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## BUDGET PITCHES

Why are sports still on the chopping block?

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STAFF WRITER

The Finance Committee hopes to recommend a level-services school budget this week that would prevent teacher layoffs and the elimination of extracurricular programs including high school athletics.

With less than two weeks to go before Town Meeting, the schools budget recommended by Superintendent Claudia Bach and approved by the School Committee remains \$1.9 million higher than what the town can currently afford.

"We may not be able to cover the whole \$1.9 million," Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said. "But I feel confident that we will be able to state that if athletics are cut, it's not because there isn't enough money."

Finance Committee  
Chairwoman Joanne  
Marden

**"Nothing is off the chopping block at this point."**

School Committee  
member Dennis  
Forgue

requires, according to school officials.

Despite the Finance Committee's developing plan, the original list of potential cuts to the School Department's budget request remained intact as of Tuesday. High school

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School leaders say government rules make athletics one of the few areas they can cut. Above, Andover junior Meghan McCarthy throws a pitch during Friday's game.

### School supporters say options limited

BY BRIAN MESSINGER  
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School officials contend they are limited with what they can cut at both the middle and high school levels, leaving the high school athletics program and several dozen elementary educators susceptible to elimination next year.

Teachers cannot be cut at Andover High

School due to mandated time-on-learning requirements, according to AHS Principal Peter Anderson. As a result the athletics program has been included in a list of potential budget cuts.

About 850 individual students play at least one sport at Andover High, out of a student body of roughly 1,760, according to

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# Consolidation talk continues as new business manager hired

By BRIAN MESSINGER  
STAFF WRITER

As the school department hires a new business manager — the head school-finance officer — Andover leaders continue saying they are interested in merging the town and school finance departments to save taxpayers' money.

Members of both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee said a task force or subcommittee probably will be formed to explore the idea. It would also examine any other areas of local government suitable for consolidation.

The School Committee voted April 8 to appoint David Keniston as the new School Department business manager. He has held that title for Marblehead Public Schools since 2004 and will take over July 1 for interim school Business Manager Bernie Tuttle.

Newly-elected School Committee member Dennis Forgue, who expressed an interest in consolidating town and school finance departments while running for office, said he did not know how the hiring of Keniston would fit in-

to any such future plans.

"No idea how that would look," said Forgue. "That's the whole idea of studying the situation."

Exploring the consolidation of the town and school technology departments is already underway, according to School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber.

Barber compared the potential merger of town and school head finance positions to the creation of a chief financial officer for the town. The town finance director is Tony Torrisi.

"That's something that will be addressed soon," said Barber. "I don't think it should stop there."

Selectman Jerry Stabile also expressed interest in consolidation.

"I think it's a direction the town has to go in," said Stabile. "There's too much duplication and redundancy, and that's money that the taxpayers shouldn't have to spend."

The town and schools already use joint human resources and plant and facilities departments.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski sees potential in the idea, but expects cost savings to

be minimal.

"I don't think we're going to save much money," said Stapczynski. "I think what you do is you have the opportunity to share systems better, to use the technology better."

"To say we're going to reduce costs — reduce personnel, reduce capital expense — that hasn't been proved to me," he said.

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden is also receptive to the idea, but believes merging finance departments could prove to be difficult.

"I think it's always a good idea to look at the organization and see if we can improve communication and create efficiencies," said Marden. "Merging those two operations is a lot more complicated than it appears on the surface. Until there is a specific proposal, I can't say whether it's a good idea or not."

Stapczynski said a central finance department would provide officials with transparent budget figures.

"There could be some efficiencies saved over time," he said. "You don't go into this looking for huge dollar savings more than it is savings in work process."

## NEW SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER HIRED

The School Committee voted 4-0-1 on April 8 to appoint David Keniston as the School Department's new business manager. Keniston will take over for interim Business Manager Bernie Tuttle on July 1.

School Committee member Dennis Forgue abstained from the vote, since the hiring process began before he was elected to office in March, he said.

Keniston was selected out of a pool of 13 applicants, according to town Human Resources Director Candace Hall.

"He's a top-notch candidate," said Hall.

"I think we're very lucky to have him."

Keniston has served as business manager for the 3,200-student Marblehead Public School district since 2004 and the Peabody Public Schools from 2002 to 2004. From 1999 to 2002 he was the director of financial operations for Franklin Public Schools.

He also has private sector experience with an educational software company, according to the superintendent's office.

"He's very technologically savvy," said Hall. "He's just got a terrific background. He knows his stuff."

Keniston received his bachelor's degree in history from Gordon College and a master's degree in public administration from the University of New Haven.

"I've never seen references that have been more glowing than David's," said Hall. "He's going to be a terrific presenter as well as a confident numbers guy."

School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber said he spent an hour interviewing Keniston.

"He comes in very accomplished," said Barber. "He clearly was the cream of the crop."

--Brian Messenger

## SPORTS: Level services would cost about \$60 million

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sports were still on the chopping block.

"They shouldn't be," Marden said.

"I said that two weeks ago, that they don't have to cut athletics," she said. "They do not have to eliminate school teachers either at the level we would recommend."

However, school officials say larger class sizes and the elimination of athletics is still possible.

"Nothing is off the chopping block at this point," School Committee member Dennis Forgue said. "I think we're still looking at how we can close the budget gap. The hope is to close the gap."

On April 8 the School Committee requested that Bach reduce her budget request by \$409,000, to reflect a level-services budget and the inclusion of several proposed money-saving special education hirings. It asked for a list of cuts and updated cost estimates.

"The list will change because the numbers are going to change," School Committee member Deb Silberstein said. "At some point, hopefully the gap will be smaller than it is right now and that list will also be updated by the superintendent."

School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber said level-funding the School Department would cost the town roughly \$60 million, a difference of less than \$750,000 from Bach's budget request, a so-called needs-based budget.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and the Board of Selectmen have recommended \$58.6 million for the schools.

The School Department was initially \$2.3 million short of its needs-based budget, but the Finance Committee's plan to level-fund capital projects next year reduced that deficit to \$1.9 million, Marden said.

"I think everything that the superintendent mentioned is all on the block still," Barber said. "We're

evaluating that on a daily basis. Hopefully between now and Town Meeting there will be some changes."

"Nobody on the School Committee wants to cut anything, but there isn't enough money being appropriated on the school level to even fund level services," Barber said. "This is a significant gap that has to be closed."

### Level-funding the schools

Marden said the Finance Committee won't recommend adding any new school positions, with the exception of mandated special education positions.

"Otherwise, if it's new, we say you can't afford it," Marden said. "Unless of course they're willing to trade for something that's already in their budget."

Such cuts to Bach's requested budget would free \$410,000, according to School Department figures, though Marden said the savings could end up being as much as \$500,000.

"One of our basic questions is, if you're in a position to reduce, why would you be adding?" said Marden, noting that health-insurance costs would also decrease by hiring fewer new employees. "We're saying that, given the current level of revenues, you can't afford to expand."

Another \$100,000 could be saved if the Finance Committee recommends level-funding school supplies. The School Committee wants a 3 percent increase, Marden said.

Adjusting revenue projections, finding leftover funds from this year, and reducing school contingency money for out-of-district special education could also provide savings, Marden said.

"We're suspect as to whether there are other areas of the budget that could be cut," Selectman Jerry Stabile said. "What we're looking for is some presentation and justification that there's no other places in the budget to look for cuts other than these emotionally charged areas of athletics and elementary

school teachers."

Stabile said selectmen also believe athletics no longer need to be cut.

"I think it's definitely a scare tactic," Stabile said. "It's irresponsible to be putting the fear of God into the people who have children in the school who participate in athletic programs, which are an integral part of the school experience."

In an e-mail to parents last month, Bach defended her department's list of potential cuts, dismissing sentiment that the elimination of high school athletics are a "scare tactic meant to galvanize support for the schools."

The reality is that there is simply no equitable and sustainable way to remove over \$2 million from the school budget without affecting large programs, such as athletics, and large costs, such as personnel," writes Bach, who is in China this week.

"Unfortunately this isn't a scare tactic," Barber said. "This is really a sad situation, but we're doing everything we can to move this along."

Marden, Barber and Selectman Brian Major met April 14 to discuss the budget. A tri-board meeting between selectmen, the Finance Committee and School Committee is tentatively scheduled for either April 22 or 23.

Stabile said selectmen have not met with the School Committee recently because they have not received a list of what could be cut from Bach's budget to create a level-services budget. He said the board requested this at the beginning of the calendar year.

"Given that they have not produced that list, it's been kind of a stalemate," Stabile said.

Silberstein said the School Committee is waiting to receive a list of additional potential cuts from the School Department.

"That's something that requires a lasting debate of the School Committee and the school administration," Barber said. "That's a process that we're going through now."

## OPTIONS: Added funding needed

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Brian McNally, AHS co-athletic director and director of K-12 Physical Education.

"We have a very high percentage of students that play at least one high school sport," said McNally. "It's a community thing too. I hope, obviously, things change and the money is available for athletics."

McNally said he has still been told that without additional school budget funding, athletics will be eliminated.

On April 7, Anderson told parents that the average cost per athlete at the school is \$954.88.

Minus user fees and revenues, the athletic program costs \$504,000 annually to run, he said.

Anderson also said that an entirely user-funded athletic program would call for \$1,000 user fees per student.

Townwide PTO member Bill Pennington said cuts to education must be viewed differently

than sidewalk repairs or town vehicle replacements.

"When a kid goes through the 11th grade, he doesn't go through the 11th grade again," he said. "He doesn't get to play athletics again. It's a different set of circumstances for education."

Time-on-learning requirements also prevent teacher cuts at the middle school level, according to an e-mail sent to parents on March 27 from middle school principals Patrick Bucco, Bruce Maki and Stephen Murray.

The middle schools are in a position similar to the high school. Any cut in an academic program that would result in study halls would leave us out of compliance in the area of time on learning. Cutting individual teachers on the Core teams is not possible given certification requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation," wrote.

Denise Nash, co-president of the High Plain Elementary

PTO, said elementary school parents "are livid" that their children's class sizes could increase. She said the days of one teacher, one lesson and 30 students are a thing of the past.

"There's such an individual learning process going on right now," said Nash. "They don't do that anymore. It's all individualized. It's all small groups. With more kids, you can't physically teach every kid. There will be kids who won't learn and kids who are just sitting there, advanced kids, with nothing to do."

School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber said cutting elementary teachers will adversely impact students.

"It sounds like it's easy enough to do, but every time you add a student it adds to the teacher's responsibility," said Barber. "It becomes a real difficult situation and the students suffer."

## SAMMY: Driver could get a \$50 fine

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[townsman.com](#)) She wants to get the word out about obeying speed limit signs in town.

Kuykendall said the speed limit on her road varies from 25 to 30 mph. She believes her 4-year-old dog would have survived if the driver obeyed the law.

"She was hit so hard and thrown," she said.

"Sammy always drove to school with me," Kuykendall said. "The garage door was opened and she just trotted to the road as a high-schooler was walking by...and then the heartbreak...it happened so fast."

Kuykendall caught only a glimpse of a gold-colored car.

Police have no suspects at this time. According to Andover Police Lt. Lee Britton, the driver would receive a \$50 fine for leaving the scene of a crash where an animal was killed.

While Kuykendall wishes the driver had stopped, if only to say he or she was sorry, she says she was impressed by the friendliness and quick thinking of people who responded.

She praises neighbors, Officer Jason Dowd and a veterinarian at the Andover Animal Hospital.

"I never got to say thank you. I was too frantic," she said.

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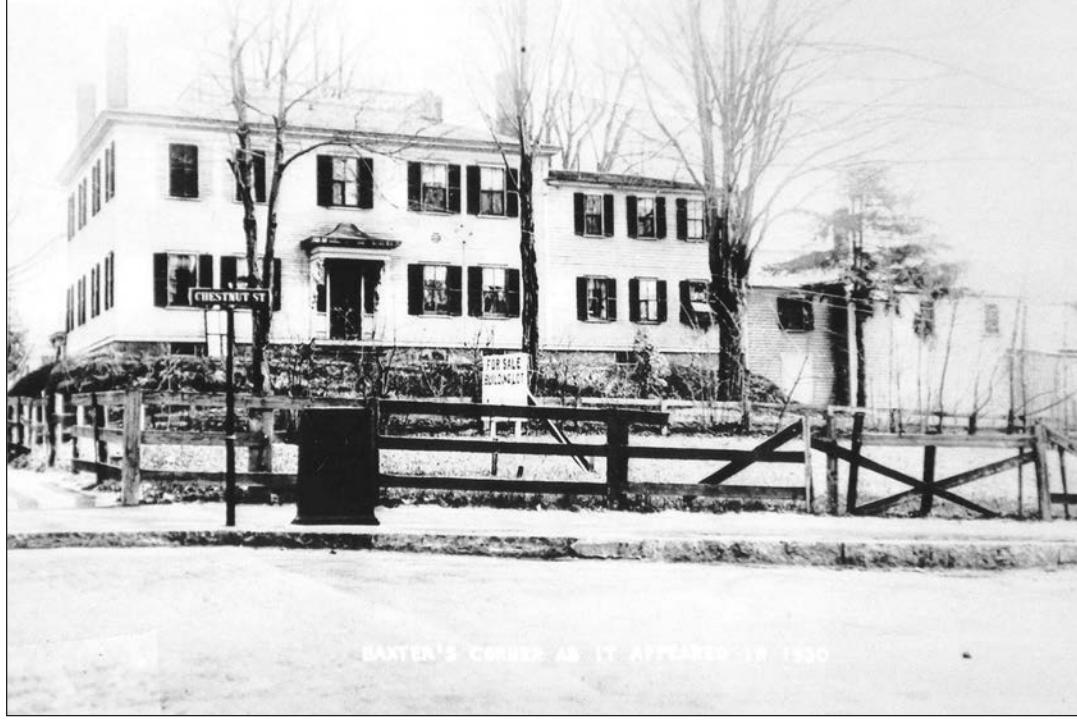
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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** A large house, owned by the Andrews family and bordered in front by a vacant lot, stood near the intersection of Main and Chestnut streets in 1930.



**NOW:** A Gulf gas station stands on the vacant lot and at the site of the Andrews house is a brick building that was once a post office, and is now a bank.

## NECC info sessions for high school seniors

For the first time, Northern Essex Community College has planned two evening information sessions on the Haverhill Campus designed especially for high school seniors and their parents. The information sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., April 22 and 29, in the Behrakis One-Stop Student Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. High school seniors and their parents are invited to attend one of these sessions.

"Many high school seniors are making their college decisions now," says Charles Diggs, Northern Essex's director of enrollment services and recruitment. "We want to be sure they consider starting at Northern Essex. These information sessions will give them information about our programs, including transfer opportunities."

The college offers certificate and associate degree programs leading to careers in health care, technology, criminal justice, and more, as well as transfer programs that allow a student to complete the freshman and sophomore year at Northern Essex and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

"Our students are transferring to public colleges and universities as well as private institutions," says Diggs. "They end up with a bachelor's degree from the four-year college and a lot less debt

### Preview the juiciest Town Meeting articles

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will host a preview on tonight, April 17 of high-profile issues to be voted on at the upcoming Town Meeting. At this forum, members of the League will present the pros and cons of various warrant articles such as the budget articles, the proposed home-business bylaw, the proposed anti-blight bylaw, and the proposed leasing of Old Town Hall. LWV President Stefani Traina Goldshein will moderate the event. There will be time for questions from the audience.

The forum will be held at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library and is free and open to the public. The forum will be televised live on Andover cable television and rebroadcast periodically until Town Meeting. For more information, call Peggy Kruse, 978-474-0176.

### Rotary Club news

The Rotary Club of Andover will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover, on the following Fridays: April 18 and 25; May 2, 9 and 16. There will be a guest speaker and you will have a chance to learn about the Rotary. The Rotary Club of Andover is a service club that meets weekly. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Rotary Club of Andover at rotaryandover.org.

### Back to School Night is now April 17

The date for Andover High School's Back to School Night has been changed to April 17.

Back to School Night for second semester classes at Andover High School has been rescheduled from April 10 to Thursday, April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents may pick up a copy of their student's schedule in the cafeteria the night of the event.

than their peers."

For the first time this year, the college will also offer special registration weeks for high school seniors, May 12-16 and May 19-23. High school seniors are invited to register early and get the best choice of classes.

For more information about the information sessions for high school students, please contact enrollment services at 978-556-3700 or cwrobel@necc.mass.edu.

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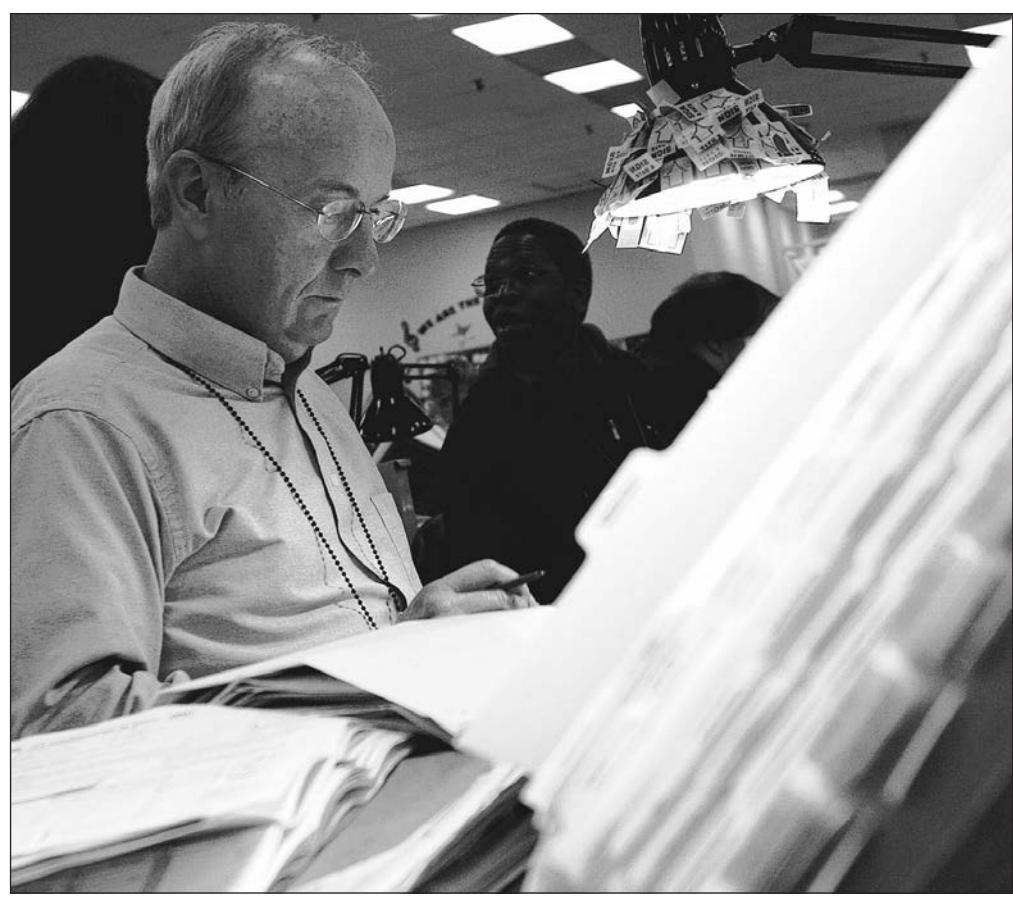
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## Tax time



Brian Keaveny, an employee at the Andover Internal Revenue Service, reviews massive piles of tax returns at the Lowell Street facility earlier this week. The facility expected to receive 1 million pieces of mail on Tuesday, April 15, alone, as people wait until the deadline to file their returns.

## FIRST: No babysitting offered this year

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### Meeting.

"We got the calendar out and presented some options," she said.

Hanson said there are two other Town Meeting changes:

**NO BABYSITTING:** Offered at past Town Meetings, there weren't many takers so the service is not being offered this year. There also was no money in

the town budget to pay for babysitters.

**MORE PARKING:** Additional parking will be available at Andover High's Lovely Field lot on Red Spring Road. People can walk to the school from there or take the town-supplied free shuttle bus. The bus costs the town about \$300 for four hours on Town Meeting nights, Hanson said.

"It's free, convenient," she said. "We hope residents use it."

## ► Town meeting

# Town hopes voters see light at Lovely

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

The town says the clock is ticking at Lovely Field — and it's not for a sporting event.

The town will save \$75,000 on lighting improvements there if it can replace the stadium's obsolete fixtures before June 30, says Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi.

Andover should be reimbursed for some of a proposed \$240,000 project at the field if construction is completed by the end of the fiscal year, thanks to a state grant secured by Andover state Rep. Barry Finegold. Lovely Field boasts Andover High School's artificial turf field that is used by football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse teams.

"We just have to make it happen by June 30, which is very tight," said Piantedosi.

Town Meeting will decide whether to allocate the money for both the lights and for another \$50,000 to resurface the running track which surrounds the playing field. A two-third majority approval is required for both projects.

There are four lighting poles at Lovely Field with between eight and 12 lights per pole, according to Brian McNally, AHS co-athletic director and director of K-12 Physical Education.

Typically, high school fields are lit by six sets of lights or four with higher wattages, McNally said.

"We're finding we have insufficient lights for even high school standards in this area," said McNally. "If you were going to go out and do a lumens test, it would be

lower than what it should be."

The \$240,000 lighting project has been recommended by both selectmen and the Finance Committee.

"The lighting was last installed in the 1980s and has not been upgraded other than changing light bulbs," said McNally. "The lighting is really insufficient for tracking the ball. You see more shadows than you should."

Piantedosi said he will likely put the lighting improvement project out to bid before Town Meeting in hopes of meeting the June 30 deadline.

"There are some dark spots and we have heard some complaints over the years about inadequate lighting," he said.

The current light fixtures are outdated and difficult to replace, Piantedosi said. He said the new lights the town hopes to purchase will come with a replacement warranty.

Used by 200 students a day during the spring for high school track and for cross country in fall, McNally said the Lovely Field track needs a fresh top coat, which is a rubberized material.

The track was last resurfaced three or four years ago, McNally said.

"It's kind of like regular maintenance," said McNally.

### Article 48: Recreation Park Ballfield Lighting Project

The Department of Community Services also wants to improve the lighting at Recreation Park, but once again, Town Meeting voters will not decide the fate of the project. The project will be withdrawn from the warrant.

A total of 600 softball players use

Recreation Park each summer, according to Kim Stamas, the town's recreation coordinator. In addition, a new fall league brought on an additional 160 players last year, she said.

"We are using that Rec Park more than we ever have," Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski told selectmen in March. "The nighttime use for that league is out straight."

Despite increased use, both selectmen and the Finance Committee have disapproved the project this year.

"I just don't see it as high a priority as other projects we have to do in the community," said Selectman Brian Major.

Though there will be no additional lighting, Stamas said her department is hopeful Town Meeting will allocate \$30,000 to build a 20-foot by 30-foot wooden pavilion at Recreation Park to serve as a meeting place for youth programs.

"Just a place to meet, sort of put your belongings," said Stamas. "There are going to be a lot of kids. We're talking hundreds and hundreds of kids. If it rains, that's a big problem."

Stamas said the pavilion would house the DCS summer middle school program.

Activity at Recreation Park should be on the rise this summer, according to Stapeczynski, who said numerous school roof replacement projects will bump activities from the buildings over to the Abbot Street park.

"We're doing a lot of roof work over the summer," said Stapeczynski. "That's putting a pinch on a lot of school and town activities happening over the summer."

## BANCROFT: Roof repairs for many town buildings on the agenda

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require a two-thirds majority to pass. The study has been recommended by selectmen, the Finance Committee and School Committee.

Article 25 on the warrant would establish a School Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund. Money placed here would become eligible for matching money from the MSBA to fund school building improvement projects. Article 25 was requested by the School Committee and requires a simple majority vote. Both selectmen and the Finance Committee have recommended approval.

Other projects Town Meeting will consider include:

### Article 27: School-building work

Major school boiler and roof replacement work will continue next year if Town Meeting approves a \$1.81 million request.

Appropriating money for school-building maintenance and renovation projects will require a two-thirds majority vote.

The major roof project targeted for next year is at West Elementary School, according to Piantedosi. A portion of Andover High School's roof and several other modular school building roofs will be replaced, too.

"It's part of our five-year program to complete all of the old

roofs in town," said Piantedosi. "All of the roofs being replaced are up there in age."

Next year is the third year of the town's program to replace all aging school building roofs. Installing more insulation is part of the projects.

"These projects, by the time we get them all done, we'll also have some nice energy savings," said Piantedosi. "We'll see some savings with heat on this."

A \$100,000 boiler replacement at West Elementary will also provide energy savings, according to Piantedosi.

Part of the town's long-range boiler plan, the installation of dual-fuel boilers, which use both natural gas and oil, have accounted for \$200,000 in energy savings, he said.

"In this marketplace, we're taking full advantage of the cheaper fuel," said Piantedosi.

**Article 28: Town buildings**  
An appropriation of \$290,000 for town building projects would allow for continued roof repairs at Town Offices, Old Town Hall and Memorial Hall Library.

Article 28 will require a two-thirds majority vote and has been recommended for approval by the selectmen and Finance Committee.

More than 100 slates from the roof at Memorial Hall Library have been repaired in the last two weeks, Piantedosi said.

"We know we've got more

problems up there that we need to address next year," he said.

### Senior center patio

About \$292,000 remains from previous appropriations, but \$75,000 more will be needed to complete the construction of a patio and four-season room at the senior center.

A portion of the concrete patio, finished last year, needed to be dug up by workers after a drainage problem was discovered in the town and school offices complex adjacent to the senior center.

"We had an old original drain line that had failed," said Piantedosi. "It caused flooding on the roof, so we had to dig it up and reroute it to a catch basin drain."

Workers will refinish the concrete patio in several weeks, Piantedosi said.

The town still needs an architect for the four-season patio project, which Piantedosi estimated would cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Construction, mechanical and electrical costs will be covered under this year's request, he said.

"My goal is to get it done this summer, but it depends on finding a company that will do it and getting a successful bid," said Piantedosi. "With the additional money we're asking for at Town Meeting, we should be able to get it done."

*Read next week's Townsman for a in depth preview of Town Meeting.*



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# Still 'a ton of need' in Katrina-ravaged areas

BY MICHELLE WIENER  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

For many of us, this past February involved dealing with snowstorm after snowstorm. But for a men's group from Christ Church, February involved traveling to Mississippi to aid in the latest round of post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding.

Andover residents David Tringali, Chris Gugger, George Biksti and Matt Lenin, and several North Andover residents, spent

Feb. 23 to March 1 at Camp Coast Care in Long Beach, Miss. Camp Coast Care is a Lutheran Episcopal Joint Ministry group that offers aid to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina and provides accommodations for volunteers from around the world.

While in Mississippi, the Christ Church group helped rebuild a young man's house.

"It was really rewarding to get to physically help somebody out," Lenin said, "as opposed to

hoping everything was going to turn out OK."

The group also had the opportunity to witness conditions in Long Beach and to visit New Orleans.

"I want people to know that there's still a tremendous amount of work to be done and a tremendous amount of rebuilding to be done," Gugger said.

He said many people are still living in FEMA trailers and cannot begin rebuilding because they cannot afford materials.

Gugger recalls seeing an elevated highway in New Orleans under which "every square inch" was covered by tents providing shelter to homeless people. He estimates there were a thousand or more tents.

"The way I look at it," Gugger said of the group's service project, "it was very rewarding in terms of the progress we made on this one house. But it was just a drop in the ocean in terms of the work that needs to be done."

Tringali says, "It's amazing that

after two and a half years there's still a ton of work that needs to be done." Camp Coast Care and other relief organizations, he says, estimate they will need at least another 10 years to rebuild the Gulf Coast Region.

"Mississippi people are trying as much as they can," Tringali said. But "there's still a ton of need down there."

*Michelle Wiener is an Andover High School student who writes for the Townsman through its What's Up program.*

## All-American finishes one second from the top

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

His opponent was pinned — back flat to the mat — just as time ran out.

That's how close Wood Hill Middle School's Rey Brito came to finishing first in a national wrestling tournament, held April 5 and 6 in Virginia Beach, Va., with nearly 500 students from 50 states participating.

"I only needed one more second," said Brito. "I would have beat him."

After going 34-8 with Andover Youth Services club wrestling team this winter, Brito, 13, a seventh-grader new to wrestling this year, was the state's only qualifier for the National High School Coaches Association's second annual National Middle & Elementary School Wrestling Championships.

Brito, who wrestled in the 127-pound weight class for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, made the cut after winning all three matches in a qualifying tournament held in Rhode Island.

In Virginia, Brito won his first two matches before losing to the

eventual first-place finisher.

Brito's second-place finish in his weight class means he was named a middle school All-American.

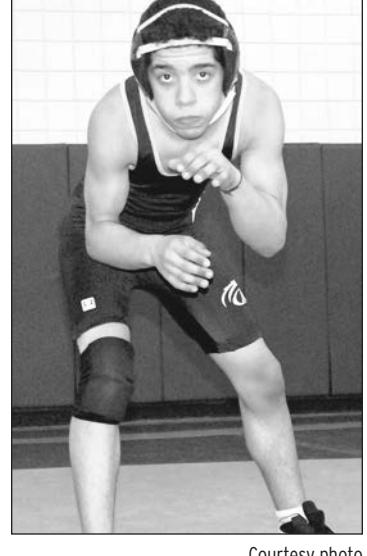
"I was kind of sad because I didn't win at first," said Rey. "At the same time, I was kind of happy. I was happy because I became an All-American."

Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said he has been impressed with Brito's drive, noting how he pursued the Virginia tournament on his own without the assistance of the town-funded AYS wrestling program.

"It's kind of overwhelming," said Fahey. "For me, it shows, give a young person an opportunity, look what they'll do with it — second in the country, Andover, Mass., Wood Hill Middle School."

In Virginia Beach, Brito was accompanied by his older brother, Tito, 16, a freshman at Andover High School and junior varsity wrestler. Tito, a first-place finisher in the state tournament this year, served as Rey's coach.

"I went down to coach him," said Tito Brito. "I'm proud of him. Nobody expected him to do that good."



Rey Brito, a seventh-grader at Wood Hill Middle School, finished second in a national wrestling tournament held April 5 and 6 in Virginia.

He proved everybody wrong."

Both Tito and Rey are first-year wrestlers with only about three months experience on the mat.

"He pushes me hard to go farther," said Rey Brito of his older brother.

After a tough start under AYS and AHS coach Sobhan Namvar, Brito said he was able to get a handle on the sport.

"This is kind of my first sport," said Rey. "I really like it because my family used to wrestle, my cousins and one of my uncles."

"When you get on the mat and you — I don't know how to explain it," said Rey. "You're pumped. You're ready to go. When you win it feels like nobody can stop you."

Namvar said he was impressed with the Brito brothers' work ethic.

"They're just really hard-working," said Namvar. "They're really great athletes, great kids. They always pay attention. During practice, they're usually the last ones to leave the gym. They both push each other."

While the brothers offer each other an effective support system during meets, Fahey said he can't wait until both Tito and Rey are supporting an upstart Andover High varsity wrestling program in future years.

Namvar said the program will officially become a varsity sport next year, after the Andover High team competed this year under the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association as a junior varsity squad.

"I think it's definitely going to be a challenging year again," said Namvar. "It's going to be a busier year. Definitely more work. Every person, freshman through senior, needs to step up."

Andover will be wrestling against varsity programs in the Merrimack Valley Conference, which both Namvar and Fahey acknowledged as one of the toughest conferences in Massachusetts.

"For us, it's more than wrestling," said Fahey. "It's about giving kids something they're passionate about. These kids are great role models. I think the future's bright for us next year."

Andover's junior varsity team went 11-3 over the winter against other JV programs, and a respectable 8-6-1 against other schools' varsity teams.

"I've learned that wrestling's not only a physical sport, it's a mental sport," said Rey. "Wrestling's a lifestyle, too. You need to get on the mat as much as possible to get better."

were reported on Paddock Lane.

At 7:11 p.m., missing mail was reported on Colonial Drive.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 9 — At 2:11 p.m., a two-car accident with personal injury was reported on Lowell Street.

Monday, April 14 — At 9:41 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported involving an 18-wheeler that took down a set of lights at the corner of Lowell Street and Shawsheen Road. The driver was stopped by Andover police and cited for leaving the scene of property damage.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, April 8 — At 10:51 a.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

Sunday, April 13 — At 1:21 p.m., a motor vehicle break-in was reported on Heather Drive.

### THEFTS

Saturday, April 12 — At 12:05 p.m., the theft of a copper drain was reported on Chestnut Street.

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# Opinion

## One voice on numbers

Andover is less than two weeks from Town Meeting and town officials say they are still looking for lists of potential budget changes from the schools. A single finance division for all Andover departments — town and school — is needed. Consolidation should mean more savings and better communication. All officials seem to agree the idea has merit and plan to "study" it.

Just don't start counting the savings yet. Taxpayers anxious for lower taxes or more money for student programs might see combining finance departments as a way to save money by eliminating duplicate jobs or services. But town leaders may not. The town manager already is dismissing the idea that any significant money could be saved. Meanwhile, the schools hired a new schools business manager last week, filling its top financial position and replacing an interim.

Nevertheless, logic suggests consolidation should save some money — and one Andover finance department would allow all town leaders to work off the same sheet of paper. That should mean the end to a surprise \$628,000 being carried in one budget that no one outside the department knows about, as happened this year with surplus special education money for the schools. It also should help end the arguing over the accuracy of budget numbers. The debates can be about priorities for Andover.

Andover should act to combine — not just study combining — its two finance divisions.

### Lending support in time of loss

A driver who struck and killed Sammy, a family pet on Chandler Road, just kept driving. The event shows a lot about human nature — and not just its darker side. When something bad happens, some people may dart the other way, but many step forward to help.

While the collision was an accident, it's likely the driver knew he hit a large animal and chose not to stop to see if it could be helped. If that's the case, shame on that person.

Sammy's owner, Laura Kuykendall, was shocked the driver never slowed down, but was also touched enough by the support given by neighbors, a veterinarian and the responding officer, that she wrote a letter to this paper to thank them. Fortunately, difficult times often show that for every seemingly inconsiderate person, there are many more good people willing to lend a hand. That knowledge won't bring Sammy back, but it can help us all cope during times of loss.

### WEB QUESTION

#### What brings you to Town Meeting?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web question was, "Town Meeting this year will be on the Wednesday, not Monday, after school vacation week. What do you think?"

Based on those responding, it is worth a try. No one answered that they believe Monday is a better time.

Approximately 54.2 percent said, "It doesn't matter, I go to Town Meeting regardless."

More than 20.8 percent said, "It doesn't matter, I don't go to Town Meeting."

Exactly 12.5 percent said, "What about a Saturday?"

Another 8.3 percent said, "It's better and I'm more likely to go to Town Meeting as a result."

The remaining 4.2 percent clicked the "Other" response.

This week's Web-site question is, "What will bring you to Town Meeting next week?"

■ Nothing special. I always go.

■ Nothing at all. I never attend.

■ Slowing tax growth.

■ Supporting the schools.

■ A new bylaw on living in Andover.

■ One or two specific articles.

■ Other.

### ► Fiscal Year 2009 budget

## Superintendent addresses school spending queries

### Dr. Claudia Bach

It is widely known that the Andover School Department faces a Fiscal Year 2009 budget shortfall of some \$2 million. As we approach Town Meeting, some questions have been raised by town leaders and other Andover residents about school hiring in recent years — questions that imply overspending on the part of the schools. I'd like to address a few:

#### Why have the schools added 103 positions since Fiscal Year 2004?

Of the 103 staff positions added to the school department:

■ Two-thirds represent positions mandated by state and federal laws for special education, the No Child Left Behind Act and the Massachusetts Student Learning Time Regulations.

■ One-third represents staff added primarily to restore positions cut in 2004, or to keep class sizes in alignment with the School Committee class-size policy.

Some have asked why "town-side" departments have not added staff positions since 2004. In large part, this is because town departments are not subject to the federal and state regulations that account for two-thirds of the new school positions.

#### Were many positions actually cut by the schools in Fiscal Year 2004?

Here are the facts:

■ In 2004, the equivalent of 46 full-time staff positions (referred to as FTEs) were eliminated.

■ During budget negotiations that year, every position we said would be cut was, in fact, cut. These cuts resulted in a 10 percent loss to regular education work force hours.

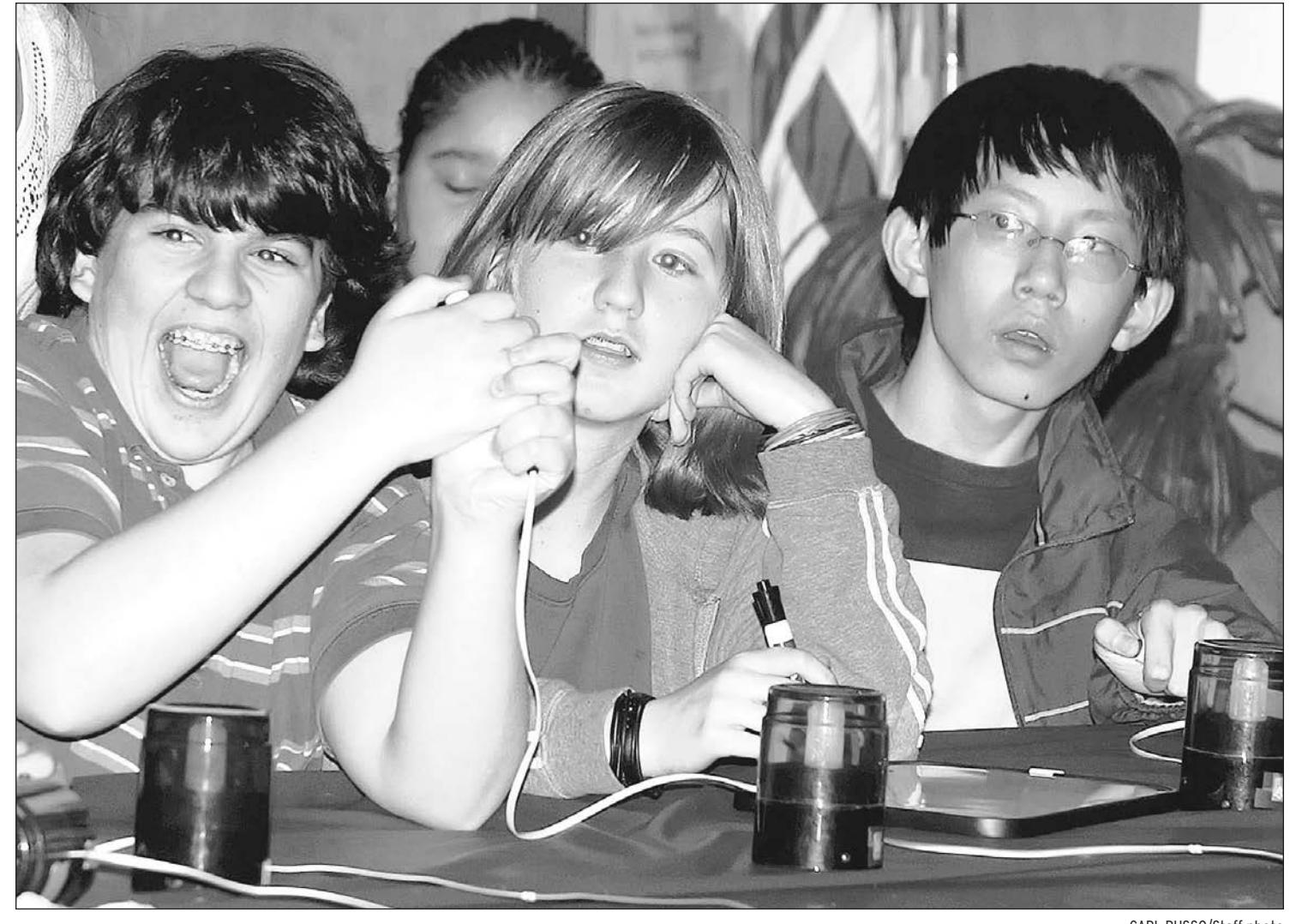
■ Of the 46 positions that were eliminated, 31.5 have never been restored.

■ Because of these cuts, if you compare overall district staffing numbers in 2003 — the year prior to the school department cuts — to the staffing numbers we have proposed in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget, you will find that in six years, a total of only 2.5 positions have been added to regular education.

#### How have the schools managed since Fiscal Year 2004?

Some say every recent budget season has brought with it another round of "crying wolf." The school department bemoans the losses it has sustained and predicts dire consequences

### YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE



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**St. Augustine School seventh-grader Sani McLaughlin, left, enthusiastically rings in to answer a question during the 22nd season of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative Academic Bowl as his teammates, Cheyenne Fowler, center, a seventh-grader at the Parthum School in Lawrence, and Andrew Chen, an eighth-grader at Andover West Middle School, look on. Their team, made up of students from different schools from Greater Lawrence, competed against and defeated a team of parents. The event was held at South Lawrence East School.**

## Selectmen respond to public's questions

### Andover Board of Selectmen

We are writing as of Monday, April 14, to clarify questions that have been raised during the budget process. As you know, the town of Andover has financial challenges. The town manager's budget provides for a 2.9 percent increase based on available funds. The School Committee is recommending a "needs" budget which is a 6.2 percent increase. We have inserted an article on the Town Meeting warrant asking the question, "Do you want to vote for a Proposition 2 1/2 override?" The decision was made in December by the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee to insert this question. The Board of Selectmen inserted the sum of \$2.5 million a few weeks ago. This number was derived from cuts in the Capital Improvement Budget and adjustments to bridge the gap.

Now, here are some answers to the questions we have been asked:

■ The School Committee is not in favor of the override as members feel it would not be successful.

■ There is a group of individuals who want to take money saved up in reserve funds (stabilization and Phillips Academy) and use it to balance the budget.

■ The Board of Selectmen is opposed to this as it depletes what little savings we have.

■ If taxpayers use the reserve stabilization funds there will be no money left in reserves and we cannot pay for these increases next year either.

■ Health insurance and energy costs have eaten into all of our budgets, leaving us to hold the line in anticipation of these enormous increases.

■ The schools have asked for new positions.

■ The town budget does not include new positions.

■ The Board of Selectmen deeply cares about the children in the schools. We all have children in Andover schools.

■ We support the transfer of the out-of-district special needs programs to within our schools. It helps the children and it helps the budget. (We understand these are "new" positions, but the dollars can be taken from the out-of-district budget to fund it at a reduced cost.)

We are recommending a budget that affords the residents the most services with the money available. We have consistently been informed that the two areas that would incur the most significant cuts would be the athletic programs and elementary school teachers and assistants. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen do not accept that these are the only areas that could accommodate budget cuts. Our long-term goals for the town are:

■ put forward a multi-year sustainable budget;

■ retain core services; and

■ replenish reserves.

We began to achieve the goal of working together with the two other boards in July to establish a three-year budget model. This is an open process and you are welcome to attend any of our meetings. The meetings are posted on our Web site at [www.andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov). We hope this helps clarify our position and we welcome feedback at [selectmen@andoverma.gov](mailto:selectmen@andoverma.gov).

**The Andover Board of Selectmen consists of Brian Major, Ted Teichert, Alex Vispoli, Mary Lyman and Jerry Stabile.**

### THURSDAY FILE

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend.

— Martin Luther King Jr., 1929-1968

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.

— George Washington, 1732-1799

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

— Nelson Mandela

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### League to call for time limits again

Editor, Townsman:

On the first night of Andover's Town Meeting, Wednesday, April 30, the League of Women Voters will make a motion to allow, at the discretion of the town moderator, time limits of five minutes for presenters of a warrant article and three minutes for speakers from the audience. Town Meeting has passed this time limit for several years now. The purpose of this letter is to let voters know that time limits will be proposed again this year. The League

supports time limits because the limits encourage speakers to focus on their most important points, provide an impartial mechanism for allocating time among more speakers, and enable voters to hear and consider a greater variety of viewpoints. The League continues to monitor Town Meeting and its effectiveness as Andover's form of government.

Stefani Traina Goldshein, president

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of Andover/North Andover

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## Leaders' options both unappealing

**Editor, Townsman:**

It's disappointing that Andover's voters will face unappealing options at Town Meeting. The first is to support a budget that requires the elimination of 40 teachers, the high school's entire athletic program and most of its clubs, and under-funds the police department by 10 to 12 officers, per the police chief. Another option is to approve an override that, if successful, would provide additional funds primarily for the schools. Why are these options unappealing? The budget currently approved by our leaders does not meet the basic needs of the departments charged with the town's top two priorities: safety and education. This is not acceptable. Asking taxpayers for more money will not be approved at the polls. This option is a mirage. Ultimately, the same cost-cutting actions noted above will be required to balance the budget when the override fails.

While I fully understand and appreciate the need for reserves, I will reluctantly vote to reduce them at Town Meeting to maintain our investment in our schools. We have a strong record of success (the state's Department of Education Web site identifies Andover as a top performer at an average cost per student) and a moral obligation to make our children a top priority. I'm not willing to jeopardize the years of hard work by our educators and administrators, nor am I willing to vote to substantially increase elementary-school class sizes and eliminate high school athletics and clubs. I also wonder about the value of my home if we sustain such cuts in essential services. (Per the Multiple Listing Service Property Information Network, North Andover's home values fell from 2 to 19 percent below Andover's from 2002 to 2006. North Andover did not support their schools during this time period.)

Andover's voters have been painted into a corner by our town leaders and the stakes are too high

to choose either of their offerings. I would be more comfortable voting for a budget supported by all three town boards. However, that option does not appear to be forthcoming. Therefore, I'm grateful private citizens have put forth a short-term option for voters to consider that does not require our youth to pay the price for the lack of progress and unity that has occurred this year. Hopefully, if the reserve transfers are endorsed, the leaders will recognize that action as a call to work together to focus on the entire town's top priorities next year.

**Lynda Belanger**

1 Starr Ave. East

## Balance the risk, balance the budget

**Editor, Townsman:**

Andover's Town Meeting will face the difficult task of balancing the town budget for next year. The Board of Selectmen and School Committee have been unable to bridge the \$2.1 million budget gap.

According to the Finance Committee's Joanne Marden (Letters, Andover Townsman, April 3), the only responsible choices are to either cut the School Committee-approved budget or to increase taxes. In my view, the choices being placed before Andover voters should not be framed as either responsible or irresponsible, but rather as risks imposed by the various options before them. It may be responsible to vote an additional tax increase for next year, but the current economic climate will make the successful approval of a Proposition 2½ override article unlikely. It may also be responsible to vote for school budget cuts, but the cuts in the School Committee-approved budget would result in teacher layoffs, critical losses of special education resources, student-program reductions, loss of high school athletics and unacceptable increases in class sizes.

When I served on the Finance Committee in another Massachusetts community some 30 years ago, there was concern about how, and under what circumstances, town reserves would be used.

Those concerns rightly exist today in Andover. With those concerns in mind, I reviewed a summary of Stabilization Fund levels for fiscal years 1990 to 2006 presented in last year's Finance Committee Report. Over that period, the Stabilization Fund had been prudently replenished with taxpayer dollars and then, as conditions warranted, the Stabilization Fund has been used to help balance the town budget.

In 2002, Andover voters decided the risk of layoffs and reduction in services outweighed the attendant risks of transferring \$600,000 from the Stabilization Fund, and approved the transfer of revenues to help balance the budget.

I believe similar circumstances exist today. Andover voters can make responsible choices at this year's Town Meeting, not with all-or-nothing thinking, but by balancing the risks of using available town reserves with the need to budget the necessary resources for our schools in a difficult budget year.

**John F. Zipeto**

14 Canterbury St.

## Basic economics: You can't afford everything

**Editor, Townsman:**

It's amazing to me, with all the bickering between the selectmen and the School Committee, that someone has not suggested looking back at the fundamental con-

cepts of economics.

When I was teaching a high school course in basic economics, my students knew the differences between "wants" and "demand." "Wants" are things we would like to have. They become "demand" when we have the "willingness and ability to pay." I would use the example of wanting to own a Jaguar, but not being able to on a young teacher's salary. Before I retired, the story changed. I could afford to buy one, but what would I have to give up in order to do that? I had the "ability" but not the "willingness to pay."

We can think the same way about the town's and school's budgets. What are "wants" and what should be changed into demand? Are the residents of Andover willing and able to fund everything? With the shortage of money to purchase things, is it advisable for an average family to borrow just to get something it "wants"? Of course not! The same should be true for the town.

Some "wants" can be put on the back burner until we have the means to pay for them. We should not be frightened into thinking that there will be massive layoffs and the elimination of some sports from the schools. Look elsewhere in budget requests. Don't dive into that philosophy that seems to be prevalent today, of having every-

thing you want, at any cost. Our national economy is in trouble because people want everything and want it now. Don't think we can keep spending without it having an effect in the future.

**James Sellers**

York Street

## We moved when town wouldn't support override

**Editor, Townsman:**

We moved to this town three years ago because Braintree was not support an override. From my experience, to present an override properly, you have to educate the citizens. In Braintree, the first override was rushed and no one had enough facts. It didn't pass. The second time, it missed passing by a very short margin. If an override is planned, Andover needs an override committee of consultants to explain how an override can benefit the town. Too many people fear the word "override" and treat it like it's the plague! Overrides help towns at a minimal cost to the townspeople. Unlike with the unforgiving excise tax we pay each year, the town decides where the money can go. Our roads should be paved in gold these days with that one.

The dynamics of the town of Braintree and Andover are similar, except that property values are higher here. Both towns have

around 35,000 people, the same tax rate, Thayer Academy is like Phillips, and there are the same number of grade, middle and high schools. They have industry that supports the towns, including the South Shore Plaza. The same type of mayhem that I saw in Braintree three years ago is happening in Andover. People scramble and make the wrong choices because they are not informed.

Here is what happened to Braintree after the override did not pass to help with its \$2 million deficit: The town trash fee is now \$150. You have to sort your trash by colored trash bags now. The override was only \$200 to be put in place. So for a measly, extra \$50, that town could have preserved its school program. And guess what? Their classroom sizes went from 22 pupils to 28.

I have sold real estate for eight years and know people buy where the schools are good. Look at the town of Lexington, another similar to ours. It has passed overrides many times. Look at its property values and schools. Take heed to what others have done, Andover, and don't reinvent the wheel on options. Pass a simple \$300 override. Just plan it properly and educate everyone on how it can benefit our services and schools.

**Kelle Sutliff**

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# Townspeople

## ON TOP OF A CUSHY WORLD



Shawsheen School parent Rachel Combs holds up the old Guinness World Record for the most number of stuffed animals during yesterday's ceremony. The Shawsheen School broke the record for collecting stuffed animals.

### Shawsheen students break world record

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Shawsheen School had a lot to cheer about Monday.

The preschoolers through second-graders learned they had collected enough stuffed animals — 5,657, to be exact — to more than double the standing Guinness World Record for “largest gathering of plush toys.”

Students set out to beat the record on March 14, through their annual stuffed animal collection for the PALS program, an after-school tutoring partnership in Lawrence involving Phillips Academy, Andover High School and Lawrence middle schools.

Parent volunteers, headed by Rachel Combs, a member of Shawsheen’s Community Services Committee, piled the stuffed animals in a large mound in the gym for the April 14 assembly. As students filed in, they were awe-struck by the mountain of teddy bears, stuffed dogs, famous characters and even a large gorilla wearing a Shawsheen T-shirt. The pile reached up to the gym’s basketball hoops.

“I’ve never seen that much in my life,” said one little girl to her teacher as she walked by.

Combs, Shawsheen principal Moira O’Brien and the collection’s judges, Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo and School Committee member Debra Silberstein, congratulated the students on not only reaching the record, but doubling it. Thomas Cone, director of the



Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo, right, unveils the record-breaking number with School Committee member Debra Silberstein.

PALS program, also personally thanked the children. They held up a large cardboard sign with the number 5,657 on it for the students to see, and the gym erupted in cheers.

“We did it!” yelled the students.

“It was just electric. It was really good,” said Combs. “To see them like this, the big, colorful pile, it was really special ... who would know in Andover that we would get this many?”

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### TEDDY BEARS ON PARADE

Of the 5,657 stuffed animals collected by students at Shawsheen Elementary this month, teddy bears were definitely the most common animal donated, said Rachel Combs, a mom who organized the collection. “We had every variation of teddy bear, every color, every size,” Combs said with a laugh. “Second most popular would have been dogs and rabbits.”

## Shaving Bruins’ hair for cancer



Andover High School junior Wendy Pollack poses with Bruins Dennis Wideman, Mark Stuart, Andrew Alberts and Milan Lucic.

### High school junior in remission and raising cash

BY BRIAN MESSINGER  
STAFF WRITER

Wendy Pollack prayed every night her hair wouldn’t fall out.

Diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma in March 2007, Pollack, now 17 and a junior at Andover High School, was informed by cancer survivors that the treatment she’d soon receive was likely to cause her to lose her hair, eyelashes and eyebrows.

“That’s like the hardest thing for a girl,” said Pollack. “You guys don’t understand.”

Though it thinned considerably during her treatment, Pollack’s hair never began to totally fall out.

“It helped me believe that I could get through it,” she said.

Her lymphoma is now in remission, and Pollack is using her energy to raise money for cancer research — even getting a chance re-

cently to shave the hair off the head of Bruins’ tough guy Milan Lucic.

Over the winter, Pollack raised \$609 for pediatric cancer research at Andover High basketball home games, staffing a stand provided by the athletic department and asking for donations with her friends.

More recently, working with the Boston Bruins, who held a “Cuts for a Cause” event at radio station WBCN’s headquarters, Pollack and other fundraisers were able to donate more than \$25,000 to Mass General Hospital for Children. The money raised will go to pediatric cancer research at the hospital, where Pollack received her treatment.

“It felt so good,” said Pollack of the March 31 event, attended by cancer patients, hospital staff, Bruins players and fans of the team. “Just seeing all the smiles on peoples’ faces, it made me feel so great.”

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Lucic and teammates Patrice Bergeron, Phil Kessel, Dennis Wideman, Mark Stuart, Andrew Alberts and Aaron Ward, all helped raise money for Mass General Hospital for Children by shaving their heads.

“That was such a cool experience,” said Pollack. “I was like, ‘I can’t believe I’m shaving Milan Lucic’s head!’

“The Bruins, in my eyes, are my new favorite team,” she said.

Pollack said she now wants to continue raising money for research.

“It’s driven her, I think, to understand how important cancer research is, especially pediatrics. She’s a survivor of it,” said Deb Pollack, Wendy’s mother.

Wendy Pollack said she was reluctant initially to attend the “Cuts for a Cause” event, because of the thoughts it might ignite.

## Born to run!

### 34 local runners in Boston Marathon

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

It’s running mania in these parts as the Boston Marathon steps off Monday, April 21.

Sure, it’s been a long, cold, dreary winter, making training tough for the 26-mile race. But one veteran Andover runner says there’s a new attitude

among marathon athletes. Most run to help someone else. Linking with a social cause is a key motivator for more and more local runners.

“Training is always tough in New England,” said veteran runner Bill Pennington of Andover. “But training with a group, and raising money for people who really need it, is important.”

“The sport is changing because so many runners are doing it,” he said.

“Plus, misery enjoys company,” Pennington quipped.

Pennington, who is running in his 18th Boston Marathon, is the coach and trainer of The Hungry Strikers. The team is running to help restore and restock the food pantry run by Lazarus House in Lawrence. Team members include Andover residents Alan Carroll, Annie Gilbert and Jim Klauer. The foursome has raised more than \$15,000 so far.

Joining The Hungry Strikers running team are several other runners from Andover with big

hearts. They include:

■ **Chip Manozzi** who is running for Citizens for Adequate Housing Inc., a not-for-profit organization in Peabody. CAH serves the North Shore and Greater Boston area providing shelter and affordable housing for the past 25 years for families who might otherwise be homeless.

A five-year Boston Marathon runner, Manozzi also has run the Disney and Marine Corps marathons.

“Marathons are grueling, but they end, and the runners are rewarded for their efforts. Other problems, like homelessness, simply don’t end,” he said.

Manozzi plans to raise \$4,000 for CAH with the money going to three programs: the Inn Between, an emergency shelter for homeless parents and children; the Inn Transition, a sober-living transitional housing program for homeless families with a parent in recovery; and the Communities Land Trust, which provides families with affordable housing.

■ **Barbara Pattullo** has diligently pounded the pavement to help fight liver disease. She is one of the 240 members of the Run for Research team. RFR money goes to research, education and advocacy for more than 100 types of liver diseases, including hepatitis.

■ **Michael Olivieri**, publisher of the

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## Straight talk on Andover’s changes

### Bill Dalton

Phidias Dantos, a gregarious and likeable man, is a storied Andover personality. He was born at 123 Elm St. and lived most of his first 35 years there. From 1952 to 1970, he owned the Andover Spa, better known as “Pete’s” in those days. He inherited half from his father and later bought his Uncle Pete’s share. In 1962, he and John Davidson, a very interesting man, created Danton Realty Trust and developed several properties in Andover, including some in the center of town. As real estate developers and owners, they are men of historical significance.

Although he hasn’t lived in Andover since 1984, Dantos is a frequent visitor. He says this about change in Andover: “Physically, the downtown business section has not really changed since the 1930s. Main Street and Elm Square are essentially the same, structure-wise, as they were then.” In an e-mail, he cites some changes and continues, “I witnessed these few physical alterations. But to me, downtown looks quite as it did in 1970. From my perspective, the major changes have been in the ownership, personnel and usage of the shops ... Of course, I enjoyed visiting with the businessmen years ago, but I’m sure the present owners are just as accommodating. In fact, I would say that the town has developed in a tasteful and responsible manner. The present town manager has, in my opinion, done an excellent job in guiding the growth of the town. Industrial development along I-93 has also evolved judiciously.”

Mr. Dantos is responding to questions I previously posed to Andover “stakeholders.” Those of you who call Andover your hometown or who have an emotional attachment to the town are Andover stakeholders.

Vince Treanor was born and brought up in Andover and now works in Korea. Taking a broader look at the town, he says, “For years, Andover did not change. Those old buildings stood as testimony to those who built Andover, made it prosper. Even the mill buildings by the river were timeless, sturdy, large — a symbol of prosperity that gave Andover churches, parks and playgrounds. A small New England town where everyone knew everyone. People talked together and were friendly. Doors were not locked. What was ‘old’ was respected, honored, taken care of.

“Now, what is Andover? A sprawling community of upscale houses where green fields, forest and orchards once stood. What has been gained? A peaceful house in a quiet New England community? No. Nothing so wonderful has come from the influence of outsiders who care nothing for what it was,” says Treanor. “Where is Andover? It is a place on most maps but the real Andover, the one I knew, that is just a memory. Now, there are few who can remember. What price is paid for ‘progress’? The loss of that which is warm, friendly, familiar, respected, cared for — that which, like tradition, passes from generation to generation.”

Eric Killorin points out that change is inevitable. He says, “After leaving Andover in 1989 and returning frequently, I feel immediately reconnected. Sure, traffic is a mess, parking is a problem, and the inadequate commercial district lacks the proper mix of

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## RECORD: Kids beat current world title

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

Shawsheen will send in documentation of its collection this week — a cover letter, signed statement by Pattullo and Silberstein, as well as video and photographs of all the plush toys collected — to the Guinness organization, based in London. From there, it will take four to six weeks for Guinness to process and verify Shawsheen's submission.

Once processed, Guinness should add Shawsheen School to the more than 65,000 entries in its

world-record database, found online. Guinness chooses a small number of record-breakers from their database to print in their annual book of world records, so there is a small chance that Shawsheen could be included in the printed book as well, Combs said.

With the help of six parent volunteers, Pattullo and Silberstein spent an hour and a half on Friday afternoon, April 11, tallying up all the stuffed animals.

Throughout the monthlong collection, donations came not only from Shawsheen students and parents, but from the greater community, said Combs, whose second-grade son, Joshua, attends Shawsheen. One person from Haverhill dropped off bags full of Beanie Babies, and the Country Day School and YMCA

in town also held collections and brought stuffed animals.

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

Combs described the PALS tutors as "unsung heroes. They go on their own time, and they're investing in kids' lives."

The stuffed animals are used in the PALS program as prizes for attendance and grade improvement, said Cone. Shawsheen students have been collecting stuffed animals for PALS every March for the past 12 years.

"I was staggered to see how many there were. It's just really something," said Cone of Shawsheen's collection. "For the age of these kids, it's amazing what they can do."

Cone will also be taking a portion of the stuffed animals to Belize, where he travels three or four times a year, he said. Cone has a second home there, and has been bringing surplus stuffed animals and donations to libraries, schools, orphanages and hospitals there for 12 years.

"It means so much to them to have something like this," Cone said, looking over at the mountain of stuffed animals, "and you can fit a lot of them in a suitcase."

"I had so much fun," said Pollack. "I'm so glad I went."

## MARATHON: Locals participate in race

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board member of AccessSportAmerica, whose mission is to inspire greater function and fitness for children and adults of all disabilities through high-challenge sports.

■ Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston has several running teams helping various departments at the esteemed cancer treatment facility. One team helps the Patient Partner Program. Runners are paired with Jimmy Fund Clinic patients.

Nine-year-old cancer survivor Caroline Lane of Andover is paired with Stephen Clark of Newfields, N.H. Diagnosed with a form of bone cancer called osteosarcoma in August 2006, Caroline has completed treatment and is doing well in third grade.

"The support is just amazing along the course. So many people see the Dana-Farber shirt and thank me," Clark wrote in an e-mail. "Many times when I run I think of

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*Source: Entrants list from the Boston Athletic Association, April 12*

daughter, your wife ... and it seems to make me run faster, and I think how easy I have it."

## BRUINS: Teen cancer survivor cuts players' hair

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"I hadn't seen them in so long," she said. "They looked really great."

Though Pollack's school work and college search took a back seat to her treatment, she is back concentrating on academics and athletics.

Last weekend, she returned to her club soccer team, seeing action in three games.

"I'm still tired now," said Pollack. "I'm still trying to get back with it."

Missing school because of her sickness was difficult, Pollack said.

"That was the hardest thing," said Pollack. "And not being able to play soccer made it worse. I was sad and mopey during chemo, because I couldn't even do anything."

Told her cancer was in remission over the summer, Pollack attended

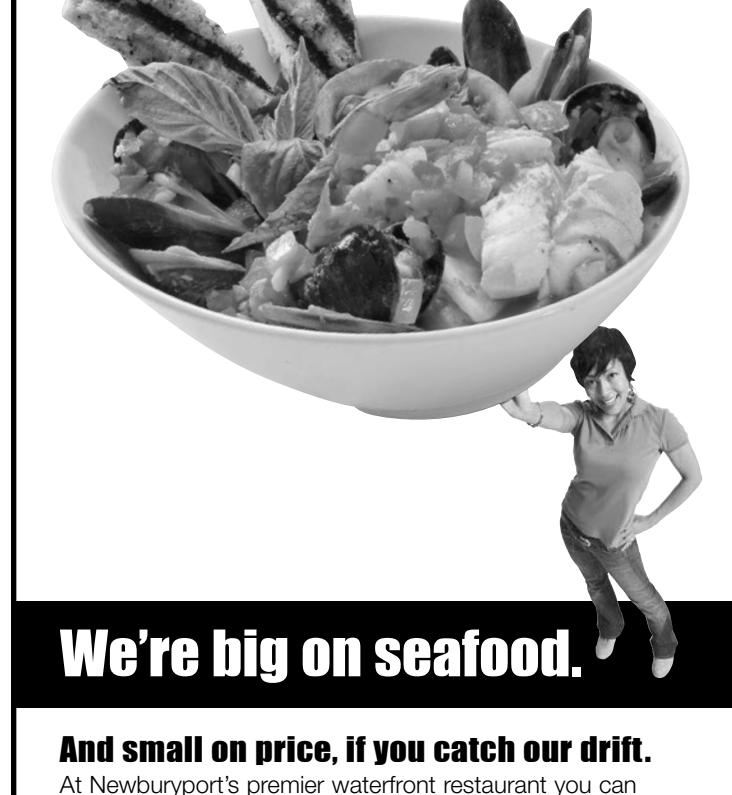
the first day of school at Andover High in September despite having a radiation treatment scheduled in Boston for 6 a.m. that morning.

Pollack said she was grateful to all who supported her during treatment and made donations.

Hoping to study either business or fashion in college, Pollack said she also wants to make a difference in patients' lives.

"I want to talk to girls upset about it and just be positive about everything," said Pollack. "That's all I think about: other people going through it and how unexpected it must be."

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## DALTON: Reader says we'll never find the Andover of our perfect memory

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stores and services. The notion we might wake up one storybook morning to an Andover of our perfect memory is lost in the Twilight Zone."

Seb Cavallaro, who grew up on his family's chicken farm in South Andover and is now retired in Naples, Fla., says that increases in real estate taxes and housing costs are a problem in Andover. "There are still many people in Andover who have raised their families and do not want to leave but can't afford the continually higher property taxes. A way is needed to encourage them to be able to stay."

Seb continues with an interesting point, "In my graduating class in 1949, we had about 84 graduates. Andover's population was around 11,000. Population is now about 33,000 but there are about 500 kids graduating! Statistics show that family size is declining." Seb offers a possible explanation: "It was the sale of homes by residents without kids (who found less expensive living, often in a warmer climate) to families with kids who were impressed by the Andover schools that contributed to a high student population."

Norman "Butch" Auchterlonie, AHS Class of 1965, grew up on Red Spring Road and left



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**Phidias Dantos on the phone in Ford's Coffee Shop, 1963.**

town for a career in the Air Force. His father was an Andover firefighter, his mother was a waitress in Lee's restaurant on Main Street, and his grandfather was a blacksmith in town. He visits Andover frequently and says the biggest change in Andover can be summarized in one word, "ATTITUDE." Butch reads the letters to the editor, the editorials, and accounts of town meetings and concludes: "Many of the people

in Andover just don't care about the community as a whole, maybe because they don't know

each other.. They don't want to build a youth center, they don't want to build a senior center, looks like some Little League fields are in serious jeopardy ... The world has changed the way we have to live our lives. We used to know everyone else because we were out and about.. Town cops knew all us kids by name, and we knew them.. Now many folks don't even know their next door neighbor.. Many don't get involved."

Miles "Kim" Pendleton, who moved to Andover as a small child and went to Phillips Academy, says he is more familiar with PA than Andover today. "But my sense is that there needs to be more open space preserved if the town is to retain any of its original feel," he says. "I don't know how best to improve Andover at this point. All one can do is try to manage growth without stifling the ambition of those looking for a better life — and provide as many op-

portunities for 'belonging' as possible for one and all. This means a vibrant downtown and dynamic teen and senior centers as well as other public facilities."

Opinions about how Andover has changed have been broad and straightforward. I hope you have found them interesting. There will be more about Mr. Dantos in next week's column, at which time his complete quote will appear. You will find the full quotes from the other people in this column (and other comments) at [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com). While you are at the Townsman's Web site, please see the excellent new feature called "Speak Up." It allows you to comment online to anything you read in the paper. For details, go to main page at [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

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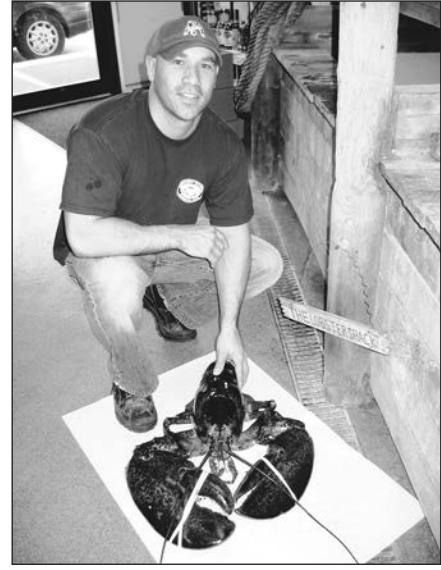
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# Arts & Entertainment

## 23-pounder is biggest ever at Hometown Seafoods

Gene Marshall Jr. with a 23 pound lobster at his store, Hometown Seafoods. It was the store's biggest lobster – ever – and was steamed and sold for \$135.

JUDY WAKEFIELD Staff photo



### Lobster is steamed, sold for \$135

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

While the going rate for large lobsters is about \$11 a pound at Hometown Seafoods, the store had a bargain on April 11 — a BIG bargain.

The popular seafood store on Chestnut Street had its biggest catch ever when a 23-pound lobster was reeled in with its regular order of haddock and cod. When the white fish was scooped up by fishermen in the cold waters off Gloucester, the crustacean was tangled in a net. (It was too big to be caught in a conventional lobster

trap.) The fishermen gave the lobster to the store.

Gene Marshall Jr., of Hometown Seafoods, estimated the lobster to be more than 100 years old. He also predicted it would sell. And it did — that day.

"A guy from North Andover came in looking for good-sized lobsters for a birthday party. I said, 'I got something better,'" Marshall said. "And he saved over \$100."

Worth \$253 at \$11 a pound, the lobster was sold for \$135 and steamed in a giant pressure cooker at the store.

"It took an hour and 15 minutes,"

Marshall said of the steaming. "I haven't heard otherwise, so I think it was good."

The 23-pounder was 5 pounds heavier than any lobster the store has ever sold.

"Our biggest ever was an 18-pounder two years ago, and it sold," Marshall said. "That was the Fourth of July. It's a novelty for people to have big lobsters."

Baked and stuffed, a 23-pound lobster will easily feed 12 people or make 24 lobster rolls, Marshall said. However, lobster meat from such a large lobster will not be as tender as lobster meat from a typical two-pounder, he said.

"He was old and had been around for awhile," Marshall explained.

## EVENTS CALENDAR



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

**Jon Bove and Elizabeth Rymill star in the Pentucket Players' performance of "South Pacific" at the Rogers Center for the Arts this weekend.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**Back to School Night** for second semester classes at Andover High School, Shawneen Road, 7 to 9 p.m. Parents may pick up a copy of their student's schedule in the cafeteria the night of the event.

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**Dr. Les Norford**, professor of building technology at MIT, will give a presentation on "Buildings and Climate Change: Can Building Energy Use Go to Zero?" at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

**Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care** will host West Middle School's sample of their spring production of "My Fair Lady" at 11:15 a.m. at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

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**"What's It Worth?" antiques appraisal event**, benefits Andover Historical Society with Skinner appraiser and "Antiques Roadshow" regular Stuart Whitehurst, 7 to 9:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Parish Hall, 43 Essex St., Andover. (This is a new date for the event which was originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, but canceled due to snow.)

**"The Foul of Us,"** by Itamar Moses, opens at Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell, through May 11; 978-654-7596, [friedrich@merrimackrep.org](mailto:friedrich@merrimackrep.org).

**"My Favorite Year,"** Colonial Chorus Players, including Roni Ventura of Andover, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Reading Memorial High School, Reading; 781-944-9780, [ccptickets@att.net](mailto:ccptickets@att.net), [www.colonialchorus.com](http://www.colonialchorus.com).

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**Magnified Healing Celebration**, sponsored by Circles of Wisdom Bookstore at the Unitarian Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover, 6:30 p.m., \$15. Call Carolyn at 978-470-4825.

**Andover Artists Guild** hosts digital photography demonstration by Deborah Venuti of North Andover, North Parish Church (corner of Academy & Great Pond roads), 2-4 p.m. \$2 donation suggested; call Cindie at 978-475-6399.

**NVMOM Spring sale** will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford. There will be gently used children's equipment, toys, clothes and books on sale, plus maternity clothes and more. This event is sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, a nonprofit organization. This is a cash only sale. Admission is \$1, children under 14 are free. For more information, call 978-376-2939 or e-mail [nvmom.info@bigfoot.com](mailto:nvmom.info@bigfoot.com).

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## THE CALL OF THE WILD



Courtesy photos

Photographs from Frank Gohlke's exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American art, "Accommodating Nature," clockwise, from top right: "Grain Elevator and Lightning Flash"; "Hillsboro"; "Aftermath."



## Photographs show tension between humanity, nature

**A**merican landscape photographer Frank Gohlke's work will be the last exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American Art before it closes for two years. The art museum on the Phillips Academy campus will close July 14 to undergo a \$30 million renovation and expansion.

Known for his large-format landscape photographs, Gohlke has received two Guggenheim Fellowships and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. The photographer uses his lens to explore the tension between humanity and nature, investigating how people adapt to the forces of nature both great and small, even within the confines of their backyards.

"This exhibit contextualizes two of Gohlke's most heralded and compelling projects: his depictions of the destruction and rebuilding after a devastating tornado struck Wichita Falls in 1979; and his multi-year investigation of the effects of the massive volcanic explosion that blew off the top of Mount St.

Helens in 1980," said John Rohrbach, senior curator of photographs at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. "By maintaining focus on renewal and restoration rather than on disaster, Gohlke's work raises provocative questions about human charity and our craving to continuously reassess ourselves."

With 85 finely printed black-and-

white and color photographs, "Accommodating Nature" surveys Gohlke's career, beginning with work included in the 1975 "New Topographics" exhibition at George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y., and continuing up through current projects in which the artist is still absorbed.

Early photographic explorations of his Wichita Falls childhood — his grandpar-

ents' ranch, his suburban home, the architecture of his community — give way to photographs of the grain elevators that punctuate the vast spaces of the Midwest and large-scale images depicting the close confines of the Sudbury River in Massachusetts.

This exhibit runs through July 13. For more information, visit [www.addisongallery.org](http://www.addisongallery.org).

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT ADDISON**

**Just opened:** "Accommodating Nature: The Photographs of Frank Gohlke," a mid-career retrospective that explores the tension between humanity and nature, featuring 85 works from this American landscape photographer, through July 13.

**Gallery talk:** Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m., with Frank Gohlke and John Rohrbach, curator of the exhibition

**Opening reception:** Friday, May 9, 5:30 p.m., when two other spring exhibitions will open, "Carroll Dunham Prints: A Survey" and "Then and Now"

**Gallery hours:** Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

**More info:** Addison Gallery also offers free education programs for teachers and groups. Call 978-749-4015 or visit [www.addisongallery.org](http://www.addisongallery.org).

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**AVIS work party, Deer Jump Reservation**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the end of Raven's Bluff off River Road, take the trail to the left, upstream, to the two-acre field high up on the bluff. Cutting back limbs and brush that are growing into the field. Led by Mike Timko, 978-681-0424.

**Ham and bean supper**, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Adults, \$8; children 12 and under, \$4. Real spiral ham with home-cooked beans, dessert and drinks included; 978-475-3528.

**Artist reception**, sponsored by the Tewksbury Community of Artists, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tewksbury Public Library; contact Elaine at 978-658-4981 or visit [www.tewksbury.info/tca/](http://www.tewksbury.info/tca/).

**Community Seder** for the whole family, 8:30 p.m. at the Hebrew School, 10 Marwood Drive, Andover. Adults, \$40; children, \$18. RSVP to [info@chabadvm.com](mailto:info@chabadvm.com).

**"My Favorite Year"** Colonial Chorus Players, including Roni Ventura of Andover, 8 p.m. Tickets \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Reading Memorial High School, Reading; 781-944-9780, [cptickets@att.net](mailto:cptickets@att.net), [www.colonialchorus.com](http://www.colonialchorus.com).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

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**The Norman Magic Experience** (has been featured at the Magic Castle in Hollywood), 3 p.m., Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4377, [www.normanmagic.com](http://www.normanmagic.com).

**Free concert and history program** at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Headquarters (6 Plum Island Turnpike), 1:30-3 p.m., with local author and musician Kevin McCormick; call 978-465-5754, ext. 208.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**

**Organ lunch concert series**, "ORGANIZE your Lunch!" 1:15 p.m., free and open to the public, featuring George Davey, organist and choral director, Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York City. Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a half-hour of music from the academy's pipe organ; 978-749-4263 or [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

**Spring Book Sale** preview night, Memorial Hall Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$20 per person. Book sale continues through April 27 during regular library hours; 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**The Mystix** will host a live recording session, 7:30 p.m., Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, Newburyport. \$18 members/\$22 general public; 978-462-7336.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

**The Phillips Academy music department** will present senior students performing in three concertos accompanied by the Academy Chamber Orchestra and Amadeus Orchestras under the direction of James Orient and Christine Landolt at 7 p.m. at the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Featuring Alyssa Yamamoto of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., performing the first movement of Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C minor; Nicholas Gordon of Mill Valley, Calif., on trumpet; Allison Parr, soprano, of Providence, R.I.; and Jesse Goldman of Andover performing the first movement of Saint Saens' Violin Concerto No. 3. Concert is free; call 978-749-4263 or [email.music@andover.edu](mailto:email.music@andover.edu).

**A Sondheim celebration**, by the North Regional Theater Workshop, with selections from "West Side Story," "Gypsy," "Sweeney Todd" and more. 8 p.m., Great

Hall at Methuen's Nevins Library, 305 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen; 978-658-0192 or [www.nrtwinc.com](http://www.nrtwinc.com) for tickets.

**Live jazz**: The Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble, consisting of 20 Merrimack students, faculty and alumni, 7:30 p.m., \$5, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

**Spring Book Sale**, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

**Annual Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Conference**, Wyndham Andover Hotel in Andover, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., co-sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and the Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Partnership.

**Spring Fling Social**, St. Michael Church of North Andover, 7 p.m., Parish Hall, \$15 per person includes snack, music, raffles, line dancing and dance instruction with the Steve and Linda White Dance Studio. Contact Anne Marie at 978-683-5982.

**AVIS work party**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lupine, Shawsheen River, Indian Ridge & Shawsheen Road reservations. Rebuild the rock support piers of the old canoe club building, remove/burn invasive plants and pick up trash. Park on Lupine Road. Led by David Dargie, 978-996-4475, and Dave Doub, 978-470-3703.

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**Pink Ribbon Party**, benefit for breast cancer patient Melissa Hubert, an associate director at Little Sprouts in Methuen, \$20, 7:11 p.m., Claddagh Restaurant & Tavern, 399 Canal St., Lawrence. Contact Erica Reed at 978-683-1567 or [erred@littlesprouts.com](mailto:erred@littlesprouts.com).

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

**5K Road Race**, benefits Tewksbury Memorial High School Scholarship fund, Tewksbury High School, 320 Pleasant St., Tewksbury. \$15 to preregister, \$20 to register on day of race, \$10 for students; race information and registration form can be found at <http://www.coolrunning.com/engine/1/index.shtml> or <http://www.glr.net>.

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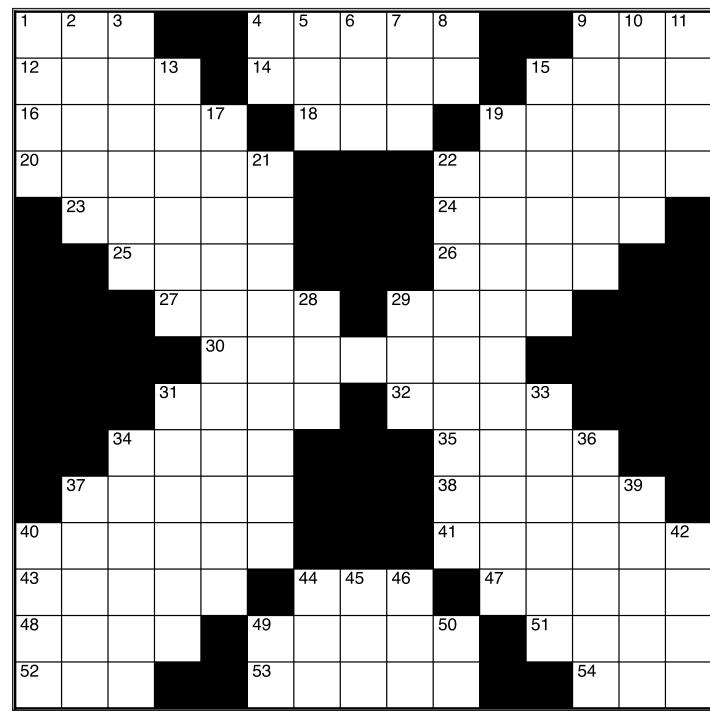
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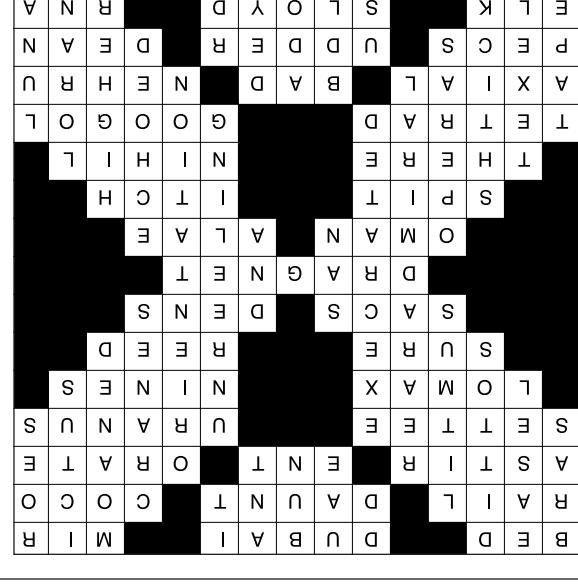
**"The Courage to Remember: The Holocaust 1933-1945."** The Simon Wiesenthal Center's traveling exhibition on the Nazi Holocaust, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sakowich Campus Center (first floor), Merrimack College; [www.merrimack.edu/jcr](http://www.merrimack.edu/jcr) or contact the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, [aldebran.longabaugh@merrimack.edu](mailto:aldebran.longabaugh@merrimack.edu).

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**Crossword puzzle****CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. 10 to the 100th power
- 3. Situated on an axis
- 4. One of the UAE
- 9. Russian space station
- 12. Part of a train track
- 14. Cause to lose courage
- 15. Designer Chanel
- 16. Up and about
- 18. Common abbr. for otolaryngologist
- 19. Speak
- 20. Couch
- 22. 7th planet
- 23. 61454
- 24. Ball clubs
- 25. Feeling no doubt
- 26. Woodwind
- 27. Pouches
- 29. Lairs
- 30. Joe Friday TV show
- 31. Its capital is Muscat
- 32. Wings
- 34. Meat skewer for roasting
- 35. Rub
- 37. Not here
- 38. Nothing
- 40. IV
- 41. 10 to the 100th power
- 43. Situated on an axis
- 44. Not good
- 47. Indian statesman
- 48. Large chest muscles
- 49. Cow's mammary gland
- 51. Doyen
- 52. Large northern deer
- 53. Swedish woodworking system
- 54. A nucleic acid
- 55. Lifting devices
- 57. Important Naval man
- 58. Predilection
- 61. Abhorred
- 62. Unwinding (like film)
- 63. Diego, Francisco, or Anselmo
- 64. A nucleic acid
- 65. Dramas set to music
- 66. Repeated
- 67. Yiddish prank or clowning
- 68. Not lower
- 69. Largest W. Frisian island
- 70. USCG navigational system
- 71. Adhesive, duct or video
- 72. Roman moon goddess
- 73. Windsor Locks airport code
- 74. Rapid bustling movement
- 75. Partridge Family actress Susan
- 76. We
- 77. Rural delivery

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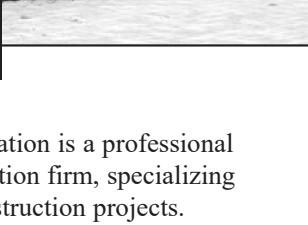
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Architectural workshop for middle school students titled "Main Street" will

be held April 22 through 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Participants will create a model from the unique and interesting buildings on Main Street, write their own labels, and set up a team exhibit that will

be open to the public. Cost is \$60 for members, \$75 nonmembers. The fee includes materials and snacks each day. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 978-475-2236 or visit [www.andoverhistorical.org](http://www.andoverhistorical.org).

"Moments in Time," a photographic exhibit by John F. Zipeto, will be on display through March 31 at the Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.

"Dream On," new work by Montserrat painting professor Barbara Moody, will be exhibited through March 20 in the Schlosberg Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly. The exhibit and all related programs are free to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 978-921-4242, ext. 3.

"Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts," will open May 18

and run through Feb. 8, 2009, at the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. The exhibit will feature more than 100 works by 70 Massachusetts artists who preserve and revitalize deeply rooted traditions. Funding for the exhibit is provided by Bank of America, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Heritage Museum, and the National Endowment for the Arts. A series of performing arts programs will also be presented in conjunction with the exhibition. A schedule will be available

at [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org). Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 781-861-6559.

"Singing in Colors: The Art of Maria Termini" will be on exhibit through April 11 at the McCoy Gallery in the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. North Andover. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 978-837-5255 or email [raymond@merimack.edu](mailto:raymond@merimack.edu).

"Teaching Matters!" exhibit through July 28 in the Hale Library Archive & Museum Gallery at Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Broudo 978-232-2257.

"Impermanence," photography by Shelley Zatsky, will be on exhibit through

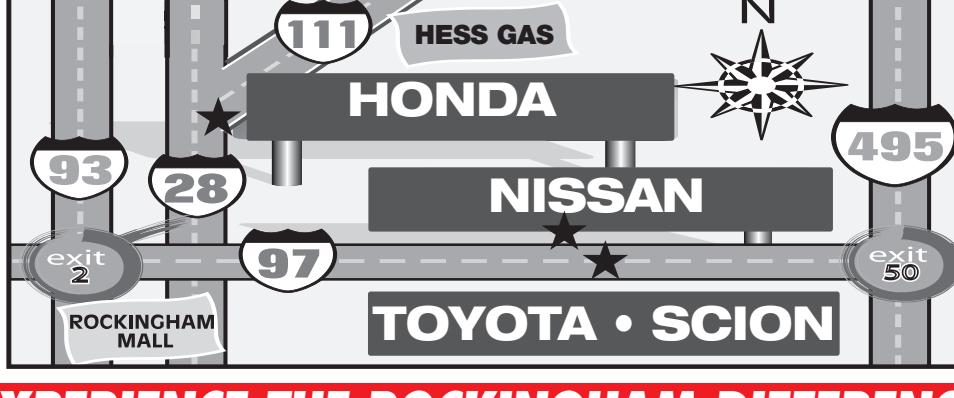
May 2 at the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on March 21 and April 21. For more information, call Cathy at 978-685-2343 or e-mail [cathysessexartcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:cathysessexartcenter@yahoo.com).

**Whistler Museum of Art** will exhibit rare 19th- and early 20th-century works that spotlight some of New England's outstanding representational artists including Charles H. Allen, John I. Coggeshall, Walter L. Dean, Charles Demetropolis, Emile A. Gruppe, Aldro T. Hibbard, Lester G. Hornby, Louis Kronberg, Thomas B. Lawson, David Dalhoff Neal, William McGregor Paxton, William Preston Phelps, Arthur P. Spear and Sarah Wyman Whitman. Peter Kostoulakos, a local expert on restoration, will be speaking briefly about restoring artwork at the reception. The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session. These works will be on display from now to April 19.

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# Sports

## CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS

### ■ THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Baseball</b>	
April 18	at Central Catholic 3:30 p.m.
April 21	Arlington noon
April 23	at Tewksbury 11 a.m.
<b>Softball</b>	
April 21	at Amesbury 10 a.m.
April 23	at Tewksbury 11 a.m.
<b>Boys Lacrosse</b>	
April 18	Billerica 7:30 p.m.
April 21	North Andover 7 p.m.
April 24	Lexington 1 p.m.
<b>Girls Lacrosse</b>	
April 17	at Framingham 4 p.m.
April 19	at Longmeadow 4 p.m.
April 22	Chelmsford 1 p.m.
<b>Boys Track</b>	
April 19	at Haverhill Invitational 9:30 a.m.
<b>Girls Track</b>	
April 19	at Tewksbury Invitational 9:30 a.m.
<b>Boys Volleyball</b>	
April 22	at Durfee 12:30 p.m.
April 23	at Lowell 5:30 p.m.

### ■ THROUGH THE YEARS

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Paul Wysocki hurls a complete game as Eastern Massachusetts No. 3 Andover gets past No. 5 Revere 5-2. Ben Gibson's two-run homer is the big hit for the Golden Warriors.

UMass Amherst third baseman Matt Wolcott of Andover goes 7 for 10 in an 18-0 romp over La Salle to earn Atlantic 10 Player of the Week honors.

Andover's Kimberly Ballard-Perrin wins the Peter O. McKee Ski Cup for the Phillips Nordic ski team. Kristin Moon, also of Andover, earns the Washburn Award for the swimmer who most exemplifies Phillips Academy's ideals.

Andover's Brian Fiske establishes four new pool records while winning all six events in the 11-12 age division at the 35th Annual Allan B. Rogers Swim Meet.

Katherine Blais wins the mile in 5:22.8 to help Andover whip Dracut 106-30.

Barbara Contos, Andover's ace hurdler, is named Eagle-Tribune MVP for indoor track.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Andover's E.J. Perry, now head basketball coach at Salem (N.H.) High leads the East squad in the Top 48 basketball game. The team also included current Andover High head coach Dave Fazio.

Jeff Chaing, who is ranked seventh by the New England Lawn Tennis Association, wins the first singles and Andover tops Wilmington 4-1.

Barbara Cullinan and Lisa Deluca win two events each as Andover girls track dumps Lawrence 99-19.

Bill Vickers tosses a four-hitter including seven strikeouts to lead Andover over Haverhill 2-1.

#### 50 YEARS AGO

John Fitzgerald is the only double winner, taking the rings and the horizontal bar events, to lead Andover to second place in the State Interscholastic Gymnastics meet.

### ■ FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### SUMMER CAMPS

The Andover Warrior Baseball School for ages 7-16 will have three sessions at Andover High. Week 1 is June 30-July 3; Week 2 is July 7-11 and Week 3 is July 14-18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, visit [www.andoverwarriors.net](http://www.andoverwarriors.net) or contact coach Ken Maglio at 603-635-2158.

#### PRO BASEBALL

Former Andover High star catcher Ryan Hanigan, who made his Major League debut last season, was sent down by the Cincinnati Reds at the start of the season. He is currently with the Triple-A Louisville Bats, but remains

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Josh Bruno, right, blocks the ball at the net Monday. The 6-foot-4 1/2, 170-pounder led the Golden Warriors with 197 kills last season.



Andover's Josh Bruno plays the ball against St. John's Prep on Monday. Bruno had surgery on both lungs after they spontaneously collapsed, but has battled back to become the leader of the Golden Warriors volleyball team.

### THE JOSH BRUNO FILE

**Sport:** Volleyball

**Grade:** Senior

**Height:** 6-4 1/2

**Weight:** 170 pounds

**Position:** Forward

**Volleyball:** Began playing as a freshman in

high school. Has been one of Andover High's

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### Bruno overcomes collapsed lungs to lead Andover volleyball

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Andover volleyball standout Josh Bruno recognized the pain.

While playing a pickup volleyball game at the Wood Hill Middle School in February, Bruno began to feel intense pressure in his chest. He could then feel his breathing become short and labored.

"As soon as it happened I knew exactly what it was," he remembered. "I tried not to tell anyone. I just left the gym, sat down in my car and called my dad, who said he would bring me to the hospital."

He knew, because it had happened before.

During the summer of 2006, Bruno was over a friend's house playing volleyball in the backyard.

"I had played a game, then I got something to eat and went back out to play again," he remembered. "I hit a few balls, then I felt this enormous pressure. At first I thought it was back pain, so I started to stretch my back. I realized it wasn't that, and I started to get worried. I thought maybe I separated my shoulder. But I hadn't been in any collisions. It was so sudden, and the pain kept getting worse."

A friend's mother drove Bruno home, and his mother immediately rushed him to Children's Hospital Boston.

"The doctors knew what I had as soon as I got there," he remembered. "They put me on oxygen, which helped because my breathing was getting very short."

Bruno was then diagnosed with a Spontaneous Pneumothorax, or a spontaneous collapsed lung.

"There are little pockets of air above my lungs called blebs," said Bruno, who at 6-foot-4 1/2 and 170 pounds represents the tall and thin men that are most at risk.

"One of them exploded spontaneously and the air forced my left lung down, causing it to collapse."

That night, doctors inserted a chest tube to drain the lingering air from his lung, then re-inflated it after three days.

Wanting to take a "wait and see" approach, they chose not to conduct surgery and sent him home.

But two days later, the lung collapsed again, and he was back in the hospital, this time for surgery.

"Basically, they attached my lung to my rib cage and stapled my bleb so that it didn't explode again," he remembered. "It was tough because first I had to wait three days for all the air to come out. Then, after the surgery, I was in the hospital with IVs and other things coming out of me and alarms going off all the time. And babies were screaming all night."

Bruno spent 10 days in the hospital, much of which recovering from the medication used during the surgery that he said made him feel

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### ■ SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Martin closes out career day at the plate with walk-off homer



File photo

Tricia Martin keeps her eye on the ball against Haverhill. The Andover senior did more than watch the ball Monday, when she hit three home runs, including a walk-off blast to give the Golden Warriors the win over Chelmsford.

### SOFTBALL

When Tricia Martin stepped to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning, there was just a sense something big would happen.

The senior delivered by belting the three-run homer that capped a six-run rally in the bottom of the seventh and gave Andover an 11-9 victory over Chelmsford on Monday.

The walk-off hit finished a day for the ages for Martin. The second baseman hit a whopping three home runs, and finished the day 5 for 5 with seven runs batted in.

"They were all bombs way out there," said Andover coach Stephanie Ragucci of the homers. "I've had some good hitters, but I don't think I've ever had someone have a day like this."

Jeanette Doucette chipped in with three hits and two RBIs while Nina Yu had a hit, an RBI and two runs scored, and Meaghan McCarthy and Alex Strock each had two hits for the Golden Warriors.

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Kerry McCarthy was 2 for 3 with a run scored, but Andover fell to Central Catholic 13-5 on Friday. Nina Yu had a hit and scored a pair of runs, and Jeanette Doucette and Alex Strock each notched one hit and a run for the Golden Warriors.

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Alex Strock recorded Andover's lone hit in a 4-0 loss to Tewksbury last Wednesday.

### BOYS TRACK

#### Costello does it all for Warriors

Andover coach Peter Comeau called it before the season.

"If (Santi Costello) stays focused he could have one of the best senior seasons we have seen in a while," said the coach. "He has the talent to do so many things."

Costello backed up his coach's praise last Wednesday, winning

the long jump (21-10), 110 hurdles (15.9) and 300 hurdles (42.9) in leading the Golden Warriors to a 100-45 downing of Chelmsford.

Also for the winners, Steve Moore took the discus, Chris McConnell won the 100 meters, John Bigelow won the high jump and Matt Vetere ran on the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Busta, Andover best rival Central

Behind Tommy Busta's stellar defense, Andover edged archrival Central Catholic 25-19, 17-25, 25-11, 21-25, 15-12 on Friday. Mike Emmons teamed with Busta to dominate on the defensive end while Josh Bruno and Gary Hinds paced balanced front-line play for the winners.

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**Paul Malaguti** fires the ball for Andover High. Malaguti is now a star for Wheaton College, batting .379 this season.



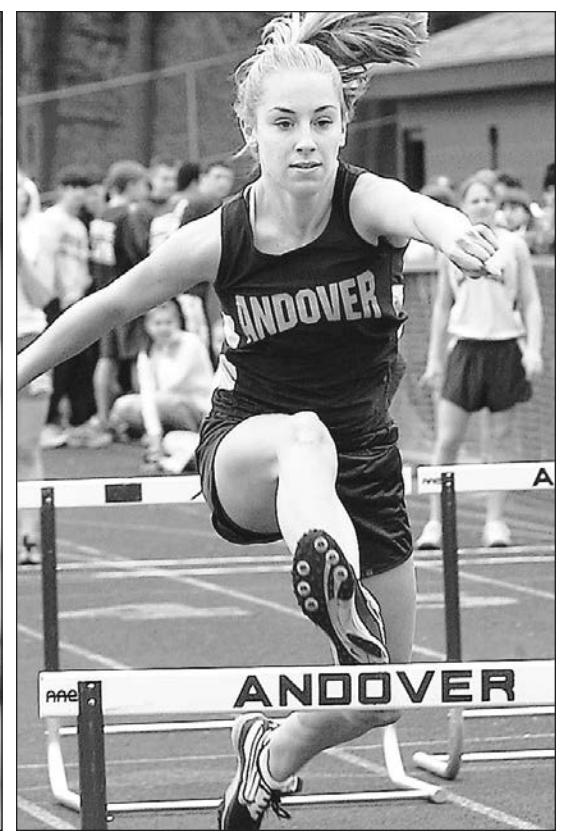
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**Briana Gross** charges towards the ball while with Andover. The Bates freshman has scored five goals in her last two games and has 13 goals for the season.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**Andover's Mike Lamagna** looks to fire a shot on goal. Now a freshman at Quinnipiac, he has eight points on the season.



KEN YUSZKUS/Staff photo

**Jen Merinder** flies over the hurdles for Andover. The Union College standout won the 100 hurdles at the Liberty League Track and Field Championship last week.

## Malaguti finds his groove at the plate for Wheaton College

### Our College Stars

David Willis

**Paul Malaguti** just keeps rolling. Wheaton College is ranked No. 9 in the American Baseball Coaches Association Division 3 polls, and the former Andover High star is a big reason.

In 27 games this season, 25 starts, the sophomore is batting a stellar .379 with 21 runs, two home runs and 15 RBIs. Splitting his time between batting leadoff and third — considered the two key spots in the lineup — he is sporting a .524 slugging percentage and a .455 on-base percentage. The utility man has found a home in left field, where he has a .957 fielding percentage.

A four-year starter at Andover, the three-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star hit

.429 with 33 hits and 20 runs as a senior with the Golden Warriors.

"He's a complete hitter and one of the hardest workers I've ever seen," said Andover baseball coach Ken Maglio during his senior season.

Malaguti was rewarded last week when he took home New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Player of the Week after batting .526 with seven runs and six RBIs. The highlight was his 4-for-5 night with two runs and an RBI in Wheaton's 20-8 win over UMass Dartmouth.

But Malaguti isn't the only Andover alum breaking out in college ball.

**Kevin Calabro** has proven an ace for Wheaton. In 10 appearances, the junior is 3-0 on the hill with a 2.95 ERA in 18.1 innings. He has struck out 15 and allowed only five

extra-base hits.

**Joe Keefe**, who graduated from Andover High in 2004, is excelling for Barry University (Miami). Starting all 40 games, the junior outfielder is hitting .384. He leads the team with 13 home runs, seven more than the next best teammate, and a team-best 55 RBIs. He previously played at Brevard Community College (Cocoa, Fla.)

Three-time All-Scholastic and four-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star **Dan Godefroi** was a stellar pitcher and outfielder at Andover High, and Georgetown University has chosen to utilize both skills.

The Hoyas freshman has played in 10 games as an outfielder, hitting .286 with two doubles and six runs. He has also pitched in six games, including one start, and is 0-1 with a 5.25 ERA.

### Gross enjoying college game

**Briana Gross** wasted no time adjusting to college life.

In 10 games this season, the Bates freshman has scored 13 goals and has added three assists. Those 16 points are good for fifth on the team.

She has been especially good recently, with five goals in Bates' last two games. She notched two goals in the win over Connecticut State and tallied her first career hat trick in the win over Southern Maine.

The All-Scholastic and two-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star finished her high school career No. 2 in Andover history in points with 227.

The player ahead of her in Andover's all-time list, **Rachel Fox**, has played in eight games thus far as a freshman for legendary powerhouse Northwestern. Fox, who scored 381 points in high school

and was a two-time All-Scholastic, has one goal on the year.

Former Brooks star and Andover native **Sara Christopher** has become a standout at Connecticut College, earning New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Week for last week.

Christopher is tied for the team high in goals with 17 and is third on the team with six assists. She has 10 goals over the past week, including a hat trick in the Camels' most recent contest, a 13-12 win over Eastern Connecticut.

On the men's side, **Mike Lamagna** is making noise at Quinnipiac. The freshman has three goals and five assists in 10 games. Fellow freshman **A.J. Drivas** has appeared in three games for the Bobcats.

### Merinder excels on hurdles

**Jen Merinder** crushed the com-

petition in the 100 hurdles at the Liberty League Track and Field Championship. Her 16.04 was more than 30 seconds ahead of the No. 2 finisher, and for her efforts she was awarded Liberty League co-track Player of the Week.

The Union College sophomore also took second in the 400 hurdles in 1:08.96. She was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star in volleyball her senior season at Andover, while also standing out in basketball and track.

### Dunn key in Michigan boat

**Laura Dunn** is a junior on the Michigan rowing team. The 5-foot-1 coxswain has helped the Wolverines to wins in two of their last three events, including taking the top place in a meet with Bucknell, Ohio State and Tennessee over the weekend.

## BRUNO: Lung issues can't stop hitter

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very strange. But he recovered quickly from the procedure and was back training for volleyball as soon as he was cleared by doctors.

"It never occurred to me I wouldn't play volleyball," he said. "I was worried it was going to effect my volleyball skills. I was going into my junior year and it was my chance."

He took advantage of that chance last season. He recorded a team-high 197 kills, was at 81 percent hitting, 90 percent serving and 78 percent blocking with 16 aces. His leadership earned him the honor of being a co-captain as a junior. The Golden Warriors finished 11-8 and advanced to the North tournament for the sixth straight season.

But in February of this year, it was his right lung that collapsed.

"He called me and told me he didn't feel well and was going to the hospital," said Andover volleyball coach George Sullivan. "Both times there were thoughts he might not play volleyball. That was low on the list of things he had to worry about."

But Bruno couldn't help but think about his favorite sport.

"It was really frustrating," he said. "I was in the middle of the club volleyball season and we

### WHAT IS A SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOTHORAX?

- Occurs without any prior lung disorder or disease or contact.
  - In most cases, is a result of the rupture of blebs (air-filled sac on the lung).
  - Rupture causes air to escape the lung and enter the chest cavity, causing the lung to collapse.
  - Occurs most in men, 20-40 years-old.
  - Tall, thin men are the most at risk, along with smokers.
- Information from [pneumothorax.org](http://pneumothorax.org)

from the surgery, Bruno has played in every game for the 5-1 Andover volleyball team. But he admits he is not yet completely back to his previous form.

"I went to the (Andover) YMCA a lot to get my agility back and more quickness in my feet," said the right front. "I think my game is getting better. But I still feel it. Sometimes I feel some pain, and even when I don't I still don't have the physical capabilities I did before. But I still give 100 percent and it's made me a smarter player. And I'll be back. It'll just take some work."

The two-year captain will be continuing his volleyball career after the high school season. He has been accepted to Endicott College, and has already talked to the coach about playing.

"He said I'll have to try out, but it should be no problem for me to make the team," said Bruno, who is also the manager of the girls volleyball team that is coached by Sullivan. "I'm very excited and I'm happy to have the chance."

And his coach expects nothing but success for Bruno.

"He is just a great kid," said Sullivan. "He works very hard and pushes himself. He always does what you ask, and he's the kind of kid you'd want your daughter to go out with."

were going to make a trip to Penn State for a tournament. I was worried about the upcoming (high school) volleyball season."

Bruno once again had surgery, now on his right lung. The doctors then informed him that, after the surgery, he would not be a higher risk for a reoccurrence.

He also made the best of his time recovering.

"I had friends and family (at the hospital) every day," he said.

"Nine friends basically threw a party in my room and kept me entertained. They made it a lot better."

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## Our first hero was green

Heroes sometimes take on issues that hold worldwide interest. That is the case of Senator Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day.

To many he is a hero for bringing the need to protect our environment to the attention of those in Washington D.C. and the world.

April 22 marks the 39th anniversary of Earth Day in the United States.

In 1963, Nelson persuaded President John Kennedy that a national conservation tour would be a good idea. The President did a five-day, 11-state conservation tour. It caught the eye of the public but not the political establishment.

Six years passed before the idea of Earth Day crossed Nelson's mind. It came to him while speaking on tour. At that time anti-Vietnam War demonstrators were holding "teach-ins" on college campuses all across the country. They got a lot of attention.

In 1969, Nelson announced a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment in the spring of 1970. News services carried the story from coast to coast. Earth Day was born.

The event was coordinated from Nelson's office. It soon outgrew his office and moved to a space provided by John Gardner, founder of Common Cause. College students staffed the office and Denis Hayes coordinated the activities.

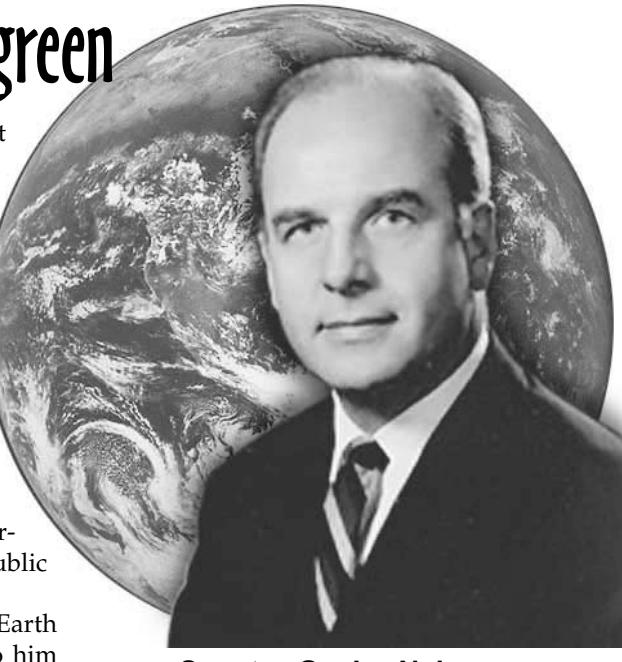
The event had a grassroots response with millions of demonstrators. Thousands of schools and local communities participated.

According to Nelson, the event "organized itself."

Today it is popular to be green. That doesn't mean you paint your skin green. It means that you look at what you are doing, eating, wearing, and traveling with a concern.

It's our EARTH. Help take care of it every day, not just EARTH DAY.

The world lost its green hero, Senator Gaylord Nelson, on July 3, 2005. However, his efforts to make the Earth healthy live on. Be a part it.



**Senator Gaylord Nelson,**  
founder of Earth Day

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for the environment.

Those with a concern for the environment might wear clothing clothes made from natural fibers like organic cotton. They may look for food that has not been chemical enhanced or sprayed.

Some drive hybrid cars that run on a combination of electricity and gasoline or ethanol. Many travel to work or school by walking or riding a bicycle or taking public transportation.

What can you do to help the environment? Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Turn off the light when leaving the room. Recycle. Plant trees. Pick up trash.

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# Obituaries

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## Barbara A. Murphy-Demers, 54



LAWRENCE — Barbara A. Murphy-Demers, lifelong South Lawrence resident, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2008 in her South Lawrence home.

She was the wife of the late Robert P. Demers; he passed away Aug. 21, 2006.

She was born in Lawrence on Sept. 20, 1953 and was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Mary (Monahan) Murphy.

She was raised in Lawrence and was educated in Saint Patrick Parochial School. She was a member of the graduating Class of 1971 of Lawrence High School. Prior to her retirement in 1993, she was employed with Verizon Telephone Company having rendered 23 years service.

Barbara was member of Saint Patrick Church in South Lawrence. According to her family, while in retirement she spent many hours cooking and in the summer weather she had a special devotion to her flower and vegetable gardens. Barbara also adored her pet cat "jinx" and her dog "Harley."

Barbara is survived by her love,

## Pasquale J. Grillo Jr., 75

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Surviving him are three sisters, Gloria Barsamian and her husband Robert P. of Newton, Lucille Benson of Andover and Joanne M. Seddon and her husband Daniel F. of Manchester, N.H.; one brother, Anthony J. Grillo and his wife Nancy of Amesbury; his aunt, Josephine Gammella of Methuen; several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and grandnephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral Mass was held on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St., Lawrence. Burial will follow at the Mary Immaculate Cemetery, Lawrence. As requested, no visiting hours. Assisting the family with the arrangements is the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Pasquale's memory to the charity of one's choice. Please visit our online guest book at [www.CataudellaFH.com](http://www.CataudellaFH.com).

## Bianca Yemma, 90



WAYNESVILLE, N.C. — Bianca "Blanche" (Guzzardi) Yemma, 90, formerly of Bradford, died on Monday, April 14, 2008 at the Haywood Regional Hospital in Waynesville, N.C.

Born in Lawrence, May 12, 1917, she was the daughter of the late

Salvatore and Amelia (Rappa) Guzzardi, as well as the beloved sister of Ralph Guzzardi of Bradford, and Nancy (Guzzardi) Catalano of Andover.

After leaving Bradford, she resided in Florida for the past 37 years.

Her graciousness and compassion will never be forgotten. She was loved and respected by everyone and will be greatly missed.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial Mass will take place at a later date.

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## Christopher D. Haynes

ANDOVER — Christopher D. Haynes of Andover, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

He was the beloved husband of Diane Haynes; loving father of Rachel Schofield and her husband Corey; dear brother of Dr. Henry Haynes and his wife Joan of Lynnfield, Libby Ostrofsky and her husband Lewis of Needham, Ginger Sharpe and her husband Donald of Plainville, and the late John Haynes; and caring uncle to seven nephews and four nieces.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends called on Friday, April 11, 2008 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. A funeral service was held on Saturday April 12, 2008 at 11 a.m. at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chris' memory to the Locke Fund, Hematology Department, Lahey Clinic, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805. For obituary and directions [www.CataudellaFH.com](http://www.CataudellaFH.com).

## John K. Foster Sr., 85

ANDOVER — John K. Foster Sr., 85, passed away at Academy Manor, Andover, April 13, 2008.

Born in Lawrence on July 24, 1922, he was the son of the late William F. Foster and Kathleen (Bradish) Foster.

John lived in North Andover most of his life and retired from AT&T - Lucent Technologies in 1987.

He was predeceased by his wife, Geraldine R. (Hubert) Smith Foster; his sister, Florence (Foster) Langevin; and brothers, Dante F. Foster and Charles W. Foster.

He was an Army Veteran of World War II and a Past Grand Knight of Msgr. Shea Knights of Columbus Council 3819 in North Andover.

Survivors include a son, John K. Foster Jr. and his wife Carol of Methuen; daughters, Patricia Wilkins of Las Vegas and Evelyn Blackburn and her husband Robert of Oregon; a step son, W. Richard Smith and his wife Margaret of North Andover; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends may call on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. A Knights of Columbus Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. For directions or to leave on-line condolences please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

## Elene Moshonisiou

ANDOVER — Elene Moshonisiou, of Andover, formerly of Arlington, Saturday, April 12, 2008.

She was the beloved wife of Anastasios Moshonisiou; devoted mother of Elene Spieler and her husband Paul of Andover, Barbara Kasseri and her husband Niko-Laos of Winchester and the late Pauline Bouboulis; sister of Ypatia Lucas and her husband Stanley of Lynn; loving grandmother of Michael, Stacey, Peter, Pauline and Elene; and was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 15, in St. Athanasius The Great Church, 4 Appleton St., Arlington, Mass. Interment was held in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to the above named church. Arrangements by Faggas Funeral Home, Watertown, Mass.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Center for Grief & Healing summer program

The Center for Grief & Healing, a program of Hospice of the North Shore, will hold its 7th Annual Camp Stepping Stones, a special camp opportunity for children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the scenic campus of the Glen Urquhart School in Beverly Farms. A weekend-long day camp, the program is supported by A.J. Wright Company.

Open to any families coping with the death of a loved one, Camp Stepping Stones is free of charge following a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 per family, which may be waived in cases of hardship. The registration deadline is Friday, June 27. Paid overnight hotel accommodations may be arranged for families traveling a distance of 25 miles or more. For more information and to obtain a registration packet, please contact the Center at 978-774-5100. More information is also available at [www.hns.org/camp](http://www.hns.org/camp).

### 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 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.

### Chronic Disease

Chronic disease self management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. For more information, call 978-937-6038.

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.

Diabetes support group meets

## Terence J. Sweeney Sr., 87



ANDOVER — Terence J. Sweeney Sr., 87, of Andover, died Monday, April 7, 2008, at his home.

F. (Clancy) Sweeney.

corresponding with his relatives around the world, including traveling to meet relatives in County Leitrim, Ireland.

He is survived by his son Terence Jr. and wife Diane of Merrimac and grandson, Christopher and wife Patrice and their children, Kyle and Deven; his son Kevin and his wife Gina of Andover and grandchildren, Brian and Tara; his son Sean and wife Elizabeth of Lawrence and grandchildren, Jorma, Eian and Morgan; and his sister-in-law, Alice Clancy of North Reading.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service was in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Friday, April 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours were Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701, or the charity of your choice. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## James A. Solari, 70



ANDOVER — James A. Solari 70, of Andover, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at Mills Peninsula Health Services in San Mateo, Calif.

James was born in Boston on Jan. 9, 1938, to the late Anthony and Louise (Gravini) Solari.

He was employed by Commercial Union in data management until his retirement. Following his retirement, James volunteered his time in the kitchen at the Andover Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife Celestina (Christina) Solari of Andover, and his son Anthony Solari

and his wife Danielle of Massachusetts.

Also among James' survivors are his sister-in-law, Luisa Cristina and his brother-in-law, Renzo Christina and his wife Patricia, as well as two nieces and one nephew.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial followed in West Parish Cemetery, also in Andover. Family and friends may call on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Dewhurst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St. Andover Mass. 01810. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., 301, Robbinsville NJ 08691-4183. For directions or to offer online condolences, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

### Multiple Sclerosis

There are three support groups for multiple sclerosis in the area: Dracut — TWS Pub, 10 a.m., second Wednesday of month, call Lori 978-441-0515 or Carolyn 978-459-7531; Atkinson, N.H. — Atkinson Community Center, 10 a.m., third Wednesday of month, call Helen 603-382-1222; and Methuen — Nevins Nursing Facility, 10 a.m., fourth Monday of month, call Marcia 978-474-0075.

### Pacemakers

Pacemaker-Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Support Group is a support group for Pacemaker and ICD recipients, their families and friends in the greater Lowell area. Sponsored by the Lowell General Hospital with the support of device manufacturers, the group offers a forum for education and network for support. Meets the second Thursday evening every other month at Lowell General Hospital at no cost to participants. To register or for more information, call 978-937-6326.

### Parents

LGH New Mothers Support Group is a drop-in support group for new mothers. Provides a place to come with questions and concerns or to meet other new mothers. Meets in the Lowell Room every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Free and registration is not necessary. LGH Registered Nurses/lactation consultants lead this group. Call Doreen Gallant or Laurie Sanz at 978-937-6334.

### HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

### Lyme disease

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; [www.lymesite.com](http://www.lymesite.com).

### Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, Middle East speaker at Lanam Club Friday

On Friday morning at the Lanam Club, Dorothy Drummond will discuss the Middle East situation from a fresh and refreshing perspective, say organizers.

Drummond's recent book, "Holy Land, Whose Land? Modern Dilemma, Ancient Roots" is the outgrowth of extensive travel in the Middle East, as well as

research to uncover the causes of conflict plaguing the region.

No man, and no nation, is an is-

land, says Drummond, whose travels have taken her to some 70 countries.

She brings an abiding love for history and first-hand observation to relationships — between people and the land they live on, between nations, and between the past and the present.

Awarded Fulbright scholarships, Drummond and her husband spent a year doing research in Burma. At the time they met

four Israeli agricultural experts, who later invited them to spend time in Israel as their guests.

Drummond's intense interest in Israel and Palestine began with this experience.

The discussion and presentation will be held April 18 at 7:30 a.m. at the breakfast meeting of the Rotary Club of Andover, held at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St. Guests are welcome.

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# Education

## West Elementary has new principal

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

When Charles Friel, long-time principal of West Elementary, retires at the end of the school year, the school will still be guided by a familiar face.

Elizabeth Greene Roos, current assistant principal of West Elementary, will be principal next year, Superintendent Claudia Bach has announced. Roos has been assistant principal at West Elementary for 13 years and before that was a classroom teacher at the school for 11 years.

Roos said she never looked at another district, because she loves the West community, calling the staff "truly amazing people."

"It's like a family here. The parents are phenomenal. I've been certified (to be a principal) for 13 years and haven't looked elsewhere," said Roos. "I've been here 23 years. I've seen the school grow so much. I'm thrilled for the opportunity."

The search for a new principal at West Elementary started in January, when Friel announced his retirement. When Friel retires on July 1, he will have worked 36 years in Andover as a classroom teacher and administrator; he has been principal of West Elementary since 1992.

When Roos first started at West more than two decades ago,

### LIZ ROOS

- Bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Connecticut College
- Master's degree in educational technology from Boston College
- Post-graduate study, certificate in administration, Northeastern University



she was a sixth-grade teacher and Friel was a fourth-grade classroom teacher. She also worked alongside Eileen Woods, outgoing principal of South Elementary School, for five years, filling in when South didn't have an assistant principal.

She will be keeping both Friel and Woods on speed dial next year, Roos said with a laugh.

"He's a wealth of information, and I feel like I could call him anytime day or night," Roos said of Friel.

A search committee of West Elementary faculty and parents submitted four candidates, including Roos, for Bach to interview and observe in site visits.

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## Q&A with Liz Roos

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Liz Roos, an Andover resident with three children, will step in as principal effective July 1. Her children, ages 7, 9 and 11, attend Bancroft Elementary and Doherty Middle schools.

The appointment of Roos as principal means that the search is on to fill her assistant principal position at West Elementary. A candidate search begins immediately, said Roos, and she hopes someone will be hired by June.

You've worked with Charlie Friel, outgoing West Elementary principal, for more than 20 years. What has he taught you?

I've watched what he's done, and he shares everything. We've always split our duties (as principal and assistant principal). We agree on everything and share everything with other principals in the district too. It's a great support network.

He's been through a lot, and he's heard a lot. He's an avid reader and has a research background. He loves to reflect. He'll come in and we'll talk about someone (a student or teacher) and the growth they've made. That conversation is a gift.

He's experienced and understands how the whole school functions. That history, he knows the whole school.

### How is it to live in the same town as your students?

It's a great town. I have a slew of baby sitters (former students).

I devote at least two hours every day after school as family time with my kids. If I need to come back for night meetings afterward, I can.

I have a short commute, so I can have a huge amount of family time.

### Have you made any plans for your first year as principal?

I plan to keep the ship heading in the direction it's heading.

I'll never give up the things I do with the kids, like math olympiad or having office workers. I like the fact that kids freely come and go in my office.

I hope to boost our use of seniors in the community, through the SCRIPT program (which connects senior citizens from the Council on Aging with elementary student learning buddies). They have a lot to offer.

**What made you choose a career in education?**

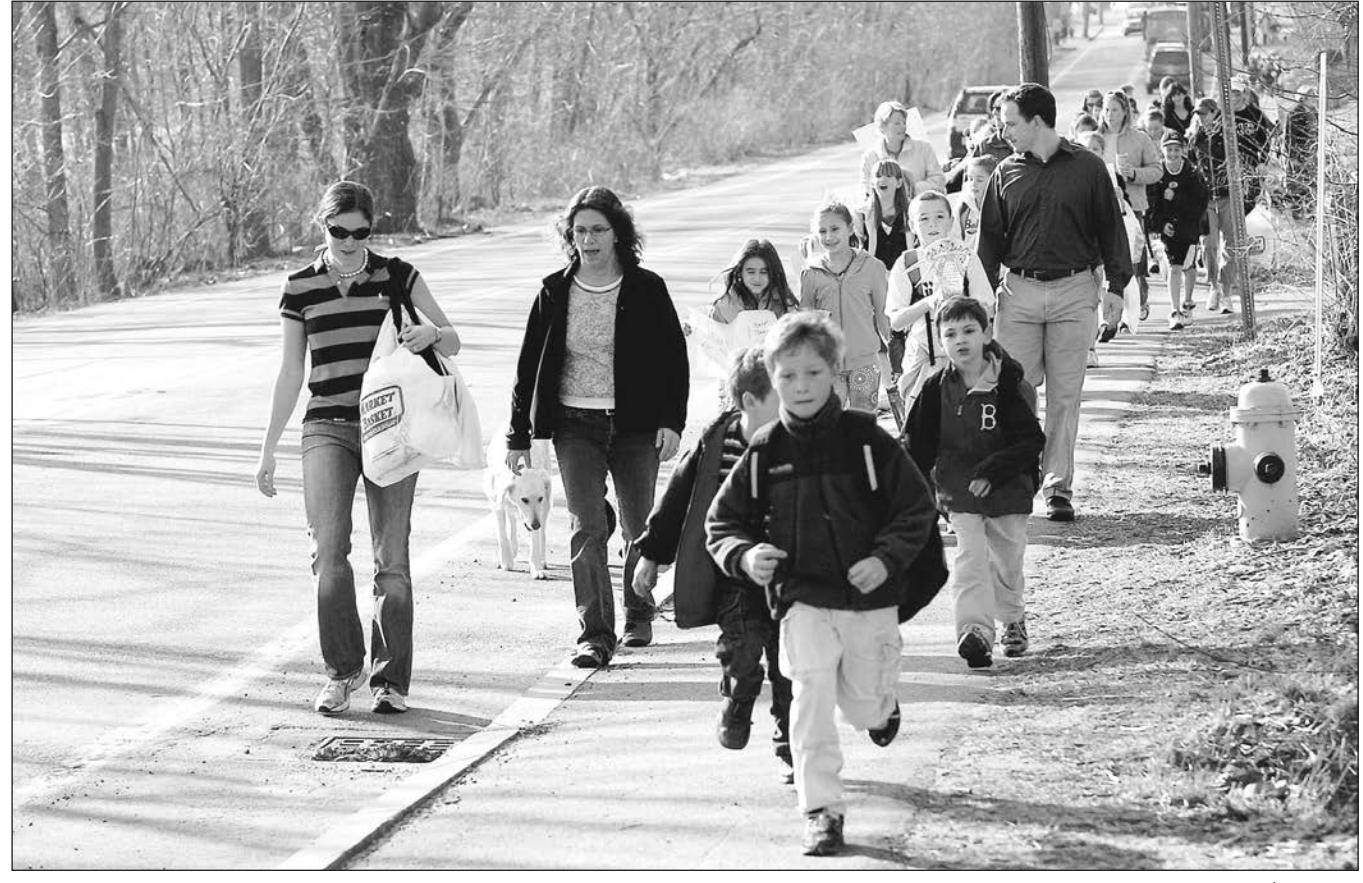
I've always loved kids. Even when I was younger, I baby-sat — always had a passion for being with kids.

**What was your favorite subject in school when you were a child?**

Physical education, recess and lunch (laughs).

Language arts — I loved to write stories, chapter books. I loved to write, and math, too.

## Old-school transportation



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Once a month, students and parents of West Elementary School get together to walk to school. They also do a collection for a cause at the walk — this month, it's the MSPCA, and they brought dog and cat food, and supplies to donate to the MSPCA in Methuen.

## Kids enjoy walk to school day, help cause

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER



Courtesy photo

Ananda Kao, Cora Lundgren, and Jack Keeler wait to cross Route 28 on their way to Shawsheen School.

West Elementary parents, students and even a few family dogs showed their support for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals last week by walking to school together en masse, bringing donations to Nevins Farm in Methuen.

Parents toting instrument cases and sports equipment walked alongside students wearing backpacks and bringing rolls of paper towels, dog food, chew toys and other supplies to donate to the MSPCA.

"You get to walk with all your friends," fifth-grader Aidan Scanlon said. "It brings everyone together."

The West Elementary community was not the only one walking on Thursday, April 10. Parents and children at Sanborn Elementary and Shawsheen School also strolled. Different schools often offer different themes and dates for their walk-to-school days.

It was the second walk-to-school day of the year for Shawsheen School, which has been

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### SCHOLARS

Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., has announced the winter 2008 honor list. **Samantha L. Pellegrino**, daughter of Anthony and Stephanie Pellegrino of Andover, received highest honors; **Luke W. Miller**, son of Bill and Robin Miller of Andover, received honors; and **Nathan B. Elkin**, son of Ross and Jennifer Elkin of Andover, received honors.

Shore Country Day School has announced the honor roll. **Ross Arnen**, seventh grade, high honors; **Heather Youngman**, seventh grade, high honors; **Meredith Bird**, ninth grade, honors; **Sam Miller**, ninth grade, honors.

Sophomore **Natalie Hebert** has been named to the honor roll for the second trimester of the 2007-08 academic year at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield.

**Melanie Zakin**, an eighth-grade student at Doherty Middle School, has won honorable mention in the League of Women Voters' annual Online Student Essay Contest. This contest, made possible through the support of Stop & Shop, is now in its ninth year. The theme for this year's essay contest is "Making Democracy Work: Vote 2008," focusing on issues related to the presidential election.

"It is evident from the overwhelming response to the League's online essay contest that young people in this state are paying serious attention to the upcoming presidential election. Their responses to questions about the significance of the election outcome on their lives and in their communities, the qualities required for presidential leadership, the role of money in the campaigns, as well as the impact of the media on the race, were thoughtful and creative," according to Diane L. Jeffery, President of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

Lawrence Academy has announced the academic honor roll for the winter trimester. High honors were awarded to Andover residents: seniors Jamie Crockett, Andrew Gilboard, Sam Grant and Mia Huntley; juniors Amy Caron, Tim Caron, Kelsey Heavey and Shannon Muscatello; sophomores Jess DeVito and Jen O'Connor; and ninth-graders Jenny Caron, Jamie Newsome, Alison Pouliot, Ali Savely and Rachel Stern.

Honors were awarded to Andover residents: senior Becky Cowie; juniors Alexander Brown, Bernie Leed, Kate Majike, Andrew Moschitto and Jenn Samel; sophomores Frances Hamilton and Eric McKnight; and ninth-graders Hayley Finn, Sam Gilboard and Bryce Stocks.

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## WALK: Initiative promotes saving energy

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"going green" this year by selling cloth bags, composting lunch scraps and supporting water- and energy-saving efforts.

Students at Sanborn Elementary did their first-ever walk-to-school day on April 10, and have another walk planned for later in the spring, said principal Patricia Barrett.

"It was just to get out, get some exercise and start the day off in a healthy way," Barrett said.

Sanborn teacher Ginny Champagne dressed in a bulldog costume, Sanborn's mascot, and greeted students as they arrived that morning. Physical education teacher Ben Gibson led group exercises outside the school once walkers arrived, Barrett said.

Andover schools periodically plan walk-to-school day events, when students who normally take a bus or car join their classmates, hitting the pavement as both a social and environmental-friendly activity.

"It's fun, everyone honks at you (in support)," West Elementary fifth-grader Caitlin Patten said.

"It's a way to go green, and also get supplies for people in need," agreed classmate Abi Cohen.

Several of the walkers at West Elementary made signs that read "Honk for the MSPCA!" and several motorists obliged, including a passing Andover police car.

One little boy kept count, and called "Mom, I got 103 honks!" as he reached the school lawn and headed for the playground.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**Jeremy Forget, 10, drops off dog and cat food supplies for the MSPCA after he walked to West Elementary School.**

West Elementary has 681 students in kindergarten through fifth grade this year. The walk to school is an optional activity. Many students who don't live close enough to the school to make the whole trek are driven to a nearby landmark, such as the West Parish Church, and walk from there.

Each time West students walk to school, they bring donations for a cause, such as items for a local food pantry or care packages to send to soldiers overseas.

This time, fourth-grader Olivia Mosher and brother Owen, a second-grader, organized the collection for the MSPCA, and handed out granola bars, lemonade and water bottles to walkers.

"We've gotten a stampede," said Owen, 8, as he looked at the pile of donated dog treats, towels, tennis balls, cleaning supplies and cat food that stu-

dents had brought.

Nevis Farm is a cause near and dear to the siblings' hearts because their family adopted its dog, Dakota, an 8-year-old yellow lab, from the shelter last November.

"I just loved being with all the animals there. I asked about volunteering there, and I can't until I'm 16, but I still wanted to help out," Olivia said of the Methuen shelter. "They all need a great home. Just because they're animals doesn't mean they're not someone to help."

Olivia had made several posters about the MSPCA, complete with photos and descriptions of animals up for adoption, and displayed them near the school's entrance.

Crossing guards, police and school staff, including assistant principal Liz Roos, supervised crosswalks and cheered students as they walked down Beacon Street to the school.

the job.

Roos will finish out the year as assistant principal, and the search will begin to find a new assistant principal at West for next year.

The torch will be passed from Friel to Roos quietly this summer, while students and staff are on vacation.

"The last week in July, we'll hang out and share all sorts of ideas," said Roos of herself and Friel. "He's a historian. He's got a wealth of information."

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"There is no administrator who has reached out more to groups in our community and beyond. She is deeply committed to her own professional development and to that of her staff, and other teachers and administrators in the district, as is evidenced by the long list of conferences/workshops/classes she has and the number of courses she personally has taught. Most important, Roos has a wonderful connection to the students, overseeing one of the most active student councils in the district, as well as activities such as Math Olympiad,

school store..."

Bach also cites Roos' "extraordinary energy" and numerous programs she has started at the school, including an anti-bullying initiative, wellness activities, and a readers' and writers' conference.

"With her highly successful experience as a teacher and assistant principal of the school, I know she will continue the exemplary programs that she has brought into being, and she will bring new initiatives to the students and challenges to the faculty in order to take the school to the next level," wrote Bach of Roos.

Roos said she's relieved the selection process is over. She had to leave the building for three days as search committee members interviewed other candidates for

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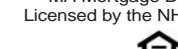
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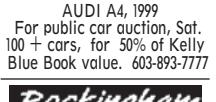
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## TOWN TALK

### School leader in China this week

Superintendent Claudia Bach arrived in China on the morning of April 12, having left the East Coast the day before to begin her weeklong visit to the Dongfang Decai School in Beijing.

Bach is completing Andover's end of an exchange program with the Dongfang Decai School, which saw Principal Biao Wang visit public schools in town in late 2007.

The Dongfang Decai School is made up of about 3,000 elementary, middle and high school students.

Bach is due back stateside April 20 at 9 p.m. The trip is not paid for with taxpayers' money.

— Brian Messenger

### The other marathon — for a shot at Olympics

Andover runner Caroline Kondoleon Bjune is running a marathon in Boston next week, but not the one you might think. She's doing the women's Olympic Marathon Trial in Boston on Sunday, April 20, not the Boston Marathon on Patriots Day.

Kondoleon Bjune attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute where she competed in crew. She began running competitively after college and has become a top performer in New England. Kondoleon Bjune was named the 2007 Female Open

Runner of the Year by New England Runner.

The trials course will not be the traditional Boston Marathon course. Rather, it will be a loop course covering Cambridge and Boston with the traditional Boylston Street finish. The course is designed to be flat and fast with no significant hills.

About 180 women who have run recent marathons in 2 hours and 47 minutes or less are competing.

— Judy Wakefield

### School bike race to close three streets Saturday

Those interested in watching a race in person don't have to travel to Boston. Phillips Academy is hosting a team time trial racing event Saturday, April 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. in town.

Racers from eight to 10 prep schools will be participating. The race course will follow Old Campus Road, onto School Street, and then onto Abbot Street and Phillips Street before returning down Old Campus Road.

Riders will be paired with a teammate and will be released onto the course in 15-second intervals, said Thayer Zaeder of PA Cycling. There will be five or six separate races.

Zaeder reports that area residents should be aware that School, Abbot and Phillips streets will all be closed to all traffic from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and should plan ahead if they need to travel

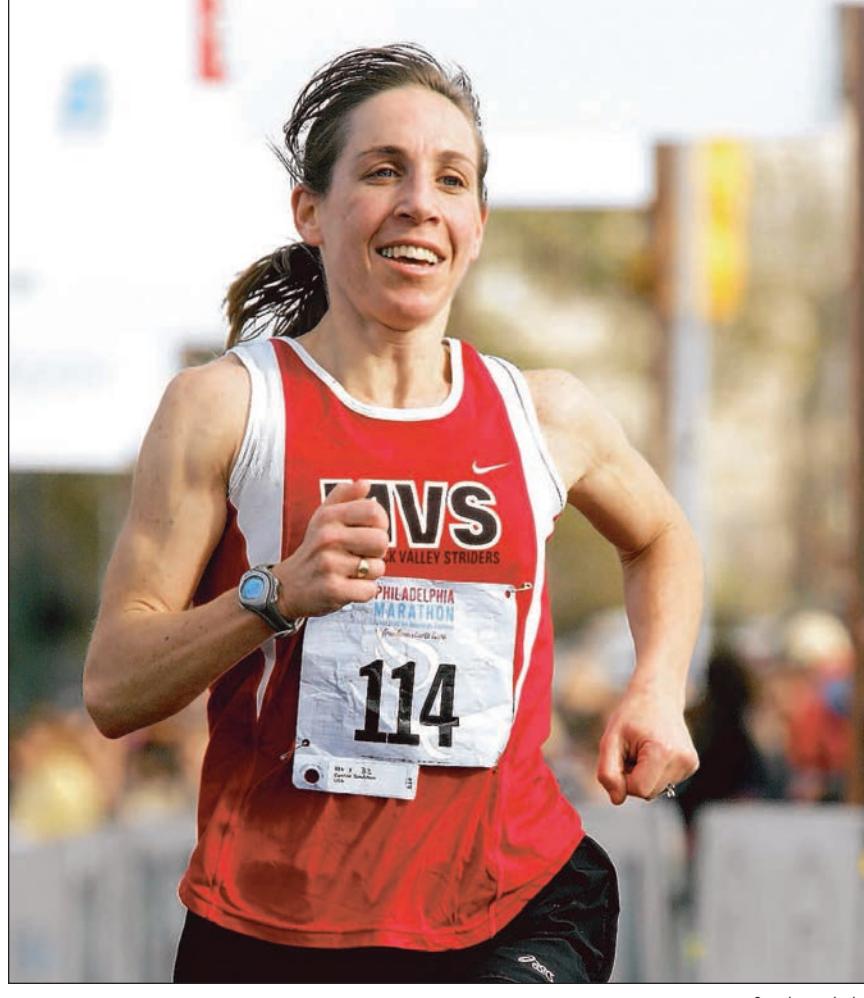
during that time. Spectators are encouraged.

### National Library Week

Memorial Hall Library is celebrating National Library Week this week, until April 19, with weekday morning refreshments in the teen room, library tours and a video contest. During the week, the library will be filled with displays on the theme of "Growing @ Your Library," including growing one's mind, vocabulary, gardens, babies and more. Visitors are encouraged to add a leaf to the "Growing @ Your Library" tree on the first floor to share their favorite experiences and resources at Memorial Hall Library.

### Speakers series underway at Phillips

The Phillips Academy Andover Ethics Society is sponsoring a special series of speakers on ethnic/multicultural conflict. On Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30pm in Kemper Auditorium, Henry Steiner, founder and director of the Harvard Law School's Human Rights Group, spoke on "Muslim Schoolgirls, Headscarves, Human Rights: Multicultural Dilemmas." On April 23 at 6:30 in Kemper, Nir Eisikovitz, an Israeli lawyer and professor of philosophy at Suffolk University, will speak on "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: An Ethical Conundrum."



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Caroline Kondoleon Bjune is training for the upcoming Olympic Trials in Boston for the women's marathon.

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