faith
  - "Picnic" playwright Wm.
  - Elderly
  - Water in the solid state
  - Metal container

**Solution**

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book**, presented by Doherty Drama Club, Doherty Middle School's Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and can be purchased in advance at the Doherty Middle School main office or at the door on the night of the show.

**India painting workshop:** Create a contemporary work of art that draws inspiration from Indian and Persian miniature painting from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the Art Studios at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. All materials supplied by the museum. Cost is \$75 for members, \$90 nonmembers. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

**Open auditions** for ages 13 through 18 for the Lawrence YMCA's Music Clubhouse second annual "Clubhouse Idol" singing competition will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lawrence Music Clubhouse in the YMCA, 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence. Registration is required prior to March 14. The first round of competition will take place on March 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. The top-10 competition will take place on March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. It is open to the public and the audience will decide the winner. For more information, call 978-686-6191 or visit [www.lawrence-musicclubhouse.org](http://www.lawrence-musicclubhouse.org).

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"A Couple of Blaguards" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$33 nonmembers. For tickets or more information, call 978-462-7336 or visit [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org).

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**Boston Artists Ensemble concert** at 8 p.m. in Phillips Library Auditorium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. The program concludes with Beethoven's Opus 9 String Trio, which hints at Beethoven's later exploration of string quartets. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$24 nonmembers, \$12 students. For more information or tickets, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

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**Children's book signing:** North Andover resident and author Anne Broyles will be signing her new children's picture book, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Annie's Books in North Andover. Based on a true story, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks" is about a young slave girl, who in 1838, walks the Trail of Tears with her Cherokee owners. For more information, e-mail [annebroyles@annebroyles.com](mailto:annebroyles@annebroyles.com).

**Artist demonstration by Siona Ben-**

**jain**, whose work reflects her background of being raised Jewish in predominantly Hindu and Muslim India, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This event is made possible by the Lowell Institute. Cost is included with museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

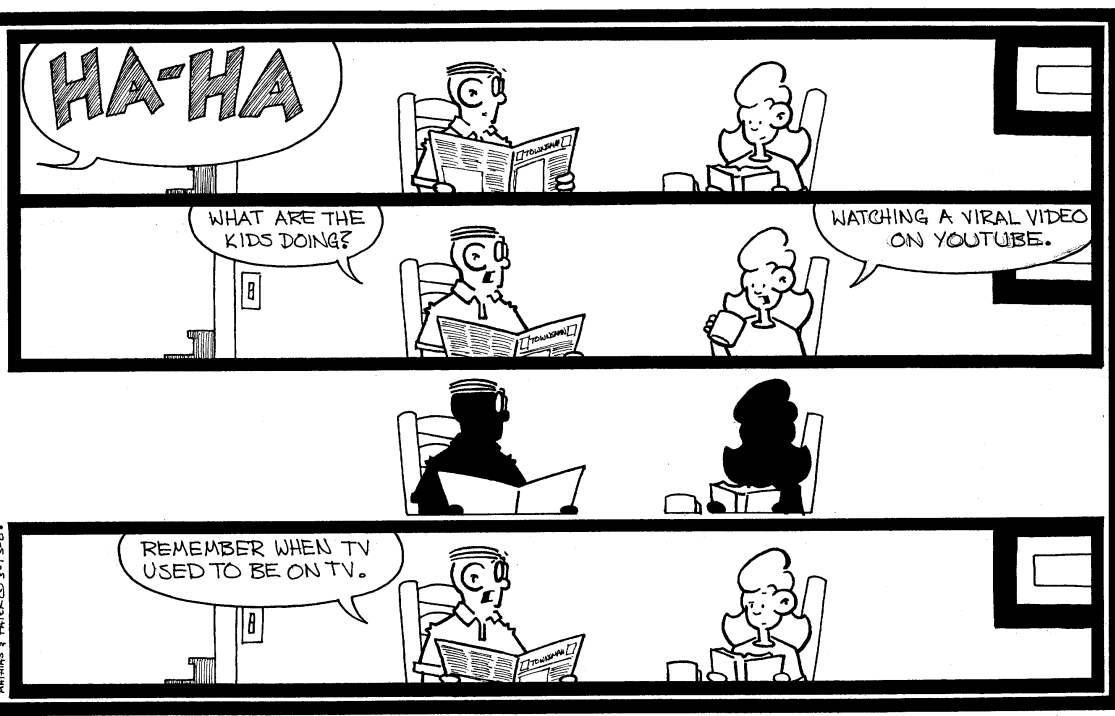
"Dance Katha" with Anita Ratnam at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Atrium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program incorporates classical and contemporary storytelling and dance. It is made possible by the Lowell Institute. Cost is included with museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

**Drop-in art activity:** Take inspiration from traditional gold leafing techniques and Indian textiles, and create your own work of art from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studios at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program is made possible by the Lowell Institute. Cost is included with museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. Call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

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# LORICA: A bit of the old sod comes to town

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gan's "Photo Finish" depicts horses thunderously pounding toward the finish line in a near collision of hues. In "Music Time" the musicians fairly levitate from their seats, entranced by the glorious music they are making, according to a release from gallery director Mia Guerrera.

Rockport artist John Caggiano, was lured here as so many others have before him, by what he describes as "one of the most beautiful places on the eastern seaboard to paint." His paintings of a sun drenched afternoon on the coast or the perfectly weathered clapboard house complete with climbing roses, are imbued with brilliant and intense, unconfined, color.

From Antrim County, Darren Paul brings a raucous energy to his stylistic pieces such as his semi-abstract "Three Fiddlers." Out of bold swirls of dark and light blue pigment, emerges a cap. A sharp zigzag of color produces the lapel of a jacket. Each of the fiddlers is red, breaking away from the seriousness of a traditional violin and shedding the worries of the day, writes Guerrera.

John Connery, one of Ireland's emerging talents, focuses on recording aspects of Irish life before they disappear. He wrote recently, "I just love to park my car on an evening in Connemara, open the tailgate, get out my paints and canvas and try to capture the colours, the atmosphere, even the smell, of that most unique part of the Planet Earth. Taking a walk in an Irish bog on a summer's evening, the faint turf smell from a hundred



Courtesy photo

"The Three Fiddlers" by Darren Paul, oil on canvas, 36 x36 inches, is one of the paintings by Irish artists on view at Lorica Artworks in Andover for St. Patrick's Day weekend.

hearth, the silence only broken by a lark high in the sky, heads of bog cotton nodding in warm breeze and the sun setting behind the far blue mountains. Heaven."

The show will run through April 30. For more information, contact 978-470-1829 or www.loricaartworks.com.



# SHANNON: Steeped in Irish culture

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to Ireland once or twice a year these days and is thrilled with its changes.

"It's changed so much in 20 years, going from a poor country in Europe to its wealthiest. It's a new Ireland," she said. "Its economic changes have been positive and I plan to talk about that."

While she is steeped in the economic development in Ireland, she is no stranger to its pol-

itics and poverty.

In her 1997 book, "I Am of Ireland," she writes about spirited conversations she had with women from Northern Ireland. Unionists and loyalists, upper-class and slum women, patriotic prison widows enunciating a party line, and women brutalized because of religious or political affiliation are represented. Such a wide range "shatters the stereotype of Irish women as voiceless and subservient to their men," wrote Publisher's Weekly in a re-

view of the book. "Shannon's interviews reverberate with contradiction, poignancy, passion and remarkable humor."

Interestingly, Shannon is neither an immigrant from Ireland nor the daughter of Irish immigrants. Rather, her in-laws were the Irish immigrants who have so shaped her life.

"My husband's parents were immigrants who settled in Worcester," she said. "My husband enjoyed learning (about Ireland) from them... and, I did, too."

# ADDISON: Roof to feature plants, value

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an aesthetic quality to the building," said Materazzo. "This is a newer technology that we see as beneficial to the environment.

"Having the ability to control drainage on the roof adds value," said Materazzo. "You're not expanding out, you're expanding up."

The Addison's new addition will also feature a steel-mesh solar screen on the exterior windows of the top two floors, providing benefits from both an ar-

chitectural and environmental standpoint, Williams said.

"When you add to an older building you want to do so with care," said Williams. "We hope that our addition is complementary."

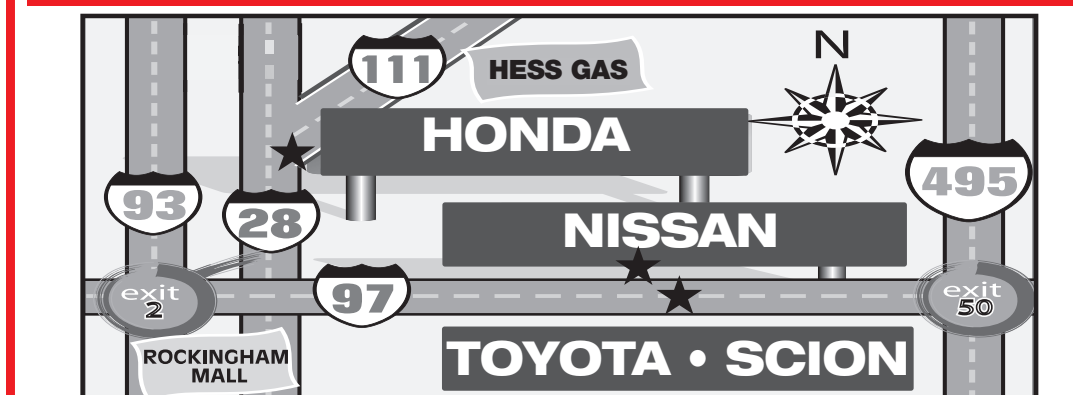
Williams said Phillips has made efforts toward better sustainability for decades through the academy's utilities systems and energy-conservation program.

"We've been a longtime supporter of this perspective," said Williams. "I think if we all do our parts, we'll be helping the generations to come."

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The public hearing will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008 in the Third Floor Conference Room at Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating to the Board of Selectmen Randall L. Hanson Town Clerk AT - 3/13/08

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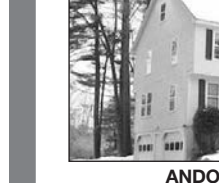
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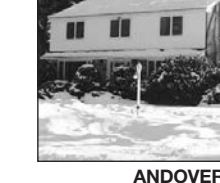
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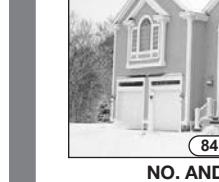
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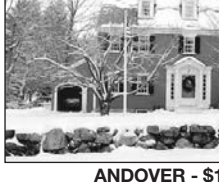
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**TOWN TALK**

**Last candidates' forum will be Service Club's**

Are you one of those people who can't make up your mind about whom to vote for until you're in the voting booth? Perhaps you can benefit from one last chance to meet the candidates in the town election next Wednesday morning, March 19.

The Service Club of Andover will have a candidate forum as part of its general meeting March 19 at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30.

The forum will be moderated by current Selectman Alex Vispoli. The group has invited the candidates running for Board of Selectmen (Mary Lyman and Peter Cotch) and the School Committee (Dennis Forgue and Greg Rigby) to briefly state their positions on key issues, and then participate in a Q&A session.

There is also a candidates forum tonight, Thursday, March 13, at 7 in Memorial Hall Library, offered by the local League of Women Voters.

**Egg throwing could be ticket to college**

Like science? Or just looking for an excuse to design and build a giant catapult?

Merrimack College will host its



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

North Andover High School senior Pat Wittbold launches a catapult that won him a \$5,000 scholarship to Merrimack College last year.

second annual ThinkFEST 2008, an engineering and science expo for local sixth- through 12th-graders this month, where the main event is a catapult contest. The first-place winner receives a \$25,000 scholarship to study civil engineering at Merrimack.

Besides the catapult contest, attendees can learn about careers in science-based fields and attend demonstrations and workshops with engineers, scientists and Merrimack college professors and students.

The catapult contest challenges

students to build a Trebuchet-style catapult that can throw a raw egg into a frying pan up to 60 feet away. Students must also make their catapult within cost and other guidelines.

Last year, at the first-ever egg-launching contest, North Andover High School senior Pat Wittbold took second place and a \$5,000 a year scholarship to Merrimack College, which he now attends. Wittbold's catapult creation was able to lob eggs at a frying pan 48 feet away.

Last year's first prize went to Jeffrey Costa of Mattapoisett.

**DALTON MOVES**

Bill Dalton's column has moved to the Townspeople section. Be sure to look for him there in future issues.

**ThinkFEST 2008**

■ Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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—Bethany Bray

**Green thumbs offer hand at flower show**

Eight Andover Garden Club members are contributing their talents to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's 2008 New England Spring Flower Show, Rhapsody in Green, being held this week at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston.

Leslie Frost, trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, is serving as a judge in landscape design, as is Virginia Begg. Frost is also judging floral design for the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, and exhibiting a design in a GCFM class that she is not judging. Ann Lange is serving on a master judging panel in the floral-design division.

Jan Brink and Frances Wheel-

er, both board members of the Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts, are serving as landscape-design clerk and judge, respectively, for two LDC awards. Joyce Bakshi, an LDC member, is serving as clerk for a third LDC panel, and entering exhibits in the floral-design division.

Helga Frazzette is in charge of Rhapsody in Green's amateur horticulture division, where Judy Wright serves as a judge of educational exhibits. Frazzette is also an exhibitor in the floral-design division.

The flower show runs through March 16.

**Fashion fun nets \$8K for the fight against cancer**

After surviving breast cancer, coordinating 24 models for a fashion show was a cinch for Andover resident Patty Bateson, who raised \$8,000 for the American Cancer Society through her Fashion for Life fundraiser.

The theme of the night? Survival. The event featured 24 models — all cancer survivors sporting fashions donated from local boutiques, including Black Tie Affair of Andover and fashion designers Nidia Sosa and Isabel Jaime.

Bateson herself was one of the models that night, her first time down a fashion runway.

"It's hard to describe. It was just the most beautiful, heartwarming experience for everyone there. A

beautiful, beautiful, day," said Bateson. "It was just so rewarding to watch these people who've survived these challenges (come and be models). To watch them transform in front of me through the whole process was amazing. The courage and strength that each one had."

Information about the fashion show, boutiques, raffles and dinner, attended back on Nov. 11 by 230 people, was shared recently by the cancer society.

"There were a lot of tears — both tears of sadness and tears of joy that night," she said.

Each model chose the song they walked down the runway to; as they modeled the emcee read short pieces the models had written about their own stories of survival.

Bateson is an oncology nurse for Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology in Lawrence and has been cancer-free for four years. She said she had "never done anything like this before," in either realms of fashion or fundraising, and worked with "a great committee" of about 25 people.

She said she knew she "had to do something" to help the fight against cancer, after attending the Life Beyond Cancer retreat for cancer survivors and oncology nurses in Arizona last year. After spending the retreat with other women cancer survivors and hearing the success stories of events other women had organized, she started work on the fashion show.

—Bethany Bray

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