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ELECTION 2008

Ballot question could bring larger voter turnout



Supporters hold signs as they wave to traffic along Elm Square and Main Street downtown Andover on March 15.

State: More tests needed

On arsenic near landfill

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The state has ordered additional tests on the scope and severity of arsenic contamination in water near the Ledge Road landfill. The tests will begin April 1 and conclude May 15, after 2008 Town Meeting, where town leaders expect to ask residents to appropriate \$7.4 million, the additional amount the town says is required to recap the former town dump.

Capping the landfill won't proceed until town environmental consultants determine the source and extent of arsenic found within nearby ground and surface water. The additional tests were ordered by the state Department of Environmental Protection. A public meeting on the landfill was held earlier this month.

"It's all part of how we're going to close the landfill," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. "As expected, they want more research done on it. Obviously, we're going to do that. It's all part of what it takes to get an acceptable closure plan together."

Residents first approved planning money to close the landfill at Town Meeting in both 1997 and 1998. Another \$2.2 million was appropriated in 1999 for construction work, though no recapping has taken place.

The Ledge Road landfill parcel lies west of Ledge Road and is less than a third of a mile from the intersection of Interstate 93 and Route 495. Residential properties now abut the site to the south and east and a wetland system that contributes to Fish Brook, a town drinking water source, also lies to the west.

Fish Brook feeds into Haggetts Pond, where the town's water treatment plant gets its water.

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Voters being asked to approve a tax surcharge

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

TOWN ELECTION

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Interest in politics sparked by the presidential race and the appearance on the ballot of a tax-surcharge vote could increase voter turnout in next week's town election, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

A ballot question on the Community Preservation Act asks people to approve a 1 percent surcharge on their property bills to pay for conservation, recreation, affordable housing and historic preservation in Andover. Approving the CPA would open the door to some state funds for such projects.

"It's a big election year and people are tuned in to voting," said Hanson. "We do have the CPA on this one. I do think it will buck some interest."

In the two contested races this year, each for three-year terms,

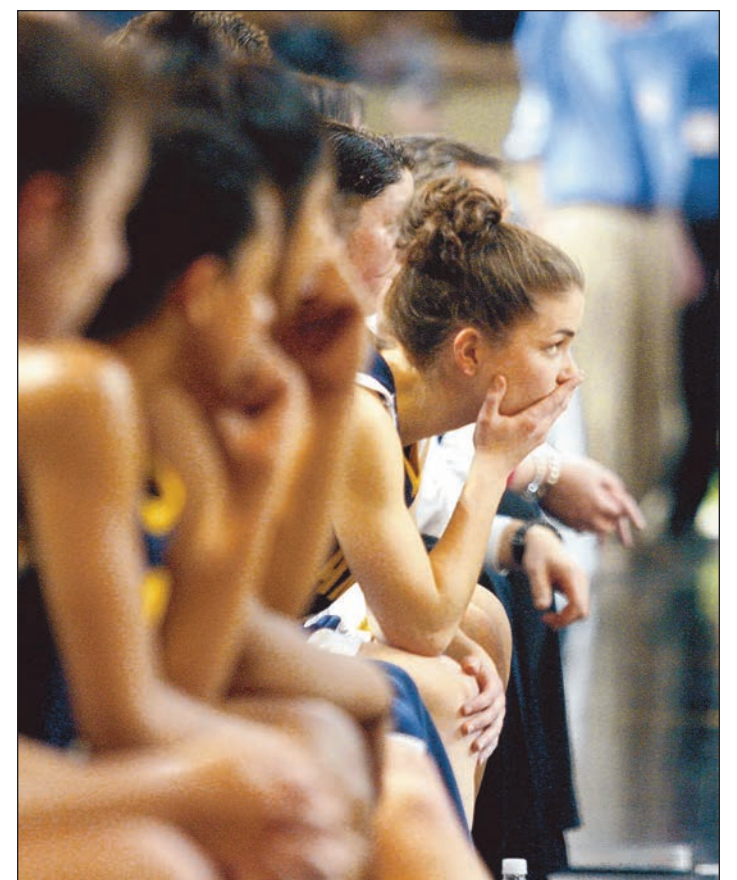
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TIM JEAN/Staff photos

At right, Janet Rigby, wife of Greg Rigby, who is a candidate for School Committee, and Selectmen challenger Peter Cotch, left, hold signs as they wave to traffic along Main Street downtown Andover. Supporters, and candidates were out March 15, even in the rain and snow.

End of the line



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The Andover girls react to their loss to Northampton 50 to 37 during the Div. 1 state finals at the DCU Center in Worcester. See David Willis story on the title run on Page 18.

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Girl Scouts stand up to emotional bullying

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER



Author Rachel Simmons

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ELECTION: Andover has 22,008 registered voters

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incumbent Selectman Mary Lyman of School Street will face off against Salem Street resident Peter Cotch; for School Committee, newcomers Dennis Forgue of Reservation Road and Greg Rigby of Rattlesnake Hill Road aim to take the seat of current committee member David Samuels, who isn't running for reelection this year after three years in public office. For information about the candidates, see Pages 4 and 5.

"There's competition," said Hanson. "That always sparks interest. ... I think with a question like the CPA on the ballot, it should spark a lot of interest."

The town election is Tuesday, March 25 with everyone voting at the Andover High School field house, 80 Shawsheen Road. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hanson said 53 percent of Andover's 20,385 active voters cast a ballot in last month's state presidential primary election.

There are 22,008 registered voters in town. Nearly 2,400 of these people, considered inactive voters by the town clerk's office, are registered to vote but have not confirmed their residency in Andover since the last U.S. census.

In 2007 a total of 15 candidates ran for town moderator and open seats on the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Andover Housing Authority. In all, 4,496 ballots were cast, good for 22 percent voter turnout.

With just six names on the ballot this year, Hanson is anticipating a turnout of between 15 to 20 percent.

Running uncontested for town moderator this year is Juniper Road resident Sheila Doherty. Doherty beat out four other challengers last year for the position, the closest finishing nearly 1,000 votes behind (for more on Doherty, see Page 4).

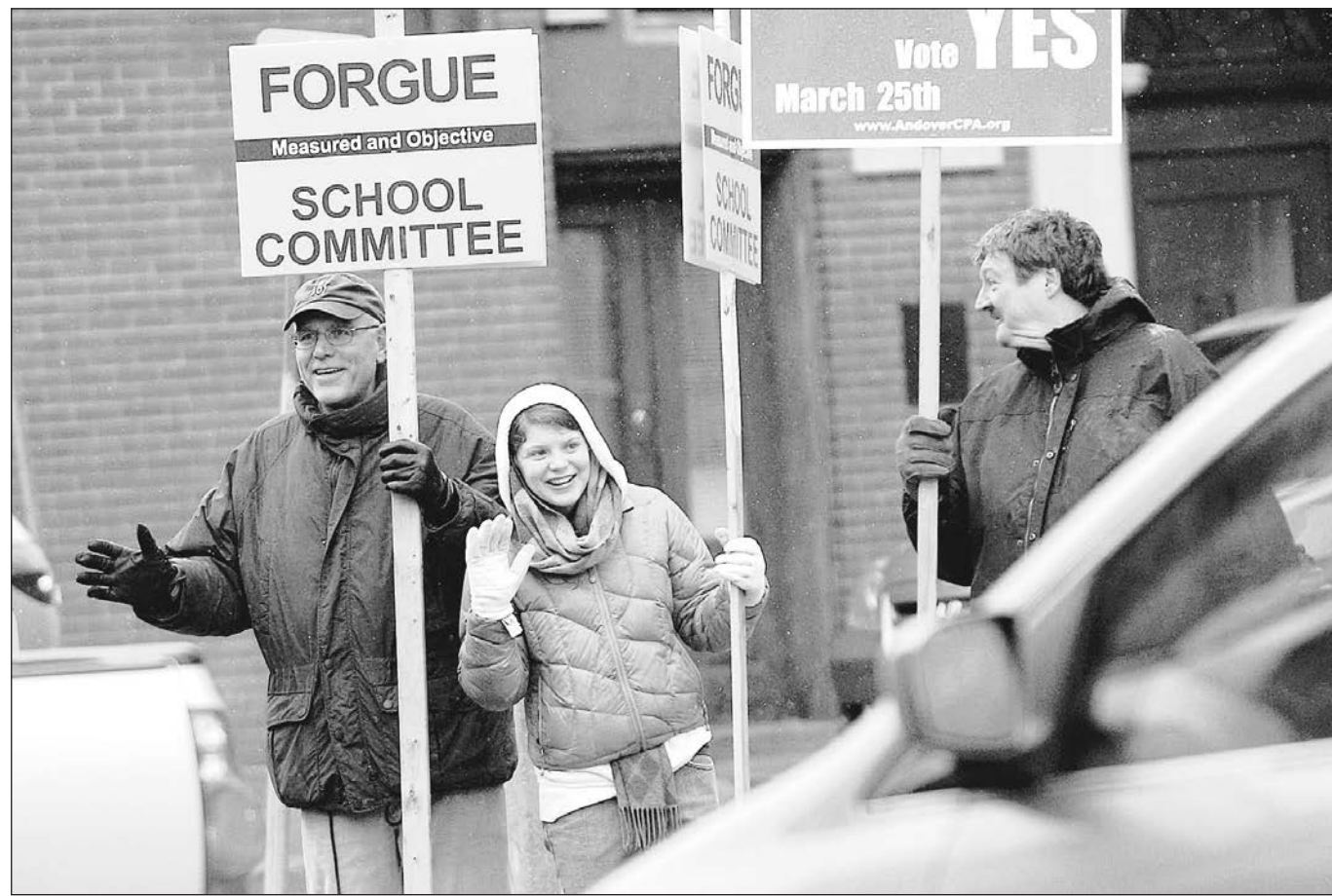
Also running uncontested for Housing Authority is Arundel Street resident Janice Burkholder, who was elected to a one-year term last year.

Community Preservation Act

First defeated by Andover voters at 2002 Town Meeting, the Community Preservation Act was proposed again last spring, as a 1 percent surcharge on people's property bills, and approved at 2007 Town Meeting. Now it must be approved at the ballot box to go into effect.

Funds raised by Andover under the CPA could only be used for Town Meeting-approved projects related to conservation, recreation, affordable housing and historic preservation.

The first \$100,000 of residents' proper-



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

At left, Frank Condella, his daughter Anna Condella, 18, hold signs for Dennis Forgue, a School Committee candidate and Bob Willard, right, a Community Preservation Act supporter also holds a sign. They all were waving to traffic along Main Street downtown Andover.

ty value would be exempt from the surcharge. Low-income senior citizens would not have to pay, as a result of the Town Meeting vote last year. The average increase to property tax bills would be roughly \$56 next year, according to Andover CPA Coalition Chairman John Hess.

With the additional revenue raised under the CPA, Andover can expect to receive additional state money in return, though the exact percentage of money from the state has yet to be determined for the next fiscal year.

Hess said CPA money could be used for the following projects in upcoming years: for masonry repairs and roof work at Memorial Hall Library and Old Town Hall, improvements to Wood Memorial park, the purchase of new windows at Shawsheen School, the construction of recreation fields on Blanchard Street, and portions of the estimated \$2 million needed to restore Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

"It's up to Town Meeting to decide which ones to do," said Hess. "We keep putting off these projects. We do them

without any state money at all."

North Andover, which was the second community in the state to ratify the CPA, has received a 100-percent state match of locally-raised CPA money since fiscal 2002. A dollar-for-dollar match is not expected this year, according to the state Department of Revenue.

"We know that one of the key selling points of the program is the state match," said John Simons, a North Andover planner and chairman of that town's Community Preservation Committee. "We'll still get a pretty significant match from the state. I think the basic compelling reason for CPA still exists."

Under the CPA, North Andover has received more than \$1 million annually from the state over the last four years, according to the town's Web site. CPA money from the state comes from filing fees with the Registry of Deeds on real estate transactions.

"I think it's had a very positive effect on the community," said Simons of the CPA. "I think we were lucky to get into it early."

Simons said North Andover has used CPA funds for numerous open space and historic preservation projects.

But not everyone sees the CPA as a positive program.

"We've been opposed to it all along," said Barbara Anderson, executive director of the group Citizens for Limited Taxation. "It's like a sale where you look at something you weren't going to buy and you bought it. ... You didn't plan to, so you didn't come out ahead."

Anderson said the CPA only benefits select interests and groups within the communities that have passed it.

"They want to spend more money," said Anderson. "The minority taxpayers who vote 'no' get stuck with the bill."

Hess said CPA money would only be used in Andover for eligible projects after a multiple-step process with public input takes place.

"The longer we wait, there's less chance of having state money," said Hess, "because there's more and more towns getting into the CPA."

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TESTS: Latest samples taken in the fall

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In the fall, town consultants took 47 sediment samples from town-owned land adjacent to the landfill and on a privately-owned Chandler Road farm. According to the state, those results were consistent with samples taken in 2005 that revealed arsenic levels higher than the state's maximum allowable contaminant level in groundwater and surface water samples. In 2005 arsenic was found up to 200 feet downstream of the landfill, according to the state.

One of the more recent sediment samples, however, taken approximately 480 feet west of the landfill, contained even higher levels of arsenic than were found in 2005.

Exposure to arsenic, a carcinogen, can cause health effects including skin changes, lung and digestive system irritation, and may increase the risk of skin, lung and liver cancer, according to recent meeting minutes of discussion of the Ledge Road landfill Public Involvement Plan.

In a letter sent to the town earlier this year, the state DEP wrote that it "has determined that additional assessment is necessary to evaluate arsenic and other landfill contaminants in the vicinity of the landfill, in particular within the wetland and down-gradient surface water."

In the letter, DEP asked the town to provide: a proposal to restrict access to wetlands near the landfill, a proposal for an imminent hazard evaluation that considers all possible arsenic exposure pathways, and a plan to collect additional sediment, surface water and groundwater to determine the extent of arsenic contamination adjacent to the landfill.

The town sent a response letter and proposed work plan to the state on Feb. 29, according to meeting minutes.

After the additional tests conclude on May 15, the information will be evaluated from May 15 to Aug. 1.

Town consultants have concluded that skin exposure to contaminated sediment near the landfill would not pose an imminent hazard to children, according to the state. The evaluation also stated that the arsenic levels present in 2006 did not pose an imminent hazard to the environment. There were no signs of dead fish or plant life.

Though the conditions were not deemed an imminent hazard, initial ground sediment tests revealed "significant levels of arsenic detected in samples collected in areas tributary to Fish Brook, downstream of the landfill," according to a letter sent by town-hired engineer Andrew Miller to the state on Aug. 7.

Stapczynski said the additional arsenic testing will not affect the town's effort to obtain a low-interest loan from the state, which it would then use to finance the landfill recapping.

Nor would it alter the town's recapping plan, he said, which was revised this fall to accommodate the state's desire to recap the nearly 26-acre landfill all at once instead of in phases, as was previously planned.

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NOW: Downtown Main Street, with the Old Town Hall at left. Businesses, from left, include Beauty Solution, The Main Street Salon, Christian Science Reading Room, Andover Optical and the closed Regina Gifts.

Information sessions for affordable home

Andover Community Trust Inc. is a Massachusetts nonprofit organization whose mission is to advocate for and develop permanently affordable housing in Andover. The owner selection process for a permanently affordable three-bedroom home, at 94 Cheever Circle, will begin in April.

Anyone interested in being selected to purchase this home must attend one of two information sessions at Memorial Hall Library, scheduled for April 8 at 7 p.m. and April 13 at 2 p.m. Applications will be available at the end of each meeting.

Andover Community Trust gives preference to first-time homebuyer, income eligible households who live or work in Andover or have children attending the Greater Lawrence Technical School. Applicants must have at least one child under the age of 14 living in the home, and preference is given to households with two to four school-age children. No household will be selected unless it is income eligible, meaning total household income must be less than 80 percent (about \$50,000, depending on family size) of the area median income as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development annually.

All applicants must complete a first-time homebuyer's class before being selected to purchase this home.

Healthy Kids' Day

Healthy Kids' Day celebration will be held on April 8 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Methuen YMCA, 129 Haverhill St., Methuen. Children and adults alike will be participating in an activity-filled festival that celebrates the day's key call to action, "Put Play in Your Day." Activities will include sports clinics, arts and crafts projects, games, aerobics demonstrations, face painting and more. For more information, call 978-725-6681 or visit www.mvymca.org.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



THERE ARE USUALLY A FEW PEOPLE LEFT IN the restaurant when I come in and they are probably wondering what the crazy lady is doing.

— Linda Zimmerman, Washington Avenue resident and executive director of *Neighbors in Need* food program, who goes into restaurants at night to collect their unused bread for her program. Story in *Townspeople*, page 9.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ARTS ARE A LITTLE LESS AVAILABLE. Any place that our performing arts students can get a little bit more money is great.

— Susan Choquette, director, on Andover High School's "Titanic" being eligible for North Shore Music Theatre's Spotlight Awards. Story in *Arts*, page 21.

ALL SEASON LONG WE WERE HITTING OUR shots and making the big 3-pointers. But that wasn't happening. We missed too many shots.

— Andover guard Laura Renfro, on the state championship game. The Andover High School girls basketball team lost in the state final, following a memorable season. Story in *Sports*, page 18.



NEWS CALENDAR

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.

Housing Authority regular monthly meeting, 100 Morton St., Andover, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Preservation Commission site visit, Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., 9:30 a.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.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Watershed Advisory Committee, Robert McQuade 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.

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearings and deliberations, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Zoning Board of Appeals deliberations, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m.

New officers for town Democrats

The Andover Democratic Town Committee elected its officers to its executive board last week: Paul Stolberg, chairman; Pat Commene, vice chairman; Tony Stankiewicz, recording secretary; Sondra Finegold, treasurer; Kathy O'Connor, communications secretary; Shirley Kountze, affirmative action and outreach officer.

The ADTC has 35 members, elected on the Feb. 5 presidential primary ballot, plus eight lifetime members. It is the local unit of the Democratic Party and meets about nine times a year. For more information, contact Stolberg at 978-470-2784, or stolbs@comcast.net.

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

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ELECTION 2008

Doherty, running unopposed, looks ahead to another Town Meeting

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

A lot about Town Meeting has changed over the years, says Sheila Doherty, but not her enthusiasm toward the event.

As a grade-school-age girl sitting in the nonvoting section at her first Town Meeting, Doherty watched with curiosity as adults deliberated over instituting a leash law and a mosquito-spraying program.

That sense of wonder returned last spring when Doherty, a rookie town moderator, watched from the stage as residents voted against the recommendation of town officials and town counsel and approved the purchase of a Blanchard Street farm.

The 13-acre property, which had traces of pesticides in the soil, is now considered by the town to be a valuable asset.

"I'm a political scientist by education, and it was so amazing to see that process," said Doherty. "Just to watch

the dialogue and the discussion and discourse, you could just see people reasoning through the right decision. And they made it, and that's what Town Meeting is all about."

Doherty, the daughter of long-time town moderator Jim Doherty, will run unopposed March 25 for the position her father held for nearly three decades. Last year Sheila Doherty beat out four other first-time moderator candidates to become town moderator.

"I'm grateful that I don't have any opponent and hopefully that's something of an endorsement," said Doherty. "It was an interesting meeting for me (last year). It's obviously so very different than sitting in the audience."

Now, even with a year's experience running Town Meeting, Doherty doesn't expect the role of moderator to become any easier this year. An anticipated multi-million-dollar operating deficit will be the financial backdrop for Andover voters.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty is running unopposed following her first year on the job.

"I honestly believe last year for me truly was the honeymoon meeting," said Do-

herty. "The issues this year are imminently more pronounced. The division of a number of factions in town is significantly more polarized."

"I think if there isn't an agreement with the budget before Town Meeting, the people in the town are going to have to decide what we want to spend money on," said Doherty. "That can get very heated. I think this meeting has the potential of being more difficult to moderate."

Doherty said her goal as moderator is to have the event run smoothly, but also to have people in the audience believe they've had their say and had all of their questions answered.

"We need to be encouraging people to put in check the emotion so that level-headed decisions can be made, whatever those decisions are," said Doherty. "Discourse is fine, but it must be civil. I will not allow it to be personal. People must understand that this is a forum for moving the town's business forward."

Doherty said each Town Meeting has its own tone.

"The tone is critical," said Doherty. "I think the tone of the meeting is something the moderator can effect."

She said she was curious to find out what 2008 Town Meeting will offer and anticipated the budget, big-ticket items and town bylaw changes would attract much debate.

"Any time you change a bylaw, there's going to be discussion about why, how or when you're going to do it," she said.

Doherty has already attended several contentious public meetings surrounding the budget this year as a spectator.

"If that's going to be a microcosm of what we'll have at Town Meeting, I'm going to be using the gavel a lot," she said. "It's a tough year financially and so many things have a price tag associated with it. I think people coming to Town Meeting should really do themselves a favor and read the finance report."

Selectmen candidates: Different views on override, more

MARY LYMAN

Address: 50 School St.

Family info: Children: Dan, 11; Tim, 14; Andy, 17. Husband, Jamie, owns his own business, "New England Ski Boat"

Job: Fundraiser for Family Service Inc., Lawrence

Civic involvement (no more than 5 organizations or positions): Member of League of Women Voters, AVIS, Friends of the Library, Andover Democratic Town Committee, Doherty PAC

1. What is the likelihood you will support an override during the next three years?

Undecided

2. Should the town yard be moved out of downtown?

Undecided

3. Should Andover begin building a new fire station in the next three years?

Undecided

4. Should Andover begin building a new school in the next three years?

Yes

100 words to further explain one or more of the choices above.

My override position depends on what happens with CPA, cuts this year and new growth.

On the town yard, the study looks promising at this time. It depends on the study of the new sites and the sale of the old site and if the MBTA is still interested in purchasing that land. There could be

environmental issues.

On the fire station, we have a consultant's report and have not discussed it extensively at this time.

A new school is most likely.

THREE OTHER QUESTIONS

1. If elected, what SPECIFIC things MUST be accomplished during the next three years for you to deserve re-election in 2011? (150 words. Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

I decided to run again so I could continue working on the budget and to ensure that some of the issues that are not as visible continue to have a voice in town. I am also committed to settling our labor contracts with a fair settlement. I will continue to look for cost-containment proposals including health insurance. The Interstate 93 proposal will be very important to ensure Andover's future is protected. In addition to looking at building a new school in the next three years, we have also spent many years working on the youth center and I am expecting this to be in the pipeline.

2. Salaries and benefits make up most of the budget. What perk would you fight to change, if any, to get taxpayers more for their dollar? (150 words.)

A. Health insurance for part-time employees working 20 hours has turned out to be a benefit that is very expensive. State legislation that would change it to something along 30 hours of work would relieve a huge burden for



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Andover Board of Selectmen candidates Peter Cotch and Mary Lyman answer questions at an Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters debate. The election is Tuesday, March 25.

the town. We need to continue to work to seek ways to reduce the cost of health insurance. Changing benefits for future employees would be the best way to approach this.

B. Continued reduction of town cars for personal use.

C. With attrition, look to see ways to consolidate positions.

3. Personality question: You are in the middle of nowhere, with no other cars around and stuck at a red light for five minutes. How much longer do you wait before going ahead, assuming you go ahead at all? (25 words.)

I would wait the 5 minutes. If the cycle had passed, the light had

not changed and the intersection is completely clear, I would go.

PETER COTCH

Address: 297 Salem St.

Family: Wife, Maureen O'Connor

Job: Lawyer

Civic involvement: Andover Rotary board of directors, Lawrence Bar Association, Essex County Bar Association

1. What is the likelihood you will support an override during the next three years?

0 percent.

2. Should the town yard be moved out of downtown?

Yes.

3. Should Andover begin building a new fire station in the next three years?

Undecided

4. Should Andover begin building a new school in the next three years?

Yes

You have up to 100 words to fur-

ther explain one or more of your choices above. (Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

Regarding the override, I am opposed to any new taxes.

On the town yard, the present location can be put to higher and better use and conceivably placed on the tax rolls.

Regarding a new fire station, I'm not persuaded that we need one. If we do, it must be affordable.

As for a new school, I assume you are referring to the Bancroft School. My understanding is that it is structurally unsound. If that is correct, it must be replaced. However, it should not be rebuilt to the same design excess as the present structure. And, I want to see that it incorporates green technology to the maximum extent possible.

THREE OTHER QUESTIONS

1. If elected, what SPECIFIC things MUST be accomplished during the next three years for you to deserve reelection in 2011? (150 words. Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

(A) Spending must be in line with revenue. (B) We must be on track to a restored Aaa bond rating. (C) We must have reduced Andover's carbon footprint. Those reflect my goals. The goals of Andover's voters may be different. Frankly, I'm not hung-up on being re-elected. Worrying about being re-elected makes incumbents too timid to make the difficult choices, for fear of alienating one special interest group or another. I'll call them as I see them and let the chips fall where they may. I'm not out to become Mister Congeniality. I want to see Andover back on firm financial footing, in addition to operating in the most environmentally responsible way practicable.

2. Salaries and benefits make up most of the budget. What perk would you fight to change, if any, to get taxpayers more for their dollar? (150 words.)

Regrettably, selectmen have no direct authority to alter salaries or benefits. Those are determined by the collective bargaining process. Any perquisites enjoyed by non-exempt employees are arrived at through contract negotiations. The only solution is more skillful bargaining on the part of the town. Union negotiators are very adept at the process. They do it for a living, after all. We should consider hiring professional negotiators to represent the town, for the same reason one would hire an experienced trial lawyer to litigate a complex case. It's not a job for amateurs.

3. Personality question: You are in the middle of nowhere, with no other cars around and stuck at a red light for five minutes. How much longer do you wait before going ahead, assuming you go ahead at all? (25 words.)

I would immediately hang a right, make a U-turn, and hang another right (signaling, of course). I'm not sure I'd have waited five minutes, though.



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ELECTION 2008

Finances a focus for Andover School Committee candidates

GREGORY RIGBY

Address: 131 Rattlesnake Hill Road
Family: Wife, Janet Arnold
Job: Independent Financial Advisor

Civic Involvement:

President Board of Trustees for The Young Opera Company of New England (2006-07)

Director for Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Club Association
Member and past director of The Rotary Club of Andover
Past Member of Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club
Past Master of St. Matthew's Lodge in Andover

What is the likelihood that you will support an override during the next three years?
0 to 25 percent

Should Andover begin building a new school in the next three years?
Yes.

Do you believe a student-teacher ratio that falls on the higher side of the current School Committee class size policy is acceptable?
Yes.

You have up to 100 words to further explain one or more of your choices above. (Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

Override: only after implementing a structural change to the budget process. Limit COLA inflation rate and make Step Increases merit-based.

New school: Bancroft School is structurally unsound and must be replaced. The superintendent says we are fast tracked with the state. The new structure must be efficient and as green as feasible financially. We should employ a third-party project manager, compensated on meeting deadlines and budgets.

Regarding class size: acceptable



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover School Committee candidate Greg Rigby, answers questions at the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters debate.

yes, desirable no. This can be avoided if we can keep cost escalation in contracts and payroll to the core CPI. COLA should be equal to last 12 months' inflation.

THREE OTHER QUESTIONS

1. If elected, what SPECIFIC things MUST be accomplished during the next three years for you to deserve re-election in 2011? (150 words. Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

First, we must replace Bancroft School. Second, we need to implement structural change in the budget process including a three-year plan and a resulting transparent budgeting and reporting process with full transparency and an annual financial audit. Third we need to re-establish the credibility of the School Committee with all of the taxpayers, not just the parents. The schools are a town asset and we all benefit from a strong school system. A lack of

credibility will have a long-term detrimental effect on our schools. Fourth, we need to lay the ground-work with the teachers for a change in future contracts that must include, COLA based on inflation, replacing Step Increases with a merit system, and increasing the high school teachers classes by one additional block per year from a 3 and 2 to a 3 and 3 schedule.

2. Superintendent Claudia Bach has a one-year contract. If she retired during your time on the committee, what would be your priorities for a new superintendent? (100 words.)

A superintendent places students first on the list of priorities, has strong management skills, the ability to make decisions and a proven record of working with principals and teachers to solve problems proactively before they affect the education process, such as "The Wheels of Justice." The superintendent should command the respect of school faculties, staff, student body, parents, and taxpayers alike. Needs to have a clear understanding of education mandates, but be proactive with surrounding communities to get changes through the legislature when necessary to meet community needs. The superintendent is the CEO and the principals the vice presidents.

3. Personality question: You are in the middle of nowhere, with no other cars around and stuck at a red light for five minutes. How much longer do you wait before going ahead, assuming you go ahead at all? (25 words.)

Once certain the light is defective, make a legal right turn and turn around when legal, return to the intersection, and turn right legally.

DENNIS FORGUE

Address: 18 Reservation Road

Family: Wife, Eileen; two children, ages 6 and 8 at Shawsheen School

Job: Owner of Andover Networking LLC. I conduct executive searches.

Civic involvement (no more than 5 organizations or positions): Co-President Shawsheen PTO, Member of Andover's School Facilities Task Force, active with Andover Coalition for Education (ACE), Past Rotary Club President and founding member and executive director of a not-for-profit organization supporting mentally ill

1. What is the likelihood you will support an override during the next three years?
Undecided

2. Should Andover begin building a new school in the next three years?
Yes

3. Do you believe a student-teacher ratio that falls on the higher side of the current School Committee class size policy is acceptable?
Yes.

You have up to 100 words to further explain one or more of your choices above. (Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

Andover has difficult choices to make about education, but those choices must be made based on objective facts. I do not support a Proposition 2/ override because we do not have those facts. We need to develop a 3- to 5-year strategic plan for our schools. I support building a new school to replace the structurally failing Bancroft Elementary School. Al-

though I do believe the higher class size is acceptable in difficult financial times, I believe class size at the mid-point of the School Committee policy or below is preferred and best for our students.

THREE OTHER QUESTIONS

1. If elected, what SPECIFIC things MUST be accomplished during the next three years for you to deserve re-election in 2011? (150 words. Any response over the word limit will be edited down.)

There must be a philosophical change in the School Committee; although we want our educators to ask for the world for our students, we expect our School Committee to balance the needs of the schools with the financial resources of the community. To accomplish this, we must develop a transparent approach to budgeting, by creating a single finance organization for the school and town budgets under the management of a chief financial officer who serves the entire town. Only then can we have a high level of confidence in the work of the School Committee and the options it presents to the town. I will deserve to be re-elected in 2011 if Andover students continue to achieve a high standard of excellence in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities, and Andover residents are in a position to make decisions about the town's educational priorities based on objective facts.

2. Superintendent Claudia Bach has a one-year contract. If she retired during your time on the committee, what would be your priorities for a new superintendent? (100 words.)

- Previous experience as a successful school superintendent.
- A visionary when it comes to educational curriculum and innovative programs.
- Must understand and embrace the concept of doing more with



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Andover School Committee candidate, Dennis Forgue, answers questions at a recent Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters debate.

less, utilizing non traditional sources of funds such as grants and creative public/private initiatives.

■ A motivator with strong leadership and communication skills.

■ Must understand the need to balance the curriculum within the economic resources of the community.

■ Understand the need to forge positive relationships with the Selectmen, Finance Committee, other administrators, employees, and most importantly, the community at large.

3. Personality question: You are in the middle of nowhere, with no other cars around and stuck at a red light for five minutes. How much longer do you wait before going ahead, assuming you go ahead at all? (25 words.)

First, I would ask myself why I sat there for five minutes. Then, carefully look for oncoming cars and proceed cautiously through the intersection.

SCOUTS: Author talks about drama online for girls

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sues facing all preteen girls. Tops on that list may be "drama online" where girls can be just plain mean to each other.

But like a tech-savvy parent who happens to see a "I so hate you" comment while a daughter is receiving instant messages from so-called friends, Girl Scout leaders are aware of the problem. To tackle the issue of cyber bullying, they went right to the top, calling in an expert.

Just back from eight days at the Oprah Winfrey-run leadership school for girls in South Africa, bestselling author Rachel Simmons met with area Girl Scouts, including girls from Andover, on Saturday morning, March 15. Before a packed house in the auditorium of Wynn Middle School in Tewksbury, Simmons talked about school-girl cruelty. The topic is addressed in her bestseller, *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*.

"Girls express themselves without talking," Simmons said. "Body language says it all."

Many mothers in the audience nodded in agreement as Simmons talked about eyerolling, folded arms, the silent treatment and other reactions that girls dramatically use to communicate. They bring those same attitudes to their online communications, she said. Simmons said girls often turn to online messaging with

UNPLUGGING DRAMA ONLINE

Tips to help reign in the online "actresses":

- If you wouldn't say it, don't write it.
- Don't share your computer password. Instead, treat it like a credit card, which is something you never share.
- Use the telephone instead of the computer.
- Establish a NJZ (no joke zone) for yourself. Don't let friends enter with dumb jokes about you. Be firm.
- Don't be afraid to say you're sorry and mean it - sincerely.
- Stop using friendship as a weapon. That happens when you e-mail a friend to gossip about another friend who emails another friend and so on.
- Be true to yourself - always.

Source: Rachel Simmons, author of *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*

friends without thinking about the results.

"Avoid the drama online," she told the crowd. "If someone says something you don't like, don't have drama online about it...like, take a break and then deal with it face to face."

Simmons is fast-talking and, like, so in tune with her audience. Her comments included "whatever" and "OMG" (text talk for Oh my God!) frequently, and Simmons focused on how relationship bullying online truly hurts girls and affects their lives, especially their schoolwork. The online drama is usually not intended to hurt so much, but it can. It means girls' self-esteem plummets and, as a result, so can their grades.

"She is so right about everything she said," Monica Gibson, an 11-year-old Girl Scout from

Andover in St. Augustine School's troop said after the lecture. "She relates to all that stuff and is very believable."

Monica attended with her mom, Lynn Gibson, who was willing to wait in a long book-signing line for *Odd Girl Out* because she believed the wait was worth it.

"I thought she was great and very in tune (with the online drama issue). I have three older boys and one daughter. It's very different with girls and she knows about it," Lynn Gibson said.

Cyber drama was so rampant among Monica and her friends that Lynn Gibson has pulled the plug on her daughter's IM-ing. Monica no longer has the service.

The decision to stop instant messaging doesn't seem to

bother Monica too much.

"It's not so great," the Scout said of IM-ing.

Simmons, a Vassar College graduate and Rhodes Scholar who has been researching female aggression since 1997, encourages more telephone and face-to-face contact between young girlfriends.

"Girls type things they would never say. If you wouldn't say it, don't write it," Simmons said.

Landing Simmons and her "Thriving in a Mean Girl World" lecture was a major coup for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. Beverly McDonald, who grew up in Andover, is the director of communications and marketing for the North Andover-based Girl Scouts group. She said the organization hosts a big event during Girl Scout Week and it usually is centered around a contemporary topic. Past lectures have covered "Stressed Out Girls, Media Influence on Girls, Girls and Obesity" and "Raising Confident Girls."

"We are thrilled to have Rachel," McDonald said. "This is for the girls and talking about the challenging issues facing them today, like emotional bullying. Rachel is out there, and well known for her research and advocacy."

ACE reaches 2008 target

The Andover Coalition for Education recently announced full funding of two of the group's 2008 target projects: the second year salary for the School Department Grants Coordinator (\$45,000) and the purchase of needed physics equipment for all three middle schools (\$10,000).

With support from area citizens, businesses and other civic organizations, "ACE's fundraising efforts this year have ensured that important momentum generated last year by School Grants Coordinator Dr. Lisa Glickstein was able to continue and build this year," reported the organization. To date, Glickstein has secured over \$500,000 in state and federal grant money for the town's schools — ten times her half-time salary, said ACE.

The recent physics equipment purchase will improve the science curriculum in each of the middle schools, and allow Andover High School to accelerate its physics curriculum.

"We are so grateful to ACE and those individuals, organizations and businesses who support it," said Superintendent Claudia Bach in a release. "Even when impossibly tight budgets threaten important programs and services throughout the district, ACE's efforts ensure that we are able to move forward in meaningful ways — offering our students the kinds of programs they need in order to be successful in an increasingly challenging world."

Since its launch two and half years ago, ACE has helped support the development of a new Engineering Lab at Doherty Middle School (in partnership with Andover, the Doherty Parent Advisory Council and Merrimack College), the launch of the Engineering is Elementary (science program in all elementary schools, and the Expeditionary Learning Program at Wood Hill Middle School. In total, ACE has raised over \$169,000.

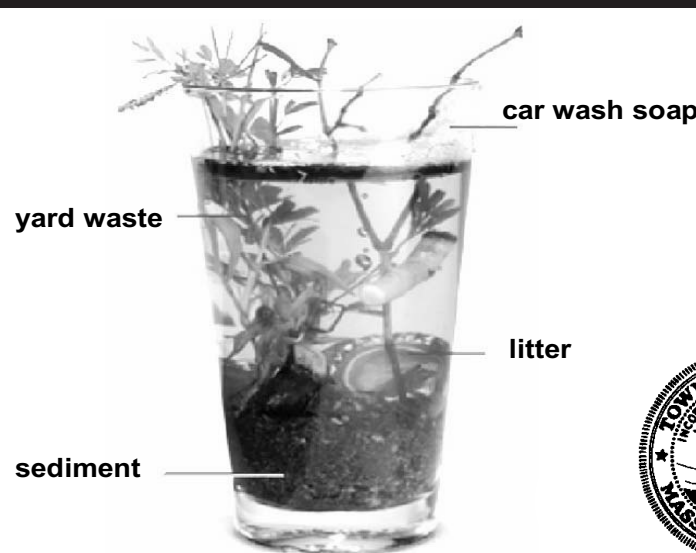
Affordable housing, one home at a time

The completion of Andover's next permanently affordable home, at 94 Cheever Circle, will be celebrated next week, March 26.

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Opinion

Preserving town and wallet

The lure of “free” money from the state has now drawn more than a third of the state’s municipalities to adopt the Community Preservation Act. On Tuesday, Andover will decide if it wants to come late to the party.

Under the CPA proposed for Andover, for every dollar raised through a surcharge of 1 percent on local property taxes, some state money will flow into town to help pay for open space acquisition, historic preservation and affordable housing.

The Legislature has set aside about \$26 million a year as a CPA matching fund, but it never promised to increase that fund as the number of CPA communities increased. Since those matching funds are dependent on registry of deeds filing fees, the amount can decrease if real estate activity decreases. That is exactly what is happening now, in the worst real estate market in 25 years. According to Mike Dissette, who chairs the Newburyport’s Community Preservation Committee, the original dollar-for-dollar match has now dropped by one third — to 65 cents on the dollar. As more communities join, the figure will drop lower.

Andover voters should keep that in mind as they go to the polls on March 25 to decide whether they want to adopt the CPA and add another 1 percent surcharge to their already high property taxes. The CPA vote is one that should get a large turnout because it will affect everyone in town directly — in the pocketbook, on the sports field, in relation to how historic buildings are maintained, in the amount of open space and affordable housing in their part of town. Supporters of the CPA make the pitch that any extra money from the state will help Andover pay for such items that town residents otherwise will pay entirely themselves.

But every resident will need to decide whether he or she has the financial wherewithal to pay for the CPA on top of regular tax increases, a possible Proposition 2½ override, and the rising cost of basics such as food, gas and health care. Times are tough for many, and the CPA allows another hand into the pocket.

The CPA might have everyone’s support, including those worried about making ends meet, if the town agreed to spend less to offset the 1 percent surcharge. If Andover simply spent slightly less overall, Andover residents would pay the same amount out of pocket, but would still get CPA matching money from the state. In other words, residents who are already squeezed financially would pay nothing additional, but the town would still have some more money for targeted projects.

Such vigilance in controlling increases would truly preserve the community — including its residents who are living on the financial fringe. Of course, that will never happen. No such suggestion has come from the town or CPA supporters. The idea is to get more for their community preservation causes.

The CPA has laudable goals, and if the community wants it, it should support it. But if the CPA is approved, it will mean a higher cost of living in Andover. And it would be up to Town Meeting voters each year — including the years when the economy is better — to ensure that CPA money is spent on necessary projects, and not on “nice to haves.”

SPRING COLORS



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Rebecca Page, 6, right, and Rachel Mitchell, 5, both of Andover, color during the Department of Community Services’ egg hunt and activity day in the Andover High School cafeteria.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reduce spending — then I’ll support override

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing in response to the growing conversations regarding the need for a Proposition 2½ override to fund the school and town side budgets for FY 2009. I attended the Budget Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters on March 6. There were two themes that were constantly revis-

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ited, the first is that there is the need for the Proposition 2½ override and the second is that the town needs to prove fiscal responsibility to preserve our AA1 bond rating. At that meeting, there was not one mention of the various warrant articles that will be up for debate and vote at Town Meeting.

A quick look at the warrant articles found the following initiatives: Article 23, \$45,000 for banner poles; Article 43, \$100,000 for lights for the Rec. Park; Article 45 \$290,000 for Lovely field improvements; Article 48, \$380,000 for storm drain reconstruction; Article 50, \$200,000 for Aerial photos and digital mapping. Combined, these warrant articles total more than \$1 million that would be paid from Free Cash or by debt exclusion. It is unconscionable to me, that in a time where we are considering cutting the entire athletics budget at Andover High School or increasing class sizes at our elementary schools to 30 students per classroom that we can even be considering these as priorities.

A second point I want to bring up: I did not hear anyone discuss the Philips Academy fund. My understanding is that fund has grown to be more than \$1 million. This is money that is available to be used by the town in any way it chooses. Rather than putting that money into a Stabilization Fund, we should be using it to narrow the gap between the available and requested budgets. If the \$1 million were added to the available cash, that would reduce the amount of any potential override.

When I see the town looking at all available funding options and attempting to reduce spending, I will fully support the override request.

Vikki Gallagher
22 Greybirch Road

Time to recognize what parents do for schools

Editor, Townsman:

I moved to Andover 11 years ago because of the high quality schools and the great reputation that Andover has always maintained. Since I moved here I have been very active in the school system, I have been a Parent Teacher Organization president for years. I see how much time and money parents invest each year in our public schools. I have come to appreciate how the involvement of parents and the financial resources provided by the town and the state work together to make our schools among the best in Massachusetts.

I would like to share with the readers of the Andover Townsman what we parents do to keep our schools great. We spend many hours planning fundraisers, auc-

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tions, raffles, finding public grants, getting private donations and volunteering in the schools. There are fees we pay out of pocket for transportation, athletics and other after-school activities, which are nontaxable fees. We must do this because the state and federal government have cut back on school funding, yet expect more from our schools with new unfunded mandates. We could not run our schools today without this extra money and time that the parents provide.

It’s time that all of the citizens of Andover realize what we do as parents to maintain the great reputation Andover’s public schools enjoy. Our children of Andover win many awards and are recognized for their superb academic and athletics. Yet, our expenditures for schools are about average among 15 other school districts in the area.

Times are tough right now. However, we can’t let the schools suffer because if we, as a town, let that happen we are only hurting everyone in the long run. We are a community and we all need to work together to keep Andover the superior town that it is recognized for being.

Denise Nash
17 Rutgers Road

We’ve come a long way — on the courts, too

Editor, Townsman:

I speak for many when I say how very proud I am of the Andover girls basketball team for their remarkable season. Winning the Division I Eastern Mass. Championship is an outstanding achievement, and this team will always be remembered as true champions in Andover.

I take your victories personally. Some of us remember the days before Title IX when there were very few girls’ athletic teams. My high school, for example, did not have a basketball team for girls. We played, but we lacked little things like a coach, uniforms and transportation. As the tallest girl in my high school, I missed that opportunity. Watching you reminds me of the progress we have made in so many arenas of women’s lives.

Hold your heads up high, girls. You have made all of Andover proud.
State Sen. Sue Tucker
Farrwood Drive

Free Cash is town’s true slush fund

Editor, Townsman:

Regarding Andover’s slush fund: The recent revelations about the Special Education Account have been truly astonishing. It seems that the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen did not know that the fiscal year 2009 tally was different from the FY08 tally. The differences would have been easily noted if they had taken the time to simply compare two numbers and ask one simple question. But, their publicly expressed shock and dismay made it seem that the School Committee was somehow trying to hide a slush fund. Such silliness.

Let it be known, however, that there is an Andover slush fund. It is called the Free Cash Account. It has been financed annually by a systematic over-budgeting of certain town departments. It has been going on for years.

The proceeds from the long-established practice of over-budgeting would go a long way towards eliminating much of the funding gap expected in FY09.

So why haven’t the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen demonstrated shock and dismay at the over-budgeting problem? It raises troubling questions for me.
John F. Zipeto
14 Canterbury St.

Little League needs boost as fields disappear

Editor, Townsman:

Upon explanation of how the Community Preservation Act works, my friends agree it is a well-conceived method of obtaining matching state dollars to improve Andover. In fact, they concede the CPA is much like matching savings plans employed in the business world. Even a national bank has promoted a matching savings-plan scheme with its “keep the change” program.

When I press the point — what’s not to like about the CPA? — my friends mostly say the same thing: with a looming battle over a Proposition 2½ override, the timing isn’t right.

So, I’d like to address the question of timing. It’s now a fact that the state will force Andover to close its Chandler Road (Deyermund) playing fields. This will hurt Andover Youth Soccer, but will truly eviscerate Andover Little League’s program. Without Deyermund Field, the Little League will lose all its lighted fields, batting cages, storage facilities and a concessions building. Over 400 Little Leaguers play games at Deyermund each year, and even more children use the batting cages. All Andover Little Leaguers who play through age 12 will play under the lights at Deyermund. Little League’s Challenger Division (for special needs children) plays each year at Deyermund.

There are no replacement fields for the Deyermund complex. Reichold is years away, and the newly acquired Blanchard Road parcel will require several hundred thousand dollars of construction costs to build fields, fences, dugout areas, storage facilities, lights and a concessions stand.

The Little League has been saving for quite some time, and can contribute substantial funds to construction costs, but remains financially unable to replicate the Deyermund complex on its own any time soon.

Quite simply, the CPA is Andover Little League’s only hope of maintaining its program in a form anywhere close to status quo. Without the CPA, Little League will lack the fields to offer youth baseball to all the children who want to play. Directors would instead be forced to make some tough decisions on methods to limit the number of children who can play baseball in town.

My three children all played Little League baseball, one with exceptional skill, one with average skill, and another in the Challenger Division. It would be painful to see future children lose this wonderful opportunity.

I urge all parents, and all others who care about youth sports, to vote for the CPA.

Peter M. Malaguti
18 Noel Road

Choose education

Editor, Townsman:

Budget. Nobody likes this word, especially this time of year in Andover. But it is a fact of life. It involves making choices and prioritizing what is most necessary and important to you and your family.

It is up to our town leadership to devise a budget that meets the needs of today and prepares for the future in a fiscally appropriate and responsible way. Unfortunately, each year the cost of everything from health care to supplies to utilities increases. Delivering education under the No Child Left Behind Act is complicated, expensive and, whether you support it or not, federally mandated. Yet to meet the town manager’s recommended budget numbers, schools Superintendent Claudia Bach would have to remove more than \$2 million from the school budget, putting our high school athletics and more than 40 elementary school teachers and assistants at risk, and increasing elementary school class sizes. This is unacceptable.

Like other improvements in our town, education is an investment we need to make. There are many things that make Andover a desirable place to live, but the quality and reputation of our school system tops the list. Regardless of whether you have children in school, education benefits each and every one of us. It is what keeps our real estate values consistently high. It is our responsibility to safeguard this investment in our town, in our children and in our future.

All of us need to make a choice and prioritize what is most necessary and important to us and our families. If the only way to avoid such deep cuts to our schools is to pass a Proposition 2½ override, then we need to know the impact of such an override on our household budgets and put it into perspective. It will affect everyone differently and we all have a choice.

Choose education at Town Meeting on April 30.
Claudine McBride
6 Starwood Crossing

WEB QUESTION

Are you ready for springtime?

Last week’s Andover Townsman Web question was, “The town will go to the polls next week for a town election and vote on the Community Preservation Act. Do you feel informed?”

With 61 people responding:
■ 85.3 percent said, “Yes, and I plan to support the CPA.”
■ 9.8 percent said, “Yes, and I plan to vote against the CPA.”
■ No one said, “I have not made up my mind on the CPA.”
■ 3.3 percent said, “No. I need to study this more.”
■ 1.6 percent said, “I don’t vote.”

This week’s Andover Townsman Web question is, “What is the surest sign of spring in Andover?”

■ Can see the grass in the Park is getting green.
■ Birds return.
■ Shawsheen River rises to its banks.
■ Budget blowups.
■ Clown Town arrives.
■ Other.

To cast your vote, visit www.andovertownsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CPA is affordable for Andover

Editor, Townsman:
Recognizing that Andover needs to set aside funds for specific projects, Town Meeting approved adoption of the Community Preservation Act in April 2007. This act must be approved at the ballot box on March 25 to provide funding for preservation, housing, recreation and open space.

There are many projects Andover must do. Why not lessen the tax burden by using whatever state matching money we can? We also have projects that we should be doing.

If the CPA were in place, we could consider using CPA funds for projects in the town's Capital Improvement Plan that most likely will be considered at 2008 Town Meeting.

These projects must be done to protect our town investment:

1. \$50,000 for masonry repairs to Town Offices, Old Town Hall and the library;
2. \$30,000 for roof repairs at Old Town Hall and the library;
3. \$285,000 for an historic fence at the Wood Memorial Park in Shawsheen Square; and
4. \$15,000 to repair Shawsheen School windows.

Other projects that should be done by the town:

1. The Veterans Memorial Auditorium needs to be rehabilitated, currently estimated at \$2 million.
2. The town has virtually no money set aside to purchase conservation land.
3. We expect to develop new playing fields, either at the Reichold property at Lowell Junction or at the newly purchased Blanchard Road farm.
4. We should be doing more to help our young people and elders to afford housing in Andover.

There are still other things that citizens have dreamed:

1. The Shawsheen Renaissance for Shawsheen Square
2. Replacing the outdated Ballardvale Fire Station. One suggestion is to redo the old fire station for a community center.

The final decision on what to fund rests with future Town Meetings but, right now, any projects must be funded completely by the town. While legitimate concerns have been raised about the burden of increasing taxes to fund the CPA, it must be remembered that neither the CPA Committee nor the selectmen will spend CPA money — future Town Meetings will decide what projects to support. Also, the first \$100,000 of assessed value for each residential property will be exempted from the CPA surcharge. The surcharge also will not apply to property owned and occupied by a person who would qualify for low-income housing or moderate-income senior housing.

With these provisions to protect the most vulnerable among us, the Community Preservation Act is affordable for Andover. The average household will pay \$58 per year.

John Hess
Chestnut Street

Town Meeting should allow absentee ballots

Editor, Townsman:
Town Meeting is an institution that is revered by a significant fraction of the Andover community, both for historical reasons and as a result of their personal experience. Unfortunately, the Town Meeting form of government inherently disenfranchises that segment of the population who typically work 10 to 12 hours per day. Realistically, after working a day of that length, most people just do not

have the energy to attend a meeting that is likely to last until 10 or 11 p.m.

In an attempt to make Town Meeting more representative of the entire Andover community, it would seem that the town of Andover should allow its citizens to cast an absentee ballot for Town Meeting. As most of the agenda for Town Meeting is published in advance, an absentee ballot could be distributed with the Town Meeting schedule or made available as an online download.

Clearly, the best form of government is the one that encourages and facilitates the participation of its citizens in their own governance.

Hayward Zwerling, M.D.
10 Coventry Lane

Great schools mean a great community

Editor, Townsman:
Great schools. As a local real estate agent, that is the answer I hear every day when I ask buyers why did you choose Andover? Most prominent question I hear: "How are the schools in Andover?" Today, I can honestly say, "Excellent." Given the current budget impasse, I am not sure what my answer may be tomorrow.

Whether someone has children in the school system or not is irrelevant. Property values depend on this good reputation and, with the current market conditions, we need to keep that intact more than ever.

Will a high school without an athletics program continue to be considered a great school? I personally don't think so. At the same time, we need to be careful with other cuts in the school system.

My son and I attended the tri-board meeting last week and I don't think there is anyone out there who attended or watched on television who doesn't think that the loss of the high school athletics program is a real possibility. There is too much at stake to simply say, and believe, "It will never happen." Have your kids talk it up at school. Get the word out to all the other students who will be affected. If there are no athletics, we won't have a need for cheerleaders or a band. And what would be next? Music, art, etc. The students need to support each other. This is their loss.

I believe that Stoneham cut athletics from their budget, which caused an exodus of students to the private sector. When athletics were reinstated, these students did not return. Athletes are often scholastic achievers, and we don't want to lose them to the private schools.

Our officials need our help. "But what can I do?" you may ask. Talk to your neighbors, especially if they don't have children in the school system. We are all affected by home values. We need their support this time, and they need to know that we will listen to, and support, their needs and concerns

as well.
Please talk it up, become involved by learning more about our schools and, most importantly, plan to attend Town Meeting.
Joan Ponti
43 Bartlett St.

Town: Inconveniences worth it on Main Street

Editor, Townsman:
As some of your readers may have noticed, the Main Street Improvement Project has begun. During the next two years, it will transform downtown Andover from a nice downtown into a destination downtown.

We believe that with the combination of vehicular and pedestrian improvements, as well as the aesthetic improvements (including new lighting, trees, landscaping, benches and crosswalks), it will create a retail and commercial environment that is viable for the long term. It will bring visitors to our town and will give them an inviting and pleasant place to walk, shop and eat.

The vitality of a downtown directly impacts the economic strength of the entire community. Downtown Andover is the backbone of this community, and it is part of the foundation with which all other growth is eventually based. If you want quality growth, you need a well constructed and visual foundation.

Yes, the project will be disruptive and cause inconveniences. Yes, trees had to be removed to realign the curbing, for safety reasons and construction purposes. However, we as residents and business owners, feel that the improvement to our downtown is essential to the economic health of Andover. Please understand this as spring approaches and continue to patronize the businesses you love and keep them in business.

Periodic updates to the Main Street Improvement Project can be found on the town's Web site, www.andoverma.gov, and the library Web site, www.mhl.org/main_street_project.htm.

Lisa Schwarz
Andover Senior Planner
Cliff Markell
Main Street Committee Chairman
Chestnut Street

THURSDAY FILE

The Thursday File is available online and contains quotations such as these:

Look, I don't want to wax philosophic, but I will say that if you're alive you've got to flap your arms and legs, you've got to jump around a lot, for life is the very opposite of death, and therefore you must at very least think noisy and colorfully, or you're not alive.
— Mel Brooks

Choosing a goal and sticking to it changes everything.
— Scott Reed

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.
Thus the little minutes,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.
— Julia A. Fletcher

To do things today exactly the way you did them yesterday saves thinking.
— Woodrow Wilson

She lacks confidence, she craves admiration insatiably. She lives on the reflections of herself in the eyes of others. She does not dare to be herself.
— Anais Nin

We all choke, and the man who says he doesn't choke is lying like hell.
— Lee Trevino

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.
— George Eliot

Everyone must row with the oars he has.
— English proverb

He who walks in the middle of the road gets hit from both sides.
— George P. Schultz

Most men fail, not through lack of education, but from lack of dogged determination, from lack of dauntless will.
— Orison Swett Marden

Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of

January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past.
— Henry Ward Beecher

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.
— Charles M. Schulz

Change the way you think and you change the world.
— Andrew Dorfman

Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.
— Auguste Rodin

For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.
— T.S. Eliot

Time has no divisions to mark its passage, there is never a thunderstorm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols.
— Thomas Mann

Instead of being more organized or controlling in your approach, allow for serendipity.
— Marcia L. Conner, author, "Learn More Now"

Take pleasure in ephemera this season, in the small poetry of passing moments of joy that the most slender elements of the popular culture can bring. And remember that someone created those moments, a writer, a singer, an actor, a musician, someone you've passed on the street who had a talent, a gift unknown to you. And when you're giving gifts, remember that gifts are given to us every day by people we don't know, would never recognize.
— John Doyle

The retail industry isn't easy, and it requires close attention to details and a love for the business. You can't spend the long hours needed for success unless you enjoy it.
— Richard Calder, Charm Diamond Centres; 65 stores with 580 employees across Canada

There was a time when I almost resented sleep. I used to drift off every night clenching a book, fighting to make it to the next

chapter. In the morning, I'd wake up to the sound of a double alarm system and force myself to put my feet on the floor before hitting the snooze button. These days, sleep is a cruel and fickle lover. He comes and goes as he pleases, leaving me constantly off-balance and exhausted with desire. I am learning to take it where I can get it, which is whenever the getting is good.
— Leah McLaren

Every new day begins with possibilities. It's up to us to fill it with things that move us toward progress and peace.
— Ronald Reagan

A successful man is he who receives a great deal from his fellow men, usually incomparably more than corresponds to his service to them. The value of a man, however, should be seen in what he gives and not what he is able to receive.
— Albert Einstein

... Putting it as modestly as I can, it wouldn't be what it is if I'd been born in England, and it wouldn't be what it is if I'd stayed in America.
— T. S. Eliot

It is not possible for any thinking person to live in such a society as our own without wanting to change it.
— George Orwell

Of all the arts, abstract painting is the most difficult. It demands that you know how to draw well, that you have a heightened sensitivity for composition and for colors, and that you be a true poet. This last is essential.
— Wassily Kandinsky, 1866-1944, abstract artist and theorist from Russia

The results show there's a world of people who cannot deny themselves that hamburger or extra piece of pizza, but probably make themselves feel better by washing it down with a diet cola.
— Steve Garton

Keep your shop and your shop will keep you.
— Benjamin Franklin

The more intensely we feel about an idea or a goal, the more assuredly the idea, buried deep in our subconscious, will direct us along the path to its fulfillment.
— Earl Nightingale, 1921-1989

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Override protest



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Former Selectman Bill Downs walks along Main Street with a sign opposing a tax override. He passed out fliers as well. Candidates also campaigned in Saturday's stormy weather.

Police seek suspected copper thief

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

An Andover man remained wanted by police Wednesday morning, suspected of taking part in stealing copper from the Ballardvale train station.

Andover police on March 6 arrested Kenneth Paquette, 32, of 157 Andover St., with two Tewksbury brothers, Erik Nickerson, 25, and Dana Nickerson, 26, both of 101 McLaren Road,

and Duran McNeill, 24, of 1009 Chandler St., Tewksbury.

All four were charged with malicious injury to railroad property, trespassing and larceny over \$250 in relation to the theft of \$2,200 worth of copper from MBTA power lines. Signal poles at the Ballardvale commuter rail stop also were damaged and missing copper wiring. Signals on the poles stop oncoming traffic when a train passes on the tracks.

The four men were later arrested near Mar-

land Street and if convicted could face up to five years in prison for larceny, a year for malicious destruction of railroad property and 30 days for trespassing.

While Erik and Dana Nickerson pleaded not guilty to the charges on March 7 in Lawrence District Court, McNeill and Paquette failed to appear. According to Collins, McNeill turned himself in to police on March 10.

A warrant is pending for Paquette's arrest, he said.

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, March 13: At 11:36 a.m., Jason Oyola, 24, of 382 Wilder St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 10:16 p.m., Robert Adams, 25, of 974 Main St., Woburn, was arrested and charged on a warrant for shoplifting.

Friday, March 14: At 8:35 a.m., William Ortiz, 30, of 106 Center St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 4:37 p.m., Mayra Gonzalez, 33, of 91 Foster St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failure to pay fines.

Saturday, March 15: At 12:44 p.m., John Shea, 43, of 157 Fieldstone Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 7:32 p.m., Shawn Nadeau, 33, of 94 Millville Circle, Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with witness intimidation.

At 9:54 p.m., Kathleen Cheney, 17, of 16 Linda Road, was arrested and charged as a

person under 21 in possession of liquor.

At 10:07 p.m., Rebecca Cowie, 18, of 49 Salem St., was arrested and charged as a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Monday, March 17: At 2:01 p.m., Tony Dias, 31, of 84 South St., Waltham, was arrested and charged with having no inspection sticker, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for operating under the influence, revoked registration, and having an uninsured motor vehicle/trailer.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 11: At 2:35 p.m., theft of license plates from a motor vehicle was reported at the Park and Ride lot on Dascomb Road.

Wednesday, March 12: At 4:37 p.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Elm Street.

Thursday, March 13: 10:17 p.m., a tan Pontiac SUV reportedly drove over a snow bank behind the Chateau Restaurant on River Road. Two occupants, who were in the front seat, climbed into the back seat and had not been seen since, according to the police log.

Sunday, March 16: At 5:48 p.m., cruiser damage was reported on River Road.

THEFTS

Sunday, March 16: At 1:52 p.m., theft of a shipment was reported on Random Lane.

BREAKS

Saturday, March 15: At 11:02 p.m., breaking and entering of a dwelling was reported on Osgood Street.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 11: At 7:10 a.m., a caller reported that while walking she passed a subject who looked like the sketch of the person involved in the attempted robbery at the Courtyard Marriott last week. The subject was on foot between Wild Rose Drive and Lovejoy Road. Officers checked the area with negative results.

At 6:46 p.m., a missing person was reported on Olde Berry Road.

At 6:55 p.m., a Buttonwood Drive resident reported vandalism.

Wednesday, March 12: At 10:56 a.m., trespassing was reported on Burt Road. At 12:31 p.m., an intoxicated male was reported in the library.

Thursday, March 13: At 8:32 a.m.,

forgery was reported on Stowe Court.

At 1:29 p.m., a missing 3-year-old girl wearing pajamas with ducks on them was reported. The girl was located within the caller's house.

At 2:50 p.m., cruiser damage was reported on North Main Street.

At 6:02 p.m., credit card fraud was reported on Seten Circle.

Friday, March 14: At 12:37 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Rattlesnake Hill Road.

At 2:57 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on High Street.

Saturday, March 15: At 10:41 a.m., a death was reported on Florence Street.

At 10:53 a.m., illegal dumping was reported in the cemetery on Juliette Street.

At 9:31 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Somerset Drive.

Sunday, March 16: At 12:08 p.m., an unattended death was reported on Caris-brooke Street.

Monday, March 17: At 2:19 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported at the Andover High School baseball field.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, March 13: At 7:26 a.m., a crash with personal injury involving a school bus with no children on board was reported on High Plain Road. A subject complaining of knee pain was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

—Compiled by Brian Messenger

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Townspeople

Andover's 'bag lady' collects



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Linda Zimmerman packs bagels from Panera Bread into large bags to bring to Neighbors in Need in Lawrence.

For those in need

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Linda Zimmerman is one cool bag lady from Andover. And we're not talking Coach or Prada.

We're talking trash bag.

If it's a Monday or Thursday night just after 9, she's clearing the racks at Panera Bread in North Andover and filling her trash bags with the unsold bagels and breads for the hungry.

"There are usually a few people left in the restaurant when I come in and they are probably wondering what the crazy lady is doing," giggled Zimmerman, a grandmother of four.

Zimmerman, who lives on Washington Avenue with her husband, Steve Longo, is the executive director of Neighbors in Need, a food-pantry agency that feeds people through eight Greater Lawrence locations such as churches. In all, some 1,400 people from 500 families, including families in Andover, get food each week through the program.

Panera is willing to help the hungry, but there are no available workers at Neighbors in Need to bag the leftovers. So Zimmerman does it.

Her hands-on working style is one sure way to get things done. She takes her trash bags to the Neighbors in Need warehouse in Andover's Dundee Park. The next morning they will be split among the eight food pantries.

Soft-spoken and friendly, Zimmerman is an Andover resident of 28 years who said what she enjoys most about living on Washington Avenue is sitting on her



Linda Zimmerman's minivan is packed with bags of bagels to bring to Neighbors in Need.

front porch and gabbing with neighbors. It was a great neighborhood to grow up in for her two children.

"I'm a city girl, so I love sitting on the porch and seeing the kids, the neighbors, and just talking," she said, noting that she lived on Summer Street for a few years before moving around the corner to Washington Avenue.

It was that feeling of neighborhood that attracted her to Neighbors in Need's top job almost four years ago. Most food distributors for the poor offer one location for distribution, not eight.

"The whole idea is for people to be able to walk to our sites in their neighborhoods," she said.

Some Neighbors in Need locations take their hospitality duties quite seriously, creating tables with spreads of fancy pastries and coffee at distribution times, because the hungry deserve to be treated like anyone else, said Zimmerman.

Zimmerman has a master's degree in business from Simmons College in Boston and is the former chief financial officer of the nonprofit International In-

CHARITY HELPERS

Local helping hands for Neighbors in Need include these local businesses and these schools:

Pike School
Andover School of Montessori
St. Robert's Pre-School
Andover High School
Phillips Academy
Shawsheen School
Temple Emanuel Pre-School
Wood Hill Middle School

SOUP'S ON!

What: Neighbors in Need celebrates 25 years

When: Saturday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 390 Main St., North Andover

Food: Featuring soup, samplings, appetizers, desserts from Dinner by Dish, Palmers, Raspberries, Savour Kitchen, Vincenzo's.

Contact: NeighborsInNeed@verizon.net

stitute of Boston. She manages a \$40,000 annual food budget from the federal government. The government pays for about 40 percent of the organization's food shopping.

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History rises from a mother's trunk

Bill Dalton



Joanne (Emmons) Smith inherited a trunk full of Andover history when her mother died in 2001. Joanne's husband, Ron, an Andover dentist, is intrigued by local history.

He spent a lot of time cataloging the trunk's contents and sent me some interesting material. One of the stories the trunk tells is about the West Bakery, which existed in Andover from approximately 1905 to 1930. The bakery was opened by Joanne's great-grandfather, John P. West.

I'd never heard of the bakery, but I should have. My grandmother, Mary E. Dalton, owned the Metropolitan, a Main Street store that competed with the West Bakery for 15 years. John P. West and his wife, Rosa, moved from Somerville to Andover about 1904. Mr. West opened the bakery at 11 Barnard St. and called it "J. P. West Pure Food Bakery." There were two delivery wagons, and business must have been good to keep them busy.

According to the 1904 Townsman Directory, the Wests and three of their children, Jesse, Florence and Ethel, lived on Florence Street. The children were probably young adults. The eldest child, Annie, lived elsewhere. The directory indicates that both father and son worked at the bakery. John P. was the baker and Jesse drove the wagons.

John P. West was born in 1852 and was in his early 50s when he opened the business. He likely was an experienced baker, and he and Rosa had done well enough to be able to purchase wagons, ovens, shelves, and other necessary equipment and inventory, in addition to their home. In March 1910, the bakery moved to Main Street. The Andover Townsman said, "The new bake shop to be conducted by J. P. West on Main Street was opened yesterday afternoon for trade. While the interior of the store is not yet arranged as it will be when completed, nevertheless, what Mr. West has accomplished in two or three days indicates that the shop will be one of the attractive ones on the street."

By 1913, the Townsman Directory listed both Fred P. and Jesse as bakers and Jesse's wife had moved into the Florence Street home. However, that year was a

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This teen takes the word 'mitzvah' to heart

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It's a bat mitzvah project that keeps going.

Sierra Zwerling, a 16-year-old Andover High School sophomore, was once a typical middle-schooler in search of a meaningful community service project to tie in with her bat mitzvah ceremony at Temple Emanuel. Her mom, Gail Zwerling, learned about an after-school program in the Arlington district of Methuen, steps from the north Lawrence border. She drove her daughter to the site and, unexpectedly, a long-term relationship blossomed.

Though the bat mitzvah was years ago, the service project has since become an important part of her life.

"I just love working with the kids, who never nag me to help them. They want me to be there and it makes me feel good," said Sierra, who spends two hours

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Sierra Zwerling

with the kids on a typical Tuesday afternoon.

Her mother picks her up after school and drives her to the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Inc. building on Tenney Street. She returns for Sierra two hours later.

"I did a similar project when I was in high school," said Gail Zwerling, who went to Newton North High School. "It's an eye-opener for any Andover kid... It's an example of good things happening on both sides of the table."

No one agrees more than Linda Soucy, Safe Haven coordinator at Methuen Arlington Neighborhood. "We have a shoestring budget. So, without volunteers like Sierra,

we could not operate," she said.

Methuen Arlington Neighborhood's program is free for the kids who go there.

"Volunteers make a difference. And it helps so much that Sierra is still in school. She helps a lot with homework. No child goes home with homework. It's our way of reducing stress on families," said Soucy.

Anywhere from 60 to 70 children attend the program each day. Soucy said 83 percent of them are from low-income families and close to 40 percent are from single-parent homes.

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Courtesy photo

Sierra Zwerling of Andover, far left, helping with homework at MAN Inc. along with Julia Shapiro, also from Andover, second from right.

DALTON: Family discovers bakery from photos in trunk

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sad one for the family: Rosa West died. Although Mr. West lived until 1940, his second wife, Agnes (Heap), whom he'd married in 1916, took over the business. On June 1, 1922, when her husband was in his early 70s, she filed a document with the town clerk's office that said, "I, Agnes H. West, wife of John P. West, will have a business on my separate account, that the nature of the business proposed to be done by me is that of Baking, General Bakery, Groceries, and Ice Cream, and that the place where such business is to be done is at No. 12 on Park Street, in the Town of Andover." The business was named the "West Bakery."

The bakery had either moved to Park Street between 1910 and 1922, or else gone out of business and then been revived in a new location. Less than a year later, on March 6, 1923, Agnes West sold the West Bakery, located at "16 Park St.," to her stepson, Jesse West, and Fred E. Blaisdell for "one dollar and other valuable consideration." This last phrase in quotes is a term of art in the legal profession and may or may not indicate a minimal sales price. Note the discrepancy in the street address. It may be a simple scrivener's error, but I don't know. (Agnes predeceased her husband, dying in 1938.) What finally happened to the bakery? It may have succumbed to the Great Depression. In any event, it was gone by the early 1930s.

After managing another retail store in downtown Andover, Jesse West became superintendent of Spring Grove Cemetery in 1938. He was still working when he died in 1951 at age 69. Among his survivors were his wife, Alma, who died the next year; his daughter, Marjorie; three of his sisters; and three grandchildren. His sister Annie



Jesse West and Fred Blaisdell in the West Family Bakery, circa 1920.

was the mother of Stanley Swanton, co-owner of the Elander and Swanton clothing store in Andover; his sister Florence was married to Dr. Albert Hulme, a long-time Andover dentist; and his sister, Ethel Abbott, moved back to Andover from Somerville following her husband's death. Jesse's daughter, Marjorie, was married to William Emmons, a likeable, well-known optometrist in town. They lived at 9 Locke St. from 1947 until 1983, where Dr. Emmons had his office for many years. The Emmons had three children (the grandchildren mentioned in Jesse's obituary). The youngest is Joanne Smith, who inherited the chest of history from her mother. She graduated from AHS in 1965, and lives with her husband, Ron, in North Andover. They have a daughter, Jessica (loosely named after Jesse West), who graduated from Phillips Academy in 2000. She lives in Tampa, Fla., and works for Children's Services. Don Emmons, AHS Class of '63, and his



Outside the West Family Bakery, circa 1920.

wife, Barbara, live in Gaithersburg, Md., and they have a daughter, Chelsie. Elaine (Emmons) Morrison lives in West Canaan, N.H., with her husband, Jim. They have a son and three grandchildren. Elaine and I were friends in high school (both Class of '61), and we went to the prom together in our junior year. Unknown

to us, we had grandparents who had owned competing bakeries just blocks from each other. We could have had fun with that. Andover's small degrees of separation continue to amaze me. Bill Dalton writes a column for the Townsman each week and invites your comments and stories. He can be reached at bill-dalton@andovertownie.com.

NEIGHBORS: Zimmerman takes unused Panera bagels to food pantry

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She also applies for grants, receives donations and is staying tech-savvy to retain proper records for the board of directors.

But Neighbors in Need's supply of food is dwindling more quickly than usual in today's economy. "There just is not as much in the system as there usually is," she said. "With the high prices today, every company is buying more carefully so there is not as much (left over)."

As a result, those eight distribution locations continue to rely heavily on the generosity of Andover residents.

"Andover is a town with people who quietly like to help and we

like to provide people who care with a way to help," Zimmerman said.

Her hometown church, South Church, has long been a generous giver. Profits from the recent production of *Godspell!* went to the effort.

Zimmerman is well-connected to her church's theater and she enjoys being the artistic director for its annual productions. She calls it a way to beat cabin fever because she spends the first months of a new year helping the church stage its benefit show.

Of course, she can't stay at rehearsals too long on Monday or Thursday nights. She's that crazy bag lady from Andover, a role she will never give up.

SIERRA: Has worked with MAN Inc. for four years

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Sierra's friend Julia Shapiro, also a 16-year-old AHS sophomore, has joined the mitzvah mission. The translation of the Hebrew "mitzvah" is "good deed" and the two take it to heart each week. They wouldn't miss hooking up in Methuen. Even with lacrosse tryouts this week, the teens worked around the tryout schedule to keep their date in Methuen.

"The (Methuen) kids are just great," said Julia, whose mom, Jean Shapiro, helps with the carpooling. "It does make you feel good because they are so happy to see you."

Located at 141 Tenney St. in Methuen, the center is a wel-

come neighborhood haven. It opened in 1999 and has grown to be a popular after-school hang-out for kids in kindergarten through grade 12 to hang out after school.

Sierra has watched the program grow over her more than three years of involvement.

The computer lab now has nine machines, the library is well-stocked with donated books and field-trip bookings, to places such as the Swan Boats in Boston, keep coming. It's a positive atmosphere for kids and she enjoys being part of it, even when she is just sitting on the floor reading to a group of kids.

"It's contagious," she said. "The kids love some attention and it's good for me, too."

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - March 6, 1908

An alarm of fire was rung in on Sunday night from box 412 but when the department arrived

they found it to be a false alarm. The chimney of the house occupied by Winslow Knowles on Pumphard Avenue was thought to be ablaze but an investigation resulted in finding no fire.

The famous globe trotter Henri Mosse passed through Andover Saturday afternoon en route to Quebec, Canada, from which he will sail for France.

Work is progressing rapidly on the house that is being built by Hardy & Cole for John McCarthy on Wolcott Avenue.

The property of the General Degreasing company was sold at a tax sale held last Saturday in Frye Village to Daniel C. Smith of Lawrence.

The school board held a meeting Tuesday night. A committee was chosen to look into the matter of manual training and report at the next meeting.

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BOOMER VENTURES PROGRAMMING

Energize with exercise: Get a great workout without going to the gym 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 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 into 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. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 for the series.

The emphasis of NOW is not just on the professional side of reinvention, but on the personal and financial side as well. The past 40-50 years have seen unprecedented social and political shifts, particularly for women; but shifts have not come without cost. Numerous emotional, intellectual and familial issues have continued to evolve around how best to approach the whole reinvention process, said Karen Payne Taylor, BoomerVenture organizer.

Speaking to those issues and kicking off the NOW program on April 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. is Alex Mezey, life clarity coach, whose specialty is working with people at midlife and beyond who are entering what she terms their "second adulthood."

"Mezey will work with participants to explore critical questions that can help boomer women in transition gain new perspective on next steps in their life. She explores with groups and individuals how they can realign their lives with their values, navigate career change and move toward or enhance their retirement," said Payne Taylor.

Mezey is trained in mediation, family systems, and administration of the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator, used to aid in understanding one's self in relation to others.

All programs take place at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whit-tier Court, and registration is required. 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.

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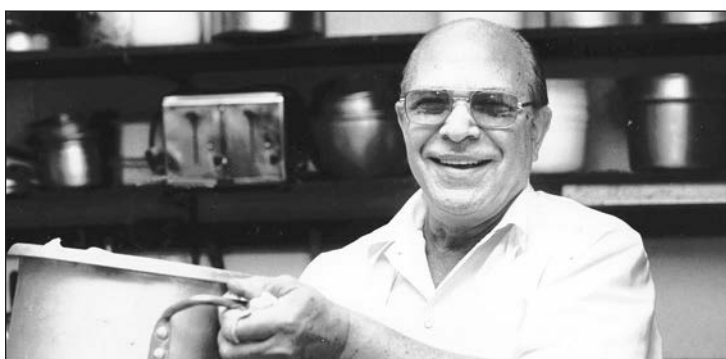
We meet every Sunday at 10:00am at the Greater Lawrence Technical School at 57 River Road in Andover.

New exhibit will recreate Ford's Coffee Shop

Perhaps Andover residents can return to Ford's Coffee Shop.

The Andover Historical Society is opening a new exhibit focusing on the history of downtown Main Street, Saturday, March 29. Scheduled to coincide with the start of construction on the Main Street renovation project, the exhibit will provide a glimpse into how Main Street has changed over the last 150 years. The exhibit is intended to be a walk down memory lane, recalling such past Andover icons as The Elm House, Dalton's Drug Store, Barcelo's Market, Hill's Hardware, and Ford's Coffee Shop.

The centerpiece of the exhibit will be a re-creation of Ford's. Closed in 1994, Ford's was a focal point of the community for 50 years. A decade later, the restaurant is still fondly and longingly remembered by many in town. Thanks to Spike and Olivia Sintros, original fixtures, menus and other artifacts from Ford's have been gathered and will be displayed for the public. Other aspects of the exhibit will include interactive games and activities, a collection of watercolors and sketches of Main Street homes and businesses circa 1850 created by



The late Tom Koravos in the kitchen of the beloved Ford's Coffee Shop in 1992.

Andover High School students, from the current Main Street development project, and a display of conceptual art

Here you are, dearie



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Yvonne Yameen hands a chocolate lollipop to Amy Bowab, 6, after an Easter egg hunt for students from Sanborn Elementary School at Wingate at Andover on Friday.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Christian Holy Week Services

St. Robert Bellarmine Church (Catholic)

198 Haggetts Pond Road
978-683-8922
Saturday, March 22:
■ 9 a.m. morning prayer, blessing of Easter foods
■ 7:30 p.m. solemn Easter vigil, church reception following vigil mass in Driscoll Hall
Sunday, March 23:
■ Masses celebrated at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

New England Bible Church

60 Chandler Road
978-475-4381
Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday services:
■ sunrise service, 6 a.m. Pastor Paul Zagrobski will lead this service at Holt Hill on the Ward Reservation in Andover.
■ Sunday school, 9 a.m. (back at the church)
■ worship service, 10 a.m.

Christ Church (Episcopal)

25 Central St.
978-475-0529
Saturday, April 22 Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday services: 8 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist with Baptism; 10 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist

Sts. Constantine and Helen Church (Greek Orthodox)

71 Chandler Road
978-470-0919
Easter Sunday services: Orthros at 9 a.m.; Liturgy at 10 a.m. (Sunday of Gregory Palamas and Godparents Sunday)

Free Christian Church (Congregational)

Elm Street
978-475-0700
Maundy Thursday Candle-light/Communion Service: 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Prayer Walk (meet at St. Augustine's Church): 8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship Services: 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.
Children's Passion Play: 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Note: Childcare available for infants through age 4 on Thursday and Sunday

St. Augustine Parish (Catholic)

43 Essex St.
Holy Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. — Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; vigil at the Altar of Repose immediately following the Mass
Good Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. — Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. — Easter Vigil
There is no daily Mass at 8 a.m. or noon during the Triduum of Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Easter Sunday, March 23 Schedule
8 a.m., St. Augustine
8:05 a.m., St. Rita's Hall (lower level of St. Augustine)
9:30 a.m., St. Augustine
9:35 a.m., St. Rita's Hall
10 a.m., St. Joseph Church (in Ballardvale)
11 a.m., St. Augustine
11:05 a.m., St. Rita's Hall
11:30 a.m., St. Joseph
12:30 p.m., St. Augustine
There is no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Temple Emanuel

Annual Purim Celebration is being held the week of March 16. On March 20, come at 5 p.m. for pizza and soda for only \$3 per person, which will be followed by a Purim Service with Megillah reading and Purim Spiel at 6 p.m. The Temple Sisterhood will offer a Kosher wine tasting with the option to order wine beginning at 5 p.m.

Williams College a Capella group "The Elizabethans" will perform at the Sabbath Eve service on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. This service is open to the public. Refreshments of wine and cheese will be served prior to the service at 6 p.m. A traditional Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin will discuss his book "Putting God on the Guest List" on March 27 at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will be on hand to purchase. Coffee and tea will be served. This program is open to the public. Please let the Temple know if you plan to attend.

The Temple will welcome Pastor Lyndon Myers to its pulpit during Sabbath Eve service for the Annual Braverman Interfaith Lecture on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the church's musical ensemble will join with the Temple's own Shabbat Unplugged ensemble for a night of unforgettable music from the Jewish and African American traditions. This service is open to the public. Refreshments of wine and cheese will be served prior to the service at 6 p.m. A traditional Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Annual Lynch Scholar-in-Residence program will begin April 6 at 10 a.m., featuring independent scholar and lecturer Arthur Rosen. This year's 4-part series is entitled "What Would Mohammed Do? An Unauthorized Biography." The series will continue at the same time on April 13, 27 and May 11. These events are open to the public. Please let the Temple know if you plan to attend.

Children may feel free to dress in costume for all Purim events. All event are open to the public and take place at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. For more information on any event or program above, call 978-470-1356 or visit www.templemanuel.net.

Congregation Beth Israel

Views and Schmooze: Cecil B. Demille's "The Ten Commandments" Congregation Beth Israel's Adult Education presents a Views and Schmooze screening of Cecil B. Demille's 1925 film, "The Ten Commandments" on Sunday, March 16

at 7 p.m. at 501 South Main St., Andover. This film, made long before the 1955 blockbuster of the same name, portrays a different point of view on the Exodus story. The event is open to the public. An optional \$3 donation includes the movie, popcorn and drinks.

Purim Carnival and Charity Auction Congregation Beth Israel is having a Purim carnival with games, prizes and food on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 501 South Main St., Andover. The event is open to the public and will include a silent auction coordinated by the United Synagogue Youth group to benefit Jewish charities.

Seders

The Women's Intergenerational Community Seder is proudly sponsored by The Women's Philanthropy of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation in association with: Temple Emanuel, Congregation Beth Israel and Havurat Shalom of Andover; Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley of Lowell; Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill; Congregation Shalom of North Chelmsford; Temple Shir Hadash of Westford; and Southern Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadasah is proud to present the eighth annual Women's Community Intergenerational Passover Seder in the Merrimack Valley. This year's Seder program will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. The Pre-Passover shopping at the Shuk (Crafters Marketplace) from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks are included. All women, sisters, mothers and

SENIOR NOTES

"Ireland Then & Now": Monday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m., \$5, pre-registration required. Speaker Elizabeth Shannon is a journalist whose writings have appeared in a variety of publications including the Irish Times & The Irish Independent. She and her late husband lived in Ireland for a number of years while he served as ambassador to Ireland under President Jimmy Carter. Shannon is the author of several books including "I Am Of Ireland" and "Up In The Park." She currently serves as the director of the International Visitors Program at Boston University.

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.

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.

"Original Irish Art": Monday, March 31 at 1:30, \$5, pre-registration required. This program will be held at Lorica Art Works. There will be limited spaces for this event and registration will take place through the senior center. Participants will be treated to a gallery talk and learn about the special exhibit "A Field Day," a collection of paintings by 24 Irish and American artists.

"Shifting Gears": Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.; pre-registration required. Andover's Triad team will sponsor this safe driving program presented by the Registry Of Motor Vehicles. Many topics will be covered including how age can affect driving ability, how to obtain a disabled plate or placard, adaptive equipment that's available and how to remain a safe driver.

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.

daughters over the age of 8 and older are invited to attend. This unique Passover Seder and program will be conducted by Rabbi Karen Landy, Spiritual leader of Temple Shir Hadash and Havurat Shalom, accompanied by Rhea Simon Skoler. The cost is \$36 per adult and \$18 per child, between ages 8-18. Participants are encouraged to register early due to space limitations. For more information or to register to attend call Michelle Soll at 978-688-0466 at the Merrimack Valley Jewish Foundation office.

11th Annual Merrimack College Community Passover Model Seder

The Center for The Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College welcomes the community to participate in the 11th Annual Passover Model Seder. The event is open and free to the public; reservations are required.

The holiday of Passover, which begins at sundown on Saturday, April 19 and ends at sundown on April 26 (or 27, depending on your affiliation), com-

memorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. It is a holiday of freedom as well as a holiday of springtime. The highlight of Passover observance is the Seder, with its many symbolic foods and its elaborate liturgy, the Haggadah. In this event, participants share the richness of history as children of Abraham and Sarah. Made possible by the generosity of Donna and Eliot Katzman and in part by a grant from the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation.

Presiding over the event is Rabbi Robert Goldstein, rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Andover, and chairman of the Executive Board of Directors for the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College.

The event is Tuesday, April 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

RSVP to the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, or e-mail aldebran.longabaugh@merrimack.edu.



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Education



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Rachel Combs, organizer of the toy drive at Shawsheen School, tells the students that this year they hope to collect enough stuffed animals to break the world record for the largest collection of stuffed animals, which is more than 2,000. Animals may be dropped off at the school until April 2.

A big — and cushy — job

Shawsheen students seek to break world record for stuffed animals

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Students at Shawsheen Elementary School have had a very big challenge laid before them — record-breaking, in fact. But they think they're up for it.

The school has set out to break the Guinness World Record for "the largest gathering of plush toys" this spring through their annual stuffed animal collection for the PALS program, an after-school tutoring partnership in Lawrence involving Phillips Academy, Andover High School and Lawrence middle schools.

The current standing record in the Guinness book is 2,304 plush toys, also known as stuffed animals, which were collected in 2006 by National Geographic Kids magazine.

The 280 students at Shawsheen say they're up to the challenge, and kicked off the collection at a schoolwide assembly on March 14. At the assembly, Michael Pearl, reading specialist at Shawsheen, asked the student body, "Can we break that world record?"

The students, sitting on the gym floor, cried back loudly in unison, "Yeah!"

Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo and School Committee member Debra



Grace Pomeroy, 5, and Henry Pomeroy, 3, hold their stuffed animals as they watch their sister perform in an assembly at Shawsheen School on Friday. The school is trying to break the world for the largest collection of stuffed animals, and will donate the toys to children in Belize.

Silberstein have volunteered as judges, and will count and record all the donated new or gently used stuffed animals when the drive ends on April 2.

The Guinness organization, based in London, requires that would-be record-

breakers send in a photo and video of their efforts, whenever they cannot send a Guinness judge to officiate.

Shawsheen, a preschool through second-grade magnet school, has been col-

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WANT TO HELP SHAWSHEEN BREAK THE RECORD?

- New or gently used plush toys/stuffed animals can be dropped at the Shawsheen School office, 18 Magnolia Ave., during school hours.
- Drive runs through April 2.
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- Donated stuffed animals will go to PALS, a tutoring program.

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ON CAMPUS

Kristina Fuerst, daughter of Thomas and Inga Fuerst of Andover, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at the University of Colorado at Boulder College of Engineering and Applied Science. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must receive a 3.6 grade point average in a full-time curriculum. Fuerst is in the freshman

honors program and majoring in chemical and biological engineering. She is a 2007 graduate of Andover High School.

Kristin Villanueva of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn. To be selected to the dean's list a student must have a 3.5 grade point average or higher. Villanueva is majoring in history with a minor in peace and social justice. She is a 2005 graduate of Central Catholic.

David Rountree Jr., son of David

and Carter Rountree of Andover, was named to the dean's list at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., for the spring 2007 semester. To receive this honor, a student must have a 3.6 grade point average or higher.

Shawn Paul Marlow of Andover graduated from the University of Southern Maine in Lewiston, Maine. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is the son of Scott and Sharon Marlow.

Jillian P. Kenney of Andover was named to the dean's list at Tufts

University School of Arts and Sciences for the fall 2007 semester. She is a 2006 honors graduate of Andover High School.

Allison Lynn Carver was named to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth chancellor's list for the fall 2007 semester. To receive this honor, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.8 or higher out of 4.0.

The following students were named to the Michael's College dean's list for the fall 2007 semester — **Mary Cate Connors**, daughter of Anthony and Kathleen Con-

nors, a journalism and mass communications major; **Kerry B. Hill**, daughter of Donna Hill, a business administration major; **Meredith A. Johnson**, daughter of Peter and Nancy Johnson, a psychology major; and **Meaghan F. McGinty**, daughter of John and Maria McGinty, an elementary education major. Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of the semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the dean's list.

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Andover High School

State praises athletic director

Brian McNally, director of athletics at Andover High School, was expected to receive the 2008 State Award of Merit by the Massachusetts Secondary School Athletic Directors Association on Wednesday, March 19, after Townsman deadline.

McNally is a 27-year educator and a 19-year veteran of athletic administration with three school systems. In addition to his athletic administration duties at Andover, he is also the coordinator of physical education. He is a certified coaching education instructor.

McNally has hosted numerous Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association tournament events and served on the MIAA committees for basketball, lacrosse, tennis, ski and volleyball. He was the MIAA District B treasurer for five years and currently serves as the Merrimack Valley Conference president.

The presentation was expected to come at the state conference for athletic administrators in Hyan-

is. In 1989, McNally received MIAA recognition for leadership in chemical health issues and in 2000 he was selected as the MSSADA District B Athletic Administrator of the Year.



Brian McNally

SCHOLARS

Elizabeth Coombs was honored for outstanding academic achievement for the first semester at Newton Country Day School. Elizabeth, a fifth-grader, received Silver Distinction for achieving a B-plus average with no grade below a B minus.

Central Catholic honor roll

Distinguished honors: Lindsay Fague, a junior, and Courtney Naughton, a freshman.

High honors: Caitlin George, Christopher George and Stephen Lannan, all sophomores.

Honors: Christopher Branca, senior; Brittany Conlin, seniors; Stephen Daniels, junior; Brian Flannery, junior; Brian George, junior; Walter Gillis, junior; Jillian Himmer, seniors; Christina Iannalfo, sophomore; Paolina Josephson, seniors; Regina LaRose, junior; John Malarney, junior; Ryan Mazur, junior; Ann-Marie O'Brien, sophomore; Victoria Quinlan, freshman; Ruth Rick-enbacker, junior; Larissa Sanz, sophomore; Christopher Sartori, senior; Kyle Sauerbrunn, junior; Samantha Shea, junior; Michael Sukiennik, senior; Shannon Sullivan, junior; Kathleen Tiney, sophomore, and Michael Zappala, senior.

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RECORD: Stuffed toys get new life

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lecting stuffed animals for PALS for 12 years. It has never tallied past donations, but last year's collection was estimated at about 1,000, said Rachel Combs, a member of Shawshen's Community Services Committee, who is organizing the drive.

"The most important thing is that the kids are sharing, more important than the record."

Rachel Combs, organizer of the toy drive

"The most important thing is that the kids are sharing, more important than the record," Combs said. As the two and a half week collection goes on, she'll be stashing the donated stuffed animals "anywhere they can fit" at the school, Combs said, and keeping overflow in her basement. She will deliver the donations to Phillips Academy, where PALS is based, once the collection is tallied.

Combs, whose second-grade son, Joshua, attends Shawshen, said she's seen kids looking through the Guinness Book of World Records in the library before.

She first thought to contact Guinness when she read about the plush toy record in her son's National Geographic Kids magazine. The magazine spent four months collecting toys from each of the 50 states and countries from all over the globe. These toys were given to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, which distributed them to Washington-area children as part of the Toys for Tots program.

After reading the magazine article, "I thought, 'I wonder if ...'" Combs said with a smile.

The PALS program, started in 1988 by Phillips Academy biology teacher Thomas Cone, pairs students from Phillips and Andover High School with seventh- and eighth-grade students in Lawrence for tutoring and enrichment activities. PALS also runs a summer program on the Phillips campus.

The stuffed animals are used in the PALS program as prizes for attendance and grade improvement, said Combs.

Also, some of the stuffed animals that Shawshen collects each year are personally distributed by Cone to preschools, libraries and foster homes in Belize. Cone travels to Belize every year.

The collection falls in line with this year's theme, "Shawshen goes green," as students will be reusing and getting a second life out of gently used stuffed animals. If Shawshen does break the record, it will be entered in the Guinness record online database, for folks all over the world to see, said Combs.

On Friday, Combs stood in front of the school during their end-of-week assembly, explaining the collection and where the stuffed animals would go.

"Don't give your favorite animal that you sleep with at night," she said to the students, some with a look of concern on their faces, "but the ones that are sitting in the back of your closet or the bottom of your toy box."

She pulled examples out of the donation bin of what would be collected. When she pulled out a bright orange clown fish, the children cried "Nemo!" recognizing the character from the Disney movie "Finding Nemo."

Good eggs



Gia Bramanti, 6, Laura Chinian, 7, and Aislinn McMahon, 7, all students at Sanborn Elementary School, perform songs for residents at Wingate at Andover on Friday, March 14.



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photos
Joe Hoar, 7, left, eyes an egg hidden in a chair as A.J. Clark, 7, holds up two he found during an Easter egg hunt at Wingate.

ON CAMPUS

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The following students were named to the University of Vermont dean's list for the fall 2007 semester — Sean Cummings, a junior community entrepreneurship major in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences; Erik Fosse, a sophomore English major in the College of Arts & Sciences; Samantha Lederfine Paskal, a junior community and international development major in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences; Carrie Pettee, a sophomore business administration major in the School of Business Administration; and Daniel Yanofsky, a first-year psychology major in the College of Arts & Sciences. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their respective college or school.

The following students were named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the fall 2007 semester — Terese Lynch Conde, a junior fashion merchandising major in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy; Daniel William Jordan, a senior English major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Kyle Scott MacKenzie, a junior criminal justice major in the College of Arts and Sciences; Geoffrey Benjamin Shulik, a senior political science major in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Gregory Stephen Simons, a sophomore computer science major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Joseph Conley, Whitney Kelly and Jessica Ragnio were named to the Stonehill College dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Patricia Anne Collins, a liberal arts and sciences major, Mary Elizabeth Nolan, an agriculture and natural resources major, and Claudia Rachelle Rosenblatt, a business major, were named to the University of Connecticut dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. To make the dean's list, students must be taking at least 12 credits, finish the semester with a grade point average that is among the top 25 percent of students enrolled in their school or college, and have no grade lower than a C.

Allison Lindsey Hyde, a freshman fashion major and daughter of Mr. Kenneth R. Hyde, was named to the Radford University dean's list for the fall semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have taken 15 or more credit hours and have a grade point



Courtesy photo
Megan Finn of Andover placed first among college students for her oral presentation in the clinical case study contest at the 23rd annual Athletic Training Student Symposium of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association in Atlanta.

average of 3.4 or above with no grade below a C.

The following students were named to the Springfield College dean's list for the fall 2007 term — Katie Anderson, a first-year student majoring in psychology; Kerry Haugh, a second-year student majoring in criminal justice; and Emily Farmer, a fourth-year student majoring in applied exercise science.

Pinkeshkumar Patel, studying in the College of Business, was named to the Johnson & Whales dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. To receive this honor, a student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above.

The following students were named to the Merrimack College dean's list for the fall 2007 semester — Emily Cummings, Andrea Faris, Jessica Lamb, Michael Malaguti, Cortney Martel, Ryan Shepard, Amanda Stumpf, Andrew Whiting and Nicole Zaffini. To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

The following students were named to the Northeastern University dean's list for the fall 2007 semester — Alexandra Avila, marketing major; Ashley Benenati, psychology major; Connie Cheng, pharmacy major; Danielle Cohen, psychology major; Michael Devine, journalism major; David M. Gehegan, international affairs major; Nele Groosman, liberal arts major; Randall J. Latona, business administration major; Stephen T. Mouzakis, economics major; Alison Z. Page, sociology major; Lucy A. Properzio, communication studies major; Raymond J. Puntoni, marketing major; Michael D. Reed, liberal arts major; Joseph Reynolds, marketing major; Laurel Ridge, sociology major; Sarah Rowlands, graphic design major; and Alison M. Shannon, physical therapy major. To achieve dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality average of 3.25 or greater and carry no single grade lower than a C during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulations from their college dean.

Megan Finn placed first among college students for her oral presentation in the clinical case study contest at the 23rd annual Athletic Training Student Symposium of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association in Atlanta Feb. 8 and 9. Finn also received the Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Award for her case study at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association conference in Valley Forge, Pa., Jan. 13. The Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association includes New England states, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Finn is a senior majoring in athletic training at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

The following students were named to the University of Massachusetts Lowell dean's list for the fall 2007 semester — Lynette Adams, Vinayta Ahuja, Farhan Ashraf, Vilma Bibeau, Amanda Bower, Paula Bustos, Michael Dowd, Gregory Familietti, Jason Feinberg, Travis Gagnon, Zebunnesa Hassan, Henry Kells, Troy Lundstrom, Cynthia Morell, Ann Marie Papadopulu, Claire Russell, Megan Sweeney and Jared Taylor. A grade point average of at least 3.25 with no grade lower than a C must be achieved for inclusion on the dean's list.

Laura Radlinski, daughter of Susan and James Radlinski of Andover, was selected to compete for the Hamilton College women's indoor track and field team for the 2007-08 season.

Radlinski is a sophomore at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., and is a graduate of Andover High School.

Elizabeth Mainiero of Andover has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. To be selected a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 of a possible 4.0. Mainiero's major is commu-

nication. She has been involved in the student activities committee, community service programs and is a member of the girls ice hockey team. She's a graduate of the Pingree School in South Hamilton and is the daughter of Jill and Rob Mainiero.

Carolyn R. Cody, a fourth-year student at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2007-08 academic year. She is the daughter of Alison and Thomas Cody of Andover. She majors in religious studies. Founded in 1843, Holy Cross is the oldest Catholic college in New England.

Emma W. Haak of Andover, a sophomore in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2007-08 academic year. Students on the dean's list have attained a grade point average of 3.70-4.0. Haak has recently been appointed to the curriculum committee. She's a 2006 graduate of Andover High School and is the daughter of Rip and Nancy Haak of Andover.

Michael Campinell, son of Anthony and Felice Campinell of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the 2007 fall semester at the University of New England in Southern Maine. Dean's list students have attained a grade-point average of 3.30 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester. Campinell is a 2006 graduate of Andover High School and is a major in environmental science. He is involved in student government and intramural sports. The University of New England is an independent university with two distinctive campuses on the coast of Southern Maine.

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Andover High Cheerleaders celebrate their victory at the Regional Championship earlier this month. From left to right, bottom to top, they are: Jess Torres, Laura Ganci, Gabbi Prawdzik, Michelle Kleger, Jackie Stackhouse, Jamie Krivelow, Anna Silva, Kristen Garcia, Shelby Pustis; Devin Walsh, Kim Hornung, Michaela McIver, Megan McDonnell, Olivia Joyce, Kelly Sullivan, Betsy McGovern; Deidra Peterson, Kianna Nicossia, Felisha Smith; Marilyn Fontaine, Alyssa Silva, Heather Jimenez, Michelle Conway and Laura Hamilton.



From left, Caroline Dwyer, Jill Conway, Rebecca Lindmark and Alanna McDonough are Andover residents and members of the Governor's Academy Hockey team.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Basketball cheerleaders to compete nationally

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, according to supporters.

At the Massachusetts competition on March 9, the Andover cheerleaders came in fourth place, competing against teams from Leominster, Shepherd Hill and Shrewsbury among other towns. The score they received earned them their national bid.

The team had earned a right to compete by performing well in earlier rounds.

The Andover High School Girls Basketball Cheerleaders first Merrimack Valley Conference competition was at Central Catholic on Sunday, Feb. 24, where Andover tied for second place and then after reviewing points, officially took third place. The team went on to compete at regionals at Triton High School on Sunday, March 2, and won first place. As regional champions, they advanced to compete at the state finals, held on Sunday, March 9, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Rebecca Lindmark scored four goals and was on the defensive line often matched up against the opponent's top scoring line. Junior Caroline Dwyer was one of only three defencemen on the team and a key member for the defense that allowed only 37 goals in 23 games. Freshman Jill Conway started all but one game in goal and had a goals against average of less than 1.7; she was named to the Independent School League all-star team.

Governor's team finished the regular season 14-6, with all the losses by only one goal each. Two of those losses came in overtime. On their march to the championship, the Lady Govs avenged two of those losses by beating Groton in the quarterfinals and Middlesex in the final, also defeating three-time defending champion Greenwich Academy in the semifinals.

The team will return all but one player next season.

Mancuso finishes final Dartmouth season

Elizabeth Mancuso of Andover recently finished her final season as a member and co-captain of the Dartmouth College Women's Swim Team. During the Ivy League Championships at Princeton University, she broke a 15-year-old Dartmouth record in the 200 individual medley (2:06.68). She was a member of the relay teams that set four Dartmouth relay records. She placed in the championship finals with a seventh-place in the 100 fly (56.60) and an eighth-place in the 200 fly (2:04.83).

Mancuso ranks in the school's "All Time Top List" in seven events, according to a release. She has been chosen as the Most Valuable Swimmer of this year's team. She will graduate in June with a degree in psychology and a minor in human development and education.

Quartet helps lead academy to hockey title

The Governor's Academy of Byfield recently earned its first-ever New England Prep School Class B Girls Hockey Championship by defeating the Middlesex School 3-2 in double overtime.

Freshman Alanna McDonough had a sensational rookie season as she scored 16 goals, including four hat tricks, and was part of an all-freshman line that scored more than 200 points and was reportedly the highest scoring line in prep school hockey this season. Junior

Andover Squirt 2 team are state champs. A team of 9 and 10-year-old Andover Hockey Association players won the Squirt 2 state championship Sunday, March 2, a "once-in-a-lifetime" win. The Andover Squirt 2 team will also be representing Massachusetts in a New England Championship March 21 - 23, playing teams from states from all over the Northeast.



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Tuesday: Chicken tenders with dips and roll, homemade turkey pie and biscuit, bagel and yogurt, red bliss potatoes, kernel corn and strawberries and cream.

Wednesday: Cheese ravioli, marinara sauce, bread stick, grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, bagels and yogurt, green beans, kiwi and juice.

Thursday: Chicken teriyaki dippers, taco pie, bagel and yogurt, steamed rice, black bean salad and fresh pineapple.

Friday: Pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni, pretzel, fruit yogurt, fresh fruit cup, veggie sticks and dip and juice.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Monday: Veggie wrap, pretzels, oven fried chicken, biscuit, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni, grilled cheese, homemade soup, mashed potato bowl with popcorn chicken, gravy and shredded cheese, garden side salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Made-to-order-deli sandwich, Goldfish, lasagna, garlic bread, grilled foot-long hot dog with toppings and baked beans, seasoned hot veggie, icy juicy and juice.

Thursday: Meatball sub, noodles with marinara sauce, garlic bread, made-to-order

deli sandwich, Caesar salad with croutons, apple crisp with topping, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Chicken tenders and dips, pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni, side of noodles, dinner roll, hot veggie and fresh melon.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: American sub, Mexican lasagna, kernel corn, pineapple tidbits, bread stick and manager's choice.

Tuesday: Cutlet sub, panini grill, roast turkey dinner with stuffing, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, peas, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken salad, roast turkey dinner, pasta bar with assorted pasta, meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, chicken Parmesan and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Turkey club triple decker, meat loaf with gravy, steamed fresh broccoli with garlic sauce, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll and Jell-O with topping.

Friday: Manager's choice, barbecue pork panini, oven-baked haddock with special crumb topping, rice pilaf, cole slaw, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat 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 information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

License — but no booze at Inn

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Liquor-free lunches and dinners continue to be served at the Andover Inn — but that should end in time for warmer weather.

A court order has forced the previous management company to transfer the \$4,500 liquor license to the new managers and the company complied last week, according to Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

Morello Hospitality Group, Andover Inn's management company, received local approval to operate at Monday's selectmen's meeting, but it needs liquor license approval from the state's Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission. Hanson said that usually takes six to eight weeks.

"I sympathize with the new management but we have to follow the law," Hanson said. "I know it's a nice place to relax and he probably has events booked, but ... it takes time."

Matthew Morello of Morello Hospitality Group took over the inn's management in February from Oates & Bredfeldt. Oates & Bredfeldt did not transfer its liquor license when Morello's company officially took over. As a result, no alcohol has been served at the inn since then.

Morello attended Monday's selectmen meeting and seemed disappointed to learn the inn will remain unable to serve alcohol for the next several weeks. He asked selectmen for a speedier state decision, but had no comment when reached after the meeting.

Currently, Phillips Academy is on its two-week spring break.

Liquor licenses are usually "surrendered or transferred" when new management takes over and the process is usually routine, Hanson said. However, that has not been the case between Phillips Academy and the former management company.

Phillips Academy is suing Oates & Bredfeldt for about \$185,000. The prestigious preparatory high school loaned money to Oates & Bredfeldt to cover rent, expenses and payroll.

The case was heard in Salem Superior Court last month and resumes Friday, March 28, according to The Eagle-Tribune.

The Eagle-Tribune has reported that money troubles at Oates & Bredfeldt date to last September, according to the lawsuit. The former management company owes the elite private school \$144,000, as it stopped paying rent and other expenses. On Feb. 1, the school lent Oates & Bredfeldt \$41,000 to cover expenses and payroll for its 33 employees.

The lawsuit also states that Oates & Bredfeldt is causing "irreparable harm to the academy."

Oates & Bredfeldt, formerly of Vermont and now based in Maine, has not returned phone calls.

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Dorothy C. Ratte, 98

EPPING, N.H. — Dorothy C. (Kirkman) Ratte, 98, of Epping, N.H. died on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, N.H.

Dorothy was born in Andover and was raised in Lawrence. She was a graduate of Lawrence High School. She worked in the former Pacific Mills, Lawrence and later worked as a secretary for Robinson Express until her retirement.

Mrs. Ratte was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Lawrence and a member of The KBX Club of the church. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and loved her soap operas.

The widow of Albert Ratte, her family members include her daughter, Geraldine "Gerry"

Welch of Epping; her sister-in-law, Valerie Kirkman of Methuen; four grandchildren, John C. Welch, Carlene Marie Wells, Shaun M. Welch and Patrick R. Welch; 11 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers and one sister.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours will be on Thursday, March 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Funeral services will be on Friday at noon at the funeral home. The burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Phylis Grant, 90,

FLORENCE — Phylis (Bonnemort) Grant, 90, of Wilder Pl., Florence passed away Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Center for Extended Care in Amherst.

She was born in Dedham, Nov. 10, 1917, the daughter of the late Charles J. and Irene M. (Cobb) Bonnemort. Phylis was a 1935 graduate of Dedham High School and attended Simmons College in Boston.

She married George A. Grant in 1942 and they moved to Andover in 1950 to raise their family. She was employed in the accounting department of the Town of Andover for over 25 years, retiring in 1988. She moved to Florence in 1990, where she was a volunteer for the Lilly Library. She also dressed dolls for the Northampton Council on Aging. An active person throughout her life, Phylis was a member of the YMCA, bowling leagues in both Hatfield and

Southampton, and earlier in life was an accomplished ballroom dancer.

Her husband passed away in 1976. She is survived by her five daughters, Karen McWhorter and her husband Jack of Bridgewater, N.J., JoEllen Marden and her husband Doug of Princeton, Lois Grant and her husband Richard Pratt of Wooster, Ohio, Isla Grant and her husband Randy Lawlace of Wynneville, Pa., and Robie Grant and her husband Peter Wingate of Hadley; her sister, Shirley Schmalz of Cincinnati; and 10 grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services and burial will be at the convenience of the family. The Pease and Gay Funeral Service has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorial gifts can be made to the Lilly Library, 19 Meadow St., Florence, MA 01062 or to the Friends of Northampton Council on Aging, Conz St., Northampton, MA 01060.

Mollie Tapper, 90

CRANSTON, R.I. — Mollie Tapper, 90, of Haverhill, died Monday, March 10, 2008 at Wingate of Haverhill. She was the beloved wife of the late Samuel Tapper.

Born in Winewski, Vt., a daughter of the late Jacob and Esther (Yankelovitz) Siegel, she lived in Cranston for 48 years before moving to Haverhill seven years ago.

Mollie was a salesperson and clerical worker for 25 years, retiring at age 62.

She was a member of the Women's Association of JHA and a former member of Temple Torat

Yisrael and its sisterhood.

Devoted mother of Michael Tapper of Warwick and Joyce Tapper-Benham of Andover. Dear sister of the late Irwin Siegel. Loving grandmother of Emily, Alissa, Mira and Aimee.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Priest Chapel in Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity. Shiva will be private. Arrangements by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

Walter E. Winn III



METHUEN — Walter Eaton "Red" Winn III of Methuen died suddenly on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

Born in Lawrence on Nov. 18, 1942. Raised in Andover on the campus of Phillips Academy. Educated in Andover schools, graduate of Andover High School. Earned bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Served in the Naval Construction Force "Sea Bees" of the U.S. Navy, and completed basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago.

Red lived in Methuen for all of his married life. He loved the city of Methuen and took great pride in his volunteerism and civic participation. He was the facilities manager for the Nevins Memorial Library and was the caretaker of the Tenney Gatehouse and the Methuen Memorial Music Hall.

He was a member of the Friends of Nevins Memorial Library, the Methuen Planning Board and the Zoning Board. Red was a precinct warden at the Donald Timony School polling location. He was a member of the Historic District Commission and volunteered his time at the Festival of Trees and Methuen's Celebration 2000. He was previously active in Methuen Youth Hockey as a past president, coach and parent.

Red was previously facilities manager at Cedars Home for the Elderly in Methuen and, before that, was superintendent of Grounds at Phillips Academy in Andover.

Red possessed a love of nature, horticulture and New England's four distinct seasons. He loved St. Bernard's and Cape Cod, especially Provincetown, where he vacationed every summer of his life, except one. He was a prolific collector of old and antique postcards with extensive collections of images of Phillips Academy, Lawrence and Methuen.

His generosity and kindness to others will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known him. He is someone who will be hard to live without.

He was predeceased by his parents, Walter Eaton Jr. and Margaret (McIntosh) Winn.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Beverly (Motherway) Winn; his son Timothy, his daughter-in-law, Karen Densmore, of Brewster; his son Patrick and Patrick's fiancée, Jennifer Mungovan, of Methuen; his son, Bryan of Hillard, Ohio; his St. Bernard, Margaret; and by the love of his life, his granddaughter, Sunny Katherine Winn, who adored her "Pa."

ARRANGEMENTS: A celebration of Red's life will take place on Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in Nevins Memorial Library of Methuen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Red's name to the Friends of Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. Friends may call on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Private burial will follow. Please send online condolences to pollardfuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries

Philip J. Anderson, 62

NORTH READING — Philip J. Anderson, 62, of North Reading, died unexpectedly, Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Boston Medical Center.

Born in Stoneham, on May 17, 1945, he was the son of the late John and Lucia (Frazee) Anderson. He was a lifelong resident of North Reading.

Phil was a graduate of North Reading High School, Class of 1963 and East Coast Aero-Tech in 1972. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from 1966 to 1969. He was a sergeant, stationed in Guam during the war, where his primary duties included working as a jet engine mechanic on various aircrafts. Phil was a jet engine FAA licensed mechanic for the General Electric Company in Lynn, for over 35 years.

He had a strong love for his entire family and was a dedicated husband and father. Phil was an

avid reader, he enjoyed working out in his yard and he was a devoted Boston sports fan.

Family members include his loving wife of 35 years, Mary M. (Burbine) Anderson; son, Eric P. Anderson of Dubai, United Arab Emirates; daughter, Jennifer M. Anderson and her companion Paul Forbes of Andover; brother, Donald Anderson of North Reading; and sister, Darlene Garrett and her husband Gardner of Rockport; also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and a grandnephew.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral service will be held at the **Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading on Thursday, March 20, at 10 a.m. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in North Reading. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in his memory to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.**

John F. Battles, 86



ANDOVER — John F. Battles died peacefully at home in Andover on Sunday, March 16, 2008 at the age of 86.

Married for 60 years to Mary Walsh Battles of Lawrence, who passed away in 2004, Battles was a World War II Army veteran and graduate of Boston University.

He served as political editor and columnist at the Worcester Telegram before joining the Massachusetts Petroleum Institute in 1960, where he served as executive

director.

He is survived by brother, Tom Battles of Kimberton, Pa.; daughters, Susan Andrews of Washington and MaryEllen McDermitt of Andover; and son, Robert Battles of New York; as well as six grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: His services will be private and are under the direction of the **John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For online condolences and other information please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01841.**

Paul A. Crane, 87



NORTH ANDOVER — Paul A. Crane, a pioneering shoe manufacturer whose factory produced the original Dunham Tyrolean work

boot in the mid-1950's, died early Friday morning, March 14, 2008 at the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover. Mr. Crane was 87-years-old.

Mr. Crane was born in Worcester, grew up in Worcester and Albany, N.Y. and graduated from Yale University and Harvard Business School. At the age of 28, he purchased Roberts Hart, a bankrupt shoe manufacturing company in Keene, N.H., and in short order restored the company to profitability. He and his factory foreman developed the first yellow/orange work boot that became an industry standard, distributed throughout the United States by Dunham Shoe Company of Brattleboro, Vt.

Mr. Crane's entrepreneurial management expertise in the soft good industry was recognized by industry leaders, and he became president of the New England

Shoe Manufacturing Association and senior vice president of the Footwear Manufacturers of America. He later became chief executive officer of Dunham, Inc and chief operating officer of G.H. Bass and Company, makers of Bass Weejuns.

Mr. Crane served in the Navy, both in the United States and overseas during World War II.

Mr. Crane married Margaret Simon in 1943. In addition to his wife of 65 years, he leaves two sons, Charles Jeffrey of Gardner, Maine and Andrew Barry of Jamaica Plain. He also leaves a sister, Suzanne Rosenthal of Albany, N.Y., two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces through three generations.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family, funeral arrangements are private and are by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral and Cremation Service, Haverhill and Bradford. A celebration of his life will be held at Edgewood Retirement Community, 575 Osgood St. in North Andover, at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 21. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Ann Deschenes, 75



SALEM, N.H. — Mary Ann Deschenes, 75, formerly of Andover, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2008 at Salem Haven in Salem, N.H. She had been a resident of Salem for the past several years.

Born Oct. 3, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Gallant and Lena (Gaudet) Gallant. She was born and raised in Andover where she also resided for most of her adult life.

She worked for many years as a packer and inspector for Sweetheart Plastics in Wilmington and later as an inspector for Octocem Systems, also in Wilmington, until

she retired.

Mrs. Deschenes was married Nov. 29, 1953 to the late Roland Clarence Deschenes who passed away May 27, 1987. Following the death of her husband Roland, Mary then shared her life with the late John (Jack) Hagerty who passed on March 27, 2003.

Mrs. Deschenes is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John (Cheryl) Fetch of Melbourne, Fla., Mrs. Ronald (Karen) Deveau of Albany, N.H., Mrs. James (Joan) Bourgeois of Andover; three sons, Ronald and his wife Laurie of Salem, N.H., Richard Oaks and his wife Lisa of North Conway, N.H., Gary and his partner Matthew of Orlando, Fla. She leaves behind 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a brother, Francis Gallant and was preceded in death by a sister, Eleanor and three brothers, Reginald, Roland and Clarence.

ARRANGEMENTS: The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 at **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. A prayer service will be held on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial services will be held privately for the immediate family. Contributions in Mary's name may be made to Adventa Hospice Services, 1E Commons Drive, Suite 33, Londonderry, NH 03053.**

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Walter R. Foley, 79



ANDOVER — Walter R. Foley, a resident of Andover for more than 40 years and longtime communicant of St. Augustine Church, died on

Monday, March 10, 2008, at the Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence. He was the beloved husband of Shirley Ann (Foley) Foley of Andover.

Born in Somerville, on Nov. 23, 1928, he was the beloved son of the late John J. and Mildred (McHugh) Foley.

Mr. Foley was raised in Dorchester and was a graduate of Boston English High School. In 1952, Mr. Foley graduated from Boston College and received his Master's Degree in Physics from Boston College in 1954. He retired from Raytheon in 1993 after 22 years of service as a defense engineer.

Mr. Foley was a Navy veteran, entering the service on July 17, 1946 and received his honorable discharge on July 19, 1948. He reentered the Navy the following day on July 20, 1948 and received his second honorable discharge on April 19, 1953. While in the service, he attained the rank of seaman and was awarded the World War

II Victory Medal.

Besides his beloved wife, Shirley, he will be sorely missed by on daughter and one son-in-law, Laura A. and her husband Andrew Socha of Westford; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert W. and his wife Melissa Foley of Sugar Hill, Ga. and Brian M. Foley of Andover; three brothers, John J. Foley of Dedham, William and his wife Marge Foley of Rockland and Ronald Foley of Canton; one sister, Mildred and her husband David Sullivan of Weymouth; and three cherished grandchildren, Natalie T. Socha, Brianna M. Foley and Brandon R. Foley. He was also the brother-in-law of Leonard and his wife Dorothy Meuse of Chelmsford, Marcia May of Hudson and the late Norman Meuse and he was also the former husband of the late Janice L. (Muese) Foley.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully were invited to attend. Calling hours were held in the **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Friday, from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Memorial donations may be made to Mass General Hospital, Orthopedic Research, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.**

George H. Grammont, 81



HAVERTHILL — George H. Grammont, 81, died Wednesday afternoon, March 12, 2008 at his home following a long illness. Mr. Grammont was the husband

of Jean A. (Reagan) Grammont.

Born in Haverhill Dec. 23, 1926, Mr. Grammont was the son of the late George H. and Dorothy B. (Colby) Grammont.

He had been employed 17 years as a jig grinder at the former AT&T before his retirement in 1988.

During the war he served in the Navy onboard the USS Westmoreland (APA 104) before his discharge in 1946 with the rate of YN73.

Mr. Grammont was a member of the Riverside Memorial Church, member and past president of the Haverhill Grange, and member of

the American Legion in Boston.

Besides his wife of 58 years, his family includes his daughters, Lynn M. McNamara and her husband M. Thomas of Bradford, Kathleen L. Young and husband Stephen of Goffstown, N.H.; sons, Michael S. Grammont and wife Edith of Nottingham, N.H., Scott L. Grammont of Haverhill; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Marylou Wedge of Andover; daughter-in-law, Kelly Grammont of Haverhill. He was the father of the late Jeffrey L. Grammont.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends were invited to attend a memorial service Wednesday 7 p.m. at Dole, Childs & Shaw Funeral Home, 148 Main St., Haverhill. Calling hours preceded the service from 6 to 7 p.m. Interment at Linwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843. Online condolence may be sent to www.dcsfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy S. Hajj, 81



ANDOVER — Dorothy S. (Duff) Hajj, 81, of Andover, died Monday, March 17, 2008 at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

She was born in Lawrence on March 31, 1926.

She was formerly employed by Tyre Rubber Co. and the Andover School Dept.

Dorothy was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover and she also attended St. Augustine School and Punchard High School.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas J. Hajj, a 51 year resident of Andover, most recently residing in Methuen; one daughter, Judith

Romano and her husband Paul of Haverhill; two sons, Thomas M. Hajj and his wife Valerie of Methuen, David J. Hajj of Andover; five grandchildren, Robert Carney and his wife Beatrice Monica Carney Thomas, Jeffrey, and Samuel Hajj; one sister, Elizabeth Silva of Andover; many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to a funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St. Andover. Calling hours were Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lebanese Awareness Assoc., P.O. Box 292, Lawrence, MA 01841.**

Janet F. Sill

NORTH ANDOVER — Janet F. Sill, of North Andover, originally from Laurel Hollow Long Island, New York, died of a brief illness.

Mrs. Sill was a retired librarian from Cold Spring Harbor High School on Long Island after 22 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bertram Sill, and Donald Brannen. She is survived by one daughter, Pamela Russell of Andover, and two sons, Richard Sill and his wife Bonnie of Pasadena, Calif., and L. Scott Sill and his wife Catherine of Richmond, Virginia. She was also the proud grandparent of Chris D., Eliza, Caroline, Michael, Laura, Chris S., Tim, Julia, and Kevin.

ARRANGEMENTS: Mrs. Sill has donated her remains to the Harvard anatomical gift program. A memorial Mass will be held Friday, March 14, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in North Andover at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Harvard anatomical gift program.

Dr. Bing Sung, 61

ANDOVER — Dr. Bing Sung, 61, of Andover, died at his home in Andover this past week.

Bing was born in Shanghai, China on Oct. 15, 1946 to I.C. Sung and Yi-Ying Yang.

He is an alumnus of Phillips Academy, Class of 1963, Harvard University, Class of 1966 and Harvard PhD, Class of 1970.

He is remembered as a beloved father, an avid scholar, a dedicated teacher, a passionate wrestling coach, and a vocal fan. He was known by many names, including Dad (aka Mr. Sung), KDS (Kindly Doctor Sung), Coach, Mother Hen 3, and the 5th Top, but he was universally recognized as brilliant, humble, enthusiastic, generous,

and extremely laid-back.

He is survived by his family, Robin, Zachary, Nicholas, and Max.

ARRANGEMENTS: There was a memorial reception to honor him at Dylan's Restaurant, 18 Park St., Andover from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18. A private burial will take place at Linwood Cemetery in Haverhill. We ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to **Andover Youth Services - Youth Wrestling, 36 Bartlet St., 3rd Floor, Town Offices, Andover, MA 01810. (978) 623-8241. Funeral arrangements are being made by Conte Family Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. To leave online condolences please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.**

Fred Hassey, 93



ROCHESTER, N.H. — Fred Hassey, 93, of Secretariat Way, died on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the Holmes Regional Medical Center in Mel-

bourne, Fla.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1914, in Lawrence, the son of Peter and Sadie Hassey. He worked for Bolta, now known as Standex, for 50 years.

Fred was an avid Red Sox fan. He was a member of the Andover Country Club for 50 years, a member of the Rochester Country Club for three years. He wintered in Cocoa Beach, Fla. He loved to play cards, billiards and loved a good party.

He is survived by his companion of 20 years, his "honey bee," Cecile Belvere, his daughter Phyllis LaPointe and her husband, Richard

of Barrington; his four grandchildren, Debbie Garbisio, David and Brian Mailhot, Mark Lewis; and his five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Sally (Hajjar) Hassey in 1988, his daughter Judy Lewis, his brothers, Emil and Charlie Hassey, and his sister, Alice Deeb.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Susan G. Komen (Breast Cancer) for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 250, Dallas, TX 75244; or to American Cancer Society, Northern New England Region, 2 Commerce Drive, Suite 110, Bedford, NH 0310. Visitations for friends and family were Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Purdy Memorial Chapel, 2 Concord Road, Route 4, Lee, N.H. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008 at Purdy Memorial Chapel with Deacon Robert Gagnon, officiating. To sign our online guestbook, please go to www.purdyfuneralservice.com.

Thomas R. Lenotte, 59



METHUEN — Thomas Robert Lenotte, 59, of Methuen, died Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Caritas St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Boston.

Thomas was born in Methuen and worked at Raytheon in Andover for 38 years.

Predeceased by his father, George Lenotte, he is survived by his mother, Arleen (Dhoogy) Lenotte of Vero Beach, Fla.; son, T.J. Lenotte of Lawrence; brother, George Lenotte and his wife

Lorene of Lawrence; niece, Tammy Mandeville and her husband Peter of Methuen; nephew, George Michael Lenotte of Lawrence; an aunt, Ruth Cote of Vero Beach, Fla.; two cousins and his girlfriend Cindy O'Sullivan of Haverhill.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial visitation period will be on Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the home of Cindy O'Sullivan, 131 Grove St., Haverhill, MA 01832. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Conte Family Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. To leave online condolences please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.

Edwin C. McCabe, 98



ANDOVER — Edwin C. "Ed" McCabe, 98, of Andover, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at his residence.

Ed was born in North Andover to the late Clarence and Lida (Havener) McCabe. He was educated in North Andover where he graduated with his class from Johnson High School and later attended Suffolk University.

Ed was a traffic manager for over 30 years at J.P. Stevens, and served his country with the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the 1st Baptist Church in Methuen and enjoyed gardening, deep sea fishing and hunting. Mr. McCabe was a Mason, having been a member of the John Hancock Lodge in Methuen.

Ed was the beloved husband to the late Dorothy E. (Lohnes) McCabe for over 30 years, and is survived by his grandniece Judy Fitzpatrick and her husband Walter of Florida, and their children, Christine, Rebecca, Kathleen, Caroline and Jack. He is also survived by his adopted family and close

friends, The Robinson's, Jackie Starks, Joanne Sullivan and Jake Zahn, as well as his two caregivers who went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure his well-being, Debra Blouin and Michelle Canach.

Ed was predeceased by his first wife Gertrude (Lohnes) McCabe, and his siblings, Almon, Ella and Bernice. Mr. McCabe's family would like to thank the staff of both the Home Health V.N.A. and The Merrimack Valley Hospice for all their care and support they gave to Ed.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were cordially invited to attend his funeral service on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conte Family Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. Interment followed in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Visitation was held prior to his service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. For those who wish, Ed may be remembered through donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Massachusetts/Rhode Island Chapter, 220 North Main St., Suite 104, Natick, MA 01760; or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 20 Walnut St., Suite 318, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guestbook, please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.

Cornelius F. McCarthy, 90



KINGSTON — Cornelius F. McCarthy, 90, formerly of Andover and Exeter, N.H., died peacefully on Friday, March 14, 2008.

Born in Lawrence, the son of Hannah Dennehy McCarthy and Timothy McCarthy, Mr. McCarthy was a 1936 graduate of Lawrence High School and attended the University of Oklahoma.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Patricia McCarthy of Kingston; his daughter, Beverly Reed of South Dartmouth; his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Bill Waight of Westminster; his grandchildren, Hannah and Bredan Waight; his great-grandchildren, Matthew and Riley Fortin of Acushnet; his sister, Marguerite Casey of Lawrence; and his brother, Thomas McCarthy of Methuen.

Mr. McCarthy was predeceased by his son, Neil; his granddaughter, Rebecca Fortin and his son-in-law, Phil Reed. He also leaves behind his many nieces and nephews.

Mr. McCarthy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1939, attended Officers' Candidate School, and after a successful 20-year career, he retired in 1959 at the rank of Major.

He served in both World War II and the Korean War, commanded company sized units, and held several administrative positions. In 1960 he began an equally successful civilian career at the HAWK Missile Systems Division of Raytheon as a technical writing supervisor, retiring in 1980 as senior publications engineer.

Cornelius was an avid reader, a writer, and a skilled woodworker. He was a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. At the time of his death, he was a member of St. Michael's Church in Exeter, a past member of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, N.H., and a longtime parishioner of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Above all, he was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 10 a.m. in Saint Mary's of the Assumption Church in Lawrence. Burial followed at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Visitations for family and friends were Tuesday, March 18, 2008 from 5 to 8 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 donations are to be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 220 Pawtucket St., Lowell, MA 01854.

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Business

Expanded operation

Surgery center renovation is nearly complete

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Intended to be less threatening than a hospital setting, the physician-owned Andover Surgery Center on Haverhill Street aims to provide patients with a more convenient alternative for day-surgery procedures.

Located within Doctors Park, the center's patient-friendly atmosphere has been enhanced by a nearly \$1 million renovation, which added more than 3,000 square feet to the facility, said Executive Director Nancy Aucoin.

"It's revamped," said Aucoin. "It is providing more privacy for patients. Our recovery area was very tight. Now patients can recover from their surgery in a private setting where their family members can join them prior to discharge."

Though finishing touches are still in the works, the Andover Surgery Center now has an additional 1,400 square feet of physician office space, new private dressing rooms and an expanded surgery-recovery area.

Whereas the center's four recovery beds would regularly fill up before the renovation, nine private beds are now available, Aucoin said. A private pediatric recovery area was also included in the expansion, which began in September.

Founded in 1985 as the state's first free-standing surgery center, since 2003 the Andover Surgery Center has been owned and operated by 18 area physicians and managed by United Medical System, she said.

Aucoin said the center was previously associated with Lawrence General Hospital.

"All the physicians that utilize the center are from the Merrimack Valley," said Aucoin. "It's more convenient for their patients."

Surgeries performed at the center range from cosmetic eye surgeries to carpal tunnel surgeries and arthroscopic sports injury-related procedures, Aucoin said.

"It's for any type of minor day surgeries," said Aucoin. "Most patients come in and are out, the doctor finished, within two or three hours maximum."

With a staff of 20 employees, the surgery center has two fully equipped operating rooms and a procedure room suitable for any operations not requiring general anesthesia.

"For children it's less threatening than a hospital setting," said Aucoin. "We're trying to make the public aware that there are some op-



Above: The staff of the Andover Surgery Center. Below: Inside the Andover Surgery Center's new pediatric recovery room.

Courtesy photos

"For children it's less threatening than a hospital setting. We're trying to make the public aware that there are some options."

Executive Director Nancy Aucoin

tions."

The center closed for the renovation on Dec. 14 and reopened on Jan. 21 after a full state inspection. An open house for the medical community was scheduled for March 18.

With the renovation now nearing its completion, the goal is for the center to increase its annual number of patients from 2,500 to 4,000, Aucoin said.

"It's one-on-one personal service, from start to finish," said Aucoin. "It's patient-friendly, easy parking, I think overall just a less threatening environment."



BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Coldwell Banker honors local award winners

Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England, presented 14 sales agents in the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage International awards at the 2008 Awards Celebration. More than 1,500 sales associates, managers and staff attended the annual event.

Gretchen Papineau ranked in the top 50 Coldwell Banker Agents in New England for 2007. Additionally, Papineau received the International President's Elite Award placing her in the top 3 percent of Coldwell Banker sales associates internationally.

Carla Burns and Sue Shepard accepted President's Circle Awards for ranking in the top 7 percent of all Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide. Receiving International Diamond Society Awards were Barbara Grasso, Sandra Pinkham and Donna Shay. International Sterling Soci-

ety Award recipients were Jeanette Belben, Nuala Boness, MaryBeth Cosgrove, Valerie Duffield, Maureen Keller, Gail Luchini, Kathy Tarro and Elen Yurko. These awards recognize those sales associates for their listing and selling excellence in 2007.

"To obtain any of these awards is a true testament to the dedication and commitment these agents make to customer and client service," said Loughlin in a release, "and I am proud to call these exceptional agents members of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage team."

Calling former Raytheon workers

Raytheon Andover Alumni Association, a nonprofit association of employees with any service at Andover who wish to stay in touch with each other through a variety of social functions, welcomes new members to join for \$6 a year. Send dues to Barbara Cote, 4 Riverbank Circle, Bradford, MA 01835. For more information, call 978-685-5581.

Andover restaurants contribute to fundraiser

Four Andover restaurants donated their time and tasty creations to help make the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club's Annual February Feast fundraiser a huge success. Dylan's Bar and Grill, the Indian Ridge Country Club, Mootone Japanese Restaurant, and Palmers Restaurant and Tavern joined other restaurants from the Greater Lawrence area in treating guests to some of their finest cuisine, according to the Kiwanis Club.

The evening included both a silent and a live auction.

The February Feast, held annually at the Lawrence Elks Lodge is one of the Kiwanis Club's major events to raise money. Approximately \$19,000 was raised and it will go directly to support youth programs and initiatives in the Greater Lawrence Area, reported the club.

St. Augustine School fundraiser a success

With local celebrity NECN me-

teorologist Matt Noyes serving as master of ceremonies, the St. Augustine School Spring Extravaganza at Casa di Fior was a huge success. The fundraising evening included a live auction and fashion show, generating thousands of dollars that will enable the school guild to support ongoing technology and school improvements.

Clothing for the fashion show came from local vendors Coco, Dresscode, Gigis, and Night and Day, all very chic downtown Andover shops. Several young teachers and school administration were even persuaded to get dolled up and hit the runway for a good cause. Hair and makeup stylists were school parents who work for Daeva salon in North Andover and the Beauty Cafe in Burlington.

Wyeth Pharmaceutical awards legislators

The Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization

committed to supporting science and biotechnology education in Massachusetts through school programs, recognized legislators for their support of the foundation's BioTeach program, which awards grants to advance biotechnology education in the Commonwealth's high school classrooms.

The event occurred Monday, Feb. 25 at the Statehouse.

Local recognized for years of service

Patricia Deyton, an Andover resident, was recently recognized for her leadership and long-term participation as a member of The Boston Club's NonProfit Board Resource Committee at an event celebrating the committee's work over a 17-year period. Deyton is assistant professor and interim faculty director for the Center for Gender in Organizations at Simmons School of Management in Boston.

The Boston Club's NonProfit Board Resource Program identi-

fies and recommends qualified women for openings on nonprofit boards, and its database of board candidates includes non-members as well as members. Deyton has volunteered her time to act as a search manager, recruiting qualified women leaders to serve on various nonprofit boards throughout the region. To date, the Club has placed more than 100 women on nonprofit boards, and worked with many grassroots organizations to build effective, productive boards.

The Boston Club is New England's leading organization for the advancement and recognition of corporate and professional women. Club members sit on the boards of 225 nonprofit and public organizations. Created in 1976 as a venue for women leaders to meet and exchange ideas, today The Boston Club's influence extends nationally. Among its key initiatives, The Boston Club recruits women for placement on corporate boards, government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

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Sports

What a ride



Andover's Meghan Thomann, right, attempts to wrestle the ball away from Northampton's Jenny Belle during the Division 1 final on Saturday.

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Andover's Lauren Hughes, center, elevates over a pair of Northampton defenders for a shot. Hughes finished with two points in the Andover loss.

Renfro caps stellar career with a bang

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — While positives may have been hard to find for Andover after its state title game loss to Northampton on Saturday, there was one player who shined.

"Laura (Renfro) may have had the best game of her career," Andover head coach Jim Tildsley said.

On the state's biggest stage, the senior guard knocked down six 3-pointers, tying her career high, on her way to a team-high 20 points. She had previously hit six against Cambridge her sophomore year.

"We just couldn't find her sometimes," said Alanah Driscoll-Sbar, the Northampton junior star. "And when we missed her, she made us pay."

Those around the Andover basketball team were far from surprised by Renfro's performance. She long ago began to make her mark on the basketball program.

"I knew about her before her freshman year from AAU basketball," Tildsley said. "I was going to swing her between varsity and JV. Then the last scrimmage she did very well, and from there she saw good minutes and contributed."

Renfro made the varsity basketball team as a freshman, and never looked back. She played in 95 of a possible 96 varsity games in those four years, and started all 74 games over her final three seasons.

"Every year she just got better," Tildsley said. "She works so hard."

During that time, she became best known for her shooting touch. This season, she knocked down a career-high 65 3-pointers on her way to averaging 11.1 points per game.

"I love to shoot," she said after hitting three crucial 3-pointers in the Division 1 North finals against Central Catholic. "I'm not going to force my shot. But if it is there I'm going to take it."

"When I was younger, Meghan (Thomann) and I worked on our shots a lot. Since then it's been pretty natural. But then you get off, so you have to work on it again."

Last year, she led the Eagle-Tribune coverage area with 54 3-pointers. Before that she had 39 as a sophomore and 26 as a freshman.

"I know for a fact that she's out there in the backyard in the winter," Tildsley said. "It's 20 degrees

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Disappointing ending can't ruin fantastic title run

On Basketball

David Willis



Now five days removed from the Division 1 State Final, few could blame the Andover girls basketball team if there is still lingering disappointment.

After all, what got them to the finals was ultimately what failed them. The Golden Warriors, known for their long-range marksmanship, suffered a cold night from the floor in their 50-37 loss to Northampton at the DCU Center on Saturday night.

"All season long we were hitting our shots and making the big 3-pointers," said Andover guard Lau-

ra Renfro. "But that wasn't happening. We missed too many shots."

But, of the 367 schools that are members of the MIAA, only six girls basketball teams suited up for games on March 15, and the Golden Warriors were one of those teams. Not too bad.

From beating Lowell to kissing the Celtics logo at the Boston Garden, this was more than a memorable season for the Andover Golden Warriors.

No doubt

The doubters were out there. "Not a lot of people predicted us to do much," Renfro said. "We didn't have any height. But we knew individually we could get this far."

With seniors Renfro, Meghan Thomann, Camille Fantini and Lauren Hughes in the starting lineup and classmates Ilana Cohen and Kelly Driscoll coming off the bench, the Golden Warriors knew what they could do. After all, they had

all been playing together since the third grade.

"I have thought we could do this the last four years," Thomann said. "We kept getting stuck. But this year we knew we had a very good chance."

The rest, as they say, is history.

WHA-t they were talking about

It didn't matter if they were playing in Lawrence, Lowell, Boston or Worcester. The Golden Warriors' pregame ritual could have been heard in the Andover town square.

In a circle, with arms locked, Andover's "WHA" chants echoed through the buildings and motivated the players to success. It meant so much to the players, nearly every one listed it as their No. 1 memory of the season.

The comeback

Senior nights are always special,

but Andover's ceremony was worthy of an inspirational sports movie.

Senior Amanda Fantini, who had missed the whole season after suffering an ACL injury during the Hoops for Hope summer league season, made her emotional return to the team against Pentucket, logging a minute of play.

Her comeback wasn't done there. She again took the court in Andover's tourney opener against Medford and recorded a block and scored three points, with her field goal coming on an assist from twin sister Camille. She also assisted on a Camille basket.

No deja vu

In three regular-season meetings, Andover had beaten league rival Lowell twice. But few could have been excited to see the Red Raiders as the opponent in the Division 1 North semifinals.

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THE TILDSLEY TENURE

Here is how Andover has done since coach Jim Tildsley took the reins before the 1995-96 season:

Year	Record	Tournament Finish	Comment
2007-08	23-4	D1 State finals	Downed New Bedford by 27 in state semifinals
2006-07	18-5	D1 North semifinals	Eliminated by Lowell for second straight year
2005-06	21-1	D1 North semifinals	Sophomore Meghan Thomann (71 3-pointers) emerges
2004-05	18-5	D1 North semifinals	Defensive ace Maggie Cosgrove terrorizes opposing offenses
2003-04	20-6	D1 State finals	Ashley McLaughlin (14.2 ppg) named Eagle-Tribune Player of the Year
2002-03	24-1	won D1 state title	Samantha Hughes wins title on three-point play with a second left
2001-02	21-2	D1 North finals	Jenny Muller (17.1 ppg) wins second straight MVC Player of the Year
2000-01	21-3	D1 North finals	Muller, Lisa Tisbert and Megan Pinksten all Eagle-Tribune All-Stars
1999-2000	19-3	D1 North semifinals	No. 3-seed shocked in tourney by No. 7 Methuen
1998-99	15-7	D1 North quarterfinals	Janice Coppolino averages double-double (10.3 points, 10 rebounds)
1997-98	23-2	D1 state finals	First state finals appearance in program history
1996-97	24-1	D1 state semifinals	First North title in program history
1995-96	16-4	D1 North quarterfinals	Tildsley takes over for long-time coach Bill McCarthy

13 seasons, four state finals appearances, one state championship

TEAM FOR THE AGES

Andover wasn't about stars this year. Here is a look at the players who contributed, with a comment from coach Tildsley:

Name	Year	Position	Average	Tildsley comment
Meghan Thomann	Sr.	guard	12.0	"She's a 1,000-point scorer and a three-time All-Conference player."
Laura Renfro	Sr.	guard	11.4	"She has very long arms and the focus that makes her an excellent shot-blocker."
Camille Fantini	Sr.	forward	6.8	"She's the team comedian. She always makes us laugh, and is our top rebounder."
Lauren Hughes	Sr.	center	8.9	"She is so clutch. She gives up a lot of size, but never backs down."
Amanda Fantini	Sr.	forward	1.0	"After the torn ACL, it was so great to see her come back and play on senior day."
Kit Heinrich	Sr.	forward	1.0	"She's a great practice player and is always encouraging the girls."
Ilana Cohen	Sr.	guard	5.0	"She's 5-foot-7 and plays all five positions for us. She's an excellent free throw shooter."
Kelly Driscoll	Sr.	guard	0.9	"Kelly's our team spokesman. She's a leader on the bench and is a spark on the court."
Jordy Shoemaker	Sr.	forward	1.5	"Before she was injured she was a great defender and rebounder."
Jessie Miller	Jr.	center	0.5	"Good defender and rebounder and should see some good minutes next year."
Shannon Cooney	Jr.	center	1.0	"She's a force on the JV team and has provided us rebounding help."
Abby Cook	Jr.	guard	0.0	"Even after shoulder surgery, she has attended every practice and helped the team."
Michelle Calabro	Jr.	guard	0.3	"A leader on the JV team, she has developed into a great defensive player."
Alex Alois	Soph.	forward	2.9	"After an injury she's finally healthy and has a lot of potential."
Natalie Gomez-Martinez	Frosh.	guard	8.8	"She has as much potential as anyone I have ever coached."

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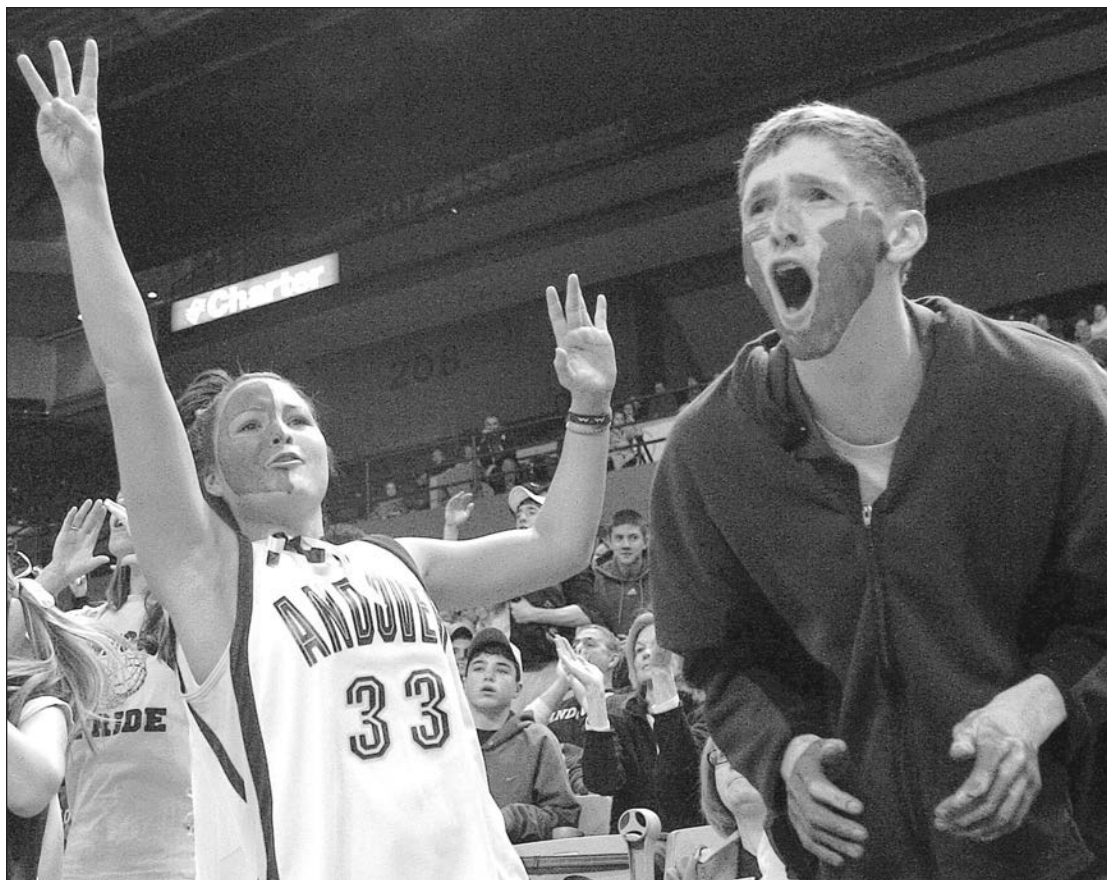
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Andover fans Nini Yu, left, and Joshua Bruno cheer on their team on Saturday.

RENFRO: Headed to Williams College

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out and her dad shovels off the driveway and she shoots.”

This season, Renfro added the title of Andover's shutdown defender. The guard faced the challenge of defending the opponent's best player nearly every game, and was more than up to the task.

“I see defense as all about hard work,” said Renfro, who at 5-foot-7 led the Warriors in blocks. “I learned about playing off screen and other things from my coaches, but I think it's more of a natural thing on the court.”

Her biggest accomplishment was her work on Lowell guard Ashley Rivera. In three regular season meetings this season, Renfro held the two-time Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year to 10, 5 and 8 points respectively. She followed that up by holding her to 10 once again in the Division 1 North semifinals.

In the state finals, Tildsley put her on Driscoll-Sbar in the fourth quarter. After scoring 17

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Laura Renfro

points through three quarters, Renfro held her without a basket in the fourth, limiting her to just four free throws.

This all despite her unorthodox defensive positioning, standing upright instead of with her knees bent.

“I tried to change her for a few years,” Tildsley said. “You teach defenders to get down low, and Laura is a stand-up player. But as I watched her I said, ‘The heck with it.’ She has long arms so she can block shots, she moves very well and she is very smart.”

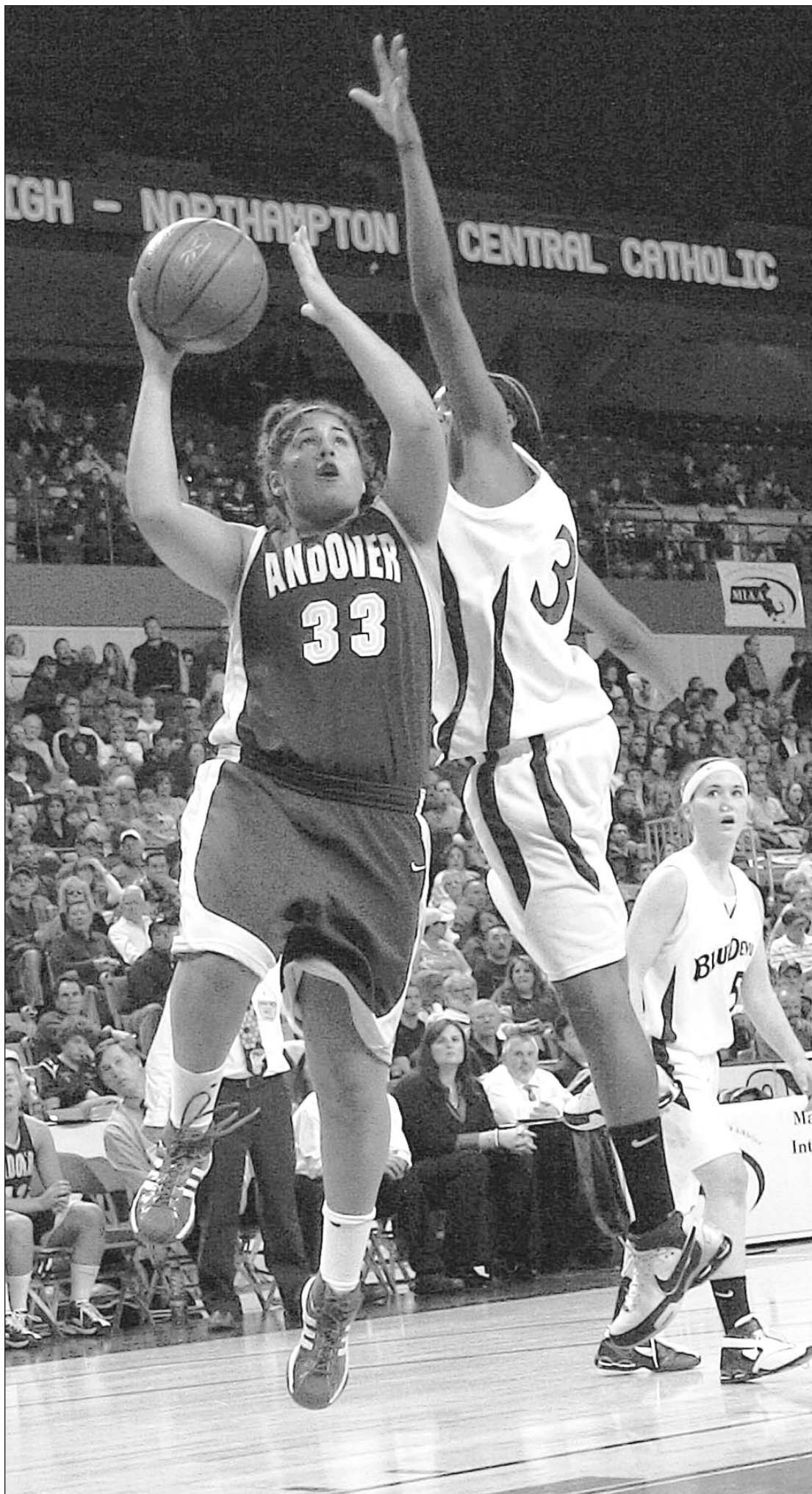
Renfro's smarts are not limited to the basketball court. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and scored quite highly on her SATs.

In January, Renfro was accepted to Williams College, which is ranked the No. 1 liberal arts college in the United States. She will also play basketball there.

“My main focus was academics,” she said. “I always liked small schools. Plus, I really liked their basketball coach. She told me they were very big on shooting 3-pointers.”

Her teammates are confident in her success.

“I've been playing basketball with her since the third grade,” Thomann said. “She has always been my shooting partner and is so poised and always hits the big shots. She is very dedicated and always one of the hardest-working players out there.”



Andover's Camille Fantini (33) drives to the basket for a layup. The senior forward finished the game with eight points.

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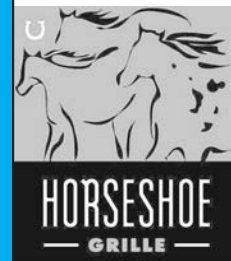
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Sat	04/19/2008	Away	Haverhill Invitational	9:30AM
Wed	04/30/2008	Away	Lowell High School	3:30PM
Fri	05/02/2008	Away	Freshmen/Sophomore Meet at Lowell	3:30PM
Wed	05/07/2008	Home	Lawrence High School	3:30PM
Sat	05/10/2008	Home	Andover Boosters Meet	9:30AM
Wed	05/14/2008	Home	Central Catholic HS	3:30PM
Sat	05/17/2008	Home	MSTCA Relays at Andover	9:30AM
Thu	05/22/2008	Away	Non-Qualifiers Meet at Methuen	3:30PM
Sat	05/24/2008	Home	MVC Championships at Andover	TBA
Fri	05/30/2008	Away	MIAA Division I Meet	TBA
Sat	06/07/2008	Away	MIAA All-State Meet	TBA
Sat	06/14/2008	Away	New England Championships	TBA

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Wed	04/02/2008	Home	Dracut High School	6:00PM
Sat	04/05/2008	Home	Durfee High School	2:30PM
Mon	04/07/2008	Home	Billerica Memorial High School	6:00PM
Wed	04/09/2008	Away	Methuen High School	5:30PM
Fri	04/11/2008	Home	Central Catholic HS	6:00PM
Mon	04/14/2008	Home	St. John's Prep School	6:00PM
Wed	04/16/2008	Away	Lawrence High School	7:00PM
Fri	04/18/2008	Home	Chelmsford High School	6:00PM
Tue	04/22/2008	Away	Durfee High School	12:30PM
Wed	04/23/2008	Away	Lowell High School	5:30PM
Fri	04/25/2008	Away	Haverhill High School	11:30AM
Mon	04/28/2008	Away	Dracut High School	5:30PM
Fri	05/02/2008	Away	Billerica Memorial High School	5:30PM
Mon	05/05/2008	Home	Methuen High School	6:00PM
Wed	05/07/2008	Away	Central Catholic HS	7:00PM
Fri	05/09/2008	Away	St. John's Prep School	7:00PM
Mon	05/12/2008	Home	Lawrence High School	6:00PM
Wed	05/14/2008	Away	Chelmsford High School	7:00PM

Tennis

Wed	04/09/2008	Away	Haverhill High School	3:30PM
Fri	04/11/2008	Away	Billerica Memorial High School	3:30PM
Mon	04/14/2008	Home	Chelmsford High School	3:30PM
Wed	04/16/2008	Away	Lawrence High School	4:00PM
Mon	04/28/2008	Home	Methuen High School	3:30PM
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Mon	05/05/2008	Home	Haverhill High School	3:30PM
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Mon	05/12/2008	Home	Lawrence High School	4:00PM
Tue	05/13/2008	Away	*Scrimmage - Phillips Academy	*3:30PM
Wed	05/14/2008	Away	Methuen High School	3:30PM
Thu	05/15/2008	Away	*Scrimmage - Phillips Academy	*3:30PM
Mon	05/19/2008	Home	Lowell High School	3:30PM
Wed	05/21/2008	Home	Central Catholic HS	3:30PM
Thu	05/22/2008	Home	St. John's Prep School	3:30PM

Lacrosse

Thu	03/27/2008	Home	Newton South High School	5:00PM
Tue	04/01/2008	Home	Dracut High School	6:00PM
Fri	04/04/2008	Away	Chelmsford High School	4:00PM
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Wed	04/09/2008	Away	Haverhill High School	4:00PM
Sat	04/12/2008	Away	Beverly High School	4:00PM
Tue	04/15/2008	Away	Central Catholic HS	4:00PM
Fri	04/18/2008	Home	Billerica Memorial High School	7:30PM
Mon	04/21/2008	Home	North Andover High School	7:00PM
Thu	04/24/2008	Home	Lexington High School	1:00PM
Tue	04/29/2008	Home	Xaverian Brothers High School	7:30PM
Fri	05/02/2008	Home	Chelmsford High School	6:00PM
Mon	05/05/2008	Away	Masconomet Regional High School	4:00PM
Wed	05/07/2008	Away	Tewksbury Memorial	4:00PM
Tue	05/13/2008	Away	Lowell High School	4:00PM
Thu	05/15/2008	Away	Billerica Memorial High School	4:00PM
Mon	05/19/2008	Home	Waltham High School	7:30PM
Wed	05/21/2008	Home	Lincoln Sudbury R.H.S	7:00PM

Baseball

Thu	04/10/2008	Home	Cambridge Public Schools	3:45PM
Mon	04/14/2008	Home	Chelmsford High School	3:30PM
Wed	04/16/2008	Home	Dracut High School	3:30PM
Fri	04/18/2008	Away	Central Catholic HS	3:30PM
Mon	04/21/2008	Home	Arlington High School	12:00PM
Wed	04/23/2008	Away	Tewksbury Memorial	11:00AM
Fri	04/25/2008	Away	Lowell High School	11:00AM
Mon	04/28/2008	Away	Billerica Memorial High School	3:30PM
Wed	04/30/2008	Home	Lawrence High School	4:15PM
Fri	05/02/2008	Home	Methuen High School	3:30PM
Mon	05/05/2008	Away	Chelmsford High School	3:30PM
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Fri	05/09/2008	Home	Lowell High School	3:30PM
Wed	05/14/2008	Home	Haverhill High School	3:45PM
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Softball

Mon	04/07/2008	Home	Amesbury High School	3:45PM
Wed	04/09/2008	Home	Tewksbury Memorial	3:30PM
Fri	04/11/2008	Home	Central Catholic HS	3:30PM
Mon	04/14/2008	Home	Chelmsford High School	3:30PM
Wed	04/16/2008	Home	Lawrence High School	4:15PM
Mon	04/21/2008	Away	Amesbury High School	10:00AM
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Fri	04/25/2008	Home	Academy of Notre Dame	11:00AM
Mon	04/28/2008	Away	Dracut High School	7:00PM
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Wed	05/07/2008	Home	Lowell High School	3:30PM
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Mon	05/12/2008	Home	Methuen High School	3:30PM
Wed	05/14/2008	Away	Academy of Notre Dame	3:30PM
Fri	05/16/2008	Home	Dracut High School	3:30PM
Mon	05/19/2008	Home	Haverhill High School	3:30PM
Fri	05/23/2008	Away	METHUEN TOURNAMENT VS LAWRENCE	5:00PM
Sat	05/24/2008	Away	METHUEN TOURNAMENT	TBA

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Nick Trout will read from his new book "Tell Me Where It Hurts" at 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover. The reading is free and open to the public.

Quilt meeting, Merrimack Valley Quilting Guild, 7 p.m., Holy Angels Church Hall, Plaistow, N.H.; Carol Robinson, 603-964-9984.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

The North Shore Music Theater's Youth Performance Academy presents "Goodnight Moon" at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the NSMT on the main stage. The cast includes Andover residents Adam Brody and Katherine Hall. Tickets are \$15 and \$10. For tickets, call 978-232-7200 or visit www.nsmt.org.

North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover, will host its fifth annual Wine and Art Show from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The show will feature the works of the Andovers Artists Guild members. Shawsheen Village Liquors will once again provide some of the finest wines from around the world and will include beer tasting as well this year. Shawsheen Village Liquors will offer a 10 percent discount on any wine case purchases and will donate a portion of their profits to the North Parish Restoration Fund. Tickets are available at Shawsheen Village Liquors, 2-4 Poor St., Andover. North Parish Church Office, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover, and during coffee hours after Sunday services held at 9 and 11 a.m. at North Parish Church. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and include hors d'oeuvres and live music. Babysitting is also available. This is a great opportunity to purchase beautiful artwork as well as fine wine and beer. For more information call 978-475-5924 or visit the church Web site at www.northparish.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Purim Carnival and Charity Auction will be held at Congregation Beth Israel featuring games, prizes and food from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 501 South Main St., Andover. The event is open to the public and will include a silent auction coordinated by the United Synagogue Youth group to benefit Jewish charities.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

An Irish history course will be offered at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. Cost is \$15. Registration is required. Topic to be covered will be "Ireland Then and Now" with Elizabeth Shannon, wife of the former ambassador to Ireland. For more information or to register, call 978-623-8321.



Elizabeth Shannon

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Prenatal yoga workshop, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Maternal Health & Fitness, 3 Dundee Park, Andover. Learn how to reduce stress, alleviate those little aches and pains, share and learn from one another and just feel good. No previous yoga experience is required, do not need a mat, wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Maureen, 978-738-8080 or www.maternalhealthandfitness.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Author reading, Anne Easter Smith of "Daughter of York," set in 1461 in Britain, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore 89 Rear Main St., Andover.; 978-475-0143.

Nature Tots: Tweet Tweet. Introduce preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, to the world of birds through stories, songs, crafts and a hike from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. This program is free. There will be indoor and outdoor activities, so dress for the weather. 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Film premiere. "View from a Grain of Sand," a journey through the last 30 years of Afghanistan's history as lived by three Afghan women. Shot over the last three years in Pakistan and Afghanistan, a doctor, teacher and social activist tell how their lives were affected by wars of international making and three regimes in Afghanistan. Film sponsor and humanitarian Rachel Williams will introduce the film, and director Meena Nanji will be on hand for questions and comments, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover, 978-475-4454.

Story swap with storyteller Susan Leno, 7 p.m. Share a story or just listen. Leno also has a story time for young children on Friday mornings at 10; free, all welcome, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 978-475-0143.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Workshop with natural health doctor Pamela M. Seyler of Wild Rose Wellness, a natural health practice. "Eat Well to Be Well," from 9 a.m. to noon at 91 Main St. (in Olde Andover Village), Andover. This is a comprehensive, no-fads approach to eating well for better health, better skin and better energy. Participants will receive informative handouts and easy recipes. The cost is \$30. Seating is limited, so preregistration is requested. To preregister or for more information, call Pam at 978-821-8147.

Multicultural Elder Conference: The first Multicultural Elder Conference offering simultaneous presentations in five languages – English, Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese – will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the South Lawrence East School, 165 Crawford St., Lawrence. Workshops are: "Educating Seniors to Become Informed and Engaged Health Care Consumers – How to Prevent Healthcare Errors, Fraud and Abuse"; Medicare Health Benefits Eligibility Information; and "A Culturally Focused Talk on Health Concerns Most Prevalent for Latino Elders." Content is oriented to elders and caregivers. The conference is free and sponsored by the Massachusetts SMP Program's Merrimack Valley Regional Multicultural Task Force. It includes entertainment, breakfast and a buffet lunch. Transportation is available for those who need it. For more information, call Lucilia Prates at 978-683-7747, ext. 1326.

Spring Beach Clean Up will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Participants should meet in the Refuge parking lot one and bring their own gloves. The Refuge will supply the trash bags. All are welcome and no registration is required. For more information, call 978-645-5753 or visit parkerriver.fws.gov.

First Wildlife Art Show and Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. This event will feature carvings, photos and paintings by local artists. Part of the proceeds of all sales will go to the Refuge and Friends of Parker River. No registration is required. This is a cash and check only event. Debit/credit cards will not be accepted. For more information, call 978-645-5753 or visit parkerriver.fws.gov.

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MAKING HISTORY COME ALIVE



Courtesy photo

Andover's Susan Leno and Lani Peterson will appear at the Statehouse on Monday, March 24, to act out the story of Sarah and Angelina Grimke, two Southern abolitionist sisters.

Andoverites re-enact abolitionists' powerful visit to Statehouse

Thanks to the work of two Andover women, the Grimke sisters will return to Boston after 170 years.

Andover residents Susan Leno and Lani Peterson will re-enact the lives of these two Southern sisters who played a role in ending slavery with their powerful speeches around Massachusetts.

On Feb. 21, 1838, Angelina Grimke, the daughter of South Carolina slaveholders, delivered a stirring antislavery speech to the all-male Massachusetts Legislature, making history as the first woman to speak before a state legislative body.

In the year that preceded her historic address, Grimke and her older sister, Sarah Grimke, visited more than 70 towns in Massachusetts to tell firsthand of the horrors of slavery. Speaking out in public, challenging Northerners' fears of abolition, the Grimke sisters' voices swayed the direction of the antislavery debate, according to Leno. As

the first woman to speak before a state legislature, Angelina Grimke's daring call to action planted the seeds for the future suffragist movement, she said.

On Monday, March 24, Leno and Peterson will visit the Statehouse in Boston to re-enact the momentous 1838 address. As Sarah and Angelina Grimke, the two will appear in Nurses Hall at 1 p.m. to share the incredible story of these Southern abolitionist sisters. The event is free and open to the public.

Discovering a mutual appreciation for these courageous women, Leno and Peterson developed and began to perform their historical re-enactment more than five years ago. Since that time, they have brought the Grimkes' story to venues all over New England beginning with the Andover Historical Society and including the Alcott House, the Littleton Lyceum and Stonehill College. In May, the women were chosen to perform at Mechanics Hall in Worcester as

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part of a Northeastern University grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Sponsors: The Grimke sisters' appearance is sponsored by state Sen. Susan Tucker and the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, in celebration of Women's History Month.

Co-sponsors of the Statehouse event include: American Association of University Women-Massachusetts, Boston Women's Commission, Boston Women's Heritage Trail, Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women, The Crittenton Women's Union, Mass NOW, Somerville Women's Commission, Teen Voices, YWCAs of Massachusetts.

A 'Titanic' success: AHS musical considered for Spotlight Award

Kathryn Blanford, left, a junior at Andover High School, rehearses a dance scene with the cast of the school's production of "Titanic" last fall. The show ran Nov. 15-18 and is now in the running for a Spotlight Award from North Shore Music Theatre.

File photo



BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The cast of the Andover High School musical "Titanic" sang their way into the hearts of audiences last November. Now, the show is in the running for a Spotlight Award from North Shore Music Theatre, a professional theater venue in Beverly.

Andover High was chosen as one of 24 schools from Massachusetts and New Hampshire for the awards, dubbed "the Tony Awards of high school musicals." Fifteen awards will be presented during a black-tie awards ceremony at the theater on June 2. Awards will include those for best leading and supporting actor/actress; best chorus/ensemble; best direction; best choreography; best scenic, costume or lighting design; and best overall musical.

A team of three judges from NSMT evaluate the high school productions to determine nominees for each category. Judges watched a performance of "Titanic," which ran Nov. 15, 16 and 17. The individual award nominations, such as "best

"Titanic is a great, great piece of theater. ... You couldn't make that story up; the fact that it really happened is significant."

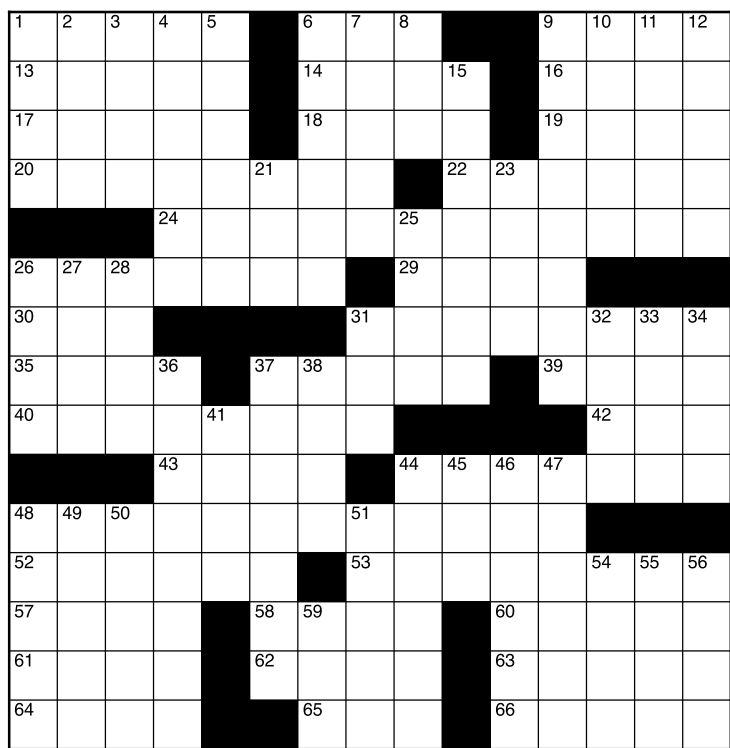
Susan Choquette, AHS drama director

leading actress," will be announced later in the spring, once the NSMT judges have seen and rated all 24 musicals in the running.

The Andover High production of "Titanic" was directed by Susan Choquette, AHS director of drama; music director was Jen D'Onofrio. "Titanic" had a cast of 55, who all told the story of actual passengers on the fateful maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic in 1912. Students played everyone from distinguished aristocrats

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Crossword puzzle



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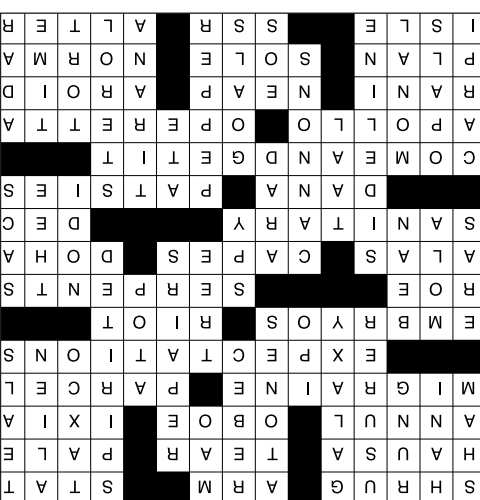
1. Shoulder gesture
6. Upper limb
9. Quantitative fact
13. West Chadic
14. Lacrimal secretion
16. Strip forming part of a fence
17. Declare invalid
18. Double-reed instrument
19. Iris genus
20. Headache
22. Package
24. Anticipations
26. Fertilized eggs
29. Public violence
30. Caviar
31. Snakes
35. Expression of sorrow or pity
37. Short cloaks
39. Qatar capital
40. Hygienic
42. Celestial latitude
43. SNL comedian Carvey
44. Easily duped victims
48. Dinner call
52. Greek god of light
53. A short and amusing opera
57. Wife of a raja
58. Less than average tide
60. Any plant of the family Araceae
61. Design
62. Being the only one
63. _____ Jeane Baker
64. A small island
65. Soviet Union or U. _____
66. Cause to change

CLUES DOWN

1. Feign
2. Akha
3. Step of a ladder
4. High interest money lender
5. Collection of star systems
6. Repents
7. Medieval fiddle
8. Tse-tung
9. Displaying liveliness
10. Mexican silver city
11. Noncitizen
12. Bluish greens
15. Mends
21. _____ d: music file device
23. At the peak
25. Tall perennial woody plant
26. Geological times
27. Headfish
28. Hit on the head with a

- baseball
31. Observe secretly
32. Badfinger album "_____ce"
33. You
34. Pouches
36. Spare time activity
37. Big guns
38. W. Rumanian city
41. Afrikaans
44. Capsicum
45. Fed
46. Albanian capital
47. Steroid alcohol
48. Wrists
49. Iridescent opaque gems
50. Pheasant
51. Intended achievements
54. Civil wrong
55. Fourth dimension
56. 6th Jewish month
59. Goddess of the dawn

Solution



File photo

Blair Beasley, right, a junior at Andover High School, sings the part of Mrs. Latimer in the school's production of "Titanic" last fall.

TITANIC: 3rd year in awards for AHS

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and the ship's captain to crewmen and third-class passengers. "We think that the work that we do here is really strong, and it's great to be recognized. It's exciting," said Choquette, who has been directing shows at AHS since 2000. "'Titanic' is a great, great piece of theater, a great challenge for them and a great story to tell. You couldn't make that story up; the fact that it really happened is significant."

This is the third year AHS has participated in the Spotlight Awards, Choquette said. Last year "In to the Woods" was in the running, and three

years ago "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was nominated for eight awards.

"Every year you have a different type of kids, so you have a different kind of vehicle (musical). We have kids with a lot of ability, and I try to find pieces that challenge them in every way. I feel an obligation as an educator that they have four very different shows to participate in (through high school)," Choquette said.

At the Spotlight Awards ceremony on June 2, the 10 shows in the running for best overall musical will each perform one song from their show on the main stage, with the house orchestra

from NSMT. Also, the finale number of the evening will include two students from each of the 24 high schools.

More than 40 high schools throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire applied to participate in the 2007-08 NSMT Spotlight Awards and through a lottery, NSMT accepted 24 of those schools to participate in the chance for scholarships. Individual winners receive money for college.

"That in of itself is reason to participate," Choquette said. "Scholarships for the arts are a little less available. Any place that our performing arts students can get a little bit more money is great."

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Dance performances: The Tamagawa University Dance and Taiko groups will introduce new audiences to Japanese performing folk arts to build mutual understanding and international cultural exchange at 1 p.m. in the Atrium and 3 p.m. in the Morse Auditorium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Reservations are required by March 27 for the Morse Auditorium performance. These performances are 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.

Fundraiser: Neighbors in Need is celebrating 25 years of feeding the hungry with its first fundraising event, titled "Soup's On," at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, North Andover. There will be food, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Local restaurants and caterers will provide soup samplings. Each guest will receive a handmade bowl crafted by a local potter. For more information, e-mail NeighborsinNeed@verizon.net.

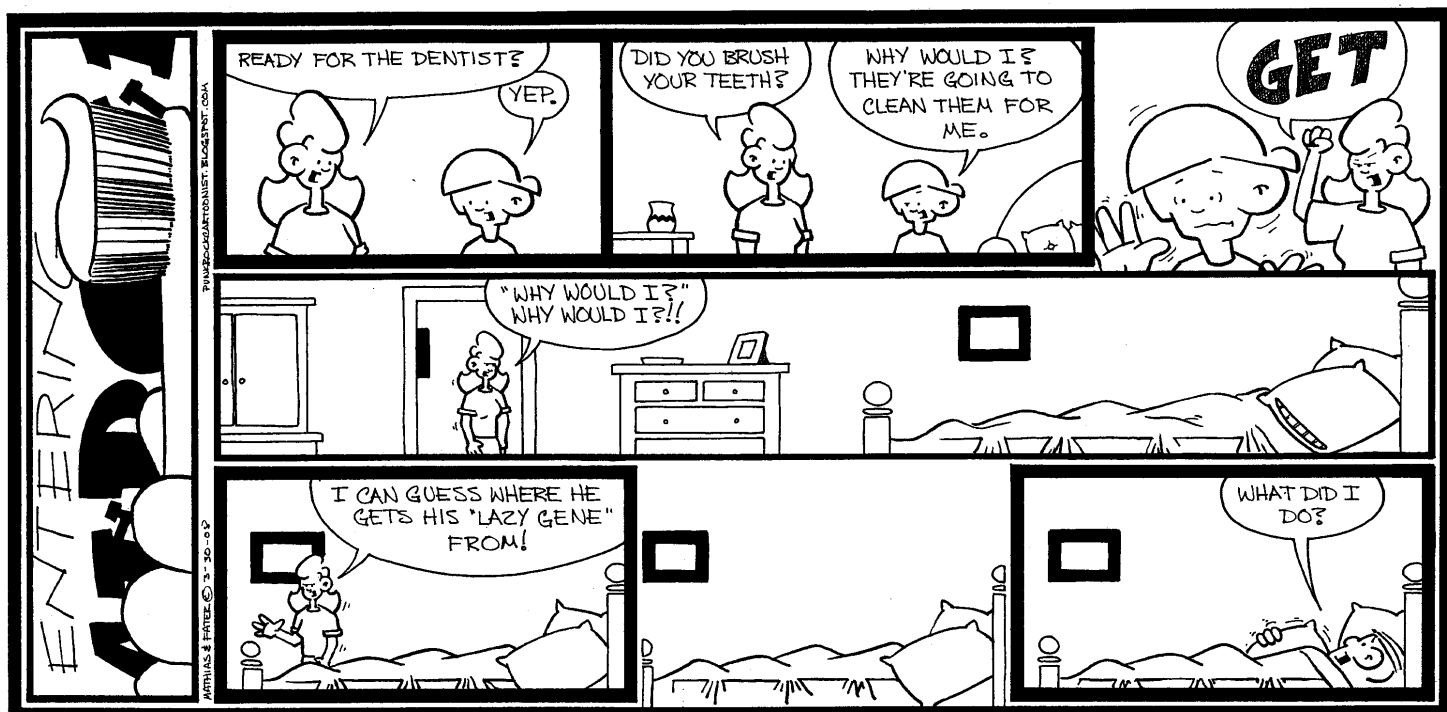
Symphony by the Sea at 8 p.m. in the Atrium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. A talk with conductor Jonathan McPhee will take place before the concert, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$31 for members, \$35 nonmembers, \$10 students. Reservations must be made through Symphony by the Sea. For tickets or more information, call 978-745-4955 or visit www.symphonbythesea.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Summer camp open house: Learn about Camp Lawrence, Camp Nokomis and YMCA Day Camp Otter, 1-5 p.m., Andover/North Andover Branch YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. Camp Lawrence for Boys and Camp Nokomis for Girls are located on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. Day Camp Otter is located on Captain's Pond, Salem, N.H. (local transportation available); more info: 978-975-1330.

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Divine Mercy Sunday, Franciscan Center, 459 River Road, Andover, 3 p.m., confessions at 2 p.m.

Folk music program: The Friends of Memorial Hall Library sponsors an afternoon of folk music performed by Aubrey Atwater at 2 p.m. in the library's Memorial Hall. The program will consist of American and Celtic songs, guitar, dulcimer, and other instruments, and clogging, the American cousin to Irish step-dancing. The concert is free. For more information, call 978-623-8401 ext. 49 or visit www.mhl.org.

Merrimack Valley Suzuki Strings will perform at 3 p.m. at First Church Ipswich, 2 Meeting House, Ipswich. The event is the 14th annual concert to sponsor Haitian Children through Partners in Development. Refreshments will be served. Donations are requested.

The Women's Intergenerational Community Seder is sponsored by The Women's Philanthropy of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation in association with Temple Emanuel, Congregation Beth Israel and Havurat Shalom of Andover; Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley of Lowell; Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill; Congregation Shalom of North Chelmsford; Temple Shir Hadash of Westford; and Southern Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah. The eighth annual Women's Community Intergenerational Passover Seder in the Merrimack Valley will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Pre-Passover shopping at the Shuk (Crafters Marketplace) will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks will be served. All women, sisters, mothers and daughters over the age of 8 are invited to attend. This unique Passover Seder and program will be conducted by Rabbi Karen Landy, spiritual leader of Temple Shir Hadash and Havurat Shalom, accompanied by Rhea Simon Skoler. The cost is \$36 per adult and \$18 for those between the ages 8 and 18. Participants are encouraged to register early. For more information or to register, call Michelle Soll at 978-688-0456 at the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation office.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

An Irish History Course will be offered at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Ct. Cost is \$15. Registration is required. Topic to be covered will be "Original Irish Art," a gallery talk at Lorica Artworks. For more information or to register, call 978-623-8321.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Free muzzle loading course on April 2, 4, 9 and 11 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club, Webster Road.

Students must attend every session. Attendance is open to adult men and women, as well as minors with a Hunter Education Certificate of completion. This is a comprehensive program given by experienced muzzleloading instructors for both the advanced and beginning student. Some of the many topics covered are selection of equipment, history of muzzleloading, safety, use care and cleaning of muzzleloading guns. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 978-632-7648.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Reception for artists behind the murals in the Butler Bank lobby, 4-6 p.m., Butler Bank, 16 N. Main St., Andover, with light refreshments and a chance to purchase limited edition prints of the murals. Panoramas of The Park and Phillips Academy pay tribute to the town's scenic beauty and unique history. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Family Service Inc. RSVP by March 31 to Mary Lyman at 978-327-6648 or e-mail mlyman@familyserviceinc.com or Rosemary Radulski at Butler Bank 978-623-8000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Fashion show: Andover Coalition for Education hosts "Common Threads" to benefit Andover's schools, featuring local merchants and school models; Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., 6:30-11 p.m., \$50 by March 26; Irene Pien, 5 Athena Circle, Andover.

ECOC program: Sharon Stichter, director of New England Hummers, presents insight and information about ruby-throats and other less-common New England hummingbird species from 7:45 to 9 p.m. in the Phillips Library Auditorium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This free program by the Essex County Ornithological Club is designed for teens and adults. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

Boston Artists Ensemble concert at 8 p.m. in the East India Marine Hall at Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$24 nonmembers, \$12 students. For more information or tickets, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

March Madness celebration, in memory of Andover High School three-sport athlete Alex Miliotis, who died of childhood leukemia in 2002. Watch the semifinals in a friendly pub, 5 to 11 p.m., \$75, \$50 under 25, The Brewery Exchange, 201 Cabot St., Lowell; www.alexsteamfoundation.com; also, requested donation is new sports balls.

Aniruddha Knight and Ensemble presents "From the Heart of a Tradition" from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Morse Auditorium at Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Knight performs the early 19th-century Bharatanatyam style, singing as he dances. Tickets are \$20 for PEM members

March madness benefit



Local March madness happens April 5 at the annual benefit held in memory of Andover High athlete Alex Miliotis. She died of leukemia in 2002. Pictured here in 2004 are former teammates, including her twin sister, Ariana Miliotis, far left.

and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Heritage of the Arts of South Asia, \$25 nonmembers, \$50 Friends of Indian Dance. Reservations are required by April 3. For more information, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care will host Faith Praise Band; contemporary Christian music, from Faith Lutheran Church at 3 p.m.

Cook and author Mary Ann Esposito, book signing to benefit scholarships by Lawrence Ladies Lodge 2026, Order Sons of Italy in America, 2 to 5 p.m., The Book Rack, 52 State St., Newburyport; 978-462-8615.

"Taming the Female Body," slide lecture by feminist scholar Max Dashu, sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Series, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover, free, open to the public; 978-475-4454.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

"Flowers for Cutting in a Perennial Garden," 7 to 9 p.m. at Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, presented by the North Andover Garden Club. Master gardener Karen Garlepy will show and

describe how to turn your perennial garden in to a cutting garden for fabulous floral arrangements all season long. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Sorena at 978-794-1811 or Martha at 978-685-1568 or e-mail northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care will celebrate jazz history month with pianist Ethan Stone A Berkeley College graduate at 2:30 p.m. at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

Life coach Alex Mezey kicks off New Opportunities for Women three-week series, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, Andover. Will work with participants to explore critical questions that can help boomer women in transition gain new perspective on next steps in their life. \$20 for the series, 978-623-8321.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice spring fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., Anthony's of Malden, \$25 per person; Janet Perault, 781-338-7902.

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ABOVE LEFT: South Elementary School students Dayna Thibodeau and Kristina Day dressed as elephants in the South Cooperative theater presentation of Disney's "The Jungle Book." ABOVE RIGHT: Students Elizabeth Wronski, Daniel MacDonald, Corey Thibodeau and Julia Torres are dressed as vultures. The play was performed at the school last weekend.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Healthy Kids Day celebration, family fun and fitness, free, public invited, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, 978-725-6681.

The North Shore Music Theater's Youth Performance Academy presents "A Year With Frog and Toad" at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., North Shore Music Theatre main stage. The cast includes Andover resident **Katie LeMark**. Tickets for both shows are \$15 and \$10. For tickets, call 978-232-7200 or visit www.nsmat.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra Honors Chamber Ensembles Concert will perform at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, One Market Square, Newburyport.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Pentucket Players Inc. present the musical "South Pacific" at 8 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets are \$20 each, group rates available. For tickets or more information, call 978-521-9259 or visit www.pentucketplayers.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care will host West Middle School's sample of their spring production of "My Fair Lady" at 11:15 a.m. at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

Pentucket Players Inc. present the musical "South Pacific" at 8 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets are \$20 each, group rates available. For tickets or more information, call 978-521-9259 or visit www.pentucketplayers.org.

"What's It Worth?" antiques appraisal event benefit for **Andover Historical Society** with Skinner appraiser and Antiques Roadshow regular Stuart Whitehurst, 7 to 9:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Parish Hall at 43 Essex St., Andover. (This is a new date for the event which was originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, but canceled due to snow.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

NVMOM Spring sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford. There will be gently used children's equipment, toys, clothes and books on sale, plus maternity clothes and more. This event is sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, a nonprofit organization. This is a cash only sale. Admission is \$1, children under 14 are free. For more information, call 978-376-2939 or e-mail nvmom_info@bigfoot.com.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4

Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform an afternoon of concerts from 3 to 5 p.m. at Masconomet High School, Endicott Road, Boxford. The event is free to the public.

MONDAY, MAY 5

Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care will host Seniors Art in Bloom Opening and Reception from 3 to 5 p.m., featuring the art work of three seniors; a current resident of Marland Place, a former resident of Marland Place and a local photographer, at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

"Container Gardening" from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, presented by the North Andover Garden Club. Master gardener and container designer extraordinaire Jodi Yocher will share some of her design tricks in planting stunning containers for all parts of your yard, patio and deck. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Sorena at 978-794-1811 or Martha at 978-685-1568 or e-mail northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

North Andover Garden Club Annual Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover. Features stunning annuals and proven perennials from Garden Club members' own gardens, as well as great gardening advice from the Garden Club members working the sale. For more information, e-mail northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com.

ONGOING

Architectural workshop for middle school students titled "Main Street" will be held April 22 through 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Participants will create a model from the unique and interesting buildings on Main Street, write their own labels, and set up a team exhibit that will be open to the public. Cost is \$60 for members, \$75 nonmembers. The fee includes materials and snack each day. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

"Moments in Time," a photographic exhibit by John F. Zipeto, will be on display through March 31 at the Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.

"Dream On," new work by Montserrat painting professor Barbara Moody, will be exhibited through March 20 in the Schlosberg Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly. The exhibit and all related programs are free to

the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 978-921-4242, ext. 3.

"Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts," will open May 18 and run through Feb. 8, 2009, at the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. The exhibit will feature more than 100 works by 70 Massachusetts artists who preserve and revitalize deeply rooted traditions. Funding for the exhibit is provided by Bank of America, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Heritage Museum, and the National Endowment for the Arts. An series of performing arts programs will also be presented in conjunction with the exhibition. A schedule will be available at www.nationalheritagemuseum.org.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 781-861-6559.

"Singing in Colors: The Art of Maria Termini" will be on exhibit through April 11 at the McCoy Gallery in the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. North Andover. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 978-837-5255 or email raymond@merrimack.edu.

Teaching Matters! exhibit through July 28 in the Halle Library Archive & Museum Gallery at Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Broudo 978-232-2257.

"Impermanence," photography by Shelley Zatsky, will be on exhibit through May 2 at the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on March 21 and April 2. For more information, call Cathy at 978-685-2343 or e-mail cathysexscenter@yahoo.com.

Whistler Museum of Art will exhibit rare 19th- and early 20th-century works that spotlight some of New England's outstanding representational artists including Charles H. Allen, John I. Coggeshall, Walter L. Dean, Charles Demetropolis, Emile A. Gruppe, Aldro T. Hibbard, Lester G. Hornby, Louis Kronberg, Thomas B. Lawson, David Dalhoff Neal, William McGregor Paxton, William Preston Phelps, Arthur P. Spear and Sarah Wyman Whitman. Peter Kostoulakos, a local expert on restoration, will be speaking briefly about restoring artwork at the reception. The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session. These works will be on display from now to April 19.

Woodworking classes: "Hand Planes & Wireless Routers" will be offered through April 12 from 9 a.m. to noon and again on Oct. 25 through Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to

noon at the Andover Historical Society. The six-week course is designed to meet the needs of woodworkers, from the novice looking for an introduction to traditional woodworking skills to the advanced woodworker. Novices will learn from the instructors and the more advanced students. Novice students can make a basic, introductory project, such as a foot stool or candle box, from pre-milled stock. The cost for the course is \$60 for members, \$75 nonmembers. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

Antique Auto Raffle: The Andover Historical Society will raffle off a fire-engine red 1981 380 SL Mercedes Benz Coupe convertible with only 75,000 miles. It has an eight-cylinder, 3.8-liter engine, automatic transmission, power steering brakes and windows, and air conditioning. Included in the package are two sets of rims and tires, a black soft top and a red hard top. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. All proceeds support the educational mission of the Andover Historical Society. Credit card orders may be placed by calling 978-475-2236 or by faxing the information to 978-470-2741. The winning ticket will be drawn on June 15, and the winner need not be present to win. Faxed ticket orders must be received by June 1. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

Photography exhibit on Urban Renewal will be on display through March at University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Lowell History, Morgan Cultural Center, 40 French St., Lowell. The Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex urban renewal efforts are gaining momentum, promising changes to the landscape of three of Lowell's neighborhoods. Photographer Jessica Hosman, a UMass Lowell fine arts graduate, captured images of the areas in a series of black and white photos. For more information, call 978-934-4997.

"It's Getting Hot in Here" will be on exhibit through April 5 in the Montserrat College of Art Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly. Free to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 978-867-9604 or visit www.montserrat.edu/galleries.

"Wedded Bliss, the Marriage of Art and Ceremony" will be on display April 26 through Sept. 14 at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. General admission to the museum is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. Special exhibitions may require an additional fee. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

"Cat Club Challenge" will be ongoing on the second Saturday of every month at one80 Sports & Fitness, 226 Andover St., Wilmington. Participants will be tested in standard assessments including the vertical jump, 5/10/5 "Pro Agility," chin ups, 10, 20 and 40 yard dash and 5 hop bound. Food and beverages will be provided. Fitness testing is free. For more information, call 978-658-1999.

Two-person show for Kathleen Hooks, painter of atmospheric landscapes and **Larry Preston**, painter of still life in the classic representational style, at the Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St. Newburyport. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 978-462-9891 or visit www.thechurchillgallery.com.

"Elements of Art Education," an exhibit showcasing Art Education graduates of Montserrat College of Art. The exhibition can be viewed during gallery hours, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, e-mail rlistuben@gmail.com or dianeayott@comcast.net.

New England Classical Singers, a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music, holds tryouts and rehearsals Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. For more information, call 978-465-0181 or 978-857-3067 or visit www.newenglandclassical.org.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers holds a coffee the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread, Route 114, North Andover. Gathering is geared toward new members, but established residents who are interested in joining or volunteering for the club are welcome. Kids are also welcome. For more information, call Vickie Gallant at 978-809-7404 or Heather Ryan at 978-794-7926.

Andover Choral Society is seeking additional voices for the upcoming concert season. Group rehearses every Monday at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street and performs at the Rogers Center for the Arts. For more information, call 978-682-0196 or visit www.AndoverChoral.org.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

Downtown Women's Club, professional network of women, meets first Wednesday of each month at Glory, 19 Essex St., Andover. Free; open to public. Visit www.downtownwomensclub.com or call Jennifer Tortorella at 978-270-8060.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, meets every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover, and every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 58 Peters St., North Andover. Visit www.foodaddicts.org or call 781-321-9118.

Men's woodcarving group, meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and the Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAGinAndoverMA@aol.com.

Treble Chorus of New England auditions for the youth choir for children ages 6 to 18. Joining the youth choir provides children with an opportunity to learn about fine choral music of all periods. Rehearsals held Mondays in Andover. To schedule an audition time, call 978-837-5461 or e-mail to anovello@treblechorus.com.

Embroiderers Guild of America, meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 781-893-0959 or mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com

Lawrence Heritage State Park indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence. 978-794-1655.

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm

St., North Andover. Call 978-686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

Merrimack Valley Townsmen Barbershop Chorus, rehearses Mondays at 7 p.m. at All Saints Church, Bellevue Ave., Haverhill. No experience necessary. 978-688-5306.

Methuen Community Band, rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

North Parish Quilters, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., September through June. New members welcome; guest fee \$5. Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading. For more information, call Susan Reichter at 978-475-6973.

North Reading Community Chorale welcomes new members and rehearses Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park St., North Reading. Free membership. Call 978-664-4800 or visit www.nrccus.com.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, rehearsals every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen. Singers and dancers ages 18 and older welcome. Call 978-681-0355 or visit www.nrtwinc.com.

Printing Museum contains world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines. Includes extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5. 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. 978-686-0450.

Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club dances held every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shawshen Elementary School, Shawshen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

Stompers Country Line Dance Production holds dances every Wednesday and Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, exit 47 off I-93, Methuen.

Toastmasters International meets second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 p.m. at Haverhill Public Library. Improve your public speaking skills. All welcome. www.friendlypersuasion.org.

Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover. 978-682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

ONGOING AT PEM

Drop-in Yoga classes on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., Art Studios. Cost is included with museum admission. For more information, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3043.

Exhibits: "Stage Idols" through Jan. 25, 2009, in the Japanese Kabuki Theater; "The Art of Maori Tattoo" through Feb. 1, 2009; "Wedded Bliss: The Marriage of Art and Ceremony" April 26 through Sept. 14; "Life Boat" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "To the Ends of the Earth: Painting the Polar Landscape" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "Accidental Mysteries" through Jan. 27; "Origami Now" through June 8; "Gateway Bombay" through Dec. 7; "Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics" through May 19, 2009; "Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India" ongoing; "Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light" ongoing; "All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists" ongoing.

Peabody Essex Museum is in East India Square, Salem. Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed New Year's Day. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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TITLE: Loss in state final can't sour terrific season

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Why? Because Lowell had eliminated the Golden Warriors in that round each of the last two seasons. The Raiders also sported 6-foot twin sisters Whitney and Brianna Wilson and talented guard Ashley Rivera.

But that was not to be this year. Ms. Clutch Lauren Hughes scored a game-high 12 points and Camille Fantini added 11 in the 10-point Andover victory.

"We had so much trouble getting past Lowell," Thomann said. "So to finally get past them was something very special."

Rival revenge

What could mean more than toping Lowell? Sweeping archrival Central Catholic.

The Raiders entered the March 8 contest red hot, having downed top-seeded Acton-Boxboro and No. 4 Lexington in their previous games. They also touted star center Katie Zenevitch, who at 6-foot-2 is four inches taller than the tallest Golden Warrior, and as a sophomore has already been offered a scholarship to Boston College.

But Andover entered the Tsongas Arena and ran the Raiders off the floor for a 55-43 victory in the Division 1 North final.

"Beating Lowell and Central Catholic in the tournament was amazing because we hadn't done that in our varsity careers," Cohen said. "To do that meant a lot to us."

The win also finished off a three-game sweep for the Golden Warriors over the Raiders, with each win coming by at least eight points.

The blowout

To say the Division 1 state semifinal wasn't close would not do Andover justice. It was historic.

The Golden Warriors went to the TD Banknorth Garden and earned the trip to the final with a 61-34 pounding of New Bedford. The 27-point margin of victory

was the most in a semifinal in any division in seven years.

While the stars were doing their thing, it was unsung hero Cohen doing the dirty work. Want versatility? Anyone can play two positions, but two totally opposite positions?

That's what Cohen did. She split time between point guard and power forward, playing both at a starter level. She finished the game with two 3-pointers for good measure.

Senior Kit Heinrich also added a memorable moment, scoring a basket in the final moments.

Who's next

This season also marked the emergence of the next Golden Warrior great.

All season long fans, players and reporters asked the same question time after time. "Natalie Gomez-Martinez is only a freshman?!"

In her first high school season, Gomez-Martinez looked like anything but a rookie. The youngster ran the Andover offense with the aggressiveness and know-how of a polished senior.

"Going into the season teams doubted us because we didn't have a point guard," Renfro said. "Natalie did such an amazing job of filling that role."

At 5-foot-7, the point guard averaged 8.8 points per game while handling the pressure of point guard and harassing opposing offenses with her full-court press.

With her in the Andover lineup for three more years, this season's historic ride may be the start of a tremendous run.

Northampton 50, Andover 37

Division 1 State final
 Andover (37): Laura Renfro 7 0-0 20, Camille Fantini 4 0-0 8, Lauren Hughes 1 0-1 2, Meghan Thomann 2 1-2 7, Michelle Calabro 0 0-0 0, Natalie Gomez-Martinez 0 0-0 0, Kit Heinrich 0 0-0 0, Alex Alois 0 0-0 0, Ilana Cohen 0 0-0 0, Jordy Shoemaker 0 0-0 0, Kelly Driscoll 0 0-0 0, Jess Miller 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 1-3 37
 Northampton (50): Brihgid Courtney 6-6 8 19, Allie Kellogg 1 0-1 2, Iris Santoni 2 1-2 5, Alannah Driscoll-Sbar 4 12-12 20, Jamie Miller 1 1-2 4. Totals 14 20-25 50
 3-pointers: A — Renfro 6, Thomann 2; N — Santoni, Courtney
 Andover (23-4): 8 7 10 12 — 37
 Northampton (24-2): 12 11 16 11 — 50



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Golden Warriors freshman Natalie Gomez-Martinez, left, steals the ball from Northampton's Jenny Bell. Gomez-Martinez did not score a point, but her stellar defense and aggressive play made a major impression.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP TRACK

Led by Vanessa Singleton, the Andover girls track team enjoyed a sensational weekend at the Scholastic Indoor Nationals in New York City.

The Warriors finished eighth in both the 4x400 and sprint medley relays. The foursome of Singleton, Kayley Pettoruto, Laura Cody and Colleen Shannon recorded a tremendous time of 3:58.31 in the 4x400 which, according to coach Peter Comeau, is believed to be a new indoor record for Massachusetts.

Singleton (220), Pettoruto (400) and Shannon (800) as well as Melissa Knapp (220) combined to run a 4:10.84 in the sprint medley.

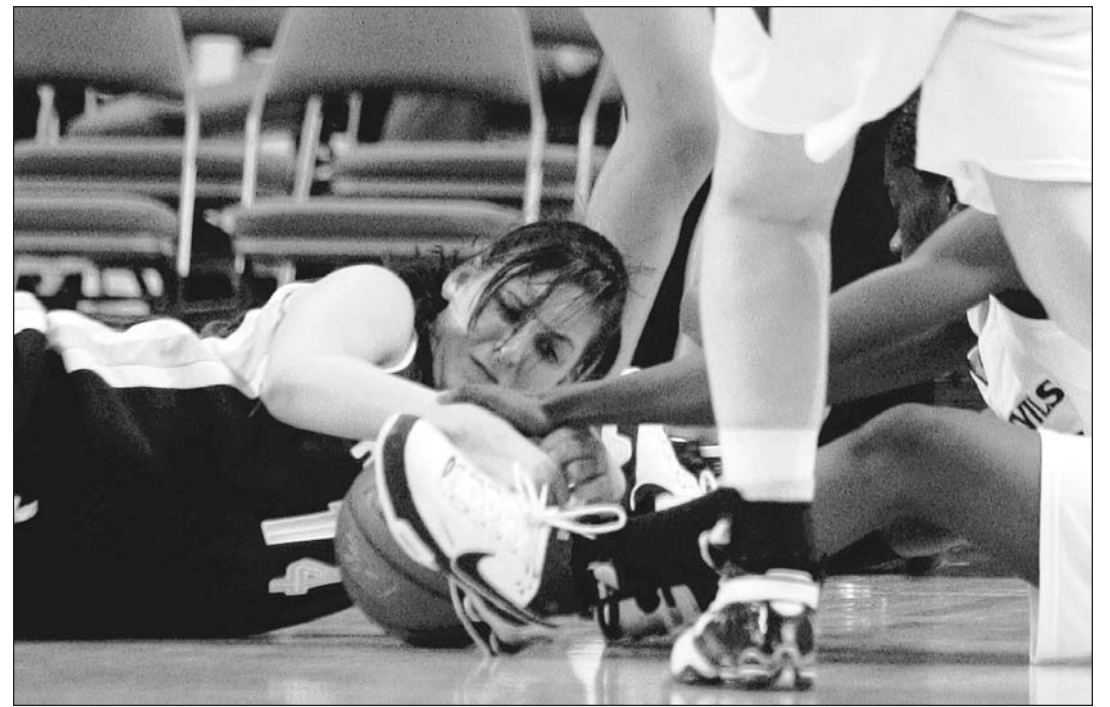
Singleton and Knapp were also on the 4x200 relay, along with Christina Muccio and Emily Shields, who placed 19th.

Also for the Warriors, Chris McConnell was 14th in the 60 meters with a 7.03, which was the fastest time for a sophomore. He also ran the 200 meters in 22.93.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Andover girls basketball team has made a generous donation to the Ryan Bourque Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Prior to the girls state championship game, the Division 1 state championship Central Catholic boys team had sent flowers to the Lady Warriors.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Lauren Hughes dives to the floor to fight Blue Devils star Alannah Driscoll-Sbar for a loose ball. Hughes once again showcased her gritty play.

THE ROAD TO WORCESTER

Here is a game-by-game breakdown of the season:

Date	Winner	Loser	Andover's high scorer
Dec. 14	Andover 69	Haverhill 19	Laura Renfro 20
Dec. 18	Andover 62	Tewksbury 28	Renfro 16
Dec. 21	Andover 55	Chelmsford 39	Camille Fantini 14
*Dec. 23	Andover 69	North Andover 54	Renfro 25
*Dec. 28	Andover 59	Lowell 45	Meghan Thomann 24
*Dec. 30	Pinkerton 49	Andover 35	Lauren Hughes 12
Jan. 2	Andover 60	N.D. of Hingham 45	Renfro 19
Jan. 4	Andover 64	Arlington Ctlc 43	Natalie Gomez-Martinez 19
Jan. 8	Andover 60	Methuen 35	Gomez-Martinez 20
Jan. 11	Lowell 51	Andover 42	Thomann 13
Jan. 15	Andover 59	Dracut 8	Renfro 17
Jan. 19	Andover 68	N.D. of Hingham 51	Thomann 21
Jan. 22	Andover 63	Lawrence 31	Thomann 10
Jan. 25	Andover 47	Billerica 44	Renfro 14
Jan. 29	Andover 47	Haverhill 39	Renfro 11
Jan. 31	Andover 69	Central Catholic 61	Gomez-Martinez 26
Feb. 1	Andover 35	Lowell 33	Thomann 12
Feb. 8	Archbishop Williams 62	Andover 55	Thomann 16
Feb. 10	Andover 44	Pentucket 27	Thomann 17
Feb. 12	Andover 56	Billerica 42	Renfro 15
Feb. 14	Andover 55	Central Catholic 39	Thomann 18
**Feb. 25	Andover 61	Medford 32	Gomez-Martinez 17
**Feb. 28	Andover 71	Malden 37	Renfro 15
**March 4	Andover 44	Lowell 34	Hughes and Fantini 12
**March 8	Andover 55	Central Catholic 43	Hughes 12
**March 11	Andover 61	New Bedford 34	Thomann 17
**March 15	Northampton 50	Andover 37	Renfro 20

* - Greater Lawrence Christmas tourney
 ** - MIAA Division 1 tourney

Easter eggs roll around the world

Decorated eggs are part of Easter celebrations around the world.

Easter is a Christian religious holiday. The decorated egg symbolizes new life.

The first Easter eggs were hard-boiled chicken eggs that were dyed or painted. Today, chocolate Easter eggs are also popular. Hollow plastic eggs may be filled with candy or toys.

The Kid learned that Easter eggs are decorated in all sorts of beautiful ways.

Orthodox Christians in Greece and other eastern European countries give red-colored eggs to friends as part of their Easter greetings.

Elaborate, multicolored patterns are created using a technique called "pysanka" in Ukraine, Romania and other areas of Eastern Europe. Artists paint melted wax onto the egg in areas where they don't want the dye to stick. After each dye bath, the artists add or remove areas of wax.

In the Czech Republic, colored eggs are decorated with straw.

In Germany, hollow egg shells are decorated. To remove the egg from the shell, a person pokes a hole in each end of the egg, then blows the egg out of the shell. The decorator can then cut a window in the shell and paint a scene inside the egg. These decorated egg shells are hung from trees.

In England, "pace eggs" are



Photo courtesy Luba Petruska

Traditional pysanky eggs from Ukraine

made by wrapping onion skins around white eggs before they are boiled. The onion skins give the eggs a swirling pattern in red, brown and orange. The word "pace" comes from the Hebrew word for Passover, which is "Pesach."

In Russia, jeweler Peter Carl Fabergé made jeweled eggs for the royal family. Most are in museums today. A Fabergé egg sold for \$9.6 million in 2002.

Most eggs, though, are just for fun. English children play a game with pace eggs. They roll their eggs

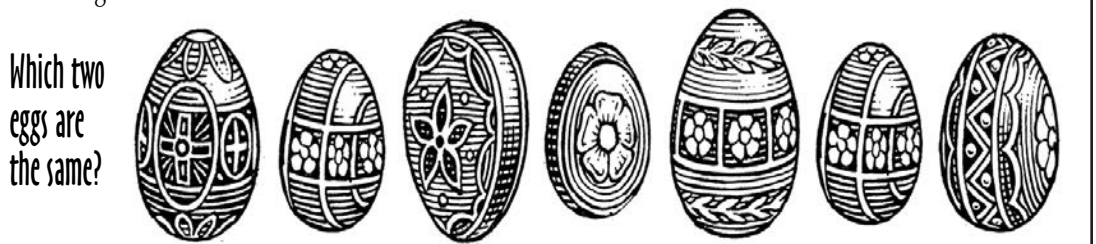
into the other players' eggs. The person who has the last unbroken egg wins.

Scottish children roll their eggs down steep hills on Easter Sunday. In America, we have our Easter egg rolls on flat ground. Easter egg hunts are also popular.

In the United States, the Easter bunny hides the eggs or leaves a basket filled with eggs.

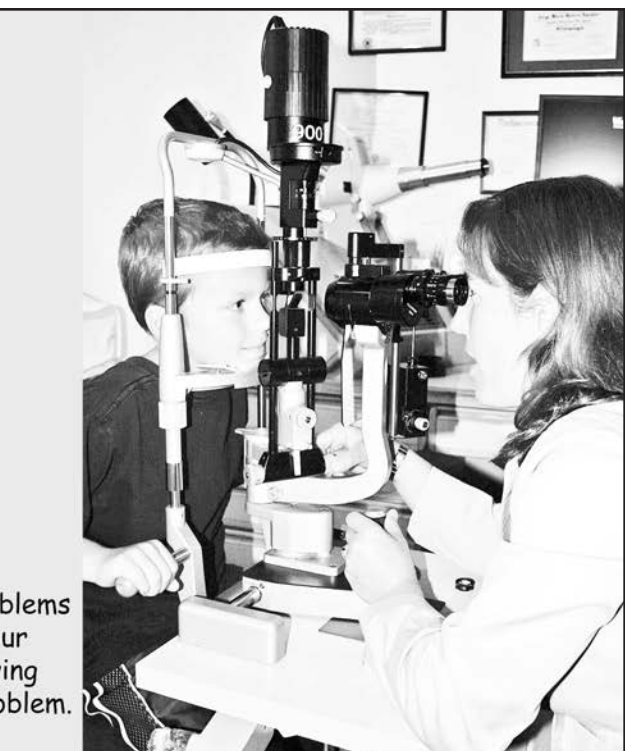
In France, however, the eggs are brought by the Easter bells.

In Scotland, the fish-and-chips shops sell deep-fried chocolate eggs as a special Easter treat.



Newspaper in Education Activity
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Premises affected are located at 311 Lowell St., Andover, MA in an LS District and are shown on Assessor Map 151 as Lot 14A.

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Premises affected are located at 15 Topping Rd., Andover, MA in an SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 51 as Lot 126.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on April 8, 2008, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Wilred Realty Trust, for a Repetitive Petition associated with a Petition filed "Merrimack Estates" located at 459 River Road on property owned by Society of Friars Minor Order of St. Francis, and being more specifically identified as Lot 5 on Assessor's Map 229. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Paul J. Salafia, Chairman
AT - 3/20, 3/27/08

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Premises affected are located at 16 Cutler Rd., Andover, MA in an SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 109 as Lot 3.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TREE HEARING

Under Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Public Hearing will be held to consider the removal of a Public Shade Tree at 53 Carnel Street, Andover.

The Public Hearing will be held at 1:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 in the Selectman's Conference Room, Third Floor, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street. AT - 3/13, 3/20/08

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2nd FLOOR, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM, on the petition of Joyce L. Smith, 38 Wild Rose Dr., Andover, MA for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.1.3F.4 to allow the use of an existing family dwelling unit.

Premises affected are located at 38 Wild Rose Dr., Andover, MA in an SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 111 as Lot 63.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 3/20, 3/27/08

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2nd FLOOR, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM, on the petition of Stephen & Robin Doherty, 16 Cutler Rd., Andover, MA for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, §4.1.2, 4.1.3, 2 & 3.3.4 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5 to construct additions & alterations that will not meet minimum setback requirements.

Premises affected are located at 16 Cutler Rd., Andover, MA in an SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 109 as Lot 3.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
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57MA Commercial Property MA

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68MA Roommates/Housing To Share MA

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NEWBURYPORT, Plum Island, roommate wanted to share 2 bedroom house, 1.5 bath, fireplace, \$475/mo., utilities not included. 978-270-3737

NEWBURYPORT roommates wanted to share 3 bedroom house with professional working 9.5. Close to town, pet friendly. No pets smoking. \$575/mo. + 1/3 utilities. 1st/last. Available immediately. (978) 273-2585.

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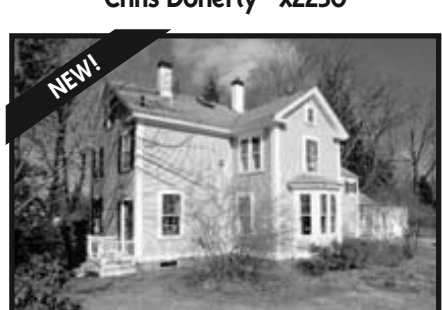
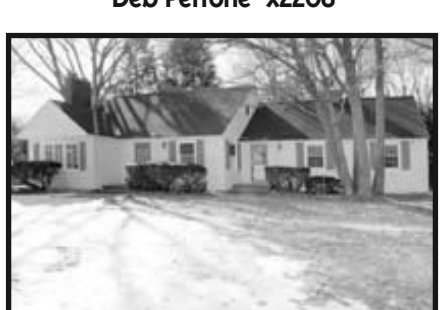

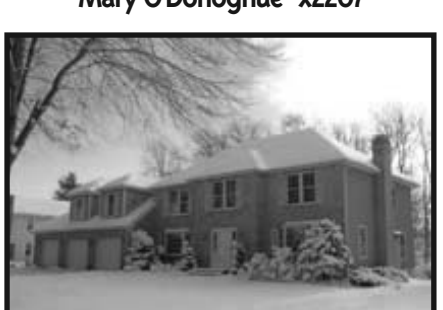
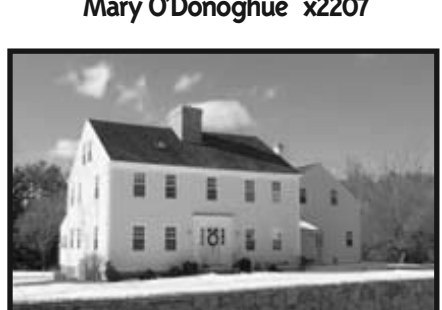
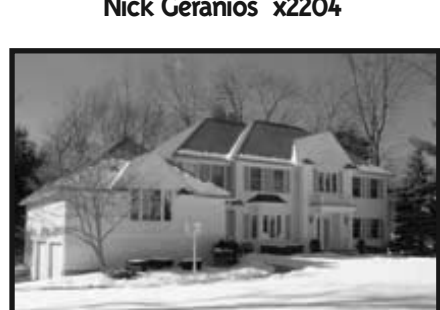
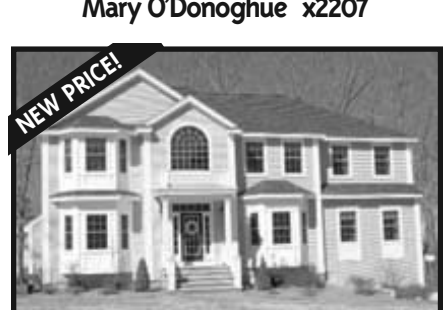
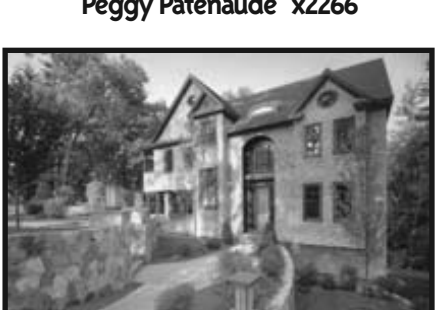


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Bunny business



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Connor Allard, 3, of Andover colors during the Department of Community Services' egg hunt and activity day in the Andover High School cafeteria.

And in this corner ...

On March 17 selectmen unanimously approved (4-0) a license waiver application to allow Amateur Boxing Night to take place at the Wyndham Hotel on April 4. The waiver was applied for by Mark Michaud, co-chairman of the Exchange Club of Lawrence Amateur Boxing Night Committee.

The event, which will take place from 7 to 11 p.m., has been sanctioned by the State Boxing Commission.

— Brian Messenger

It's a jungle out there — all over

Two different versions of "The Jungle Book" have been performed on the stage by students this month, with a third scheduled for May at Phillips Academy.

On March 7 to 9, more than 50 South Elementary School students participated in the South Cooperative Theater's presentation of Disney's "The Jungle Book" at the West Middle School Auditorium.

On March 14 and 15, the Doherty Drama Club performed Rudyard Kipling's version of the classic tale at the Doherty Middle School Auditorium.

In May, more than 30 Phillips

TOWN TALK



Courtesy photo

St. Augustine School eighth-graders C.J. Dona and Bridget Thibodeau are nearly up to their elbows in noodles in the school's cafeteria, preparing meals during Lent for those at Lazarus House in Lawrence.

Academy students will perform an urban take of the play with their rendition of "Jungal Book."

"It uses street gangs instead of animals," said Phillips spokesman Steve Porter. "There's a lot of choreography and dancing."

After their Andover performance, the Phillips students have plans to perform the play in Scotland as part of an arts festival, Porter said.

— Brian Messenger

Lenten Meals for Lazarus House

Students at St. Augustine have prepared meals for Lazarus House for the past six Fridays as part of a Lenten project to reach out to those in need. While older students served in the school kitchen mixing pasta and chopping vegetables, younger students colored place mats and made little paper baskets filled with pretzels that

were given to the children at Lazarus House. Middle school teachers also volunteered several afternoons, shopping for ingredients and planning and preparing the meals.

Easter, the end of Lent, is this Sunday, March 23.

Calling all local middle school students

The annual Spring Fling for middle school students will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

All sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Andover students are invited to this drug- and chemical-free, fun-filled middle school event, which costs \$10 per student and is sponsored by Andover's Andona Society. Registration forms and parental permission slips will be available at Andover middle schools and are required.

The evening will be filled with a variety of "flings" to do, including listening to a disc jockey, dancing, swimming, mat-room activities, and door prizes. Pizza, soda, snacks and all activities are included in the admission price. Andona Society members and lifeguards will be in attendance throughout the evening. For more information, visit www.andonasociety.org.

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