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AT THE BALLOT BOX



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover School Committee winner Dennis Forgue talks about his victory as he celebrates with his wife, Eileen, and their daughter, Naomi, 8 at home. Their son Jobe, 6 was fast asleep in a warm bed. Forgue defeated candidate, Greg Rigby.

Community Preservation perishes; Forgue joins schools, Lyman returns to selectmen

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

There were no landslide victories in Andover on Tuesday. There will be no Community Preservation Act either.

With 13.6 percent of registered voters heading to the polls, the CPA — a 1 percent tax surcharge to pay for specific projects — was defeated by 310 votes. More than 55 percent of voters cast ballots against the proposal.

"In the end, I guess it wasn't meant to be," said former selectman John Hess, chairman of the Andover CPA Coalition. "I think it's a little short-sighted of the town."

A total of 2,769 ballots were cast at the Richard Collins Field House.

Six candidates appeared on this year's ballot, down from 15 in 2007 when 22 percent of registered voters participated.

In the race for the Board of Selectmen, incumbent Mary Lyman defeated chal-

Community Preservation Act

Yes1,208
No1,518

Voters were asked to support a 1 percent surcharge on their property tax bills, with the money going to support open space acquisition, historic preservation and affordable housing.

*denotes incumbent, winners in bold

lenger Peter Cotch by a 260-vote margin. Even more closely contested was the campaign for School Committee, where newcomers Dennis Forgue and Gregory Rigby were both vying for incumbent David Samuel's seat. Forgue earned the nomination by a 224-vote margin.

"I'm a little daunted by what's in front of me, but grateful for the support and hum-

VOTE AT A GLANCE

Board of Selectmen

(One elected for 3-year term)
*Mary K. Lyman1,446
Peter J. Cotch1,186

More election results on page 5

School Committee

(One elected for 3-year term)
Dennis F. Forgue1,292
Gregory J. Rigby1,068

bled by the vote," said Forgue from his home after the polls closed at 8 p.m. "I feel much more a part of this community today than I did two months ago."

In two uncontested races, last year's rookie Town Moderator Sheila Doherty was re-elected, as was current Andover

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Override added to warrant

Option created as two balanced-budget alternatives emerge

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The Town Meeting warrant will include a Proposition 2 1/2 override request, although some Andover officials hope to balance next year's budget by tapping into town reserves and tackling fewer one-time projects.

The decision to add an operating budget override proposal to the warrant came on March 24, with unanimous votes in favor of its inclusion by both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. The boards did not recommend whether residents should support the measure.

The two boards were expected to determine a dollar amount for the override proposal on March 26, after the Townsman deadline.

The inclusion of an override on the warrant by officials comes after a resident group recently announced that it will not pursue its own override proposal. The group had submitted an override article several months ago.

Selectmen also voted on March 24 to approve a school budget of \$58.6 million, or \$1.9 million less than what Superintendent Claudia Bach has requested for her department for fiscal year 2008-09.

The override would bridge some or all of that gap, along with a \$520,000 cut from proposed town and school capital projects during the last month, according to selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

Major said a \$3 million override would cost the average Andover taxpayer an additional \$216 next year.

"The only tool that we have is an override," said Major. "The departments are saying that we need this money, that we can't live without it."

Though selectmen did not vote to support a Proposition 2 1/2 override, which would permanently raise property taxes above the 2.5 per-

"What we've been doing over the last several years is spending as though we've already had the tax increase, without asking the voters."

Chairwoman Joanne Marden

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Hockey community loses key player

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With some 500 skaters of all levels, Andover's town hockey league is one of the largest in the state.

Parents don't have to drive far for equipment needs, as the Andover Hockey Shop has been a Shawsheen Square destination for the past 36 years.

Often, owner Leo J. "Sandy" Gravell Jr. himself fitted kids' skates and helmets, measured heights for hockey sticks, re-

placed laces or handled the hock-

ey-tape needs of frazzled parents and players on their way to practice.

Sadly, he won't be there for assistance any more.

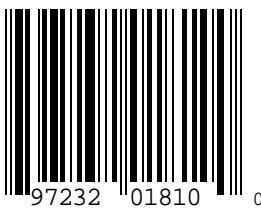
Gravell, 60, an Andover native who graduated from Pynchard High School in 1965 and served in the U.S. Marines, suffered an apparent heart attack at his Hillsboro, N.H., home.

He died Tuesday, March 18. Memorial services were held earlier this week in Andover at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home

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Andover selectman Mary Lyman, who was re-elected to another term, celebrates with her husband, James, and their son, Andy, 17, at their house. She defeated candidate Peter Cotch.

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Andover Townsman one of top weeklies

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5,000 to be named Distinguished Newspapers. As part of the contest, the Townsman received the top score possible for both its local coverage and feature pages. "Solid local coverage with a good variety in scale and scope of context. ... It has few weaknesses," wrote the judges, in part. "Great art and features content." Judges reviewed two full issues from calendar year 2007 from each newspaper involved in the NENA contest. The awards were given out at the 2008 NENA Awards luncheon in Boston.

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HOCKEY: Gravell always first in line to help hockey programs

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and St. Augustine Church.

Members of Andover's hockey community said they will miss his helpfulness and the atmosphere he cultivated at his hockey shop in Shawshen Square.

"The hockey shop was not just a great place to get gear but a social event. I am not saying anything that those that have played sports in town or who have had kids play don't already know. It is just too bad the kids coming up won't get the chance to get to know him as they grow up in town as we have," said Larry Lamagna, who directs the midget hockey program for the Andover Hockey Association.

Dick Neal, former schools superintendent, was the AHA founder back in 1959.

"They were the mainstay of the town's hockey program. Sandy was extremely helpful with skate sharpening, getting skates for kids," Neal said. "It's a loss to the family and a loss to Andover hockey."

Like other business owners in town, Gravell was approached for donations often, Lamagna said.

"Whenever we went to Sandy for any tournament, social event, raffle or auction and asked for his support, whether at the youth level or high school, his response was always, 'What do you want me to do, how can I help?'" Lamagna said.

AHA president Joe Benson of Andover added, "Sandy was a dear friend of Andover Hockey Association. He supported all of our tournaments and always would offer to help out in any way possible."

Benson said Gravell enjoyed the scores of hockey

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AHA president Joe Benson

players of all ages and levels who came into the store.

"He would treat them like they were one of his," Benson said. "On behalf of AHA, we will really miss Sandy, a good friend and great person. Our sympathies go out to the Gravell family."

Gravell is survived by his parents, Leo J. Gravell Sr. and Mary Ruth (Melvin) Gravell; five children, Leo J. III and his wife Kelley A. Gravell of Windham, N.H., Chris L. and his wife Cynthia L. Gravell of Windham, Cheri L. Gravell of Derry, N.H., Andrea L. and her husband Jason A. Griffiths of Nottingham, N.H., and Daniel J. Gravell of Windham; one sister, Karen and her husband James McCabe of Falmouth; two nieces; and 10 grandchildren. He was the former husband of Moira K. Simione of Methuen and Janice A. Gravell of Windham and was the dear friend of Jeanine Williams of Hillsboro.

Donations in Gravell's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

OVERRIDE: Finance Committee voted 9-0 to include override proposal

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cent increase normally allowed under state law, Major said earlier the board would take a stance on March 26.

"We'll discuss that," said Major. "I would like to see us recommend to approve or disapprove. I think it's appropriate to have that position in the Finance Committee book."

The Finance Committee voted 9-0 in favor of including an override proposal on the warrant, suggesting the dollar amount be high enough to cover departmental deficits and reductions in the town capital improvement plan next year.

After voting 5-0 to include the override article, selectmen briefly discussed the possibility of including all school department user fees within the tax-raising proposal — something for which Selectman Mary Lyman said parents have been asking.

The School Committee has yet to vote on whether it will support an override proposal.

"If no other board is supporting it, it's a shot in the dark," said Lyman.

An override would have to be approved at Town Meeting and a town election.

Two budget alternatives emerge

On the morning of March 24, members of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee met for more than an hour and created two alternatives to Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski's balanced recommended budget.

That evening, selectmen approved the \$58.6 million school budget appropriation by a 3-0-2 vote, with Lyman and Selectman

Jerry Stabile choosing to abstain. However, the three boards could still adopt one of the two alternatives.

Saying the School Department is dealing with the "lion's share of the hurt" when it came to absorbing a potential \$1.9 million cut from its requested budget, Stabile said he wanted to consider alternatives before taking a stance on the school budget.

"Does the School Department effectively have to absorb this difference?" asked Stabile of the budget deficit. "Do we want to try to make an effort to come a little closer and help alleviate that?"

Under the first alternative, the school budget would be reduced by \$750,000 instead of \$1.9 million, with the town absorbing a \$250,000 reduction. Proposed town and school capital improvements would be reduced by \$750,000.

In addition to those measures, the town would budget for an additional \$100,000 in health insurance cost savings, increase its new growth estimate for next year by \$250,000, and close the remaining operating budget gap with \$557,617 in money from its stabilization fund.

This year officials used \$580,000 in reserve money to cover operating expenses.

Under the second proposed alternative, the schools would absorb a \$600,000 reduction from its departmental request, with \$957,616 coming out of the stabilization fund to balance the budget.

School Committee member Tony James told selectmen and the Finance Committee on March 24 that the budget won't be balanced next year without taking money from Andover's cash reserves.

"It was an inevitable conclu-

sion," said James. "The School Committee is not going to go to Town Meeting with a deficit of \$1.9 million or greater and just lay down and die."

Finance Committee member John Stumpf said the two alternatives were drawn up to find a compromise between what town and school departments were requesting. But he noted that using one-time funds for operating expenses will make balancing future budgets more difficult — a stance taken by both Major and Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

"To take any amount of money from reserves would be irresponsible at this point," said Major, estimating a deficit of between \$4 million and \$5 million after fiscal 2009. "It would have to be a conscious decision that we're going to worsen the financial position in 2010 so that we have less of an effect on the '09 budget."

"Pick your poison. Do you want to deal with the problem now or do you want to deal with it later?" said Major.

"We're looking at bigger deficits, unless there's some change in the way the town behaves," said Marden. "What we've been doing over the last several years is spending as though we've already had the tax increase, without asking the voters."

Stating that he was hesitant to use reserve funds or rely on a larger new growth estimate, Selectman Ted Teichert said an override should be proposed as an option this spring.

"I wish that was an option out there for people and maybe it still can be," said Teichert before selectmen added the override proposal to the Town Meeting warrant. "Give the people a chance to vote and let them vote."

Andover to join Haverhill on big screen?

Hollywood actress Jennifer Garner already has done a scene with Andover's hot dog man — Don Cowan, known for parking his cart in front of Old Town Hall.

The scene should be in the movie "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past."

Now, Garner is scheduled to film a few scenes for her next movie, "This Side of the Truth," in

Haverhill. That city is all excited as she is expected to shoot some scenes there in early May.

She may also head south to film in Andover at Phillips Academy. Tracy M. Sweet, director of academy communications, confirmed that a film group has indeed contacted the prestigious private high school.

"But so far, that's it. We have not yet had a chance to consider the request," she responded in an e-mail.

As they say in Hollywood, stay tuned.

— Judy Wakefield

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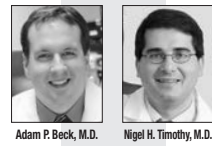
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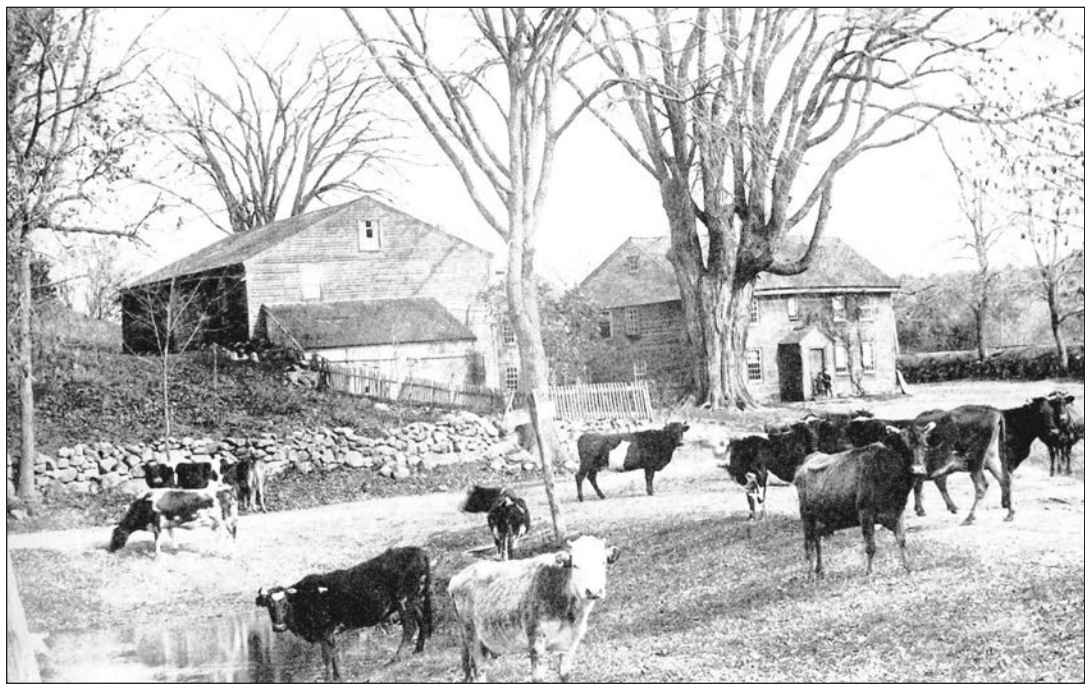
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: Cows meander freely at the Abbot Homestead, 9 Andover St., about 1890.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: The cows are absent, but green grass and trees remain at 9 Andover St.

Register to vote at Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Andover High School Collins Field House and, if needed, May 5 and 6 at the Collins Center at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. each night.

The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday, April 9. The town clerk's office will be open for new

registrations from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A shuttle bus will run from the parking lot on Red Spring Road and will make a loop through the West Middle School parking lot. Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m. and end at 11 p.m.

Upon request, sign language interpreters, material on tape, and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communication as specified in the American with Disabilities Act. Contact the town's ADA co-

ordinator at 978-623-8530 at Town Offices by Wednesday, April 9.

All registered voters who attend Town Meeting will need to check into the meeting in the lobby of Andover High School on April 30 and May 1 and the lobby of the Collins Center on May 5 and 6. The town recommends that people check their precinct number before they go to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

Questions? Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

Conserving water, one barrel at a time

Residents interested in capturing rainwater for use later in their gardens might find something of interest at the town Department of Public Works.

The town of Andover has received a grant from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for a discounted price for rain barrels. The grant allows the town to offer barrels at \$45 for the first 20 barrels and \$55 for each barrel after that. The barrels usually cost about \$90, according to Sandy Gerraughty, DPW spokeswoman. For more information, contact Gerraughty at dpw-business@andoverma.gov or 978-623-8350, ext. 515.

The barrels are meant to promote water conservation.

Has your pet had its rabies shot?

The Andover Animal Hospital will conduct its annual rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 5, at its office at 233 Lowell St. The clinic will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost of the vaccination will be \$10 per animal and all animals should be leashed or restrained.

Rabies vaccinations will be good for three years for people who bring proof (current rabies certificate) that their pet has been immunized within the past year. Otherwise, the vaccination will be good for only one year.

State law requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies by 6 months of age and must be 3 months of age before they can be vaccinated.

If residents have not yet licensed their dogs for 2008, they should contact the town clerk's office for further information at 978-623-8257.

April health clinics

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.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I LOVE TO GO CANOEING. To take something out that you've built yourself is pretty awesome.

— Dennis Hacker, 17, one of several Andover teens involved with building a 16-foot canoe expected to travel on the Shawsheen River this spring. Story in Townspeople, Page 9.

MANY PEOPLE THINK THE ABUNDANCE OF BANKS IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT ON MAIN STREET, but multiple banks have been based there for almost 200 years. ... This exhibit gives us an opportunity to appreciate Andover's vibrant downtown history.

— Andover Historical Society Curator Andrew Grizl on an exhibit opening Saturday morning that includes the working frappe machine from the old Ford's Coffee Shop. Frappes, coffee and doughnuts will be available. Story in Arts, Page 15.

WE'VE RUN FOCUS GROUPS; they just sit there and keep playing. We have to pry the phone out of their fingers.

— Chief Marketing Officer and Andover resident Christopher Payme-Taylor on the cell-phone games his company creates. Story in Business, Page 18.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Elderly Tax Aide Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Friday, March 28
Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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

Tuesday, April 1
Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2
Virtual Assisted Living Council on Aging subcommittee, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9 a.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, 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.

Monday, April 7
Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

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

Wednesday, April 9
Design Review Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 10
Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.
Board of Registrars voter registration, Town Clerk's Office, 5 to 8 p.m.



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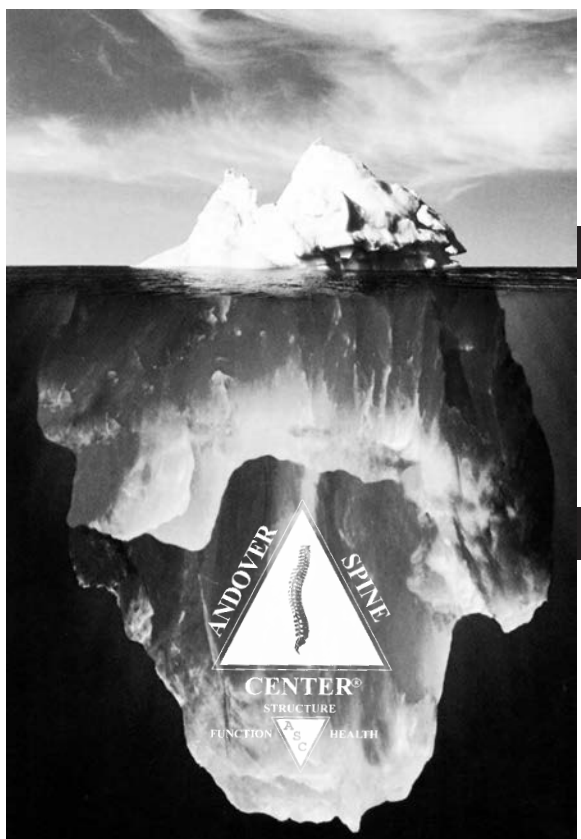


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Firefighters to carry masks to help pets stuck in fires

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover firefighters long have had the ability to offer oxygen to people at the scene of a fire.

Now they can do the same for dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits and other four-legged friends of homeowners.

Thanks to a recent donation to the Andover Fire Rescue Department, starting next month all three fire stations will be equipped with oxygen mask sets for animals. The masks were donated by the Main Street Animal Hospital in Salem, N.H.

"It's just another service we'll be able to provide to the community if the situation arises, and at no cost," said Andover fire Chief Michael Mansfield. "Now we have something that's designed specifically to begin the treatment process for these pets before we get someone to transport them to the animal hospital."

According to Dr. Kimberly Wadsworth, a member of the Andover Animal Hospital staff, the ability to begin treatment for smoke inhalation at the site of a fire will increase the chances for pets' survival.

"The faster you can get it into them, the better the outcome you're going to have," said Wadsworth of the oxygen, which is delivered at a rate of one to two liters per minute. "You want as tight a seal as possible so that you're not having oxygen leaking out of the sides."

Andover Fire Rescue received three sets of masks. In all, 20 sets were distributed to area fire departments as part of the hospital's annual fundraiser.

Mansfield said each set includes three different sizes of oxygen masks. The equipment, manufactured by a New Zealand-based company, can be



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Andover fire Chief Mike Mansfield applies an oxygen mask for animals to the face of "Boomer," a bomb-sniffing dog who works at the IRS in Andover.

used on a variety of animals.

"They all have different snout sizes," said Mansfield. "They can be used for just about any sized animal, as long as the animal is tolerant to have its nose put in the cup to breathe the oxygen."

In the past, Mansfield said he has had to treat pets for smoke inhalation using a oxygen mask designed for humans.

Because the masks don't fit the pets correctly, the animals

receive less oxygen, he said.

"Just surrounding them with that oxygen atmosphere will get rid of the contaminants from the smoke," said Mansfield. "It operates the same exact way as a regular oxygen mask would on a regular patient."

Mansfield said firefighters often find pets while searching a home during a fire.

"A lot of the pets, when a fire occurs like that, they try to hide in a safe place," said Donna



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Pirolli, manager of the Main Street Animal Hospital in Salem, N.H. "A couple of days later is usually when they start developing some (smoke inhalation) symptoms."

Pirolli said her staff decided to use the money from its annual fundraiser on oxygen masks af-

ter they treated two dogs for smoke inhalation as a result of a New Year's Eve house fire in Salem.

"Obviously, it was an emergency," said Pirolli. "The owner was very grateful that we took them in right away."

"They need to get the oxygen to clean that out," said Pirolli. "They do great once you get them in here and on oxygen, which is now what the firemen will do on-site."

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 18 — At 2:38 a.m., Timothy Sullivan, 29, of 18 Belmont St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

At 4:36 p.m., Adam Lustig, 25, of 76 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

Wednesday, March 19 — At 11:15 a.m., Wagner Matos III, 21, of 58 Judson St., Malden, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and an unlicensed motor vehicle.

Thursday, March 20 — At 8:21 a.m., Anderson Batista, 22, of 1A Colonial Drive, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 4:24 p.m., Nicholas Warren, 21, of 20 Greenfield St., Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant for a marked lanes violation and license suspension.

At 4:45 p.m., Jose Dasilva, 30, of 107 Blossom St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, forgery/misuse of a RMV document, allowing an uninsured motor vehicle, and having a miscellaneous motor-vehicle-equipment violation, an unregistered motor vehicle and an unlicensed motor vehicle.

At 11:27 p.m., Robin Brown, 53, of 20 Granli Road, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and failing to stop for police.

Friday, March 21 — At 12:26 p.m., Jennifer Macero, 33, of 100 Nutting Road, Westford, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct on a public conveyance, speeding, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license as a habitual traffic offender, the second offense of operating under the influence of liquor and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, March 22 — At 2:23 p.m., Peter Gobron, 23, of 193 Powderhouse Blvd., Somerville, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class E substance.

At 4:44 p.m., Wilmin Jimenez, 20, of 123 Swan St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with distribution of a Class B substance and on warrant for assault and assault with a dangerous weapon.

At 5:24 p.m., Juan Santizo, 30, of 8 Sevilla Road, was arrested and charged with distribution of a Class B substance.

At 8:01 p.m., Zachary Wildman, 33, of 5 Fox Cross Circle, Concord, was arrested and charged on a warrant for possessing a hypodermic needle and possessing a Class A substance.

Sunday, March 23 — At 2:25 a.m., Emily Griswold, 20, of 5 Serenity lane, was ar-

rested and charged with a marked lanes violation, a stop-sign violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 19 — At 4:31 p.m., theft of \$260 was reported on Lewis Street.

Friday, March 21 — At 6:41 p.m., theft of \$415 was reported on Washington Avenue.

Saturday, March 22 — At 6:44 p.m., theft of a refrigerator was reported on River Street.

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Monday, March 24 — At 8:59 a.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported on William Street.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 18 — At 3:10 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on River Road.

At 6:27 p.m., suspicious activity was reported by a caller who said her address was used on a Craig's List advertisement.

At 6:58 p.m., a disorderly person was reported in front of Market Basket on North Main Street.

Wednesday, March 19 — At 6:40 a.m., vandalism was reported on Andover Street. A woman told police someone had thrown a bottle through her front window and drove away.

At 6:28 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 10:12 p.m., harassment involving Craig's List was reported.

Thursday, March 20 — At 10:23 a.m., identity theft was reported on Main Street.

At 12:16 p.m., a threatening message was left on the answering machine at West Middle School.

Friday, March 21 — At 3:17 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Center Street.

Saturday, March 22 — At 10:47 a.m., an officer was injured on North Main Street.

At 1:10 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Scotland Drive.

At 2:07 p.m., harassment was reported on Lowell Street.

At 5:37 p.m., a death was reported on Gould Road.

Sunday, March 23 — At 12:47 p.m., a missing 6-year-old was reported on North Street and was later found.

Monday, March 24 — At 7:44 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 5:29 p.m., identity theft was reported on Brown Street.

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Wednesday, March 19 — At 7:19 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at McDonald's on North Main Street.

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ELECTION 2008

Forgue, parent of two young children, joins School Committee

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The newest member of the Andover School Committee won't have to look far to see the effect of his decisions. His children Naomi, 8, and Jobe, 6, are students at Shawsheen School.

"We have a lot in front of us. I'm not unappreciative of the task," said Forgue, who, motioning to his daughter, added, "It's all about these guys."

Dennis Forgue was elected to the vacant seat on the Andover School Committee Tuesday night, defeating opponent Gregory Rigby by 224 votes. Both were running for a three-year School Committee seat for the first time. The seat was left open by David Samuels, who did not run for re-election after one term.

Forgue won seven of Andover's nine precincts, and 54 percent of the 2,769 total ballots cast Tuesday.

The two candidates agreed they became friendly through the campaign and will remain in contact. Forgue said he has started to form an advisory group for support and feedback as he sits on the School Committee, and Rigby was the first person he called.

"We had fun running against each other. We were standing outside, holding signs until about quarter of eight," said Forgue Tuesday night. "It was a long, cold day, but very enjoyable, spent with very nice people, and at the top of that list was my opponent."

Rigby said he plans to run again next year. For now, he'll stay closely involved in town issues and is happy to support Forgue through the advisory group.

"They got a good guy," Rigby said as he socialized with friends and supporters at Palmer's, a local restaurant, after the polls closed. "I feel I ran a good campaign. I wouldn't have done anything differently. ... I don't think (Andover residents) would have gone



Andover: Pauline Hamilton casts her ballot during the town elections on Tuesday afternoon.

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wrong with either one of us." Forgue and Rigby had similar viewpoints on many issues during the campaign, both saying the schools' financial operations could be more tightly run and opposing a Proposition 2½ override for this year. They differed on the Community Preservation Act, which Forgue was in favor of and Rigby was not. The CPA was defeated.

Forgue said his first action as a School Com-

mittee member will be to call Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman, "to sit down and have a conversation to see if there is any way to put together a balanced budget."

Rigby said the first thing he would have done, if elected, would have been to ask the School Committee to take a vote to save athletics at Andover High School. That decision should not be up to the superintendent, but the School Committee, he said.

After the polls closed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Forgue relaxed on the couch with his wife, Eileen, at their Reservation Road home and reflected on his campaign.

Daughter Naomi, a second-grader at Shawsheen who was still awake to celebrate with her dad, said she was "very excited" about the election results. Six-year-old Jobe was fast asleep, "out like a light," after a long day, said Eileen Forgue.

The decision to run for School Committee was a family decision, said Forgue, and he was grateful for the support of his wife throughout his campaign.

"I've promised Eileen that I would not be quiet (on the School Committee) and sit back my first year. I'm going to have an impact right away," he said. "I'm excited for the opportunity. I am hopeful that I can have a positive effect very soon. It's different when you have a seat at the table. I will do my very best to use it wisely."

Fiscal responsibility and improved communication among all town boards are issues important to Forgue, who said he plans on "building confidence in committees that the whole town can trust."

Forgue predicted he will face only a "small learning curve" because of his past experience with the Shawsheen School PTO, Andover's School Facilities Task Force, and the Andover Coalition for Education.

Lyman: 'Support from people I didn't know'

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

After a day spent holding campaign signs outside Andover High School, Selectman Mary Lyman returned from the polls to a home bustling with supporters.

Re-elected on March 25, Lyman began her third term as a selectman by feeding house guests and reflecting on her recent victory over challenger Peter Cotch.

First elected to the board in 2001, Lyman defeated Cotch — 1,446 votes to 1,186 — in the annual town election.

"I'm just kind of enjoying the moment," said Lyman. "It was a long day. We were out there for 13 hours."

"It was really, it was 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Any day I didn't have a meeting at night I was campaigning. You're constantly getting feedback. It was hard to juggle," she said.

Lyman, a School Street resident who is married with three sons, served on the School Committee from 1992 to 1995. She also worked as the human resources director for the Andover School Department from 1985 to 1990.

With the town's budget planning already in full swing for fiscal year 2009, Lyman considered her re-election a confirmation of what she's offered residents.

"I was doing the right things," said Lyman. "I got a lot of support from a lot of people I didn't know."



Andover Selectman Mary Lyman (right) who was re-elected to another term, celebrates at her home with friends and family including Judy Norton. She defeated candidate Peter Cotch.

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A Salem Street resident and attorney, Cotch said Lyman benefited from her status as an incumbent.

Cotch called his campaign a "referendum on the status quo," and said he was happy to have broken the 1,000-vote mark.

"It seems change wasn't as urgent on people's minds as it might have been," said Cotch. "I stand by my belief that new taxes are not the appropriate solution, that we need to find

new sources of revenue, that we need to push back on unfunded mandates, and that we need to do a better job of allocating our resources."

Cotch previously was a city councilor in Concord, N.H., in the late 1970s. This was his first campaign in Massachusetts.

"I want to congratulate Mary on a job well done," said Cotch. "She got her people out, and obviously that was the key to victory."

While on the campaign trail, Lyman said she was told she is seen as approachable and willing to listen to residents.

"In the end I got so much feedback," said Lyman. "I did everything that I think responsible government should do and try to be responsive. I think Andover's a nice place to live. We just need to continue making it a nice place to live."

Lyman said proposing changes to the town vehicle policy and pursuing "budget savings through attrition" — potentially not replacing workers who retire — will be two of her priorities during her third term.

"Those are my two biggies right now that I think have immediate and long-term impact," said Lyman.

"I still want to work with the Commission on Disabilities," said Lyman. "I'm looking forward to the next three years and the opportunities. I-93 is going to be a real opportunity for Andover, let's hope. And [there is] the youth center, which is something that should happen."

ELECTION: Tax surcharge defeated by 300 votes

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Housing Authority member Janice Burkholder.

Tax surcharge rejected

The only ballot question this year offered residents an opportunity to ratify the Community Preservation Act, but it was defeated 1,518 votes to 1,208.

Already approved at Town Meeting last spring, the CPA would have instituted a 1 percent surcharge on residents' property tax bills to establish a fund for projects related to open space and recreation, affordable housing and historic preservation.

Any funds raised by the town would have been eligible for a percentage of state money in return.

This was the second time Andover voters defeated the CPA. It was first defeated at 2002 Town Meeting.

"I think we missed a real opportunity in 2002, and I think we're missing a real opportunity again," said Susan Stott, a member of the CPA Coalition. "It's too bad we're not getting state money for things that we have to do."

Pleased with the defeat of the CPA was former Andover fire Chief Bill Downs, who spent the duration of election day along Shawsheen Road expressing his opposition to the ballot question and other tax increases to passers-by.

"They're going for the override, and (residents) don't have the money for it," said Downs, after a day spent outdoors in the cold. "This just isn't the year."

Hess admitted that most people in town don't want to have their taxes increase.

"I think that's an excuse that people use a lot," said Hess. "There's never a good year when you raise taxes."

While Stott speculated that the CPA may have been defeated in part because there was no specific, large-scale project to highlight during the recent campaign, Hess said such a project could be found in the proposed restoration of Veterans Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School.

"It's not as pressing for the

town as the overall budget crisis," said Hess. "Nobody knows if we're going to have a Proposition 2½ override, but I sense there were some people who thought, 'If there was going to be more (taxes), I'd rather have that.'"

"It's going to be up to the selectmen and the School Committee to find out how to pay for those things," said Hess. "A lot of those projects will just be put off, and they won't get done."

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Susan Stott,
a member of the CPA Coalition.

Hess said he expected more people to vote but was unsure if more participation would have affected the outcome of the ballot question.

"I think it was a big enough margin where it probably wouldn't have made a big enough difference," said Hess. "You can never tell."

With 20,385 voters registered in Andover, the approximately 14 percent turnout in this year's election did not surprise Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

"That's about average," said Hanson. "It doesn't appear that it was different than a typical race, despite there being a (ballot) question."

Doherty, the daughter of long-time Town Moderator Jim Doherty who ran against four other candidates last year, will take the gavel for a second time this spring. Town Meeting is scheduled to begin April 30.

"Certainly it was much easier than the first race," said Doherty. "It was very gratifying to get the votes that I got. That was nice. A lot less stressful this year than last year."

Doherty, a Juniper Road resident, received 2,093 votes. Burkholder, of Arundel Street, the Andover Housing Authority candidate, received 1,932.

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Opinion

History — you want fries with that?

The Historical Society won't just bring history to life Saturday morning, it will make it taste good, too.

With the multi-million-dollar Main Street redesign under way, the Historical Society is launching a new exhibit, "Main Street Memories: A Walk Down Memory Lane." It focuses on what Main Street has looked like through the years. The exhibit opening will include some newer history, such as a recreation of Ford's Coffee Shop — including an actual booth and the ice-cream frappe machine from the establishment. The machine will be operated Saturday by Steve Sintros, grandson of former owners Tom and Stella Koravos. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Ford's was a popular family-run stop that closed in the 1990s after 40 years in business. Many Andover residents have fond memories of Ford's. While long-time residents will enjoy reliving those memories, most everyone enjoys diners and their frappes. So most Andoverites — regardless of age or length of residency — will be able to appreciate the exhibit.

Last summer, the Historical Society started a weekend farmers' market, another fun way to put people in touch with the past — in this case the agricultural roots that helped shape Andover. The market will return this year, when the warmer weather does.

The Historical Society deserves credit for trying some new, livelier ideas to draw different crowds, and create interest in the rich and varied history of Andover. Who doesn't like to learn their history when it comes with a side of ice cream?

Driving round and round

Speaking of Main Street, selectmen are waffling on their decision to raise the parking fees at downtown meters to 50 cents. In true Andover fashion, an ad hoc task force will study the issue.

The original vote to raise the fees was not well considered, because it was done without giving downtown businesses a chance to participate in the discussion. Raising fees, while Main Street road and sidewalk construction makes shopping downtown more inconvenient, would provide a financial whammy to some small businesses.

But those who know their Andover history — or have just lived here awhile — know that downtown parking issues are nothing new. Long ago, Andover installed meters along Main Street ... and then removed them. In the last few years, it has tried the pay-and-display parking system, and decided against using it more because of complaints.

It will always be difficult for people to park exactly in front of the store where they wish to shop. Tweaking the parking situation should be done to make it better. But this is a conversation that will continue to go round and round — like drivers looking for the Holy Grail of parking spaces — for as long as the downtown is a destination.

WEB QUESTION

Want to be a movie extra?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web-site questions was, "What is the surest sign of spring in Andover?"

Nearly half of those responding, about 47.4 percent said, "Budget blowups."

Another 26.3 percent said, "Clown Town arrives."

Nearly 15.8 percent said, "Shawsheen River rises to its banks."

The rest of the responses were split evenly between,

"Can see the grass in the Park is getting green," and "Birds return."

This week's Townsman Web-site question is, "If a Jennifer Garner movie is filmed in Andover, would you want to be an extra?"

Vote yes or no at www.andovertownsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the Townsman home page.

STAYING THE COURSE



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Lou Bernieri and Boryana Tacconi of Merrimack Valley People for Peace stand at Shawsheen Square in Andover holding signs and peace flags to protest the Iraq war. Members of the group have met at the same spot every Sunday for five years, since before the war started

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Independent audit of school spending needed

Editor, Townsman:

I never thought I would see the day a teachers union would push the interests of children out of their way in a grab for budget dollars for pay raises. That is effectively what we have been witness to over the past three weeks as Andover's teachers union has laid claim, through their enablers in the school department and School Committee, to \$628,000 of unspent special education money from this year's school department budget that somehow magically appeared out of nowhere several weeks ago.

Having used their perennial scare tactic method to lobby for unaffordable budgets, this year's threat was total elimination of the high school sports program if we don't approve a Proposition 2 1/2 override to cover an even more mammoth school department budget increase (most of which effectively goes into pay raises unrelated to merit or job performance). As soon as that \$628,000 was revealed by the school superintendent (kept hidden even from town leadership while the school department's scare tactics were at full throttle), the schools wasted no time in glomming onto that revealed budget surplus, not to insure funding of the high school athletic program, but to fund nonmerit-based pay raises this coming year via their approval of an unaffordable new union contract.

What our town desperately needs is a thorough, independent audit of how our school department tax dollars have been and are being spent before we approve spending \$1 more than what we approved in last year's school budget. We need an honest accounting on the budget. Any proposed school department budget for the coming year, other than a level-funded one, should be viewed with complete suspicion by taxpayers.

Given that 40 percent of current School Committee members have financial conflicts of interest when it comes to both a new teachers' contract and development of the upcoming school budget that funds teachers' contracts, I suggest that we as taxpayers level fund the school department this coming budget year until we get the needed independent audit of current school department spending and we have in place a School Committee free of the current financial conflicts of interest. As was so well said in the movie "Network," we should all be mad as hell, and not willing to take these school department shell games any more.

Bob Pokress
3 Cherrywood Circle

Editor's note: School Committee members with spouses who work for the schools abstain from contract discussions.

Three days, connected

Editor, Townsman:

Our society doesn't invite us to reflect on these three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil.

As I write, it's Good Friday. My

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kids have school, it's just another day.

I'm taking them out at noon to be able to attend a Good Friday service.

Last night at the Holy Thursday Mass, I heard something that I hadn't thought of: "Think of these three days as one."

I thought, "No, they are separate" — the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. I want to separate them.

Are they connected?

Thursday night — Gathering with friends, serving one another as a mandate from Jesus, not a choice. Being betrayed by a friend. Being alone in prayer and not sure who your friends are.

Good Friday — A day to look at our own sufferings, those things that are broken in our lives. Living in the balance, not knowing the outcome, but trusting that your pain will take you and make you more whole.

Easter — to believe in the unbelievable. To have hope when we thought all is lost. To know it will be OK and we are not alone.

These three days do belong together. They are about our daily lives.

Society will not invite us to reflect. We must seek the invitation by our church and our faith to take the time ourselves.

Katie LeBlanc
New Hampshire
Confirmation director
St. Augustine Parish, Andover

Time for town and gown to get along

Editor, Townsman:

I appreciated seeing Bill Dalton's positive column with regard to the role that Phillips Academy plays in the town and vice versa ("Burning awning: An intro to town-gown," Townsman, March 13). I think it should stand as a reminder to everyone in the community — both on and off the Hill — that the current level of town-gown animosity is unnecessary.

After having gone through the Andover public school system through eighth grade, I am now a senior at Phillips. Consequently, I feel a strong connection to both the town and the academy, and have often felt caught in the middle of the rivalry between my classmates and the students at Andover High, many of whom I have known since elementary school.

The tension doesn't bother me

quite as much as it used to when I was an underclassman, but it is nonetheless disheartening.

The first time that I heard abusive language shouted at me from a passing car as I crossed the part of Main Street that runs through campus, I'll admit I was upset. I've become used to it by now, as most of us on the Hill have. It is even more annoying, though, when we are pelted with water balloons.

On the other hand, I am aware that PA students occasionally pester townies. At least, this is what I was told by a former Doherty Middle School classmate of mine who works downtown. He claimed that groups of PA students would sometimes congregate in the store and conduct themselves in an obnoxious fashion, making an unnecessary amount of noise and disrupting him as he worked. Of course, he told me this right before making fun of me for being a PA student, so it is quite possible he was slightly biased. He is a good and honest person, though, so I gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Finger-pointing aside, I believe it is time for this generation of PA and AHS students to learn to coexist peacefully. That is why I am so grateful to Mr. Dalton for reminding the Andover community that this is not only possible and desirable, but simple as well.

Katie Zimmerman
Carisbrooke Street
Phillips Academy Class of 2008

Support Priority Development Sites

Editor, Townsman:

Dear friends and neighbors, A new Interstate 93 interchange is coming to the Lowell Junction/Ballardvale area and, while the actual design is still up for debate, the impact on the town will be substantial. In order for Andover to exert some control over this project, we must begin planning and deciding what is possible and what is acceptable.

Your support of Warrant Article 27 — Priority Development Sites would allow the town to access state funds and technical assistance to begin focusing on the infrastructure required to develop this area and to determine the type and density of development we would like to see, while keeping the risk of actual development at a minimum. The designated parcel of land, west of I-93, is inaccessible unless, and until, the interchange is built. Also, the PDS designation expires in five years, which is well before the ramp will be completed. Any future parcels to be designated as Priority Development Sites would need approval at a future Town Meeting.

Having this infrastructure information and a vision of how this area is to be developed prior to the Federal Highway Agency's consideration of the ramp design is critical to our ability to rebut designs that are not in our interest.

Without these funds and resources, it may not be possible for the town to gather the information needed to make judgments on this new development, especially given the current fiscal realities.

Please support Warrant Article 27 — Priority Development Sites at Town Meeting.

Kerry O'Kelly
2 Sparta Way
Kate Miller
4 Odyssey Way
Mike Papa
1 Messinia Drive

Free cash responsibly covers emergencies

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to thank John Zipeto for bringing attention last week to Andover's savings account — Free Cash. To further citizens' knowledge of this responsible financial management tool, I offer the following educational explanation of this reserve account that is sanctioned by the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Free Cash provides a financial cushion against a sudden loss of a revenue source, an economic downturn, emergency and unanticipated expenditures, nonrecurring capital expenditures and uneven cash flow. This reserve account is contributed to annually when actual revenues exceed budgeted amounts, as well as when actual expenditures are below budgeted amounts. For example, Andover annually budgets for snow and ice removal. Even with historical data to estimate costs, Andover has over and under-budgeted this account 10 times each over the previous 20 years. When over-budgeting occurs, this represents unexpended budgeted tax dollars. The town responsibly accounts for those unused funds and reports them to Massachusetts officials who validate the reported under-expenditures and certifies those monies as reserves that are added to Andover's Free Cash account.

Money in the Free Cash reserve account can be used for any municipal purpose that is approved by Town Meeting. In previous years, our community has used Free Cash reserves to support the funding of capital projects, operating budgets and unanticipated and emergency expenditures. Complementing our capital expenditures is a responsible use for reserves since these expenditures are not depended on annually. Use of Free Cash to support operating budgets should be done with caution because these expenditures not only recur every year but also increase in cost as detailed in the various union contracts. Additionally, when Free Cash is used to support operating budgets, then two-thirds of every dollar appropriated is allocated to the School Department even though the schools rarely contribute to this reserve account. Most importantly, our town reserve accounts are available to fund unanticipated or emergency expenditures. Examples include: greater than expected snow and ice removal, flood rescue and cleanup, hurricane cleanup, roof repairs and special education costs. Healthy reserves strengthen the financial stability of our community.

Brian Major
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TIM JEAN/Staff photo
A tree across the Andover Historical Society on Main Street is wrapped for protection during the Main Street construction project. As the project begins, selectmen, police and business owners are discussing what to do about parking downtown.



On parking, town may go back to the drawing board

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover selectmen, police and business owners will come up with a cooperative plan over the next month to assess metered parking downtown and what can be done to improve access for both shoppers and employees.

The decision came March 24, after members of the Andover Business Center Association appeared before the Board of Selectmen to dispute the timing of its January decision to double the town parking rate to 50 cents an hour.

"We didn't know about it," said Peter Caruso, an attorney and ABCA member, of the rate hike. "Wouldn't it be better if we had participation and communication from the business community?"

Downtown business owners offered a number of suggestions to the board, including rescinding the parking rate increase, waiving all parking fees until after the Main Street redesign project is completed, adding more free 30-minute parking spaces, and offering all-day parking passes for employees of businesses that need them the most.

"What I hear ... is that (downtown parking has) always been an issue and it always will," said ABCA President Sharon Breighner, owner of The Cup Cake Boutique on Post Office Avenue. "We need to make it change, because downtown Andover needs to thrive."

Because of the recent construction work picking up along Main Street, Breighner said raising the cost to park is ill-timed and will affect business downtown. In the long run, an increase to 50 cents won't be a big deal, she said.

"But right now it is," Breighner told selectmen. Selectmen will hear from downtown businesses

"We're charging kids to park at school, but we're not going to charge people to go buy lattés."

Police Chief Brian Pattullo, during budget discussions at the March 24 meeting

again before revisiting their decision to increase the parking rate.

"There are a lot of great suggestions that are here," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major at the March 24 meeting. "The board hasn't rescinded the initial decision. ... It could happen."

Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo said his departmental budget depends on the \$138,000 revenue increase projected from the parking fee increase.

"We're charging kids to park at school, but we're not going to charge people to go buy lattés," he said later in the meeting.

Without the hike, Pattullo told selectmen he may be forced to lay off a patrolman or eliminate or reduce downtown parking enforcement.

"That would be detrimental to the downtown as well," said Pattullo. "You have to be very careful. You do not want to have no parking plan in the downtown."

Pattullo said there are now six free parking spaces along Main Street that will be moved in accordance with where downtown construction is occurring. Seven additional 15-minute spaces were created during the last several months, he said.

"We're constantly trying to tweak the parking program downtown," said Pattullo. "It's not like we're stagnant."

"The School Committee's goal was to provide a fair contract for the teachers while balancing our responsibility to the taxpayers and our commitment to keep our schools strong."

School Committee member Deb Silberstein

Teacher's vote set for today, March 27

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER



ON THE WEB
To learn AEA's contract vote results, go to andovertownsmen.com

Andover teachers are expected to vote March 27 on a contract proposal that, if ratified, will award them an 8.5 percent wage increase over the next three years.

On Feb. 18, a tentative pact was agreed to between the School Committee and Andover Education Association, which represents teachers in town. Andover's teachers had been working without a contract since September.

AEA President Tom Meyers said he expected teachers will vote on the contract settlement at 3:30 p.m. on March 27.

Terms of the contract settlement were posted in all school buildings earlier this month for union members to review.

If accepted, the new contract would give teachers a 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase this year and 3.5 percent bumps in salary during both the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years.

The last contract agreement with the AEA provided a 9.1 percent cost-of-living increase over a three-year period.

"The School Committee's goal was to provide a fair contract for the teachers while balancing our responsibility to the taxpayers and our commitment to keep our schools strong," said School Committee member Deb Silberstein. "I hope our teachers will ratify the contract."

Attempts to contact multiple members of the AEA negotiating team for comment were unsuccessful before Tuesday night.

employees," said James. "I think it's a real win-win on the health insurance."

"I'm hopeful that this contract gets approved and we can move on and focus on educating our students," said School Committee member Tony James.

The new contract proposal is expected to provide the School Department with \$300,000 in annual health-care cost savings by reducing the increase of its employees' health insurance plan premiums.

Under the current health plan, premiums were expected to rise by more than 10 percent next year.

The tentative contract agreement would reduce that annual increase to roughly 5 percent.

If the new health plan is adopted by all Andover unions, more than \$700,000 in annual savings could be realized by the town, according to School Committee member David Samuels.

Changes to employee health plans were necessary moving forward, said Silberstein, who believes both the town and schools must continue reining in health-insurance costs.

"They'll benefit our teachers and the town by slowing the rate of premium growth," she said. "I think the town needs to move forward quickly with their units on the same changes."

"It's a good deal for the town. It's a good deal for the teachers. It will be a good deal for all the town em-

Proposed changes to teachers' health insurance include:

- \$250 deductibles for outpatient surgery and \$500 deductibles for hospital admissions, billed directly to the town

- An increase in co-payments for office visits from \$15 to \$20

- An increase in emergency room visit co-payments from \$75 to \$100

- Prescription drug co-payment increases ranging from zero to \$10 (drugs would cost from between \$10 to \$45)

- An optional flexible spending plan that allows members to withhold up to \$4,000 from their paychecks before taxes for health expenses

"We definitely like them," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major of the proposed health changes.

"They're good changes to make. They're good for the employee because they introduce some of the spending accounts that allow them to use pre-tax monies for medical payments."

But Major also noted that the proposed teacher-salary increases would create an estimated deficit of \$755,000 in fiscal 2010.

"It's kind of a bittersweet pill," said Major. "It's sweet in we had some good in-roads with health-insurance changes. It's bitter because it's not affordable. It drives a \$4 million deficit next year (fiscal 2010). We needed to be able to save more."

Season finale is April 6 for Andover Chamber Music Series

The Andover Chamber Music Series' season finale, "Voices of Nature," will be next Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover.

The Chamber describes Voices as an intimate concert of works for cello, piano, flute and soprano.

Members of the ACMS ensemble in residence, Mistral, include flutist Julie Scolnik, cellist Thomas Kraines and pianist Ya Fei Chuang, with guest soprano, Maria Jette. Reserved seats are \$25 and \$30 at the Rogers Center for the Arts. Call 978-474-6222, or e-mail info@andoverchambermusic.org.

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Townspeople

YEAR AND A HALF TO THE RIVER

Teens spend seasons building cedar canoe

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Its shell of fiberglass and epoxy had already been shed, giving way to long, multi-colored strips of cedar wood.

Sixteen feet long and sporting racing stripes on either side, all that separated this hand-made canoe from its maiden voyage on the Shawsheen River or Poms Pond were a few finishing touches and another coat of varnish.

"We're actually seeing it now in the process of being finished," said Andover High School sophomore Anna Whalen last week. "I didn't think it was going to be that pretty. She's beautiful."

"This is the Cadillac of canoes right here. We've put a lot of effort into this."

Glenn Wilson
AYS assistant director

After months of working on Thursday afternoons, the participants in the Andover Youth Services boat-building program at Andover High School are nearly finished with their first project.

"We're no Norm Abrahms here from This Old House, but this boat looks pretty stylish," said AYS Assistant Director Glenn Wilson. "This is the Cadillac of canoes right here. We've put a lot of effort into this."

Roughly a dozen high school students began assembling the canoe in October 2006, along with Wilson and special education teacher William Hecht. They work on the canoe for about 90 minutes a week.

"It's a very relaxing job; it just takes time," said Hecht from inside the shop at the Collins Center. "Part of the difficulty with a long-term project is keeping interest."

Built from a kit that cost approximately \$1,500, the boat was paid for by Youth Services.

"Finished, these boats go for up to \$5,000," said Wilson, noting that the department might eventually auction it off in a fundraiser after the students use it this spring. "There's 300 hours of work in this boat."

Wilson said that programs like boat building would be perfect to run out of a town-run youth center, but until a center is built, Youth Services must wait and reserve time in the high school shop.

"This type of program, there's nothing like this in town," said Wilson. "Stuff like this is what kids are interested in."

The project got its start after Hecht suggested it to principal Peter Anderson.

Hecht said the canoe building has taught the students how to work together and plan for the long-term.

"It's a very hands-on project," said Hecht. "If you're not in the vocational setting, they're hard to come by."

Dennis Hacker, 17, a junior, already had experience with hands-on projects, though the canoe pro-



William Hecht, left, an Andover High teacher, works with Anna Whalen and Mark Martin on the finishing touches of a 16-foot cedar canoe. After purchasing a kit from Newfound Woodworks in N.H., the people in a boat building program have been working during Thursday afternoons for about a year and a half.

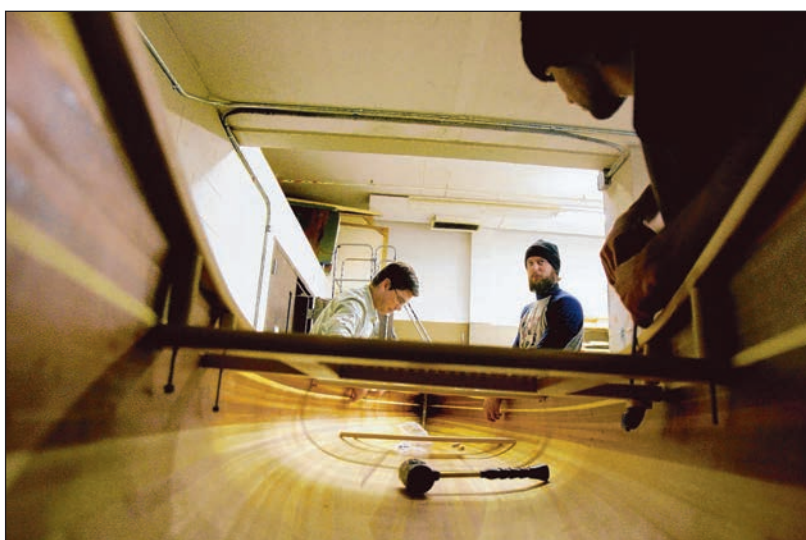
ject offered him a first chance at working with epoxy. Three layers were used, along with a fiberglass sheet to help the canoe hold its shape.

"This is definitely more advanced than what I've done before," said Hacker.

Hecht said he expected to display the finished canoe at the high school before the teens take it out on the water next week.

"Ultimately, I want them to be proud of something they worked a long time on," said Hecht. "I really hope they enjoy it. That's the money right there, is taking it out and actually using it."

"I love to go canoeing," said Hacker. "To take something out that you've built yourself is pretty awesome."



William Hecht, left, Glenn Wilson of Andover Youth Services and Dennis Hacker, 17, an Andover High junior, put the finishing touches on a 16-foot cedar canoe.

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Calling all Andover stakeholders

Bill Dalton



Before the word "McMansions" existed, before many drivers in Andover had worse manners than Vlad the Impaler, and before — as one reader said — Andover's center could be summarized as three Bs, Banks, Bagels and Beauty, the town had changed.

In the mid 1980s, I wrote about Andover then as compared to Andover in the middle of the 20th century. Andover's change was caused by growth. It had been a town of 10,000 people when I grew up, and by the mid '80s Andover was nearly 30,000 people. When it was smaller I knew everyone in my neighborhood, and I knew a lot of other people as well. By the 1980s, I'd walk down Main Street and see mostly people wearing city faces, and I recognized hardly anyone.

I understood that some folks argued that it accomplished nothing to make comparisons with "the good old days." But I felt that making comparisons let us understand, at the least, the different attitudes of Townies and newcomers. For example, in the 1980s, long-term residents thought the town's rush hour traffic was a nuisance; for people who had just moved in from more urban areas, there was little traffic in Andover. For long-term residents, who remembered when they could park directly in front of their destinations, finding places to park in the mid 1980s was a nuisance. For people who had moved from more urban places, Andover's parking problem was nonexistent. For people used to paying big bucks for real estate in places like Boston's posh suburbs, high-priced real estate wasn't a problem. For the sons and daughters of Townie families who had lived in Andover for generations, it felt like they were being driven out of town by newcomers with their fat wallets. I said that what attracted the newcomers to town was that it was a nice place to live, but having so many newcomers move here lessened that ambience. Finally, I stated that Townies didn't like Andover becoming citified, but people who moved here from urban areas saw Andover as a quiet, suburban town.

Before I bring the changes in Andover up to date, here's a quick history. The big change began when industry came to the area following World War II. Population and taxes accelerated. The influx of industry became more dramatic when the town was torn into quadrants by the construction and confluence of Interstate 93 and Route 495, and the rezoning that followed. Farms disappeared and subdivisions sprouted. Subdivisions meant kids, and kids meant more schools and teachers, putting increased upward pressure on the tax rate.

Paying a lot more for taxes caused Townies to become annoyed at newcomers. No less an eminence than Harold Rafton proposed a two-tiered property tax system with the newcomers paying a premium on their taxes for the extra costs that could be assigned to town growth. There was a nasty political era in the 1970s that we can call "The School Committee Wars." Newcomers tended to be younger with lots of kids in school. They liked spending more on education. Townies, on the average, were older with fewer children of school age. Then the argument took on a funny shape. The concept of the "open classroom" came into vogue and it was generally favored by the newcomers. Longer-term residents tended to favor more traditional classrooms

Longtime friendship pays off for Boys and Girls Club



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photos

Donna Lagana Silva of Andover, Timra Carlson of North Andover and Amy Stern Dauphin of Andover laugh as they look over their 1984 North Andover High School yearbook. The trio, who have been friends since they attended NAHS, are helping plan the auction for the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser on April 5. They are surrounded by some of the gift baskets up for auction.

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Timra Carlson, Amy Stern Dauphin and Donna Lagana Silva, close friends and members of the North Andover High School Class of 1984, laughingly describe their high school experience in two words: "big hair."

Now, more than two decades later, the trio's friendship has long outlasted the feathered bangs and teased 'dos of the 1980s.

Dauphin and Silva have since settled in Andover with their families. All three women get their children together for play dates — they each have one son and one daughter under the age of 5 — and are working together to help organize an auction fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence on April 5.

"For me, there's nothing better than old friends. They know where you come from," said Dauphin.

The friends have been seeking donations of goods and services for the Boys and Girls Club auction, which annually raises close to \$400,000.

Dauphin described the annual

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auction as "the most electric evening." Some of the more than 300 items up for bid include trips to Hawaii and Ireland, Boston Celtics game tickets and a baseball signed by Jason Varitek.

Money raised at the red carpet-themed dinner with live and silent auctions, at DiBurro's in Haverhill, pays everyday expenses, "keeping the doors open" at the Lawrence club, Dauphin said.

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■ **ENGAGEMENT**

Siller-Houston

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis A. Siller Jr. of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah A. Siller, to William (Bill) J.P. Houston of Minneapolis, Minn., son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Houston, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Deborah is a graduate of The Pike School and Lawrence Academy. She graduated from Kelley School of Business, Indiana University Bloomington, in 2003 with majors in accounting, finance and international studies. She is a financial analyst with General Mills at its international headquarters.

Bill graduated from Omaha Central High School in 1998. He is a graduate of St. Thomas University and the University of Minnesota, where he received dual degrees in liberal arts and computer engineering. Bill is a principal and operations manager for Houston & Associates LLC, an energy-price risk-management consulting group. He is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at the University of Minnesota.

Deborah and Bill live in Minneapolis and are planning a July 2008 wedding in North Andover.



DALTON: A call for input from Andoverites

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because they had always worked, and it was the way they'd been educated. School Committee elections were lively, and there were lawsuits enough for any town. It all settled out but was not forgotten.

In 2008, money for taxes and education remain perennial issues. Townies have adjusted to the traffic and parking (just in time for the downtown face-lift), and Townies generally ignore, even while cursing under their breaths, the discourteous drivers. In other words, the issue of newcomers and Townies ("them" and "us") has reached a level of relative maturity and stasis.

The town, like any, has groups of people who have an attachment to it: people we will call "stakeholders." Of these, some are stakeholders simply because they are taxpayers. However, I'm interested in you who are stakeholders because of your emotional attachment to Andover. Of course, you, the traditional Townie, are a stakeholder, but there are many other stakeholders. You newcomers who became long-term residents and begat little



"Golden years"?: Students in Ida Grover's 1954 Latin class. Courtesy photo

Townies are stakeholders as are your begatted. You who left town years ago and returned, perhaps to retire and reclaim your Towni-ship, are stakeholders, too. And you who left because of out-of-town jobs or retirement but return periodically to visit relatives and old friends are stakeholders.

I'd like to hear from you stakeholders, and I have some ques-

What has changed most in Andover? Do you like the change(s)? What could improve Andover?

Do you have anything else you'd like to say that is printable? I want your views and will use a lot of them in my column. Just let 'er rip.

Please respond to me at billdalton@andovertownie.com as soon as is convenient, but no later than April 3.

■ **MILITARY NOTES**

Cadet Leslie Willey, a 2005 graduate of Andover High School, has received the Superintendent's Award for Achievement from the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Leslie Willey

This award is given to those students in the top 20 percent of their class at the academy.

Additionally, Willey, daughter of Lynn and Lloyd Willey, formerly of Andover, achieved high honors for the first semester of her ju-

nior year while attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. This past summer, Willey attended and graduated from Fort Campbell Air Assault School, where she trained to rappel from helicopters in preparation for further combat service support mission training.

Willey is currently attending West Point and serving in a leadership position of cadet platoon sergeant. While achieving her academic excellence, Willey has also been an active member of the Army's varsity women's crew team and rowed for the Navy while attending USNA in the fall.

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Ian Accomando and Walker Wash-

burn, both of Phillips Academy, were among the men and women from the 5th District nominated by Congresswoman Niki Tsongas to the United States Naval Academy. Students were nominated following an evaluation of their academic records, extracurricular activities and in-person interviews with Tsongas' office.

Only a select number of students nationwide admitted to the academy each year. Following the nominations, each student's eligibility will be evaluated by the academy based on academic and extracurricular records, leadership skills, physical fitness and other requirements.

FRIENDSHIP: Andover High School alumnae work to give back to their community

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LAWRENCE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

- Serves about 500 inner-city youth every day.
- Operates two facilities and serves over 4,000 members per year, 60 percent of whom live in one-parent families.
- The original Lawrence Boys Club was at 224 Broadway St. and opened in March 1891. In 1918 the Boys Club moved to a 21,000 square foot facility on Haverhill Street, where it remained until moving to Water Street in 1963. A new 58,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility was built in October 2006 where the old building once stood.

law office in downtown Andover. They live with their two children in Andover.

Carlson lives with her husband, Richard Ratcliff, and two children in North Andover. She is a stay-at-home mom with Lily, 4, and Lucas, 18 months, and she moved back to North Andover in 2005 after working at a marketing job in New York City for 17 years.

In high school, the trio "hung out with the same crowd" and all played sports. Dauphin and Carlson were on the ski team and were managers of the football team; Silva and Carlson played softball together.

Carlson said that she has saved all the notes the three girls wrote back and forth in class from seventh grade through high school. There are more than 500 of them. She plans on hosting a party soon, where she and other NAHS alumni will open the notes — and per-

haps a bottle or two of wine — and read them together.

The trio worked together to plan their 20 year NAHS reunion in 2004. From there, Dauphin, who had been involved with fundraising for the Boys and Girls Club with her sister, convinced the other two to help organize the auction.

"It's that sparkle in her eye," said Carlson of Dauphin as the trio talked about getting involved with the club. "From the first meeting (about the auction), I was hooked ... I can't think about not being involved next year."

"I knew it was enough of me, me, me. It was time to give back," said Silva.

"As we age, we all want to give back in a way," said Carlson.

"And I'm glad our children are seeing us give back," said Dauphin. "Feeling involved, seeing the smiles on the kids' (in the club) faces, it means everything."

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MARCH FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Sophia Grace Andrade

Sophia Grace Andrade celebrated her first birthday on March 24. She is the daughter of Guilherme and Lisa (Crowley) Andrade of Ayer. Grandparents are Dan and Anita Crowley of Andover and Mauricio and Venina Vasconcelos of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Sophia loves to dance and listen to music as well as push her teddy bear in her wagon.



Megan Marjorie Durant

Megan Marjorie Durant turned 1 on March 10. She is the daughter of Kelly and Paul Durant Jr. of Alonesos Way. Her grandparents are Mary and Paul Durant of Gemini Circle, and Marjorie and Michael Miskell of Falmouth. Great-grandparents are Irene and Jack Gamache of Lucerne Drive, Mary Hoyle of Peabody and Halena Czarniecki of Lawrence. Megan is a very happy little girl who laughs and smiles a lot and loves to chase after her big brother, Trey, 3.



Sean Ryan Hoffman

Sean Ryan Hoffman celebrated his first birthday on March 11. He enjoyed his cake as this picture shows. He is a happy little boy who loves to run after his older brother, Brendan, 2 1/2. Sean is the son of Aimee and Ryan Hoffman of Reading. Grandparents are Joan and Paul Dollard of Andover, and Irene and Patrick Hoffman of Wilmington. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Maclsaac of Medford.



Wyatt Greer Nicholson

Wyatt Greer Nicholson was born March 21, 2007, to Jonny and Natalie Nicholson of Andover. Grandparents are Frank and Cathy Greer of Madison, Wis., and Wayne and Kathy Nicholson of Dublin, Ohio. Wyatt loves to swim, spend time outside and play with his two canine sisters, Zora and Jasmine.

First birthdays are usually published on the last Thursday of the month for all babies celebrating their first birthday that month. April First Birthday notices are due April 17, for inclusion in the April 24 Townsman. Submissions received after the deadline, or submissions for babies born in other months will not be printed.



Callie Anne Carriuolo

Callie Anne Carriuolo celebrated her first birthday on March 22. She is the daughter of Stephen and Karen Carriuolo of High Plain Road. Grandparents are Ed and Laraine Brylczkyk of Crestwood Drive, Maureen and Kevin O'Connor of Sanbornville, N.H., and John and Joanne Carriuolo of Raynham. Great-grandparents are Ruth Langone and Janina Brylczkyk. Callie's hobbies include laughing with her big brother, Nathan, pointing and practicing her baby ballet.



Neil Jackson Fater

Neil Jackson Fater will turn 1 tomorrow, March 28. He is the son of Townsman editor Neil and Rebecca Fater. Grandparents are Pat Fater of Andover and the late Cornelius "Neil" Fater, and Leo and Rosalyn Piro of Fitchburg. Great-grandparents are Cosmo and Tillie Dellanno of Waltham and Bertha Piro of Fitchburg. Neil enjoys strolls around the house, often with the help of Mommy, Daddy, his plastic lawn mower or his tricycle. He also loves bananas, stuffed animals and shaking his head no.



Milo Ellington Isaacs

Milo Ellington Isaacs turned 1 on March 6. He is the son of Simone and Daniel Isaacs of Methuen. Grandparents are Edda and Roland Kaelber of Oeschelbronn, Germany, and Lynda Isaacs and Michael Schultz of Andover. Milo's big brother is Linus Isaacs. Milo loves his bunny Pixis and listening to music. He plays the recorder, picks on the guitar and drums happily.

BOOMER VENTURES

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 yoga mat, towel, 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. Cost is \$150 for all eight weeks.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 YEARS AGO - 1908

Thomas Morrissey has bought a handsome pair of black horses for use in his stable.

J. H. Campion & Co. have had their store window frames repainted, much improving their appearance.

A new signal for trains has been placed at the local station so that the flags will not have to be used as formerly to signal trains.

H. Winthrop Peirce has moved into his new studio, 88 Morten St., where he and Mrs. Peirce will be at home to their friends on Saturday afternoon.

75 YEARS AGO - 1933

A comprehensive plan of work was outlined at a joint meeting of town officials, emergency committee members, and Garden Club representatives in the Town Hall Wednesday evening. The rate of pay for the unemployed was advanced to 50 cents an hour by the emergency committee as a result of the meeting.

Over 200 members of the Essex county posts of the American Legion met in the local Town Hall Sunday afternoon.

Four members of the special state school committee were informed by Dr. May of the State Department of Mental Diseases at the Statehouse Tuesday that \$118,000 of the \$125,000 originally appropriated for the West Andover project will be available until April 1, but that the ways and means committee is making an attempt to transfer the sum to a fund for a new building at the Norfolk prison colony.

50 YEARS AGO - 1958

The Police Department is worried about dogs roaming West Andover, for fear they will worry and kill chickens being let out on the range.

Schoolteachers throughout the system are balloting this week on a proposed salary increase that stays within the amount of money appropriated by town meeting.

Hagget's Pond, more than 84 inches below high water mark last

fall, was only 11 inches from full Tuesday morning. If it gains 14 inches — 3 above the high water level — water will spill out of the pond. Water Superintendent Donald Bassett commented this week that the pond has not run over for 12 years.

25 YEARS AGO - 1983

One of the most beautiful and traditional symbols of Easter has always been the lily, and Mary Minard of Phillips Academy chose one to help celebrate the holiday with the help of Susan Rochwarg of Olde Andover Village Flower Shop.

Still looking for the best way to gain as many new parking spaces downtown as possible, the town manager has come up with a new alternative for town meeting to consider: buying the Heartland Jr. property to use as a surface parking lot.

The school administration this week offered a breakdown of what \$148,800 would buy the Andover schools in computer hardware, as requested in Article 24 on the Town Meeting warrant.

10 YEARS AGO - 1998

In an election where voters stayed away from the polls in droves, each of the four incumbents on the ballot were returned to office.

Incumbent Selectman John Hess and political newcomer Richard Collins topped their respective races for selectman and School Committee in Tuesday's election. But they didn't take anything for granted, standing at the polls as soon as they opened at 8 a.m. Turnout for the election was typically light, at 17 percent.

Snow? Who cares. It's spring, says Gabriella DiVincenzo, 13 months, daughter of Jennifer and Peter DiVincenzo of Carisbrooke Street.

Weeks of speculation about the future plans of Andover High School Principal Ellen Parker ended this week with word that she will become principal of Methuen High School. Parker was the winner in a field of 26 candidates.

-Compiled by Michelle Wiener

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Dr. Christopher R. Condon received his Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from the world's largest chiropractic school, Life University in Marietta, Georgia. Dr. Condon was an active member of the school's study club. Chiropractic Biophysics (CBP) and was an author of several articles on healthcare. Dr. Condon was the Editor-in-Chief of the university's school newspaper, The Elan Vital. While editor, Dr. Condon authored dozens of articles covering topics ranging from the study of various techniques to nutrition and exercise. Furthermore, also while a student, Dr. Condon used his experiences in patient education to publish an instructional manual for his fellow classmates in examining methods for better practice management and communication techniques. Due to clinical excellence, he was able to complete his clinical rounds while still in school, one year ahead of schedule.

In June 2000, Dr. Condon opened his first office, Andover Spine Center. Currently he is the owner and director of the clinic and is the chief doctor in the office completing thousands of patient examinations, x-rays and office visits, personally, every year since the opening of the clinic. By 2004, Dr. Condon had established himself as one of the busiest chiropractic physicians in the Merrimack Valley and one of only approximately 15% of all practicing chiropractors to specialize in non-surgical spinal corrective care. Eliminating scoliosis, hump-back deformities, forward head carriage, etc., are the hallmark skills Dr. Condon offers his patients. Also, as a dedicated and enthusiastic fitness consultant, Dr. Condon uses his own experiences in athletics and bodybuilding to teach patients how to exercise and eat properly to enhance their spinal corrective care.

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Dr. Condon is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, International Chiropractic Association, Massachusetts Chiropractic Society, Massachusetts Society for Chiropractic Philosophy, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and National Vaccine Information Center.

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Obituaries

Andrew A. Caffrey, 86



ANDOVER — Attorney Andrew A. Caffrey, 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 23, 2008 after a short illness at Mary Immaculate

Nursing Home.

Born and raised in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School, and in 1943 from Dartmouth College. During the war he served in the Pacific Ocean areas as gunnery officer aboard an LST engaged in combat amphibious landings.

After the war, he returned to Dartmouth to obtain his MBA from the Tuck School of Business Administration in 1947. He then attended Boston College Law School, upon graduation he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1950.

In December, 1950, he began a one-year position as law clerk to Stanley Qua, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Subsequently, he returned to Lawrence where he maintained and enjoyed a general law practice. In 1977, he moved his practice to Andover and opened an office with his son, with whom he practiced until his retirement in 1989.

Atty. Caffrey was also active in local community organizations. He served as Chairman of the Lawrence Airport Commission during the expansion of the airport to include commercial flights. He was President of the Lawrence Bar Association and



the local Kiwanis Club, and served on the Board of Directors of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

A loyal son of Dartmouth, he and his wife loved to attend Dartmouth football games and reunions. He was also an active member of Andover Country Club for many years, and loved to remind his friends that he had the first hole-in-one recorded at Indian Ridge C.C.

Atty. Caffrey was married to Clare McCarthy who predeceased him in 1993. He is survived by his son, Andrew, and his wife, Elise, of Andover, his daughter, Ellen, and her husband, John Christopher, of Andover, and six grandchildren, Allison, Lexi, and Julia Caffrey, and Jake, Andrew and Sara Christopher. Attorney Caffrey was predeceased by his brother, John, and his sisters, Helen Keleher and Sheila Braucher.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 10 a.m. in Saint Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial will follow at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Family and friends may call on Thursday, March 27, 2008 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover. For online condolences and other information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Attorney Andrew A. Caffrey's name to the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, 71 Duckett Ave., Lawrence, MA 01843; or to Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, 136 Water St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Nicholas A. Abate, 79



GROVELAND — Nicholas A. Abate, 79, of Groveland, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at The Oxford, Haverhill.

Mr. Abate was born Oct. 20, 1928, in Haverhill, son of the late Nicholas and Lillian (Pazzanese) Abate. He attended Haverhill schools and a graduate of Haverhill High School and was captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams; also graduate of North Essex Community College, Haverhill.

He had been a resident of Groveland since 1967, previously residing in Haverhill and Bradford. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served as a corporal for two years in the U.S. Army.

He was employed by Lucent Technologies Inc., North Andover as a supervisor until his retirement in 1991 after 40 years of service.

Nick was an avid Boston sports fan; he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, camping throughout New England, vacationing in Prince Edward Isle, and Vermont, and was very passionate about his vegetable garden.

Nick's family would like to thank the staff of The Oxford for their gracious care that was given to him during his time there.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Local No. 1365, CWA; AFL-CIO; and St.



John the Baptist Church, Haverhill.

Married for over 40 years to the late Mary E. (McCluskey) Abate, who died March 31, 1995, he is survived by his daughters, Sandra M. Lavalley and her husband Robert J. Campobasso of Groveland, and Patricia D. Sanders and her husband Barry J. of Andover; sons, Steven M. Abate and his wife Maureen of Peabody, and Nicholas G. Abate of Newburyport; granddaughters, Stephanie M. Lavalley, Marissa E. Lavalley, and Alexis C. Campobasso, all of Groveland, Krisha Abate Larson and Shara Abate Larson of Danville, N.H.; brother, George Abate and his wife Alice of Atkinson, N.H.; sister-in-law, Alice Abate of Bradford; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Tye Abate and Joseph Abate.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral was held Tuesday, March 25 in the C. Frank Linnehan and Son Bradford Funeral Home, 52 Salem St., Bradford at 9 a.m. Funeral Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, 114 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill at 10 a.m. Interment followed in St. James Cemetery, Primrose Street, Haverhill. Calling Hours at the C. Frank Linnehan and Son Bradford Funeral Home, 52 Salem St., Bradford, were held Monday, March 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. Contributions in Nick's memory may be made to The Oxford, Resident Activities Fund, 689 Main St., Haverhill, MA 01830. For directions and online guestbook, please visit www.bradfordfuneralhome.com.

Antonio P. Ferro



PALM COAST, Fla. — Antonio P. Ferro, of Palm Coast, Fla., formerly of Lexington, died Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Husband of Elvira (Roderick) Ferro. Father of Janet Ferro of Palm Coast, John Ferro and his wife Madeleine of Andover, Joseph Ferro and his wife Dottie of Bedford, Anthony Ferro and his wife Theresa of Pepperell, Manuel Ferro and his wife Pamela of Westford, and the late

James Ferro. Brother of John Ferro and his wife Marie of Jackson, N.J. and Joseph Ferro and his wife Lois of San Diego. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral from the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Road, Lexington was Tuesday, March 25 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian burial at Saint Brigid Church, Lexington at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours Monday 4 to 8 p.m. Donations in his memory may be made to the James A. Ferro 74 Memorial Scholarship Fund, Office of Advancement, New England College, 98 Bridge St., Henniker, NH 03243. Interment Westview Cemetery, Lexington.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CANCER

LGH Cancer Support Groups provide support and education for those living with cancer and for their families. LGH also has support groups for children and teens that have a family member affected by cancer. For information, call 978-937-6142 (for adult groups) or 978-937-6129 (for children's groups).

Breast cancer support group, meets second Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room, Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-5094.

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale

Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760.

Cancer support group, WE CARE, meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Valley Hospital atrium in Haverhill; group offers support for patients with cancer, and their family and friends; Becky Sweeney, director, case management 978-521-3651.

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760.

Prostate cancer support group, meets third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 70

Robert A. Brown Sr.

ANDOVER — Robert A. Brown Sr., of Andover, died Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Father of Robert Jr. of York, Maine. Brother of Richard Brown and his wife Beverly of Methuen. Close friend of Jeanette Hines of Stoneham.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral service in

the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St. (corner of Park Street and Route 28), North Reading at Reading line, was Tuesday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be private. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

Leo J. Gravell Jr., 60



HILLSBORO, N.H. — Mr. Leo J. "Sandy" Gravell Jr., of Hillsboro, N.H., formerly of Andover, died suddenly, at his home on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. He was 60.

Born in Lowell, on Sept. 13, 1947, he was the beloved son of Leo J., Sr. and Mary Ruth (Melvin) Gravell. Mr. Gravell was a graduate of Andover's Pynchard High School, Class of 1965. He was also a U.S. Marine veteran. Sandy was the owner and operator of the Andover Hockey Shop in Andover's Shawshen's Square, since 1972. He was a member of St. Augustine Church of Andover and the Lawrence Elks. In his spare time, Mr. Gravell loved to enjoy corvette's and Harley Davidson motorcycle's. He also loved to be on the ocean and also enjoyed traveling all over the United States.

Besides his loving parents, he will be sorely missed by his beloved children, Leo J. III and his wife Kelley A. Gravell of

Windham, Chris L. and his wife Cynthia L. Gravell of Windham, Cheri L. Gravell of Derry, Andrea L. and her husband Jason A. Griffiths of Nottingham and Daniel J. Gravell of Windham; one sister; Karen and her husband James McCabe of Falmouth; two nieces, Alison and her husband Michael Moorhouse of Bourne and Colleen McCabe of Falmouth; 10 grandchildren, Tyler, Kendall, Peyton, Morgan, Derek, Ava, Aiden, Brady, Ryann and Jake. He was also the former husband of Moira K. Simone of Methuen and Janice A. Gravell of Windham and was the dear friend of Jeanine Williams of Hillsboro.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Donations in Sandy's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Anne L. Guillemette, 61

HAVERTHILL — Miss Anne L. Guillemette, 61, of North Street in Andover, died last Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Oxford Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Born in Lawrence, Miss Guillemette had been an area resident all her life.

She was employed as a secretary for the United States govern-

ment.

She was the daughter of the late Alcide and Anne (Valenchuck) Guillemette.

ARRANGEMENTS: A graveside service was held on Friday at the Sacred Heart Cemetery at 9 a.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Edgar J. Racicot Inc. Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence.

Anne F. Kachadorian, 92



METHUEN — Anne F. (Krikorian) Kachadorian, 92, of Methuen, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Providence, R.I. on May 2, 1915 and was the daughter of the late Haig and Aghavni Krikorian.

Anne graduated from Pawtucket Senior High School, Class of 1933, and attended Bryant and Stratton Business College in Providence.

Anne worked in Providence for a car dealership and later as a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover until retirement in 1978.

Anne enjoyed being a homemaker and loved her time with her family, particularly with her grandchildren.

She was a member of the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church in Salem, N.H. where she served on many church com-

mittees.

Anne was the widow of the late Haig Kachadorian to whom she was married for 51 years. She was predeceased by a brother, Leo Krikorian and a sister, Susan Hazarian, both of Providence, R.I. She is survived by her loving daughter, Linda and her husband Joseph Farragher of Methuen; brother, Ralph Krikorian of Los Angeles; two grandchildren, Kelly and Michael Farragher of Methuen; several nieces, nephews and cousins and their families.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were held Saturday, March 22 at 10 a.m. at Ararat Armenian Congregational Church, Salem, N.H. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Salem, N.H. Calling hours were Friday, March 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H. Memorial contributions may be made in Anne's memory to the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church, 2 Salem St., Salem, NH 03079. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

William B. Nicoll, 66



WINDHAM, N.H. — William B. Nicoll, 66, of Windham, N.H., died Thursday, March 13, 2008 at his home.

He was born in Andover, where he grew up and attended schools. He was a resident of Windham for the past 24 years, formerly of North Andover.

Mr. Nicoll was an Electronics Technician for Eastern Airlines and American Airlines in Boston. He was a member of West Parish Church in Andover. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and spent many years in the Air Force Reserves. He enjoyed working around the yard, the outdoors, home improvements, traveling and planes.

He was the son of the late Geoffrey B. and Celia (Reynolds) Nicoll, and brother of the late Robert Nicoll.

He is survived by his wife Sandra (Smith) Nicoll of Windham, N.H.; son, Barry Nicoll of Swampscott; sister, Donna Meisel of Hampstead, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held Friday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at West Parish Church, Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, c/o www.alzfdn.org. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com. Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H. is in charge of the arrangements.

RELIGION

TEMPLE EMANUEL

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.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

The Vocations Committee of St. Augustine Parish in Andover invites people to further explore their personal vocation and how it may evolve during its third annual St. Augustine Parish Vocations Awareness Week, April 4 to 13.

The week begins with prayer for vocations on First Friday, April 4. There will be Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 to 7 p.m., with communal recitation of the Augustinian Corona at 6:45 p.m., followed by Benediction.

This year Father Daniel Hennessey, vocations director for the Archdiocese of Boston, and Father Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A., Augustinian vocations director for the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, will preside and preach at Masses the weekend of April 5 and 6. In addition, at the 11 a.m. Mass on April 6, the Knights of Columbus will host a light reception at its Council Home afterward, as part of its support of vocations.

The Augustinian friars will assist in morning prayer at 8:45 a.m. in the courtyard of St. Augustine School on Monday, April 7. On Thursday, April 10, the Vocations Committee will host Vocations Stories Night, in the Parish Center for Education and Ministry, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. This year's speakers include a priest who is chaplain to the Ringling Bros. Circus, a religious brother who is a high school president, and a lay, married woman who is director of religious education.

The week will conclude with Augustinian volunteers, under the auspices of Father Scott Ness, O.S.A., mission office director, speaking at all Masses the weekend of April 12 and 13 — the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. They will address international ministry and mission work, a calling to help the most vulnerable and those in need.

COMMUNITY SEDER

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 Hadassah 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 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.

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), commemorates 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 aldbbran.longabaughburg@merrimack.edu.

TEEN LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Jewish Federation of the North Shore is now accepting applications for the Derek M. Shekman Leadership Award, which is open to students in grades 10 and 11 in the Federation service area on the North Shore.

The award is given to the student who demonstrates a commitment to his/her Jewish community, works to improve the quality of life for others, possesses a desire to learn, and is a role model to his/her peers.

The award is very special as it is named for a young community leader who exemplified the spirit of leadership.

Derek was one of the first recipients of the Community Leadership Award.

He passed away at the age of 18, but left a legacy of care and support for others. The award will be presented at the Jewish Federation's annual meeting in September.

Application deadline is Friday, April 18, 2008.

Applications are available through high school principals, Hebrew School principals and local Rabbis.

East St., Methuen; Ron L'Heureux 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

CAREGIVERS

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 978-683-7747, Ext. 423.

Caregivers support group, offering comfort and support for those caring for aging or chronically ill loved one, meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, in the hospital atrium; Janice Hrenko 1-800-892-0890.

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Education

BOOK REVIEW

Adventures give 'Little House' big appeal

BY MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Spring is time of great change: the days are finally long enough to play outside after school, the weather is becoming more agreeable and the general atmosphere is one of fresh starts. This is the time of spring cleaning and replenishing. And now that spring has officially arrived, with the budding flowers, vibrant colors and lively wildlife, it is only fitting to discuss a novel filled with the same vivacious energy of change.

LITTLE HOUSE, BIG-TIME SERIES

"Little House on the Prairie" by Laura Ingalls Wilder is a semi-autobiographical tale based on the author's own experiences moving from the crowded woods of Wisconsin to the prairie land of Kansas. The protagonist of the story, Laura, is growing up in a world vastly different than anything she had ever experienced before and the whole Ingalls family — Pa, Ma, Mary, Laura and Baby Carrie — must make the transition from living in the Big Woods to farming on the Great Plains. The story follows the many challenges the family faces: fighting disease, farming difficult land, building homes, dealing with American Indians and adapting to their new lives.

"Little House on the Prairie" is part of a larger series written by Laura Ingalls Wilder, including a prequel, "Little House in the Big Woods," and seven sequels. I strongly recommend the entire series to anyone who enjoys historical fiction or stories of pioneering. However, after reading the entire "Little House" series, "Little House on the Prairie" still stands out. The sense of the unknown and danger of living on the prairie is captured perfectly by Wilder, as is the great courage and perseverance of the American pioneers. It is this type of change, change which is not fought but embraced, that is the best part of Wilder's writing and what makes "Little House on the Prairie" and the entire Ingalls family so easy to love.

— Mari Miyachi

Laura, with her sparkling personality and taste for adventure, takes this new way of life head-on. She serves as a great role model for young girls, as she is able to persevere and still have fun. The life of the Ingalls family as farmers is quite refreshing to readers today. In our world of hyperactive technology and constant connectivity, it is a pleasure to look back at the days when children could run around the fields and creeks, not weighed down by extracurricular activities and commitments. Reading "Little House on the Prairie" is like taking a breath of fresh air. And not only is it an inspirational story of change and adaptation, it is a look at the past, a past without the Internet, television or video games.

I would give this book a 7 out of 10. When I read this novel as a younger child, I adored it. I was smitten by the dangerous and unpredictable life on the prairie and the great courage of the Ingalls family. I credit "Little House on the Prairie" for my great love of reading, because it was the first book that showed me how a story can change a reader.

Looking back as an older person, I see that, though the writing is simple, the plot still captivates. While I would recommend this book for a younger crowd — second- to fourth-graders of any gender — I would also encourage anyone who has yet to read this book to give it a shot. It is truly an American classic, and embodies a crucial turning point in our nation's history.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and high school student at Phillips Academy.



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Students Emily McDowell, 10, left, Jackie Dean, 11, Molly Manuel, 11, and Harry Clark, 11, happily take donations for the Heifer International Read to Feed program and Rebirth the Earth Trees for Tomorrow program before the showing of Disney's "Snow Buddies".

Water buffalo for the poor High Plain students read to provide livestock across the world

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER



Students Aishik Lalall, 9, left, and Anthony Christopher, 10, man the doors and provide security before the showing of Disney's "Snow Buddies" at their school's auditorium.

Page by page, students at High Plain Elementary School are using the power of reading to help close the book on hunger.

About 100 students in kindergarten through fifth grade are participating in the Read to Feed program, collecting pledges from friends and family for each book they read outside of class through March and April. Pledges collected through the program will go directly to Heifer International, an organization that provides livestock to the world's hungry and poor as a renewable food source.

Read to Feed not only gets students to read more, but teaches them about goal-setting, world cultures, world hunger and the concept of sustainability, said Mara Rubino, administrative assistant at High Plain.

"There are a lot of pieces to it. The biggest part is finding out how children are living in other parts of the world," said Rubino, who volunteers as the chair of the community services committee of the student council at High Plain.

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SCHOLARS

Lego robot carries home award for St. Augustine

The Robotics Club at St. Augustine School was awarded a Technical Trophy for success in a Lego League competition held in March. The newly formed Robotics Club had been train-

ing for months after school under the guidance of two tech-savvy parents, John Silva and Bill LeBlanc.

"The object of the game is to build a robot, figure out how to do a challenge, and then make attachments and programs to make the Lego NXT robot do the selected task," said seventh-grade

student and robotics team member Chris Vitale. "The tasks can range from hitting buttons, picking up or grabbing objects, and following a line to an area."

Chris' team, the Biohazards, was recognized in the Lego competition for its complicated and intricately designed programs, said teacher Karen Landers.

Shore Day School winter sports winner

The Shore Country Day School held their annual Winter Sports Assembly and the Girls Basketball Coach's Award was awarded to Meredith Bird of Andover.

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Arts & Entertainment

Claudia and Co. on the catwalk

Fashion show will benefit public schools

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With money likely on her mind at this budget time of year, School Superintendent Claudia Bach handled her catwalk rehearsal like a pro. But she couldn't take a real break from dealing with dollar figures.

As she prepared to be a model for a charity fashion show to raise money for Andover education, Bach repeatedly peeked at price tags as the manager of Native Sun showed her each

outfit. Bach's final fitting is top secret, so it's unknown exactly what she will be wearing for her runway appearance.

Bach may prefer a tailored Talbot's fashion style, but that was put aside as she was surrounded by colorful spring designer clothes, wide belts and dangling earrings.

"Do you have any sack dresses? I used to wear those all time," Bach said as Native Sun manager Ellie Fishbein politely smiled and shook her head.

'COMMON THREADS'

When: Friday, April 4
Where: Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.
Event: 6:30 to 11 p.m.
Fashion show: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$50
Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, cash bar, music

Andover Coalition for Education is hosting the April 4 "Common Threads" event at Old Town Hall.

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Andover School Superintendent Claudia Bach will be modeling in a fashion show benefit for the Andover public school system, Friday, April 4, at the old Town Hall, also known as the Town House.

ANGIE BEAULIEU
Staff photo

"The exhibit will provide a glimpse into how Main Street has changed over the last 150 years. Icons like The Elm House and Ford's Coffee Shop are part of it."

Elaine Clements, executive director of the Historical Society

On the menu: A taste of local history



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Olivia Sintros sits in one of the booths from the former Ford's Coffee Shop, which will be part of a display on the history of downtown Andover at the Andover Historical Society. The exhibit opens Friday at 6:30 p.m. for members and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for "Breakfast at Ford's."

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

An opening art reception in the morning? You betcha. It's appropriate when one of Andover's most popular coffeehouse's booths is returning to town.

A booth and other mementos from the former Ford's Coffee Shop, including its frappe machine, which will be operated by shop owners Tom and Stella Koravos' grandson Steve Sintros, are coming back to Main Street for an Andover Historical Society event Saturday morning, March 29. Coffee and doughnuts will be free.

It's all part of the Andover Historical Society's new "Main Street Memories: A Walk Down Memory Lane" exhibit that opens this weekend. As workers begin renovating Main Street, Historical Society members are focusing on the history of downtown for the past 150 years.

"The exhibit will provide a glimpse into how Main Street has changed over the last 150

years. Icons like The Elm House and Ford's Coffee Shop are part of it," said Elaine Clements, executive director of the Historical Society.

The centerpiece is an exhibit called "Breakfast at Ford's," re-creating the former Ford's Coffee Shop. Closed in 1994, Ford's was a focal point of the community for 50 years. Family members Spike and Olivia Sintros generously hauled a restaurant booth, menus and other memories to the Historical Society for this exhibit.

Clements said the exhibit also will feature interactive games and activities for kids, and a collection of watercolors and sketches of Main

Street homes and businesses circa 1850 created by Andover High School students.

A display of what Main Street will look like after the renovation is also included, Clements said.

Curator Andrew Grilz called the evolution of Andover's downtown "fascinating."

"With the creation of the Essex Turnpike (now Route 28), the advance of the railroads, and the mill industry, Andover began to emerge as not just a farming village, but a commercial entity," Grilz said.

"Many people think the abundance of banks is a new development on Main Street, but multiple banks have been based there for almost 200

'BREAKFAST AT FORD'S'

Main Street exhibit opening
Saturday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Presented by Andover Historical Society
Free coffee, doughnuts
97 Main St.
978-475-2236; www.andoverhistorical.org.
(NOTE: Exhibit opens for Historical Society members Friday, March 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)

years," Grilz said. "So many other towns have seen their business district decline or even disappear as big-box stores and malls move in. This exhibit gives us an opportunity to appreciate Andover's vibrant downtown history."

The exhibit runs through the summer at 97 Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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 parkriver.fws.gov.

Child care open house, Cedarland Fit 'n Fun, 931 Boston Road, Haverhill, 6 to 7:30 p.m., offers care to children in full-day kindergarten through fifth grade. Contact Program Director Beth Bailey at 978-521-7700, ext. 101, or bbailey@cedarland-health.net.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Mommy and Baby Yoga program, Memorial Hall Library in Andover, 10 a.m., Mommies and infants (pre-walkers) are invited to try a yoga class with guest instructor Shirley Pantoliano; register at 978-623-8401, ext. 39.

Hypnotist, with hypnotist Jim Spinato, 7:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Juggling Joe Cloutier, comedian Nick Platt, the magical talents of mystical Reed Spool, and the Chinese Yo-Yo Club will open the show. Only volunteers will be hypnotized. Contact Andover Youth Service's Youth Council, 978-623-8241.

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 humanitar-



Staff file photo

Hypnotist Jim Spinnato returns to Old Town Hall for a show sponsored by Andover Youth Services on Friday, March 28.

ian 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 Lenoe, 7 p.m. Share a story or just listen. Lenoe also has a story time for young chil-

dren on Friday mornings at 10; free, all welcome, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 978-475-0143.

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Piano sale benefit for North Andover Foundation for Education: Steinway & Sons will be conducting an exclusive factory sale of their Steinway, Boston and Essex brand pianos at the Stevens Estate at Osgood Hill, 723 Osgood St., North Andover, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Private appointments will be held; 800-944-2053.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Spring Fling, with disc jockey, dancing, mat room, swimming, door prizes, pizza and soda, hosted by Andona Society at Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School, River Road, 7 to 9:30 p.m. For middle-schoolers, \$10 per student, registration required; www.andonasociety.org.

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.

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forming 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.

Nazareth Academy of Wakefield 60th anniversary gala, Andover Country Club, \$75, benefits scholarship programs. Call 781-245-0214 or visit www.nazareth-academy.org.

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Irish music, featuring Andover musicians George and Terri Kelley and Julia Kwolyk on voice, piano, and Celtic fiddle. Lawrence Public Library, 2 p.m., free and open to the public, sponsored by the Irish Foundation and the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library; 978-682-1727.

Summer camp open house at 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.

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

Merrimack Junior Theatre presents musical 'Cinderella'

Almost 50 children in the Merrimack Junior Theatre will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical tale of "Cinderella" on April 4, 5 and 6.

The girls and boys have been rehearsing since early January under the direction of Andover resident Josie Walker. In addition to music and dramatic rehearsals, they have been dancing up a storm under the direction of Amy Wilkins-Blanchette, a teacher at the Paige Conservatory in North Andover. Wilkins-Blanchette and conservatory owner Julie Paige are both former actors with MJT.

Several former actors who are too old to be included in the current play but wish to help the MJT family, volunteer their time and talents with the group. Each year, the group rewards a few of these volunteers with a small book scholarship as they head

to college. Last year, in honor of its 20th anniversary, Merrimack Junior Theatre named the award in honor of Walker, the group's artistic director. After the Sunday performance of "Cinderella," the cast will gather to congratulate the latest Josie Walker Scholars: Tom Blanford, Wendy Mellin, Hannah Vasconcellos Hastings and Kyle Butler.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" will be performed April 4, 5 and 6, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. Tickets are \$8 and available at KaBloom and Learning Express in downtown Andover and from cast members. A limited number of tickets will be available the door. MJT is a nonprofit children's theater.



Courtesy photo

Joe Thibodeau and Kristina Rex play the Prince and Cinderella.

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.

Reception for artists Pamela Perkins

and Eva Timothy, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport, 2-4 p.m., free and open to the public.

Merrimack Valley Suzuki Strings benefit concert for Partners in Development, 3 p.m., First Church Ipswich in Ipswich, \$10, \$5 for seniors and students. Proceeds used to sponsor two Haitian children for a year through PID; reception follows.

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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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Andover Garden Club meeting. Jan Brink, an amateur beekeeper and a longtime member of the Andover Garden Club, shares her experiences working with honeybees in Andover, and she has promised to bring to the meeting some tangible offerings from her beehives. 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall at West Parish Church, Andover. Contact Anne Feeney at 978-475-7119 or pianopasta@comcast.net, or Penny Majike at 978-686-0381.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Spring Connection Social hosted by the Mother Connection Inc., a nonprofit organization for area mothers and families, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Imagine That, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence, free.

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 muzzle loading instructors for both the advanced and beginning student. Some of the topics covered are selection of equipment, history of muzzle loading, safety, use care and cleaning of muzzle loading guns. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 978-632-7648.

Lecture, professor J. David Broudo will speak on works by Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), in the Art Center Lecture Hall, Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127), Beverly, 7:30 p.m., free; 978-232-2012.

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 bene-

fit 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 images 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.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," presented by the Mystic Players of Medford, including Alex Hauk of Andover, The McGlynn School, Medford, 8 p.m., \$15.

"Cinderella," presented by the Merrimack Junior Theater, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street, Andover. Tickets are \$8, available at KaBloom and Learning Express in downtown Andover and from cast members; limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Fashion show benefit: Central Catholic High School students and teachers help cancer research with Catwalk for Cancer, 7 p.m., in the school's Memorial Gymnasium, \$10; catwalkforcancer@yahoo.com.

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.

Afternoon of Chinese art and music, with Chinese brush painting artist Jennifer Fan, the Andover Chinese Chorus, and the Xi Yang Yang Music Ensemble. Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m., free.

Jennifer Fan

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 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.

Auction to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence at DiBurro's Function Hall, 887 Boston Road, Haverhill, 5:30 to 11 p.m.; contact Kathy Boshar Reynolds at 978-683-2747, ext. 118, or kboshar@lawrencecbg.com.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," presented by the Mystic Players of Medford, including Alex Hauk of Andover, The McGlynn School, Medford, 8 p.m., \$15.

Historian Joseph J. Ellis, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, talks about his new book, "American Creation: Triumph and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic," at the Massachusetts School of Law, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., (ideal for Revolutionary War devotees and those interested in our nation's history); 978-681-0800.

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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.

Musical, "Anne of Green Gables," 2 p.m., UMass Lowell Center for the Arts, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., on the UMass Lowell South Campus, \$12. Contact 978-934-4444, www.uml.edu/centerforarts; recommended for ages 5 and up.

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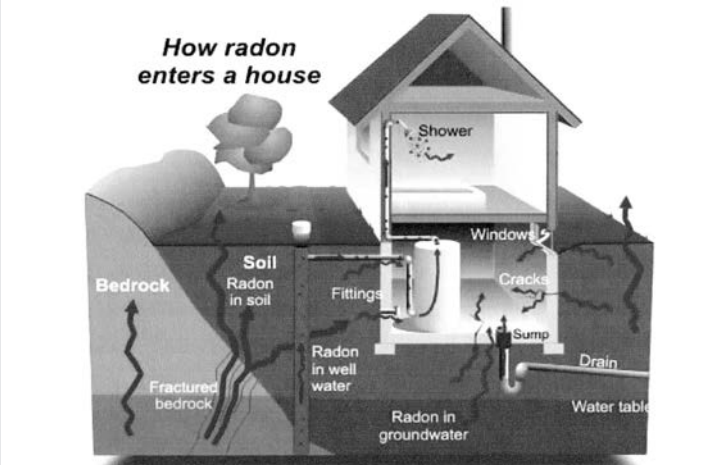
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Business

Upwardly mobile

Cell phone games bring businesses' messages to youth

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Banking on kids' affinity for video games and the rapid rise of mobile phone use, an up-and-coming advertising business with Andover ties is aiming to give big-name brands some high-tech exposure.

Formed in May 2007 as a spin-off of the audio technology company SONiVOX, Advertising-driven Mobile Entertainment has developed video games that young users can play on their cell phones.

By pitching these relatively simple games as vehicles for branding to record companies and other corporations, AdME hopes to position itself at the forefront of what Chief Marketing Officer and Andover resident Christopher Payne-Taylor refers to as the emerging avenue of mobile advertising.

"They're dying to experience this relatively virgin territory," said Payne-Taylor of the businesses using AdME video games as promotional tools. "It really hasn't even started yet. We're at the beginning. We're on the cusp."

Still only a three-man operation, Payne-Taylor said AdME has plans to expand its workforce and build a headquarters, possibly in Andover, within the next year.

Now with financial backing from a Boston-area investment group, Payne-Taylor said the company is negotiating deals with Atlantic Records, a car manufacturer and the producers of a well-known reality television show.

Payne-Taylor said AdME video games offer advertisers a platform to introduce their products to young people.

"I think AdME has the potential to become one of the leading branded content providers for mobile," said Payne-Taylor, pointing to his cell



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Christopher Payne-Taylor is the chief marketing officer for AdME, which stands for Advertising-driven Mobile Entertainment. AdME creates simple video games that kids play on their mobile phones, and at the same time sells those video games as avenues for branding to record companies and others.

"They're chewing on this like candy. We've run focus groups; they just sit there and keep playing. We have to pry the phone out of their fingers. And it's really simple gameplay."



Christopher Payne-Taylor, of the games created by his company, AdME

phone. "With this you're able to send your message to ultimately what has become command central for anyone ages 13 to 18."

AdME's graphically-simple video games offer companies changeable characters, graphics and music.

"All of the assets could be easily customized," said Payne-Taylor. "These games are what we call 'play while waiting.'"

The company's flagship game, GuitarStar, has just been released on the AT&T Wireless network, a deal

that Payne-Taylor said offers AdME advertisers exposure to between 20 to 30 million users in the United States.

The object of GuitarStar is to press a trigger button whenever moving guitar picks enter the center of the phone's screen, which is marked by cross-hairs. The guitar picks move in accordance with background music.

Another AdME game, DanceLord, allows users to choreograph a character's dance moves by hitting the

various buttons on their cell phones. Both games are very loosely based on the concepts of successful video game titles "Guitar Hero" and "Dance Dance Revolution," according to Payne-Taylor.

"They're chewing on this like candy," said Payne-Taylor of the kids who play AdME games. "We've run focus groups; they just sit there and keep playing. We have to pry the phone out of their fingers. And it's really simple gameplay."

In the future, AdME games will include user-generated content and a "send-a-friend feature" that will allow users to share the video games with their friends, Payne-Taylor said.

Referring to cell phones as "the world's most ubiquitous personal device," Payne-Taylor said, "With this phone, we've got 'em for 10 or 15 minutes, which is really an eternity in standard advertising parlance."

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

AFE Spelling Bee set for March 28

Summit Educational Group Inc., a standardized test preparation and academic subject tutoring provider, will sponsor a round of the Andover Spelling Bee. Funds raised by the Andover Fund for Education support classroom grants for Andover teachers.

The Andover Spelling Bee takes place on March 28. It has been an annual tradition since 1998. Teams of four adults compete in a friendly and challenging competition, all in support of the Andover Fund for Education. Winners receive trophies and one lucky team will receive the "Spirit Award", given to the team with the best costume. For additional information about the Andover Spelling Bee, please visit www.andoverfundforeducation.org.

"We're glad to have this opportunity to sponsor a round of the Andover Spelling Bee," says Diana Gurdoglanyan, Summit Educational Group's director of client relationships. "Summit enthusiastically supports organizations like the Andover Fund for Education because, through their efforts, they enrich the educational experience for students in the communities that we serve."

Wyeth riders Spin for Hope

Recently, 20 employees of Wyeth in Andover participated in the American Cancer Society's Corporate Spin for Hope, a three-hour indoor cycling event at three corporate health facilities around Massachusetts.

New this year, Corporate Spin for Hope is a way for companies to promote healthy habits and cancer awareness to their employees. Nearly 600 Massachusetts residents participated in Spin for Hope, which was held at more than 20 participating health clubs, and raised more than \$221,000. All funds raised through Spin for Hope benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy, and service. About one-third of the cancer deaths that occur in the US each year are due to nutrition and physical activity factors. For more cancer information anytime call 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Leonard Orthodontics open house

On Feb 28, Drs. Jeffrey and Thomas Leonard of Leonard Orthodontics celebrated the grand opening of their newest office location, in downtown Andover. Over 75 people attended the open house, including their dental colleagues in the area, several local business owners and employees, friend and family, they reported. Both being Andover residents, Jeff and Tom Leonard say they are excited about being able to open an office and practice in their hometown. The event was catered by Glory Restaurant. The father-son team are actively seeing patients in the new office, in addition to their existing offices in North Andover and Amesbury.



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Sports

WILD WINTER



The Andover boys basketball team may have had a tough season, but Tristian Shannon ended it with a bang. Here he hangs from the rim after the dunk that won him the Merrimack Valley Conference dunk contest. Shannon, not known as a leaper, threw down the dunk, then knocked in a Spider Man pinata he had set up on the back of the rim. The senior scored a team-high 11.2 points a game this season.

Carl Russo/Staff photo

From dunks to goals to state titles, Andover did it all



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Andover Coach James Tildsley yells to his girls during the first half of the Division 1 state finals at the DCU Center in Worcester.

By David Willis

It is now known simply as the Pinata Dunk. Not known as a high-flier, Andover's Tristian Shannon left no doubt who was the winner of the dunk contest before the Merrimack Valley Conference Boys and Girls All-Star games on March 14.

Those in attendance had to wonder what the senior had in store when he placed a Spider Man pinata on the back of the rim before his attempt.

Shannon then delivered by throwing down a dunk, holding onto the rim and knocking the pinata through the basket while he hung with his body parallel to the rim.

The guard (team-high 11.2 points-per-game this year) earned first prize for his trouble. He also delivered a scene that was symbolic of the entire Andover High sports season that saw records broken, milestones met and a run to the state championship.

It was a slam dunk, and it was a classic.

D'Innocenzo dominates

As hard as it may be to spell, Nick D'Innocenzo continued to write his name in the state swimming record books this season.

The junior's biggest day at the high school level to date came on Feb. 24 at the Division 1 State Championships when he set three meet records and one state record.

He broke the 19-year state mark in the 100 breaststroke (57.26) by .18 seconds. A week after setting the state record in the 200 individual medley (1:50.94) he set the meet record, besting two-time Olympic silver medalist Erik Vendt's mark.

But it was the third meet record that was his favorite of the day. D'Innocenzo teamed with Paul Hunter, Peter Saunders and Mike Bakies to set a record in the 400 freestyle relay in a time of 3:12.05, topping the old record by .77 seconds. D'Innocenzo, Hunter and Saunders were then joined by Zach Hamer to win the 200 medley relay in 1:38.48.

Hitting the marks

D'Innocenzo was far from the only Andover athlete to reach milestones this winter.

Andover forward John Hyslip had big shoes to fill this season as the only starting forward back from last year's team that went to the state championship. But by the time the season ended his numbers ranked among the best in program history.

On Jan. 23 against Wakefield, Hyslip recorded his 100th career point. He finished the season with 13 goals and 20 assists, giving him 113 points for his career. According to head coach Mario Martiniello, that placed him second in program history, one point ahead of Tucker Mullin and behind only Chris Cullen's 170 points (97 goals, 73 assists) from 1992-96.

The past season had plenty of highs for Meghan Thomann, including finalizing a full scholarship to Bentley College and leading

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ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Andover's Nick D'Innocenzo flies through the water during the 200 individual medley at the MVC Championship. The junior continued his assault on the state swimming scene by grabbing four state titles.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

John Hyslip, right, cruises past a Haverhill defender on his way to the net. The Andover star finished the season with 13 goals and a team-high 33 points. He recorded his 100th career point with a goal and an assist against Wakefield, and led the Warriors to a 13-4-4 record.

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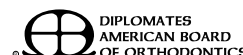
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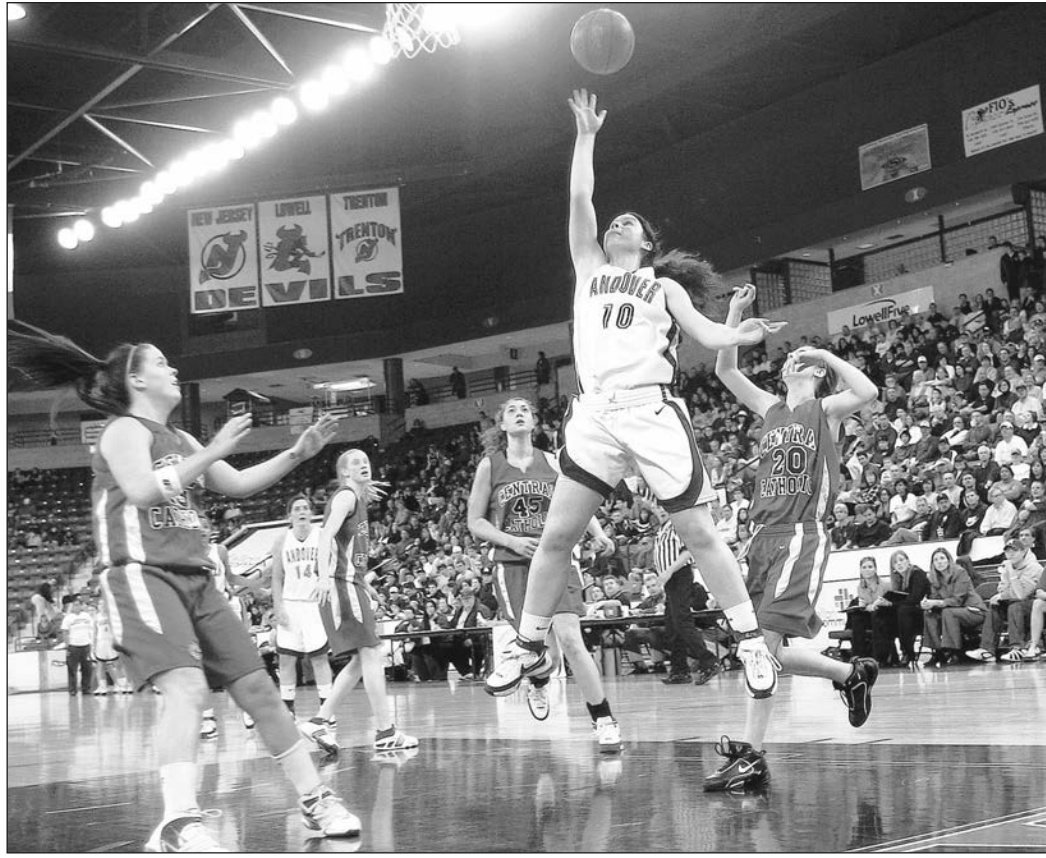
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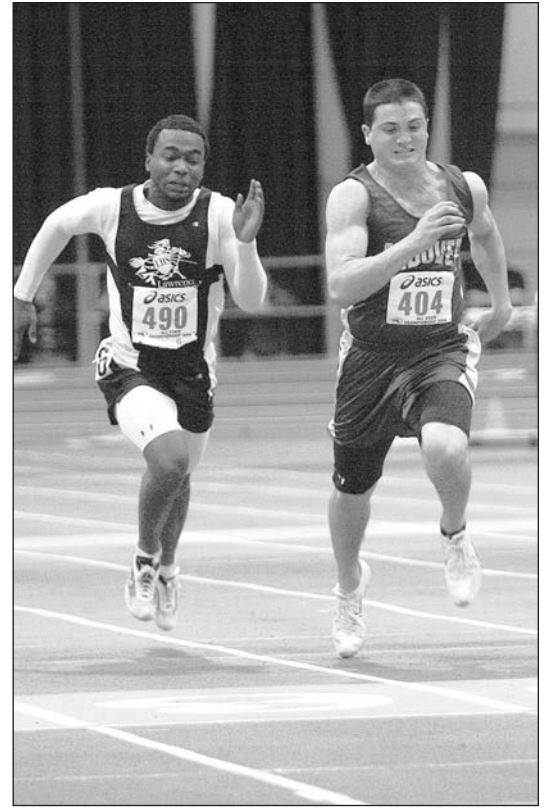
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Andover's Jenn Quirnbach performs on the balance beam. The sophomore earned All-Conference honors in the floor exercise.



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Meghan Thomann drives in for a layup against archrival Central Catholic in the Division 1 North final. The Andover senior was named All-MVC for the third straight year and became the fourth Andover girls basketball player to score 1,000 points. She is headed to Bentley College on a full scholarship.



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Andover's Chris McConnell, right, flies past Lawrence's Ruben Sosa on his way to victory in the 55-meter dash at All-States. He also won the 55 at the Division 1 State Meet in a school-record time of 6.42.

WILD: Upset of the year? Golden Warriors beating Salem, NH

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her team to the state championship game. She also became the fourth player in Andover girls basketball history to score 1,000 career points when she hit five first-half 3-pointers against Notre Dame of Hingham.

Thomann finished her career with 1,177 points, placing her third all-time in program history behind sisters Charlotte Muller (1,616) and Jenny Muller (1,498).

After sitting in the shadow of her brother, St. John's Prep goalie Kyle Pettoruto, Megan Pettoruto took over the starting job at Andover High this year and recorded a team-record six shutouts, five on her own.

Milestones weren't just for players. Andover boys basketball coach Dave Fazio notched his 300th career victory on Feb. 12 with a 56-53 win over Lawrence. Fazio, who was inducted to the Salem State College Hall of Fame last year, has a career record of 300-133.

Tracking down

Simply put, Andover owned the 55-meter dash in Massachusetts.

Only a sophomore, Chris McConnell dominated the competition in the 55 all season, capping it off with a win in the All-State track meet in 6.45. He also set the school record and ran the fastest time in Massachusetts this season at Division 1 States (6.42).

Senior Christina Muccio was less heralded going into the season, but she finished the sweep at All-States, winning the 55 in 7.33. That helped lead the

Golden Warriors to a team title.

The relay teams would not be outdone. The team of Muccio, Melissa Knapp, Emily Shields and Vanessa Singleton won the 4x200 relay and Singleton, Kayley Pettoruto, Laura Cody and Colleen Shannon won the 4x400 at Division 1 States. They each added seconds at All-States. The latter team set a state indoor track record in the 4x400 at Scholastic Indoor Nationals with a 3:58.31. They finished eighth overall.

Award winners

Few would have believed Nick Drew had never been a starter at the varsity level going into this season. Especially opponents. The senior took home the Merrimack Valley Conference-Dual County League Division 1 Player of the Year after his 12 wins, four shutouts and a 1.40 goals-against average.

Also taking home Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year honors were D'Innocenzo (swimming), Muccio (girls track) and McConnell (boys track).

Andover also cleaned up in Coach of the Year winners. Peter Comeau won the Division 1 girls Coach of the Year, Martiniello won Division 1 Coach of the Year for hockey and Jim Tildsley was Division 1 co-coach of the Year for girls basketball. Former Andover High great E.J. Perry won New Hampshire Class L Coach of the Year after guiding Salem High to its second straight state championship.

Hockey hotbed

The Golden Warriors hockey team may not have made a return to the state championship, but the road was a lot tougher with the move from Division 2 to Division 1 in the Merrimack Valley Conference-Dual County League.

But Andover, led by the scoring line of Hyslip, George Flanagan (14 goals) and Cam Smith (11 goals), and goalie Drew, hit the challenge head on, and ran off an impressive 13-4-4 record, coming up a game short of the league title.

This continued an upswing for the hockey program. The Golden Warriors made the state quarterfinals each of the past three seasons. Prior to that run, an Andover team had not advanced to the quarterfinals since the 1991-92 season.

A player crucial in that upswing, Tucker Mullin, continued his success in town at Phillips Andover. The postgrad finished the year with 12 goals and nine assists. He is still weighing college options.

Upset central

Votes need not be counted for the upset of the year for an Andover team. Salem, N.H., basketball rolled through the competition on its way to a 66-54 victory in the Class L state championship. The Blue Devils were also undefeated in New Hampshire with a 22-0 record in Class L and 24-1 overall.

The lone imperfection came on the biggest stage, the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney, on a shocking 60-45 upset at the hands of the Golden Warriors. Derrick Beasley led the Warriors with 22 points while Shannon had 16.

Sophomore Sarah Oteri has led the Golden Warriors in scoring in each of her first two seasons with the Golden Warriors. But she began to make her legend on Feb. 25.

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Oteri grabbed a rebound off a Danielle Paonessa shot and buried it home with 15 seconds left to give No. 11 Andover a stunning 4-3 victory over No. 4 Needham in the first round of the Division 1 tourney.

It may not have been an upset, but even coach Steve Sirois was shocked at the emergence of gymnast Aaron Davidovits. The senior finished off a breakout senior season by placing fourth in the all-around with a 40.65 at the State Coaches Meet at Burlington High. He took third on the parallel bars (7.5), fifth on the pommel horse (6.4) and sixth on floor exercise (8.1) for the Golden Warriors. The Garden

It may not have been the state championship game, but anyone lucky enough to see the Andover girls basketball team kiss the Boston Celtics logo at the TD Banknorth Garden had to be moved.

The Golden Warriors' run to the state final had plenty of classic moments, but the Division 1 state semifinals takes the cake. Andover advanced to the state championship for the first time in four years with a victory on the Boston Celtics' home court.

The Blue and Gold did not just win, they blasted New Bedford, 61-34, the largest margin of victory in a state semifinal in seven years.

Andover went to the finals and battled Northampton to the final moments, a tribute to a team led by seniors such as Thomann, Laura Renfro, Lauren Hughes, Camille Fantini, Ilana Cohen and Kelly Driscoll.

David Willis writes about sports for the Andover Townsman.

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Andover fulfills a dream by kissing the Celtics logo on the parquet floor of the TD Banknorth Garden after reaching another dream, advancing to the Division 1 state final by crushing New Bedford in the Division 1 state semifinal.

Thomann takes sportsmanship honor

The honors continue to pour in for Andover basketball star Meghan Thomann.

The senior guard won the Roger Alley Award, which goes to the girls player who combines ability with exemplary sportsmanship. That puts her in some pretty good company with past winners like former Andover star Ashley McLaughlin and North Andover's Amanda Shannon and Lauren Adams.

D'Innocenzo takes second

Andover swimmer Nick D'Innocenzo hasn't slowed down since the end of the high school season.

While swimming for his club team, Magnus Aquatic, D'Innocenzo took second in the 200 individual medley at the NCSA Junior Nationals in Orlando, Fla. over the weekend.

He finished in a time of 2:07.52 — falling just 0.13 seconds short of the Olympic trials. He has until June 29 to qualify.



ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

Andover's Christina Muccio, center, surges past the competition to win the 55-meter dash at the Division 1 track championship in 7.33. She would follow that up with a win in the 55 at the All-State meet and ran on the state champion 4x200 relay team.

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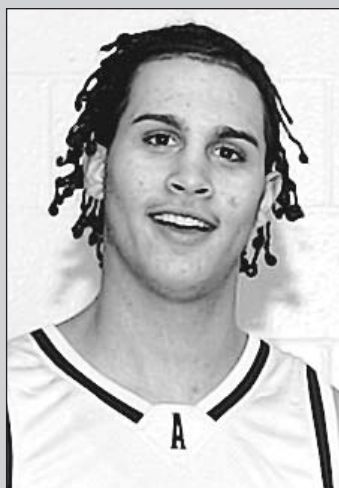
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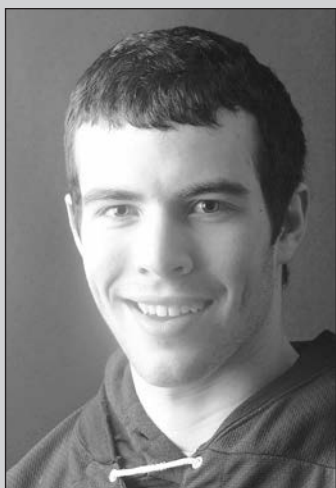
MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

Coach of the Year — Jim Tildsley, Andover (Division 1)

HOCKEY

DIVISION 1 ALL-CONFERENCE

Hockey



Nick Drew, League Player of the Year

Forward
 John Hyslip, Sr.
Defenseman
 Riki Retelle, Jr.

GOALIE

Nick Drew, Sr.
LOCAL ALL-STARS
 Cam Smith, Jr., forward; George Flanagan, Jr., forward; Kevin Drew, Sr., defenseman

MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

Player of the Year — Nick Drew
Coach of the Year — Mario Martiniello

BOYS TRACK

ALL-CONFERENCE
55-meters: Chris McConnell, Soph.; L.J. Santi Costello, Sr.; **4x200:** Brendan Crawford, Jr.; P.J. Farnham, Sr.; Chris McConnell, Soph.; Kerrick Stevens, Soph.

Boys Track



Santi Costello, All-MVC long jumper

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

Player of the Year — Chris McConnell

GIRLS TRACK

ALL-CONFERENCE
1,000: Colleen Shannon, Sr.; **300:** Melissa Knapp, Jr.; **Dash:** Christina Muccio, Sr.; **4x400:** Laura Cody, Jr.; Colleen Shannon, Sr.; Vanessa Singleton, Soph.; Kayley Pettoruto, Sr.; **4x200:** Melissa Knapp, Jr.; Mallory Cayon, Sr.; Emily Shields, Frosh.; Christina Muccio, Sr.

LOCAL ALL-STARS

Andover — Casey Harrison, Sr.; Mile; Vanessa Singleton, Soph., 300, L.J.; Jess Forester, Sr.

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

Player of the Year — Christina Muccio (Division 1)
Coach of the Year — Peter Comeau (Division 1)

Girls Track



Melissa Knapp, All-MVC in 300

SWIMMING

ALL-CONFERENCE
 Mike Bakies, Jr.; Peter Saunders, Sr.; Peter Li, Sr.; Paul Hunter, Soph.; Zach Hamer, Sr.; Yubo Liu, Soph.

LOCAL ALL-STARS

Devon Mullen, Jr.; Luke Delisio, Sr.; Tim Russell, Sr.; Peter Belanger, Soph.; Peter Wakeling, Jr.

MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

Swimmer of the Year — Nick D'Innocenzo, Jr.

GYMNASTICS

ALL-CONFERENCE
Beam — Lauren Colby, Sr.; **Floor** — Jenn Quirnbach, Soph.

LOCAL ALL-STARS

Rachel Mattison, Frosh.; Kathryn Sullivan, Sr.

Opening dates for Andover High teams

Here is the date each Andover High team plays its first game. For a complete schedule for all levels, read next week's Andover Townsman.

Baseball

Varsity
 April 10 Cambridge 3:45 p.m.
JV
 April 10 Cambridge 3:45 p.m.
Freshman
 April 11 North Andover 3:30 p.m.

Softball

Varsity
 April 7 Amesbury 3:45 p.m.
JV

April 7 Amesbury 3:45 p.m.
Freshman
 April 11 North Andover 3:30 p.m.

Boys Track

Varsity
 April 2 Methuen 3:30 p.m.

Girls Track

Varsity
 April 2 Methuen 3:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis

Varsity
 April 9 at Haverhill 3:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis

Varsity
 April 9 Haverhill 3:30 p.m.

Boys Volleyball

Varsity
 April 2 Dracut 6 p.m.
JV
 April 2 Dracut 4:30 p.m.

Boys Lacrosse

Varsity
 March 27 Newton South 5 p.m.
JV
 March 27 Newton South 4 p.m.

Freshman
 April 1 Winchester 4 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse

Varsity
 April 2 at Tewksbury 3:30 p.m.
JV
 April 2 at Tewksbury 5:30 p.m.
Freshman
 April 9 at Reading 4 p.m.

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Women with vision

March is National Women's History month. To celebrate, the Kid learned about a woman who is an artist and award-winning author.

Faith Ringgold began her artistic career more than 40 years ago as a painter.

Today she is known for her painted story quilts and her children's books. She combines painting, quilted fabric and storytelling to bring her stories to life.

Most of her stories are based on her life experiences. Ringgold was born Oct. 8, 1930 in Harlem, New York. Faith learned about working with fabric from her mother, a fashion designer. Faith learned quilting from her great-great grandmother. Her great-grand mother had learned from her mother, a former slave who made quilts for her white masters.

Quilts made in the slave community served many purposes. The quilts kept people warm, preserved memories and events, and told stories. Quilts were even message boards for the Underground Railroad to guide slaves on their way north to freedom.

Faith studied painting at the City College of New York. After graduation, she taught art in the New York City public schools. She went back to school and received her master's degree in fine art in 1961. She also studied the work of master artists in Europe.

She married Burdette Ringgold. They have two daughters, Michele and Barbara; and three granddaughters, Faith, Theodora and Martha.

She is a professor of art emeritus at the University of California in San Diego.

Ringgold's art is in major museums around the world. She has made more than 95 quilts.

Her first book, *Tar Beach*, was a Caldecott Honor Book and earned the Coretta Scott King Award for illustration. She has written and illustrated 13 children's books.

In her children's books she encourages children to "take flight" and follow their dreams.

"I always knew I would be an artist," she has said. As her song says, "All You Gotta Do Is Try."

Notable Women

Match the women with their accomplishments:
 "Mother" Mary Harris Jones Singer
 Marian Anderson Started American Red Cross
 Clara Barton Environmentalist
 Maria Tallchief Worked to end child labor
 Rachel Carson America's greatest ballerina



Photo courtesy of the artist

Faith Ringgold and Tar Beach

Ringgold wrote a song to encourage children to dream and try. She graciously gave the Kid permission to print some of the words of the song.

Anyone Can Fly

There is a place way up high where everyone can fly
 There's no limit to where you can go
 or how strong your wings can grow
 All you have to know, Anyone can fly

If one can, Anyone can, All you got to do is try
 Spread your arms to reach the sky
 and you'll know the reason why, Anyone can fly

Let your body move around,
 learn to laugh instead of frown
 Don't waste another day worrying about what people say
 Take your life in your hands
 Now contemplate the flight command, Anyone can fly

You must use the power of the flight command
 You must learn the magic of a helping hand
 Love your self and others too
 Believe in them and believe in you
 and try hard at every thing you do, Anyone can fly

See the complete words and music at www.fairringgold.com



Newspaper in Education activity

1. Select and cut a photo from your newspaper. Paste it on a blank sheet of paper.
2. Write a brief story about your photo on the same sheet of paper.
3. Tape your photos together to make a story quilt for your class.

2-10 Announcements

3A Lost & Found
FOUND CAT adult male, orange tiger short hair...

11-17 Financial

First Run
Be your own Boss
Make up to \$500 a day...

21MA Condos/Townhomes MA

NO. ANDOVER: Oakridge Village, New Construction 1 bedroom, 1 bath \$140,000...

SSMA Rentals MA

ANDOVER, MA
Downtown, in building, 1 bedroom, 6525, 1 bed- room with parking \$725...

SSMA Rentals MA

HAVERHILL OFF High St. 4, nice clean 5 room, 3 bed- room, 2nd floor, hook ups...

SSMA Rentals MA

MIDDLETON, large 1 bed- room, plenty of parking, No. ps. \$915 + utilities...

SSNH Rentals NH

Location! Location!
SALEM, NH
NO SECURITY DEPOSIT

57MA Commercial Property MA

AMESBURY: Office Suites \$250/mo & up; 2 Retail Store- fronts/Amesbury Plaza...

68MA Roommates/Housing To Share MA

BEVERLY - Mature low key individuals seeks the same...

68NH Roommates/Housing To Share NH

SO. LITCHFIELD, Non-smoker to share remodeled home...

12 Business Opportunities

FOUND CAT black & orange, So. Lawrence, Call to describe (978) 683-3271

NOTICE

Some advertisements running in this category may require an investment

BRAND NEW

14x44 1 bedroom mobile home with many upgrades...

BEVERLY COMMONS

Studios 1 & 2 bedroom apartments becoming available...

First Run

ANDOVER, NICE 2 bedroom, deeded, freshly painted...

First Run

HAVERHILL, RIVERSIDE 1 bedroom, office, private entrance...

First Run

NEWBURYPORT - 1 bedroom, AC, heat & hot water included...

First Run

ANDOVER
Retail Space
Downtown, Main St. Street level, 500 sq. ft.

76-100 Help Wanted

Be There for Kids in Care
Casey Family Services seeks experienced parents to provide a family for kids in foster care...

18-24 Instructions

FOUND: CAT, white, fluffy, blue eyes, female, in Gloucester, Emerson Ave. To claim or adopt...

20 Private Tutoring

ACCREDITED Educational Therapist, Elementary-adult Therapists, reading comprehension...

36MA Lots/Acreage MA

SALISBURY HOUSE LOT ON BAKER RD. 1 Acre \$209,000

39 Wanted Real Estate

LISTINGS WANTED
Fast, Dependable Service
T. A. Sullivan Realty

First Run

NEWTON, NH: 2 bedroom, \$910 per month includes heat/hot water...

First Run

NEWBURYPORT, charming and spacious 1 bedroom apartment...

First Run

NEWTON 1 bedroom, heat & hot water, \$550. Fitzgerald & Company...

Space Available

HAVERHILL - METHUEN - ANDOVER - PLAISTOW AMESBURY & SALEM, NH GREAT LOCATIONS FOR

Child Care Director

Manage EEC contracts, provide case management and support services with families...

FOUND CATS

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AC.E. MATH TUTOR

20+ years teaching, Math Ph.D. All levels, Middle School-College including SATs...

51-75 Rentals

HAVERHILL: Single family available 4/1, \$1,500, 2-3 bedroom, fenced in yard...

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BRADFORD - 2nd floor, 2 bedrooms, parking, deck, dining room, yard...

First Run

LAWRENCE - High St. 2 bedrooms, small house, Washer dryer hookup...

First Run

NEWBURYPORT: Down town, large, sunny 1 bedroom with deck, skylight...

First Run

SALEM - Adams Square for residents 55+ over, Millville St. 2 bedroom, 2nd floor apartment...

Scott Companies

978-374-0034
Brokers Protected
★ To list your property for sale call Scott RE 978-689-8500

First Run

HAVERHILL Roommate wanted to share home. Furnished room. \$585/mo...

FOUND READING GLASSES

FOUND READING GLASSES, Peabody Square, Call to identify Mon.-Fri. 978-531-0666 ask for receptionist.

READING TUTOR

Experienced elementary school teacher (30+ years), hand writing, math, organization...

52MA Houses For Rent MA

HAVERHILL: Single family available 4/1, \$1,500, 2-3 bedroom, fenced in yard...

52NH Houses For Rent NH

BRADFORD - 6 room, 3 bedroom, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, near commuter rail...

LAWRENCE MA Downtown

2 level town apt, \$900 w/ walk carpet, dishwasher, 1 Month Free!

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SALEM - Millville Lake

Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath waterfront cottage, recently renovated...

ANDOVER Prime Location

Prime Location, Downtown, 2 offices
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METHUEN NH: Near 93

Clearing at \$875, Heat / hot water included, 603-893-5726

FOUND SMALL LADIES RING

FOUND Small ladies ring near Social Security Building, Salem, MA, 3/6, call to describe...

MATH, PHYSICS TUTORING

MATH, PHYSICS TUTORING: SAT, SAT-2, GRE, GMAT, SAT, AP Exams, Call 978-855-8503

53MA Condos/Townhomes/Duplexes MA

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PIANO LESSONS

Learn to play from one of Boston's top teachers. Call 978-688-6795

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GC/Builder's License Course

YOU PASS or WE PAY! 1500 hrs. of instruction. No. Andover starts April 8th...

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Average Pay \$20/hr, \$57K yr. including Federal benefits. Over time. Offered by Exom Services...

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PEABODY near downtown

1 story brick mill building, 1800 sq. ft., new EPDM roof, 3 levels, completely redone...

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AMESBURY: 2 bedroom, ceramic kitchen & bath, appliances, storage, laundry, parking, \$800 + utilities.

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AMESBURY: 2 rooms, 2nd floor in great location. Walk to town center, restaurants & groceries. Parking. \$660 + utilities.

60MA Condos/Townhomes/Duplexes MA

HAVERHILL: Single family available 4/1, \$1,500, 2-3 bedroom, fenced in yard...

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85 Medical
First Run
Legal Secretary
Salem NH Attorney, weeks experienced individual, part time, 10-15 hours per week.

91 Sales
First Run
Inside Sales
Associate Position
FT with benefits, 40 hrs/week, calling. Telesales/outbound sales experience preferred.

93 General
First Run
GARDNER
Plantings & maintenance of beds. Person with a positive attitude & detail oriented for Andover/Nh. Andover area garden design company.

PLANET FITNESS
Seeks a Full Time
Fitness Trainer
at our Danvers, MA location. Inquire at 1. South behind Circuit City & Child's.

98 Caregivers
PCA, wanted for non in Beverly, MA, with MS. Experience with hoyer lift & total care. Shifts & a backup person needed. \$10.84 per hour.

102 Articles for Sale
DOOR, heavy white vinyl patio door, Thermo Pane, sliding glass door, 2200 or best offer. BAR STOOLS (2) walnut, leather cushioned, \$25 each. 617-926-5800 ext. 251.

102 Articles for Sale
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103 Household Goods
BEDROOM SET, 5 piece. Queen size, Wheat etching on glass doors, oak hardwood. \$500. Call (978) 346-9379.

103 Household Goods
DRESSER With mirror, \$35. Pineapple top double bed, \$45. Wood desk, \$20. Peacock chair, \$15. Metal patio table, \$20. Set of 6 lawn chairs, \$30. Call (603) 793-6171.

103 Household Goods
LIVING ROOM SOFA; Beige with pattern small flowers. Good condition \$100; Call (978) 688-3213

First Run
Medical Assistant
Experienced. Multi-location North Shore pediatric practice seeks FT Medical Asst. with experience in pediatric phlebotomy. Fax resume to Linda, 978-535-2907

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Spring Is Here - Change Your Career
We're looking for new or experienced real estate salespeople for our downtown Amesbury office. No license? No problem. We can help you get licensed. We also offer a free 8 week training course.

First Run
GREAT OPPORTUNITY for person looking for Part Time Driving position
Early am delivery and late afternoon pick-up. Must be able to drive my Pick-up truck with a 16 foot trailer attached. Must be athletic and able to lift - you will be loading and unloading the trailer.

First Run
Production
1st Shift Production Supervisor. Must have 2 years of manufacturing supervisory experience. Knowledge of the manufacturing process, procedures & machinery.

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT
All shifts available to work with a young man with a disability. Duties include: dressing, feeding, bathing, positioning and transferring. Interested parties call at 617-866-5882 or email marianne.kille@verizon.com

EXERCISER Folding Stepper; Stamina 7J, Adjustable Hydraulic Step Treads, Digital Timer, Folds 26" x 39" x 6.5" Never used \$25.00 Call 978-666-0725

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DRYER, Kenmore, front loader, electric, variable signal, 27"wx25.5" D. 8-10 years old, in good running condition. \$75. (603) 434-1889

First Run
Medical
Technologist PT
Busy physician's office lab looking for Medical Technologist (ASCP or equivalent). Must have chemistry & ELISA kit experience. Flexible/no nights or weekends. Fax resume to Nancy Woodcock@earthlink.net

First Run
Surgical Asst.
Part time surgical assistant needed. Must have 3-5 years experience for successful oral surgery practice. Responsible for assisting with surgeries, instrument sterilization, medical and implant supplies as well as maintenance of medical equipment. Must have dental experience. Great environment! Please fax resume to 978-470-2572.

First Run
Hawthorne Hotel
Line Cook PT
Banquet Houseman PT
Restaurant Server P/T/F
Overnight Custodian P/T
Front Desk FT/PT
Job Hotline 978-825-4374 Fax 978-741-353 www.hospitalityonline.com/hawthorne

First Run
Septic Inspector
Growing Septic Company on the North Shore is seeking an individual to perform Title 5 Inspections as well as operate a pump truck. Applicant must have a Title 5 license and a Title 5 Inspectors license. Unique position for the right person. Benefits available. Qualified individuals call (978) 356-5638.

Visiting Angels
Experienced Caregivers Wanted in Andover, NH, Newburyport, NH, Seacoast 978-462-5162

WANTED - transportation from Lawrence to Derry, NH Easter Sunday & week ends. NEED WHEELCHAIR VAN. Call (617) 669-9990

TABLE SAW, Craftsman \$150.00 works great. (603) 887-2479

TICKETS (2) - "Taste of Choo's", Cumberland County Civic Center, Tues., March 18, 5:30 p.m. Paid \$64, sell for \$40. (978) 531-0000

TICKETS (3), Stars on Ice, DCU Center in Worcester on April 5th & 6th, good condition. Paid \$1205, will take best offer. (978) 774-4423

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, Large Oak 52" W x 21" D, 48" H \$125 Call (978) 994-4880

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House Cleaners
Experienced house cleaners wanted. Call Janis, 603-893-0800.

First Run
Telemarketers
Set appointments, Mon-Thurs. evenings, every other Saturday, hourly plus bonus. Minimum \$10/hr. Call Chris, 603-681-3383, Salem, NH.

First Run
Working Supervisor
Full time, to organize and manage production of performance cushions in Peabody. Small shop requires hands-on person with experience setting up and executing jobs for production, maintaining standards, organizing inventory, workload and supervising shipping is a must. Salary commensurate with experience, with great potential for advancement. Call 978-689-5000 or email resume to mgandolf@skwoosh.com

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Set appointments, Mon-Thurs. evenings, every other Saturday, hourly plus bonus. Minimum \$10/hr. Call Chris, 603-681-3383, Salem, NH.

First Run
Child Care Provider Wanted
ANNIE'S NANNIES FT & PT nanny positions providing experienced providers 978-663-6081 anniesnannies.net

First Run
Child Care Providers Licensed
LOVING MOTHER & teacher has a special place for your child in my Andover home. Call (978) 475-3342.

First Run
Child Care Providers Non-Licensed
20 year old college student willing to babysit school children for the summer. Own transportation. Available mid-May-Aug. References. Call Ashley at 978-886-2974.

First Run
Child Care Providers Non-Licensed
ALL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED

First Run
Child Care Providers Non-Licensed
SALEM North, NH Family Daycare FT & PT, openings. Res. 981-2811, affordable rates, small group, nutritious meals, references. 603-898-5731

First Run
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Environmental Contractor has an immediate opening for an experienced Full Charge Bookkeeper. Skills in multi-state payroll & accounts payable management required. Construction industry experience preferred. Excellent pay & benefits. Call Jonathan, DEC-TAM CORPORATION 978-470-2860 ext. 133

First Run
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Midwestern Insurance Agency seeks energetic, friendly individual for FT/PT position in growing business. Excellent salary & benefits. Must be computer literate and able to manage customer contact. Call Mike @ 617-244-4500

First Run
Insurance
1 position available for Personal Lines CSR - *Experience required (Bilingual a plus). Please send resume to Joanne@J.K.mills.com or fax to 978-774-8583 or call 978-686-0826 ask for Joanne.

First Run
Landscape Crew Leaders
Must have 2 years experience in commercial maintenance, solid drivers license, competitive wages & benefits. North Andover shop. 978-686-1106

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH
Notice is hereby given that at its meeting of March 10, 2008, the Andover Board of Health voted to adopt amendments to its Recreational Camp for Children Regulations under the authority of M.G.L.C. 111 § 31. The regulations supplement those of 105 CMR 430.000, providing extra protection to children enrolled in camps in Andover. A copy is available at the Health Department in the Community Development and Planning Department Office at 36 Bartlett Street, first floor.
Candace Martin
Chairman
AT — 3/27/08

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 08P0585EP1
In the Estate of JUNE C. HOLLIS Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death January 27, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARYSA H CALI of ELIOT in the State of MAINE be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 22, 2008.
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.
WITNESS, HON. MARY ANNE SAHAGIAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, March 12, 2008.
Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate
AT — 3/27/08

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By Order of the Board of Selectmen
Randall L. Hanson
Town Clerk
AT — 3/27/08

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elizabeth A. Defnese to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", WMC Mortgage Corp. and its successors and assigns dated November 13, 2006 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 10487, Page 120, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on April 17, 2008**, on the premises known as **28 Enmore Street, Andover, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:
A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, known as Shawshen Village, being shown as pat of Lots 10 and 11 on plan entitled "Plan B Showing Property owned by Textile Realty Co., Shawshen Village, Andover, Mass., June 1932, John Franklin, C.E." recorded in the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 877, said premises being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
NORTHEASTERLY by Enmore Street, seventy feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by part of Lot No. 11 as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty feet, said line being 2.5 feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of Lot No. 10 as shown on said plan and parallel therewith;
SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot D as shown on said plan, seventy feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY by part of Lot 10 as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty feet, said line being 2.5 feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of Lot No. 9 as shown on said plan and parallel therewith.
Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds herewith.
Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.
Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 9 Acton Road, Suite #10, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.
In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.
Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.
Present holder of said mortgage
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company
on behalf of Financial Asset Securities Corp.,
Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-WMCM1,
Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-WMCM1
by its Attorneys
Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
9 Acton Road
Suite #10
Chelmsford, MA 01824
March 20, 2008
AT — 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/08

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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 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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103 Household Goods

VACUUM - Kirby Ultimate, 1 year old, all attachments including shampoo kit, never used. \$300. best offer call (978) 687-1897
WALL Unit mahogany stained hardwood, custom cabinets, shelving, draws & molding 9'x8" Originally \$6000 \$2400/best offer. 978-208-7022
WASHERS (2) and 1 Dryer, \$75 for all. Call (603) 437-0111
WASHER, Whirlpool, large garden, mint condition, soup tureen & ladle, signed & dated, \$300. Coffee pot \$75. Tea pot \$75. Turkey platter \$150. (978) 686-4575

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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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104 Antiques/Collectibles

Antique Show
Manchester Binge Center, 65 John E. Devine Drive, Manchester NH. Show hours 7am to 1pm. Closed Easter. Final show of season is 3/30. Free admission. See website for show schedule.
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ELVIS LP albums, (8), in good condition, asking \$80 or best offer. (603) 679-1975
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PINE Farm table, wash stand with drawers, 2 pine jelly cabinets, pine storage cabinet, 3 large metal toy trucks, 4 straight chairs, pedestal table - \$450. 978-352-8952

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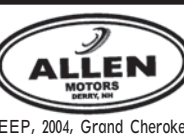
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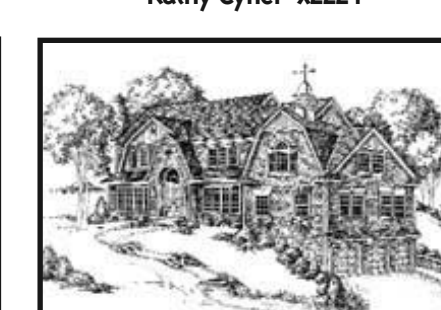
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Fill 'er up, tear 'em down

The demolition of the former Lund's Automotive Service building on Route 28 was expected to commence this week, along with plans to tear down an adjacent single-family residence, according to local developer Bill Perkins.

The properties, at 429 and 431 South Main St., are believed to be the site of one the state's first service stations. Town records show the location had gas-refilling permits in the early 1900s and permits for automotive repair since the 1930s, according to Andover attorney Michael Rosen, who represented a former developer of the site.

Perkins hopes to build a 4,300-square-foot structure on the property this spring. Feast Cafe & Provisions will offer residents a variety of items including coffee, specialty prepared foods and ice cream during the summer, he said.

The site was home to the family-run gas station Lund's Automotive Service until 1999.

Perkins bought the property earlier this year, where Craig's Auto Salon, an automotive detailing business, had been operating.

— Brian Messenger



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Craig's Auto Salon, formerly Lund's Automotive Service, will soon be demolished.

Town now in compliance with Nicole's Law

As of March 18, all hotels, motels, nursing homes and day care facilities in town are in compliance with Nicole's Law, a state regulation which requires the installation of carbon monoxide detectors.

Under the statute, all of the above occupancy categories with attached garages or fossil fuel-burning equipment were required to have working carbon monoxide detectors installed by Jan. 1.

That deadline was extended by the Andover Fire Rescue Department after six public schools housing

day care programs, five private day care facilities, seven hotels and four nursing homes were given written violation notices for noncompliance.

To spread awareness of Nicole's Law, the fire department offered two information sessions in May and sent multiple letters to build-

ing owners in the months leading up to the original Jan. 1 deadline.

"The Andover Fire Rescue initiative has paid off by being one of the first communities in the commonwealth to ensure complete compliance of this newly implemented law," wrote fire Chief Michael Mansfield in a recent press release, "keeping those that live, visit and stay at these facilities safe from the effects of carbon monoxide."

— Brian Messenger

the bank's community outreach and said it's a way for the bank to introduce itself to Andover.

To book the room, call 978-623-8000.

— Judy Wakefield

Stingrays target April 6

Members of the Andover/North Andover Stingrays will be among the nearly 200 Special Olympic athletes going to Salem State College on April 6 to participate in this year's Aquatics Assessment Round.

Special Olympics Massachusetts North will be holding this event in preparation for the 2008 Summer Games. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m., and closing ceremonies will be at the conclusion of swimming, around noon. Awards will be given to athletes throughout the competition.

Family members of the athletes and other spectators will be in attendance, filling up the benches in the aquatics arena to cheer on the athletes. An additional Aquatics Assessment will be held on April 13 at Babson College.

Going green

Butler Bank, located at the former Friendly's site on North Main Street, is quietly coming up on its first anniversary in town. It's celebrating this first anniversary with the traditional gift of paper — \$50 of the green variety.

The Lowell-based bank will give Andover charities \$50 if they hold a meeting at the bank. The meeting room holds up to 20 people on the second floor. Several groups already have met there, including the Quota Club and Family Service. Rosemary Radulski oversees

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