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Just say hi'

Scout's mission is to make town friendlier

By Bethany Bray AND BRIAN MESSENGER STAFF WRITERS

Andover High School senior Eric Simpson hopes to make Andover a friendlier place, one hello

Simpson, 17, is working on his Eagle Scout project, a campaign titled "just say hi," involving art and social awareness in town. The project will fully launch in June, after he graduates, he said.

Simpson plans to paint and install murals around town, including at the town skate park, that will encourage residents to be a little more friendly and reach out, especially to folks they don't know, he said.

The murals will "emulate a vibe of going out there and putting yourself out on the line to say hello," Simpson said. "All the important people in your life are people that you are going to go up to and say hello. It's a social campaign to get out there and be friendly, developing relationships ... the murals as a way to catch people's attention, get them to ask questions. It's a jumping off point for developing relationships in the communi-

Simpson has teamed with Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth

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PREVIEW: ANDOVER TOWN MEETING 2008

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

▶ FIXING A LANDFILL



Billy Baldwin pitches during Little League practice with looming piles of dirt at the old town landfill behind him. Town Meeting must decide if it will OK \$7.4 million more than the nearly \$3 million already approved to recap the area. Recapping the landfill would close the Deyermond Field complex on the grounds, possibly for good. The town may also need to buy land around the landfill to deal with high levels of arsenic.

▶ THE FUTURE OF BANCROFT



A student walks across a bridge in the library at Bancroft Elementary School. The building, built in 1969, has been re-roofed, but still has structural problems that are being monitored. The town is seeking money to begin studying how to replace or repair the school on Bancroft Road.

▶ LIFE IN THE DOWNTOWN



Enjoying outdoor dinning at Palmer's Restaurant are Katherine and Michael Ananis of Andover. Town Meeting will vote on allowing restaurants to offer outdoor dining on public sidewalks downtown. It is one of several items, including whether to lease Old Town Hall, that could change the feel of the downtown.

▶ CONTROLLING 'BLIGHT'



A photo of 27 Kirkland Drive earlier this spring shows the lawn scattered with plastic lawn furniture, dozens of buckets, trash cans and blue vinyl tarps. Neighbors say they fear their property values are in steady decline and will ask Town Meeting to enact minimum standards for property care.

For more on these and other articles to be voted on by Town Meeting, see Pages 5, 14 and 15.

▶ Town Meeting Article 39: Open space acquisition

Land buy could require special election

■ Town Meeting begins Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School Field House, Shawsheen Road.

By Brian Messenger STAFF WRITER

One is two acres on Fosters Pond, the other a hilltop property with a view of Boston. Both are among the open spaces in Andover that the Conservation Commission would consider acquiring, says Conservation Director Bob Douglas — if Town Meeting authorizes the money. Approval of Article 39 by a two-thirds ma-

jority would put \$900,000 into the Conserva-

tion Commission's Open Space Bond Fund, which has been empty for several years, according to commission member Al French.

"Right now, I think we're losing out on opportunities," said French. "It allows the Conservation Commission to go out and negotiate with people willing to sell.'

Money from the fund was last used to buy portions of the former Reichhold Chemical property, which the town plans to use as a

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Budget battle averted; officials reach terms

By Brian Messenger STAFF WRITER

Andover officials expected to finalize an agreement April 23 that would avoid an override proposal, teacher cuts and the elimination of high school athletics and instead offer a balanced, level-services budget to Town Meeting voters.

Entering the month faced with an operating budget standoff and

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Businesses support Melmark New England with May 1 event

Residents can save May 1 for a land. fun-filled evening supporting a

Jen Zinzopoulos of the Salon at Kaps says that she, Kaps and other local businesses are uniting to support Melmark New England of Andover.

Melmark New England moved to Andover last year.

It is a private, nonprofit, community-based school dedicated to serving children and adolescents within the autism spectrum disorders, with acquired brain injury, with neurological diseases and disorders, dual diagnosis and severe challenging behaviors.

The program uses an interdisciplinary team approach based on the principles of applied behavior analysis and positive behavioral supports.

On Thursday, May 1, Zinzopoulos and Kaps will host an event to support Melmark New England and the local chapter of Best Buddies. It will take place at Kaps, 5 Main St., from 7 to 10 p.m. All are invited.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at Kaps, Dish, Elements and Melmark New Eng-

The proceeds will be donated to Melmark New England and the local chapter of Best Buddies.

Those who attend can enjoy appetizers by Dish, cookies by Bake Batter and Roll, refreshments, make-up applications, closet consultations, chair massages, raffle prizes and more, all while shopping at Kaps of An-

Other businesses and business people supporting this event are: Kate McKenna Photography, Susan Kanoff-Fashion Coach, Sarah Starkweather of The Designer's Closet, Fran Spayne — Laws of Attraction Life Coach, Dr. Shayla Caron of Caron Family Chiropractic, MaryAnn Comparato of Arbonne International, Linda Diorio of The Taylor'd Room, Elements, Gina Ardagna of Closet Classics of Andover, Dish and Minute Man Press.

There are more sponsorship

opportunities available. For more information on how you can help support the cause or how you can participate in the event, call Zinzopoulos at 617-230-

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mittee's fourth annual Zero Waste Day is Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the rear of Brickstone parking lot, Route 28 and York Street. This event is open to residents and nonresidents and provides an opportunity for people to discard unwanted items without throwing them

The Andover Recycling Com-

Charities such as St. Vincent de Paul, Lazarus House, Lowell Wish, Bikes not Bombs and Got Books, MSPCA of Nevins Farm and Community Giving Tree of Boxford will be there to see if anyone is discarding anything they can use. There will be no Dumpster on site and charities have the right to refuse items.

Those wishing to be rid of items should be prepared to take refused items home.

Free secure shredding sponsored by RiverBank: yes to paperclips and staples; no plastics, CDs or disks.

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Plays, small household items, toys - no missing or broken parts.

Recycling Committee's Zero Waste Day is May 3

Pet supplies, leashes, collars, dog beds and pet toys.

Dishes, small and medium cookware, appliances - basic only and must work.

Kitchen table sets, small tables, lamps, small and large furniture, stain-free mattresses, bed frames, color televisions, air conditioners, radios, telephones.

Cleaning supplies: window cleaner, bleach, laundry deter-

Bicycles - no heavy rust, \$10 donation suggested.

Books, CDs, DVDs, videos, video games, LPs and office supplies - please bring in boxes.

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diobooks, textbooks and old books.

Linens.

Puzzles, board games, computer software, paper, pens and pen-

Clean lumber, unused insulation in bags, unused flooringhardwood, vinyl, ceramic tile, cabinets and sturdy doors.

Double pane windows, lead-free paint and varnish in good condi-

No aluminum frame backpacks, magazines, encyclopedias, candles, heavily rusted bikes, sport and exercise equipment, large appliances, sinks, hollow core doors or computers.

Returnable bottles and cans: WestMiddle School parking lot Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m to noon to support Andover High School Marching Band.

Household Hazardous Waste - May 10: This date may be the only time in 2008 for this collection, due to budget issues. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Elementary School. There were long lines last year, so participants may want to consider getting together with neighbors or friends to load one car. Weight limit is 25 pounds per vehicle or 25 gallons. Bring pressurized cans, varnishes, stains, solvents, oil based paints, waste oil, pool chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, mercury items, lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, button batteries and photographic chemicals.

Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) collection: Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Middle School. Participants may bring computer systems, televisions, with a limit of two televisions and two computer systems per household. Fluorescent lights, microwave ovens, lead acid batteries and mercury products such as thermometers, old thermostats, blood pressure machines and barometers are allowed.

Do not bring printers, fax machines, keyboards, mouse, inkjet or toner cartridges, speakers, radios. lamps, alkaline batteries, stereos, VCRs, DVD players or cameras.

HI: 'Idea is getting people to focus on relationships'

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Services, for the project and hopes to get locals involved in helping design, paint and install the murals. The murals installed at the skate park will also help kick off a skateboard tournament planned for late June.

When thinking of ideas for his Eagle Scout project, Simpson contacted Fahey because he knew AYS was a place where he would be able to make an impact and "help out the most," he said. He enjoys painting and art, and wanted to include that in his Eagle project

too, he said.

Fahey suggested the "just say hi" idea to Simpson because he believes being friendly and saying hello to people you don't know opens up possibilities. That's how Fahey met AYS wrestling coach Sobhan Namvar.

"It could be your best friend," said Fahey. "It could be your em- cus on relationships and not focus ployer, your teammate, your wife. It could be your future wrestling coach. That's what happened to me, and I just said, 'Hi' to a kid (Namvar).

"I think it's important to young people," said Fahey. "I think what compassionate along with getting

we're saying applies to every kid, every group, every place."

Simpson said the "just say hi" idea is relevant to Andover, where many residents are driven and concerned with numbers whether they be class rank, GPA or check-

"The idea is getting people to foon numbers anymore, or find a balance between the two. Being a kid in Andover, people are always looking for your GPA and not if you're a cool person," he said. "You can be friendly, funny and

good grades, being a whole per-

Simpson has been in Scouts since first-grade, when he started as a Tiger Cub in 1996. He is a member of Andover Troop 77.

For now, he's concentrating on finishing his senior year at AHS, where he plays on the lacrosse

He's deciding between the State University of New York at Stonybrook and the University of Massachusetts Amherst for next year,

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Historical Society, schools to develop cookbook

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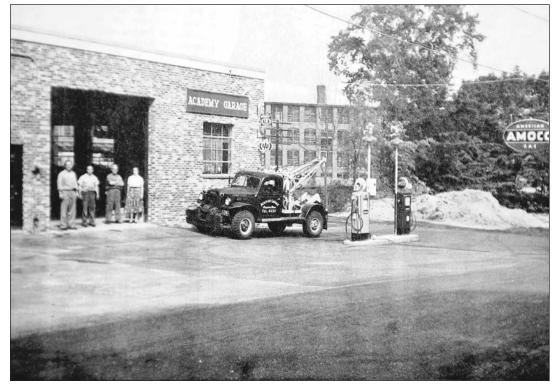
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This September 1957 photo shows the former Academy Garage, possibly with proprietors Theodore O. Demers and Roland A. Demers standing in the doorway.



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NOW: Mike's Auto Repair, at 11 Lupine Road, has taken over the former home of the Academy Garage.

National Day of Prayer service is May 1

Communities Together, formerly The Greater Lawrence Council of Churches, will sponsor an interfaith service in recognition of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, at noon at South Congregational Church, 198 South Broadway in Lawrence. This year's theme is "Prayer! America's Strength & Shield." The homilist will be the Rev. William Waters, pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Representatives from Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim faith communities will be participating. This is the only interfaith gathering for this event in Greater Lawrence. This service will be followed by a light lunch free of charge. For more information, call the Communities Together office at 978-686-4012.

NECC information session for 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 second information session will be held on Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. in the Behrakis One-Stop Student Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. High school seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

"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."

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.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



THEY SAY, THERE'S OUR CRAZY NEIGHBOR again ... I am just fascinated by the society of bees.

- Resident Jan Brink, who picked up the hobby of beekeeping at age 60. Story in Townspeople, Page 9.

Our ride on the college roller coaster brought us even closer together and I owe her so much for taking a negative experience and turning it in to such a positive one.

— 2007 Andover High School graduate Kerry Gaj's essay nominating AHS guidance counselor Kyra Bateman for an excellence in counseling award from the University of Miami. Story in Education, Page 12.

WE HAD A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY this year, and we felt we should continue to fund some of the smaller organizations.

– Alan Michel, Andover Cultural Council chairman, on the choices his group has to make due to reduced funding. Story on Mass-terpieces event celebrating local cultural groups in Arts, page 17.



■ NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 Disability Commission, Memorial Hall

Library activity room, 7:30 p.m. **MONDAY, APRIL 28**

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m. **Andover Contributory Retirement** Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., thirdfloor conference room, 9 a.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, executive session, 6:30 to 7 p.m., regular meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

School Committee participates in Day on the Hill, Statehouse, Boston, 9:30 a.m. School Improvement Council, South School, 55 Woburn St., 3:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, ex-

ecutive session 6:30 to 7 p.m., regular meeting starts at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

School Committee, Andover High School library, executive session 5:30 to 6 p.m., regular meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Board meets at Town Meeting, Andover High School, 6 p.m. Board of Selectmen, Andover High

Andover Contributory Retirement

School, Room 107, 6 p.m. Town Meeting begins, Andover High

School Field House, Shawsheen Road, 7

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Field House, near the stage, 6 p.m. **Andover Contributory Retirement**

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School, Room 107, 6 p.m. Town Meeting, second night, Andover

High School Field House, Shawsheen Road,

Chamber dinner rescheduled, includes Governor Patrick

sented to Leonard A. Wilson and Patrick.

The new date for the Merrithe Community Spirit Award to mack Valley Chamber of Com- the Greater Lawrence Commumerce Annual Dinner is Tues- nity Action Council Head Start day, April 29. The Ralph B. Program. The confirmed fea-Wilkinson Award will be pre-tured speaker is Gov. Deval

Annual Holocaust Memorial events

The Center for The Study of History and Ourselves. Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College welcomes the annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Memorial

On Wednesday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sakowich Campus Center, the traveling exhibition "The Courage to Remember: The Holocaust 1933-1945" will be featured. This is the Simon Wiesenthal Center's acclaimed exhibition, courtesy of Hilda and Max Perlitsh and Facing Braverman.

On Thursday, May 1, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Cascia Hall, Rabbi community to participate in the Robert Goldstein will preside over "Prayer in Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust," with musical direction by Monica Steele and Idan Irelander.

For more information, visit www.merrimack.edu/jcr or contact the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, or e-mail aldebran.longabaughburg@merrimack.edu. The events are made possible by a grant from Roberta

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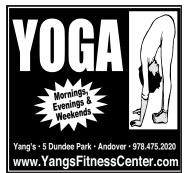


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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 16 — At 4:15 p.m., Jorge Corniel, 44, of 50 Foster St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and failure to stop for police.

Thursday, April 17 — At 12:13 a.m., Felipe Guitierrez, 26, of 151 Charles St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a motor-vehicle lights violation.

At 10:08 a.m., Charlene Hicks, 23, of 16 Holden Road, Belmont, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, sexual conduct for a fee and possession of a Class B substance.

At 4:24 p.m., Derek Maroni, 19, of 46 Benton Court, North Kingston, R.I., was arrested and charged with violation of an abuse-prevention order.

At 7:49 p.m., Cesar Cruz, 28, of 311 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Friday, April 18 — At 12:44 p.m., Luis Zapata, 23 of 36 Floyd St., Dorchester, was arrested and charged with false application for a motor-vehicle license, possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute, trafficking cocaine, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance in, on or near a school/playground, and on a warrant for five drug

At 2:56 p.m., Derek Maroni, 19, of with trespassing.

46 Benton Court, North Kingston, R.I., was arrested and charged with violating an abuse prevention

At 3:21 p.m., Terence Hawk, 22, of 3626 Georgia Court, Nashville, Tenn., was arrested and charged with sexual conduct for a fee.

At 10:35 p.m., Derek Mackenzie, 25, of 28 Millville Circle, Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with failure to grant right of way at a intersection, a revoked license for a driving-under-the-influence conviction and a second offense for operating under the influence of liquor.

At 11:29 p.m., Patrick Kelly, 20, of 1610 Skyline Drive, Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Saturday, April 19 — At 1:18 a.m., Edward O'Donnell, 22, of 10 Wayside Drive, Exeter, N.H., was arrested and charged with tres-

At 2:35 a.m., Rachel Tessier, 29, of 4 Fairfax Avenue, Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Sunday, April 20 — At 12:13 a.m., Allyssa Josephson, 19, of 17 Sunset Ave., Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged with being a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

At 1:28 a.m., Jason Humble, 20, of 10 Witchhazel Drive. Deep River. Conn., was arrested and charged

At 11:57 p.m., John Shuman, 62, of 24 Sagamore Drive, was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a household member.

Monday, April 21 — At 12:52 a.m., Christopher Forsythe, 19, of 8 Highland Ave., was arrested and charged as a person under 21 in possession of alcohol and for resisting arrest.

At 7:49 p.m., Colin Scanlon, 39, of 5 Richard Circle, was arrested and charged with speeding, operating under the influence of liquor, operating to endanger and failure to stop for police.

THEFTS

Tuesday, April 15 — At 8:53 a.m., the theft of \$800 from a wallet was reported at the La Quinta Hotel on

At 12:04 p.m., a female reported she had jewelry at Constantine Jewelers on Main Street, which is now closed.

Wednesday, April 16 — At 11:15 a.m., the theft of a laptop was reported on Tech Drive.

Sunday, April 20 — At 3:23 p.m., a theft was reported on Jordyn Lane. Monday, April 21 — At 11:44

a.m., a theft was reported on Jenkins Road.

BREAKS

Sunday, April 20 — At 1:40 a.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on North

At 12:21 p.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on High Vale Lane.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, April 15 — At 3:34 p.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported.

Wednesday, April 16 — At 9:38 a.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on River Road.

At 8:14 and 8:45 p.m., two incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were reported outside of Chili's Restaurant on River Road.

Friday, April 18 — At 6:32 a.m., the theft of a truck was reported on Haverhill Street.

At 2:08 p.m., a pedestrian reported he was struck by a motor vehicle while working on North Main Street. No ambulance was needed. Saturday, April 19 — At 12:22

p.m., the theft of a Ford Taurus was reported on Arthur Road.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 16 — At 8:17 a.m., fraud was reported by a Twin Brooks Circle caller who lost \$3,000 on Craig's List.

At 10:40 a.m., fraud was reported on Dascomb Road.

At 10:49 a.m., a school principal was reported. at South Elementary School requested an officer for a prior incident with a student who threatened to use a gun. The incident occurred on March 30 and is still un-

der investigation by police. Thursday, April 17 — At 1:38 a.m., a caller reported he was assaulted by a few friends earlier in the night while out drinking.

At 10:48 a.m., an officer was in-

iured. At 7:06 p.m., domestic abuse was reported.

Friday, April 18 — At 12:57 a.m., a noise complaint was received on North Main Street for loud machinery being used near the Lanam Club.

At 3:31 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Bullfinch Drive for loud music.

At 6:42 a.m., annoying phone calls from the night before were reported on Montclair Avenue.

At 10:11 a.m., an officer reported a missing sign on Main Street. At 12:06 p.m., an assault was re-

ported on River Road. At 2:53 p.m., prostitution was reported on Old River Road.

At 2:54 p.m., an assault was reported on Harold Parker Road. At 9:26 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Saturday, April 19 — At 7:21 a.m., cruiser damage was reported on Lowell Street.

At 3:01 p.m., a domestic dispute

At 4:42 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on Balmoral Street when several calls were received about kids skateboarding on the sidewalk.

At 6:15 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on Balmoral Street after a caller said three teenage boys on skateboards re-

fused to leave. Sunday, April 20 — At 2:28 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 3:06 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Washington Park Drive.

At 6:02 and 7:03 a.m., two noise complaints were received on Haverhill Street.

At 9:34 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Liberty Street.

At 7:47 p.m., vandalism was reported on Woburn Street. At 11:13 p.m., domestic abuse

was reported. Monday, April 21 — At 7:47a.m., vandalism was reported on An-

dover Street.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, April 17 — At 9:47 a.m., a past hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.

At 6:09 p.m., a crash involving a shaken-up child was reported on Union Street.

— Compiled by Brian Messenger

Mini-marathon connects kids to Boston, Dana-Farber

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

Four days before the Boston Marathon, Sanborn Elementary School students, parents and staff participated in a minimarathon after school to raise money for the Dana-Farber Can-

cer Institute. Barrett and members of the Andover High School girls softball raised more than \$700. team handed out cups of water and cheered as more than 30 students ran laps around the school

"I love to run. I want to run the marathon some day," said fifth- nized by school gym teacher Ben grader Emma Ingram after Gibson and nurse JoAnne she said.

crossing the finish line.

"It's healthy for our hearts, too," said fifth-grader Hannah ter. The weather was beautiful Ricketts, who ran with Ingram in a relay team.

April 17, the Sanborn community ran and walked 26 laps, one for each mile of the Boston Marathon. Participants each Parents, Principal Patricia gave a donation to Dana-Farber to enter the mini-marathon, and

> The event offered further proof of Sanborn Elementary's theme for this year, "be somebody who cares," Barrett said.

The mini-marathon was orga-

"This could not have been betand we raised over \$700. Look, we just raised \$10 more," Breau Held Thursday afternoon, said after the race, as a young girl ran up with a last-minute donation. "It's just wonderful, I couldn't ask for a better turnout. We want to do it every year now."

> Breau, who is in her first year working at Sanborn, had planned to run the Boston Marathon this year to raise money for Dana-Farber, but changed plans when she fractured her femur, requiring surgery.

She hopes to run next year,



Sanborn Elementary students stop for a photo after running a mini-marathon after school on April 17. Students, parents and teachers ran and walked 26 laps around the school building, one for each mile of the Boston

Marathon, donating money to

Dana-Farber to participate.

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Town Meeting basics: Where and when to vote and will make a loop through the residents check precinct numbers

The Annual Town Meeting will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Andover High School Collins Field House and, if needed, May 5 and 6 at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High

School on Shawsheen Road. The meetings will start at 7 each night.

There is extra parking available at the West Middle School and the Red Spring Road lot behind the Andover High School football

A shuttle bus will run from the parking lot on Red Spring Road

Town officials recommend that residents check precinct numbers before going to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

West Middle School parking lot. before going to the meeting to Shuttle service will start at 6:15 and end at 11 p.m.

All registered voters who attend Town Meeting will need to be checked into the meeting in the lobby of Andover High School on April 30 and May 1 and the lobby of the Collins Center on May 5 and 6. You may also visit the town Web site at www.andoverma.gov and do a precinct search under

Town Clerk/Precinct Search. Town officials recommend that

avoid delays at the check-in area. Questions? Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

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Town Meeting votes could bring new way of life on Main Street

By Brian Messenger STAFF WRITER

While the Main Street redesign is expected to upgrade downtown's appearance, several articles on the Town Meeting warrant aim to enhance how residents use the well-traveled area.

Voters will be asked to OK outdoor dining in the General Business District and decide whether to lease Old Town Hall as a new source of revenue.

They'll decide the fate of proposals outlining the use of downtown news boxes and whether to allow overhead banners to advertise.

Article 35: Outdoor dining

Approval of Article 35 by a majority vote would allow Andover restaurants to offer outdoor dining on town-owned sidewalks.

Selectmen would be responsible for issuing outdoor dining licenses, which would require annual renewal and run from April 1 to Oct. 31.

Selectmen and the Planning Board have recommended ap-

"It just gives people a nice sense

Schwarz. "Any successful downtown has people sitting outdoors. People can imagine it — sitting outdoors in the sunshine."

Only businesses that own the sidewalks or space outside of their buildings can serve food and beverages outdoors. Such establishments include Bertucci's on Main Street and Palmer's Restaurant & Tavern on Elm Street

"This has been years in the making, listening to the ABCA and business owners in town," said Town Planning Director Paul Materazzo, referring to the Andover Business Center Association.

'If that gets approved, that helps us," Sam Petrovich, owner of Dylan's Bar & Grill on Park Street, told selectmen April 14.

Schwarz said two concerns the town had with the outdoor dining proposal were whether there was enough space on downtown sidewalks for tables and chairs, and whether cleanliness and upkeep of the areas would be an issue.

Schwarz said it appears most businesses will have enough space

trons would act responsibly.

"It's a benefit to them; it's a benefit to the people sitting there," said Schwarz. "For the most part, people are pretty good with that."

Article 55: News boxes

Proposed changes to the structure and location of downtown news boxes would open up possibilities for more outdoor dining, Schwarz said.

"Cleaning up the news racks will actually provide the ability for Starbucks and Bruegger's to have outdoor dining," said Schwarz. With the news racks in the way, there isn't enough room.

Schwarz said the goal of Article 55 is to maximize sidewalk space downtown and keep the news boxes out of the way of both vehicles and pedestrians.

"It makes it difficult to get out of your car," said Schwarz. "Some of them get knocked over. Some of them are left empty. There are some issues.

Selectmen would have the authority to choose locations along Main to serve patrons outdoors, and she Street for news boxes. A minimum

of place," said Town Planner Lisa expected business owners and pa- of three locations between Locke to choose the best location. and Lewis streets would be required.

> Some publications would be stored in a single, uniform structure, which would eliminate the need for the individual news boxes used currently along the street, according to Schwarz.

The article, requested by the Main Street Committee, has been in the Park, according to the Fiapproved by the Planning Board nance Committee report. and selectmen.

Article 54: Banners bylaw

Due to strict interpretations of Andover's sign regulations, banners are not allowed over Main Street. That would change if the

majority of voters OK Article 54. Requested and drawn up by a group of downtown business owners, Article 54 has been requested by selectmen and approved by the Planning Board as a way to promote civic events downtown.

The bylaw would allow doublesided banners up to 30 feet in length and 36 inches in height to be hung up over or along Main Street. Only one banner would be al-

lowed to be hung at a time and selectmen would have the authority

"A banner wouldn't always be up, but when there's a something coming up, they want people to know when and where," said Schwarz.

Approval would help promote events like Andover Days, Clown Town, Art in the Park and Crafts

Article 53: Signs bylaw

Approval of Article 53 by a twothirds majority vote would allow for proposed housekeeping of Andover's residential and mixed-use zone sign requirements.

The numerous bylaw amendments have been proposed by the Design Review Board.

Selectmen and the Planning Board will make their recommendations on the proposal at Town Meeting.

One amendment would increase the number of signs a business could have, but also limit the maximum size of flat signs to 50 square feet. The current size limitation for signs is 100 square feet.

Only one downtown business,

Bank of America, has a sign larger than 50 square feet, according to Schwarz, "which is actually still a very big, big sign," she said.

Article 56: Old Town Hall

A majority vote would give selectmen authority to lease all or a portion of Old Town Hall to a private entity.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said it is more likely the town would pursue renting a portion of the building at 20 Main St, which also is known as the Town House.

The town is projecting annual revenues of \$100,000 if it leases the building, Stapczynski said.

"With two vacancies on Main Street, I'm not sure it would come through, but that's what we're looking at," said Stapczynski.

It costs taxpayers \$48,000 to run Old Town Hall each year, according to the Finance Committee report. Private rentals of the secondfloor auditorium bring in \$31,000.

Both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have recommended approval of this article, which was requested by Stapczyn-

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school deficit of nearly \$2 million, members of the Board of Selectmen. School Committee and Finance Committee came to a tentative compromise on April 18.

With an tri-board vote of approval anticipated for April 23, after Townsman press time, what began with a meeting between the boards' chairmen on April 14 has evolved into an apparent resolution to Andover's FY 2008-09

"It took many people," said School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber on April 22. "I totally expect that the vote will either be unanimous or close to it.'

Under the budget compromise, the School Department would receive \$59.4 million next year.

That total is \$1.3 million less than what the School Committee first approved and \$825,867 more than what selectmen and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski had recommended for the public

Barber said the school budget will preserve the jobs of 40 elementary school teachers and classroom assistants, and the entire athletic program at Andover High School — all of which had remained on a list of potential

"I would be reasonably confident that my student athlete will play another game and that my elementary school student's class size isn't going to go up to some large number," said Barber. "We're excited about that."

Officials were able to close the gap in part by reworking some projections.

"Ĭt's similar to what we did last year. I'm pleased that we're able to present a budget to Town Meeting that we can all agree on," said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

Other than revised cost estimates, the \$1.3 million in school reductions includes eliminating \$409,645 in new spending from Superintendent Claudia Bach's budget request.

agree to this," said Marden, "Obviously, it took us a long time to get to this point, so it couldn't be an easy agreement."

New information about School Department employee retirements and extended leaves is expected to save \$451,492 more. A \$450,897 reduction in the school's out-of-district special education estimate was also used, along with \$379,867 in additional savings from both town and school insurance policy estimates.

"There are certain risks involved," said Marden. "We're taking some chances that we get some savings with health insurance, for example, or that we don't get as many special education students going out of district.'

Barber agreed that "scrubbing the numbers" can come with risks, noting the reduced amount of money budgeted for out-of-district special education costs.

"It's always difficult to predict that," said Barber. "We hate to take that risk, but it's a reasonable and manageable risk."

Additional changes to the operating budget include a \$50,000 reduction in the solid waste budget and the potential for \$50,000 if Town Meeting OKs leasing Old Town Hall.

come up with \$50,000.

money," said Marden. "There were ber said.

already some increased fees built "It wasn't easy to get people to into the budget, so can they find more? It sets a target for them."

Before a tentative agreement was reached, the Finance Committee had agreed to cut \$750,000 from Stapczynski's \$2.53 million capital improvement recommendation. The town will spend the same amount on capital projects this year as last.

"That really puts a dent in our capital improvements," said Stapczynski. "That means we're once again balancing the operating budget on the back of capital expenses that aren't going to go away next year. ... It's a dangerous prospect.

With a multi-million-dollar annual deficit projected beyond next year, Marden agreed any resolutions are temporary.

"It just gets us through this year, but at least it doesn't make things worse going into the future," she

Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee agreed that a unified front at Town Meeting is important.

"That's what the townspeople expect of us," said Major. "This is a very reasonable budget compromise. It's one that's well thought out. It's not a situation of winners and losers, but a situation of doing what's right.'

"Our primary responsibility was to, at a very minimum, provide lev-If Town Meeting defeats that el services for the students. ... I proposal, selectmen will have to think a floor fight can be disruptive and when the day is over, no "The town needs to find some body really wins with those," Bar-

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campground and recreation area. If Article 39 is approved, French said the Conservation Commission would request proposals from landowners willing to sell open space to the town. Any purchase would require the selectmen's OK.

After requesting \$1.5 million, the commission reduced its request for a bond authorization to \$900,000 to gain approval from the selectmen and Finance Committee, he said.

However, selectmen and the Finance Committee have recommended that Town Meeting only approve the requested \$900,000 through a Proposition 2 < 1/2 >debt exclusion, which would raise property taxes above what is normally permitted under state law. That would mean residents would also have to approve the idea at a special election. Typically, open space purchases are bonded, French said.

"It was just because of our debt position right now," said selectmen Chairman Brian Major of the board's 3-2 vote to recommend a debt exclusion. "Any large expense that is a 'nice to have' is something that we really need to request with a debt exclusion and not within the levy. We're trying to differentiate between the 'nice to haves' and the necessities.'

Selectmen Jerry Stabile and Ted Teichert opposed debt exclusion, saying an election will kill the effort.

French, too, doubts that the appropriation would pass as a debt exclusion. Taking exception to Major's reference to open space acquisition as a "nice to have" item, he said controlling residential development controls financial demands placed on town and school services.

"It's not just (for) tree huggers," said French. "One of the problems that we have as a town is school expense. Open space acquisition is more than a frill."

Conservation Commission member Howard Kassler tied development to demand for services and said acquiring open space can help maintain Andover's character.

'We do better just leaving land open," said Kassler. "Once it's gone, it's gone. What's good about Andover is that we do value open Douglas said the pond-side and

hilltop parcels he has seen would offer opportunities for passive recreation and wildlife protection. The 2 acres adjacent to Fosters

Pond abut conservation land,

"That would expand our reservation as well as include pondfront property," he said.

The other is 4 1/2 acres off Sunset Rock Road that offer a view of Boston and are surrounded by the Conservation Commission-controlled Robert Pustell Reservation, he said.

'This is a fairly dramatic property," said Douglas. "It's one of the higher peaks. Of the open space in town, I think this is a real jewel."

The hilltop at 210R Sunset Rock Road, will potentially be subdivided into three house lots if the Conservation Commission does not buy it, said Bill Perkins, Andover resident and developer of the parcel.

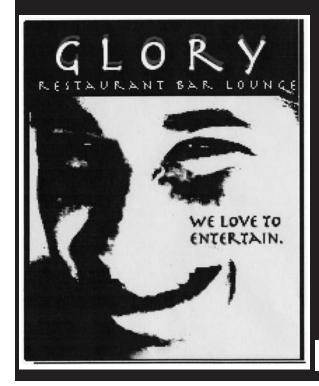
Perkins said he has applied for permits to subdivide and eventually build there, but has offered the town a chance to buy the parcel before he begins.

"I knew that the town owned all the land around it," said Perkins. "I think it's the right thing to do."

Douglas and French said the Conservation Commission is not exclusively interested in the hilltop and pond-side parcels, and will consider other open space areas if money is made available.

"They don't go after properties unless it's something they feel strongly about (and) fits into their master plan," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.





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pinion

Wait 'til next year: A familiar budget story

There will be no override this year. Andover High School sports will not be eliminated. Elementary school class sizes will stay within School Committee guide-

Barring an unexpected problem, it appears Andover officials will come together to support a budget that will not gut the schools or require a special election to pay for it. The dire predictions earlier this fiscal year are gone; the schools will receive a level services budget. Much of the work to shrink the approximately \$2 million gap between the town manager's and school superintendent's recommended budgets was done by readjusting cost estimates for items related to retirements, insurance, special education and trash disposal.

Town leaders have found a solution most everyone can live with this year. One of the more positive aspects of the proposed budget is that it will not tap heavily into town reserves. The town will ask to use \$116,000 from the Phillips Academy Gift Fund, money the school gives to the town in lieu of taxes, but this is the amount the school gives to Andover each year, so the town will not see a reduction in reserves from last year to this.

Using more town reserves could have solved this year's problem more quickly, but would have dug a tremendous hole for next year, when that reserve money would no longer be available to sustain the same programs or positions. Andover already is faced with spending that it will not be able to continue without an override in the near future. Leaders need to work together to eliminate unreasonable perks and prioritize spending.

One problem with the town's approach is that it is not keeping up with its maintenance expenses through its capital improvement program, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski told reporter Brian Messenger. Neglecting maintenance of town resources can cause serious problems, greater long-term expense and even the closing of town facilities.

But the budget agreement, on the whole, will keep Andover running basically as is — until next year.

Why care about Earth just one day?

Earth Day has come and gone, but a commitment to improve things on our planet doesn't have to be confined to one day. And there are some special days coming up in Andover during which people can make a difference by doing simple things.:

- The Andover Recycling Committee's fourth annual Zero Waste Day event is Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the rear of Brickstone parking lot near Route 28 and York Street. People can bring their clothes, furniture, books and other entertainment items for several charities that will be present. Charities have the right to refuse items, so people must be prepared to take refused items home.
- People can empty their garage of returnable bottles and cans on May 3 at the West Middle School parking lot from 9 a.m to noon, and at the same time support the Andover High School Marching Band.
- May 10 is a day to properly dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Elementary School.

WEB QUESTION

Would beekeeping be your new hobby?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web-site question was, "What will bring you to Town Meeting next week?'

- The top two responses were, "Nothing special. I always go" and "Slowing tax growth." Approximately 30.8 percent of those who responded selected each of these answers.
- Approximately 15.4 percent said, "Nothing at all. I never at-
- Another 15.4 percent, said, "Supporting the schools."
- Nearly 7.7 percent said, "A new bylaw on living in Andover."
- No one said, 'One or two specific articles."
- Totals do not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

This week's Townsman Web site question is,"<mark>If you picked up a</mark>

- new hobby, it would involve ...:" ■ Bees.
- The arts. ■ Sports.
- Plants. ■ Family.
- Other.

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CATCHING SPRING FEVER



At left, Kelly Howard, 7, catches a ball thrown by his father, Josh Howard, of Andover as their friends Jenna Gallagher, 11, and Danielle Lapointe, in center, enjoy a warm spring day in the Park. Kelly Howard, who plays for the Cubs, was getting ready for a Little Leage practice later that day.

Direct democracy, if we can keep it

Neil Fater

Ben Franklin knew something about liberty and democracy. They don't put your face on

the \$100 bill just because you're a good kite flier.

And to paraphrase dear Ben, without an informed citizenry, liberty doesn't stand a chance. Why then, do Andover

leaders want to make it more difficult for Andover people to become informed

about their town? Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen support stopping the mailing of the Finance Committee Report to every home in

Finance Committee Reports provide more inough and useful to anyone who wants to know the effect of town government on his or her

Each year's report is also the Bible, scorecard and instruction manual for that year's Town Meeting. It lets residents know what issues will be debated. It clearly spells out what yes or no votes will do for the town. Over the

years, countless residents have been informed about proposed laws and proposed changes to their neighborhoods thanks to the FinComm Report arriving in their mailboxes.

The reasons given for stopping the mailing are that it will save the town some money on postage, and printing fewer copies will be good for the environment.

"There's some question about how many of these are being thrown away," said Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman. "Should we be asking the voters if they really want them or not?"

The committee says reports still would be available at places like Town Offices and on the town Web site. You know, places your average person visits about as often as Geraldo shaves off his mustache.

Limiting the distribution of the FinComm Report will have the effect of making it available they might retire. That's it. That was enough to formation about how your money is spent than only to those who know where to look for it. any other document. They are readable, thor- Sure, those 400 or so Andoverites who would ing more than \$10,600. never miss a meeting will pick it up. But longtime residents who only attend occasionally could see their neighborhoods changed by votes they never heard were coming. And how will people new to town ever become engaged? Granted, I like to think our paper informs people, but not everyone in town gets the Towns-

Andover leaders should be looking for ways to inform people about the issues and to encourage them to get involved.

Reducing access to the Finance Committee report will serve only to make Town Meeting more insular, less inclusive, more endangered, less attended.

Andover leaders will ask people to pour \$350,000 this year into an "accumulated benefit account." This money pays retiring employees for sick days they didn't use. During the last five years, retiring employees were given about \$1.6 million extra — \$1.6 million worth of golden parachutes — simply for working when they were supposed to work.

Andover leaders also will have taxpayers pay 40 employees \$425,448 extra this year, in 15 percent raises.

The reason? These employees told the town

If Andover is desperate for a few thousand more dollars, getting rid of these types of perks is the place to start. Democracy — and it's lifeblood, information — ought to be worth

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Towns-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tune into League forum

Editor, Townsman:

Several friends and I were recently discussing our challenge of showing up at Town Meeting without proper preparation on the warrant articles, making it difficult to vote in a fully informed manner. I then heard about, and was fortunate to be able to attend, the League of Women Voters' Town Meeting Preview held at the library on April 17. I found the event to be helpful, well run, and very educa-

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tional. For example, in discussing the warrant arti-

cle on the Bancroft Elementary School feasibility study, the League presenters not only dissected the article itself, but presented the history of the school (including maintenance challenges) going back to construction in the '60s. Having lived in town only five years, I found this to be helpful both with respect to Town Meeting and in learning more about the

I am glad for the League's efforts, and encourage others to take advantage of this valuable resource. The event was being recorded for the local cable access channel. **Don Gottfried** 4 Avon St.

community where I live.

Vote for fiscal sanity, against golden parachutes

Editor, Townsman:

Each year, voters at Town Meeting vote to appropriate funds to the Accumulated Employee Benefit Account, likely not ever realizing what they are voting to fund. The money that is appropriated to the Accumulated Employee Benefit Account is used to pay employees for the unused sick time they have when they retire or otherwise end their employment with

the town. This practice, which has had to cut an additional \$1 million Priority Development Sites caused much consternation cut more from the schools.

among the Andover voters. While the voters of Andover have little control over town leaders who award irresponsible contracts with giveaways such as paying employees for their unused sick time, the voters of this town can take a stand for fiscal sanity and refuse to appropriate any money toward this practice. This year, the town is asking voters to approve \$500,000 to go to the Accumulated Employee Benefit Account. This could be money used to help ensure that the athletic program that Superintendent Claudia Bach threatened to eliminate is kept intact, or for many other far better uses than what is currently being proposed. I strongly urge the voters of Andover to attend Town Meeting and ask that they vote no on Article 40.

Chris Wager 218 North Main St.

Time for new solution on town's budget

Editor, Townsman: On Tuesday, April 1, I attended a School Committee meeting to hear a presentation about the school budget for next year. I have two children in Andover Public Schools and the school budget is a great concern of mine. After the budget was presented, there was an open question-and-answer period. Many speakers urged the committee to utilize the Phillips Academy Gift Fund and the Stabilization Fund to help balance the school budget. A member of the Finance Committee indicated that there were ongoing reviews of all budgets to find additional area where budgets could be reduced. Last year at Town Meeting, we

been reported by the Townsman off the school budget. It seems that and The Eagle-Tribune, has every year more ways are found to

Having lived through many years of debilitating budget cuts with two children who need a good education, I believe the budget cutting has to stop. While many people try comparing our school system to a business, I believe it's more fitting to compare our schools to managing a home and family. When times are difficult and I struggle to pay the bills, I try to eliminate unnecessary expenses like going out to dinner on Saturday night. If times were more difficult, then I would also try to be more frugal with my grocery shopping and avoid buying the extra pair of sneakers.

You can keep this up for a while, but soon you realize, I have made all the sacrifices that I can make. I still have to live, but now, I still can't make my mortgage payment. Should I foreclose on my house? Or should I take money out of my saving account until I can figure a sustainable long-term financial plan?

I ask the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to consider the same question when it comes to solving the town's financial problems.

Denise Nash

League states positions

Editor, Townsman:

Outfall Sewer

The League of Women Voters supports the following warrant articles at the upcoming Andover Town Meeting:

Article 24: Feasibility — Bancroft Elementary School Article 31: Ledge Road Landfill

Closure Article 33: Shawsheen River

Article 34: Statute Acceptance -

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Article 39: Open Space Land Acquisition in the amount of \$900,000 without a debt exclusion

With regard to Article 42 about not mailing the Finance Committee Report to each household, the League appreciates that considerable environmental and fiscal resources are spent producing and mailing the Finance Committee report to every household; however, we think that the time may not be right for this change. The League encourages transparency in government, and the report provides valuable information about the town's operations that many who do not attend Town Meeting may benefit from. We are concerned that the article doesn't specify alternate ways to provide printed copies of the FinCom report to those who want them. We suggest that people planning to attend Town Meeting discuss this with their friends and neighbors who don't attend Town Meeting to explore how they feel about this issue. Stefani Traina Goldshein, president League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover

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Schools should solve their self-inflicted crisis

Editor, Townsman:

The leadership of our School Department, in their constant propagandizing for a school department budget the town cannot afford ("Principals lay out effects of proposed cuts," April 10), continue to ignore the elephantine root cause of this so-called budget crisis the School Committee's recent approval of a new, gold-plated teachers contract.

The School Committee has for all practical purposes created a self-inflicted budget crisis. They are now foisting their crisis on everyone else in town by asking us to bail them, ignoring that they approved a contract with major pay raises that they knew were unaffordable. It was plain to all present at the February School Committee meeting where a budget presentation was made by the school superintendent that the level of pay raises ultimately agreed to by the School Committee would cause a budget crisis and a need for an

Yet the School Committee approved a budget-busting contract presentation to the public. As pointed out weeks ago by the selectmen chairman, well before the School Committee signed this contract, had the School Committee acted responsibly on the contract, the school department would be able to operate within budget guidelines set for them by the selectmen and the Finance Committee without needing to contemplate any cuts.

Adding to the unseemliness of a budget designed to protect a new set of pay raises — which are in addition to the existing set of longevity-based pay raises — was watching the teachers' union make sure it was at the head of the line in pocketing the \$628,000 of unspent special education money disclosed by Superintendent Claudia Bach. This should have immediately been set aside for the high school athletic program that Bach and the School Committee have been claiming for months cannot be funded without an override.

It became crystal clear when the top priority of everyone in facts:

within two weeks of this budget school leadership positions, even at the expense of our kids. Shame on the superintendent, the School Committee, and the teachers union for their hypocrisy

The solution is not another bailout by the citizens to cover the irresponsible behavior. This time around, we should demand the School Committee sit down with the teachers' union prior to Town Meeting and deal with the budget problem they both created.

Bob Pokress 3 Cherrywood Circle

Doing something about global warming

Editor, Townsman:

Some people believe we must "do something" about carbon dioxide-caused global warming. I believe that "doing something" about a problem that may not actually exist can often be a dangerous pol-

Many believers are big supporters of the current biofuel mandate that 10 percent of our gasoline be corn-based ethanol because it is this new contract was announced one made from evil oil, and comes that giving out new pay raises was from an organic source. A few

— Burning a gallon of ethanol in a car does release carbon dioxide, although less than burning a gallon of gasoline, but, it takes 30 percent more ethanol than gasoline to drive 100 miles, so the carbon dioxide output works out about the

- To grow, harvest, refine, and deliver 10 gallons of ethanol to a gas station uses the energy equivalent of 7 gallons of gas. On the other hand to drill, refine and deliver 10 gallons of gasoline uses only 1 gallon of gasoline.

What a deal! We are paying more at the pump, not going as far, and still dumping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Now for the "unintended" consequences of the mandate and taxpayer subsidies:

- Farmers are plowing under

fallow land or wheat and soy to grow corn because the price is guaranteed. - Price of corn has doubled. — Price of other food grains

have also gone up sharply as supply drops. Big deal, you say. So Corn

Flakes and bread at Market Basket in Andover cost more. I don't mind because at least we are "do-

ing something" for the climate. Well, here's what else we are doing: Starving people in the third

Here's is a quote from an April 15 Wall Street Journal article about the recent International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings: "Rioting in response to soaring food prices recently has broken out in Egypt, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Ethiopia. In Pakistan and Thailand, army troops have been deployed to deter food theft from fields and warehouses. World Bank President Robert Zoellick warned in a recent speech that 33 countries are at risk of social upheaval because of ris-

ing food prices." The world does have real prob-

lems (such as hunger) that we need to address. Fixing global warming just isn't one of them, particularly if the "fixing" aggravates the real problems.

FYI: Our Democratic Congress and Republican president just "did something" more by quadrupling the ethanol mandate from 8 to 35 billion gallons per year. Today, one-fifth of our corn is going to ethanol. With the new mandate, it will be 50 to 70 percent. The thirdworlders are really going love us after their food prices double or triple. But I suppose that may not be a problem for us, since there may not be any third-worlders left after a while. Sad!

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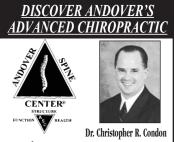


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Townspeople

The bug for beekeeping



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Jan Brink shows one of her bee hives. This winter was difficult for the bees and she lost them all. A new batch of bees arrived last week for this spring.

At 60, Andover woman decided on a sweet new hobby

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

Some grandmothers are gardeners and give away extra zucchini. Jan Brink is an amateur beekeeper, and gives away jars of honey.

One season she shared 72 jars weighing 10 ounces each.

"Friends, my hairdresser, neighbors, that's who I gave it to. They liked it at has a bee supplier who provides her with dover Garden Club in 1975 and has enfirst, and then when they saw me coming her family of bees for this year's honey again, it was like, 'Oh no,'" laughed crop. Brink, who clearly enjoys her hobby.

Late April marks the time of year when serious beekeepers get busy readying their beehouses for the upcoming honey flow. There are two honey flows, in late June or July and in August. Brink has two beehouses in her backyard on Olympia Way.

When the flow starts, she'll be dressed in her protective bee garb, which makes her look like some sort of hazardous waste official, she said. Just ask her neighbors.

"They say, there's our crazy neighbor again," she laughed as she talked about peeking in on her bees, especially the

Like most amateur beekeepers, she

A beehouse population totals 40,000 to 60,000 bees. A fertile queen bee will lay about 1,000 eggs a day, Brink said.

She has been stung and will most likely be stung again, but her interest in biology and nature keeps her coming back to the honeycomb, she said. She has no plans to give up her hobby.

"I was a biology minor in college and always liked dissections," she explained. "I am just fascinated by the society of bees. They each have a job to do and that's fascinating to me.'

flower judge. When Brink married, she, Fairgrounds every winter. her husband Mike and their two children moved to Andover. She joined the An- Church member's "list of things I want to joyed "feeding her soul," learning during she was turning 60. So, she did it. the years from other members and guest lecturers. Currently, she also serves on the boards of the Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts and the Gar-

den Club Federation of Massachusetts. Earlier this month, the roles reversed as Brink was the featured speaker at the Andover Garden Club's April 1 meeting. Listeners heard about her experiences

with honey bees and received some free honey.

Brink told the members that four years ago she attended a bee school through the Essex County Beekeepers Brink grew up in Winchester where Association. The school is held one night her mother was a serious gardener and a week for 10 weeks at the Topsfield

Attending the school made this South do before I die" that she created when

Neighbors on her quiet cul-de-sac know about the two beehouses in her large yard. She made sure nobody had any problems with her hobby, she said.

Now, with two granddaughters at her side, she harvests honey and shares her unusual pastime. Memories are being made and you could say she is having a honey of a time.

Teens form own government at Andover YMCA

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

Tired of today's politicians? The next generation of leaders may be groomed right at the YMCA on

Haverhill Street. The Andover/North Andover YMCA is one of more than 200 in the state to offer a mock-government club where high-schoolers get together to write bills, lobby and learn about and participate in what goes on at the Statehouse.

North Andover teen Paul DiBlasi was recently elected "governor" of Massachusetts by teens in the statewide program. Andover resident Matthew Dowgiallo served as part of the "governor's" cabinet with fellow local teens Chris Newsome and Minerva Rivas.

Members of the local youth and government club say the program is as much about making friends and meeting teens from other schools and towns as it is about learning the workings of American government.

The Merrimack Valley YMCA's YAG club, as members call themselves, is one of the bigger clubs in the state, yet members say the club is "like a family."

"It's such a welcoming environment," said Benjamin Corman, a North Andover teen.

The club meets once a week through the school year to write bills and work on projects for the club, culminating in a statewide legislative conference, held at the Statehouse in Boston the first weekend in March. At the conference, students from around the state present their legislative agenda and bills during a mock Legislature. They also meet elected offi-



Members of the YMCA Youth and Government program discuss politics. From left: Matt Dowgiallo, 17 of Andover; Benjamin Corman, 16 of North Andover; Jonathan Mojica, 17 of Lawrence; YMCA advisor, Jake Munyon and Danny Gottfried, 14 of North Andover.

Treasurer Tim Cahill — and participate in social activities.

DiBlasi was elected governor at the conference, and other club members received awards for their bills and leadership.

The YAG club's 24 members are from several towns, including Andover, North Andover, Boxford and Lawrence. Throughout the year, they design, research and submit

cials — guest speaker this year was bills on subjects they're passionate public speaking. about, said Greg MacPhee of North Andover.

Dowgiallo, of Andover, worked on a bill to ban roadside billboards in Massachusetts.

"I'm a new driver, and I've already been distracted (by billboards)," he said with a sly smile. Besides the democratic process,

club members agree they've

learned lessons in teamwork and

"It really gets kids to break out of their shells. Everyone comes out a different person, for the better,' said DiBlasi, who has been in the club for five years. "Presenting bills to kids from all over the state with different backgrounds is a really eye-opening experience."

"If you're not good at public speaking, you will be by the end," agreed MacPhee.

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- The club seeks financial help to send members to the national affairs and governor's conferences this summer. To donate, contact Gallagher at 978-685-3541.

MacPhee, a North Andover High School senior, and fellow club member Kathy Burton were recognized with a distinguished leadership award this year for their efforts as co-chairs of the program's outreach committee. The duo organized campaigns to raise funds for the victims of the Jan. 21 Market and Parker streets neighborhood fire in Lawrence, gather supplies for care packages to troops in Iraq and organize delegates from YAG clubs statewide to participate in the Walk

for Hunger in Boston on May 4. Several members of the Merrimack Valley club said they joined, not because they're interested in government, but because of the social aspect of the program, and now would consider running for office

The Merrimack Valley YMCA's youth and government program is open to any high school-age teen from Massachusetts.



A trust that changed the town center

Bill Dalton



Most folks who have been in town for a while would not argue if you said Phid Dantos is a storied Andover personality, perhaps even a leg-

endary one; certainly, he is a man of historical significance to Andover. When Phid was a young man, he and John Davidson created Danton Realty Trust, and I think they affected Andover's center more than any other individuals or business entity in the town's history. Although some of the projects in which Phid participated had strong opposition, few people who know him can bring themselves to dislike him.

Phid, short for Phidias, now lives with his wife, Alice, in New Hampshire and Costa Rica. He and I are old acquaintances, and lately we've been communicating by telephone and e-mail. I have learned much.

Let's start our story in 1905, when brothers Pete and George Dantos emigrated from Greece. They worked hard and accumulated savings. They risked those savings when they opened the Andover Spa in 1921. The Dantos brothers sold fresh produce, cigars, ice cream and a variety of sundries. Their service was personal, and they knew their customers, many of whom became their friends. Pete was a gregarious man who handled sales. George was more quiet, and he took care of the quiet parts of the business. They were a good team. and the business was successful.

Since Pete was the person the customers saw, the place was informally called Pete's. Today, some older townies still call it

Phid Dantos is George's son. He was born in 1933 at what became the family homestead at 123 Elm St. Phid graduated from Punchard in 1950 and went into the Navy. Just prior to his discharge in 1952, his father died. Phid took over his father's share of the business, and he and his Uncle Pete worked together until 1960, when Phid purchased his uncle's share.

One day in 1961 or so, John Davidson came to see Phid. The two men owned retail stores at the opposite ends of town and at opposite ends of the retail spectrum. John owned The Andover Shop, a high-end men's clothing store at 127 Main St. Davidson asked Dantos to help him oppose an urban renewal plan that was in its early stages. The plan would raze the buildings in the town's center and replace them with new buildings. Wikipedia says, "The justifications often used for Urban Renewal include the 'renewal' of residential slums, and blighted commercial areas ... (The 1949 federal law) provided funding to cities to cover the cost of acquiring areas of cities perceived to be 'slums.' ... Those sites were then given to private developers." In Andover it was going to be 75 percent paid by the federal government and 25 percent paid by the Although the town's center may

have been at a seedy low point, many people never understood how the ill-conceived law could be justified here. However, it had support from Town Hall (which would have been torn down), including the town planners.

Dantos agreed to help Davidson, and the two men began their opposition by passing out fliers. Over time, they picked up power-

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ful allies, but the fight continued

for many months while the peo-

ple pushing the plan tried to

adapt it to gain support. The fight ended at the 1963 Town

Meeting when urban renewal

was easily defeated in a secret

ballot vote, 904 to 254. The next-

day headline in the March 11,

1963, Eagle-Tribune read: "Re-

newal of Andover Now Up To

During their fight against ur-

ban renewal, Dantos and David-

porch ran the width of the building. However, it was beginning

Phid, who was a Mason, de-

'John asked me if the property

was for sale and suggested we

prepare an offer for it. When I

approached the brethren of the

Lodge I was told that they had

been approached previously by

an oil company for the purpose

of building a gas station. John

suggested that I return and explain that a gas station would be

detrimental to the appearance

of Elm Square. That's when the

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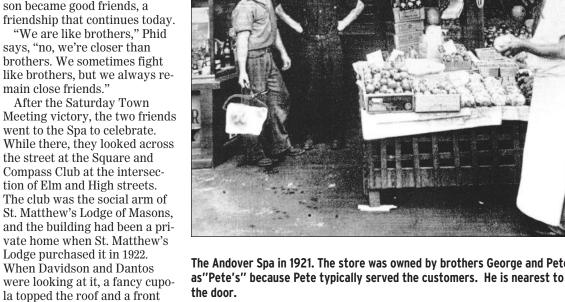
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The Andover Spa in 1921. The store was owned by brothers George and Pete Dantos, and came to be known as"Pete's" because Pete typically served the customers. He is nearest to the camera. George Dantos is near the door.

ing to the Mason's specifications the friendship of many of their in exchange for the remaining land. We would then build an of-

use." When the deal with St. Matthew's Lodge was made, Phid and John were two of the most familiar and well-liked men in Andover. They were in their early 30s and both were colorful in their own way. Phid was quicker to speak and more folksy, as if selling newspapers on a busy Sunday morning; John was more deliberate, as if selling a fine suit to a distinguished customer. Both men were raconteurs, and enjoyed

fice building in front for our

customers in 1964. By 1965 and '66, many of these

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customers asked him why he was building a "monstrosity." This was the first of many

Danton Realty Trust development projects. This story will continue next week.

The online edition of the Townsman (www.andovertownsman.com) has an excellent new feature called "Speak Up." It allows you to comment on anything you read in the paper or anything else you have on your mind.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Townsman and would like to hear from you, especially if you have some interesting stories and facts about Andover. He can be reached at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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Friends of the Andover Senior tion is "Bloom Where You're Currier Museum in Manchester, N.H., on Friday, May 8, leaving the center at 9 a.m. The museum recently completed a two-year renovation and expansion. The permanent collection includes helping people find more humor ed seating, advance reservations. works by Picasso, Matisse, Mon-

Boston Pops trip: The center is et, O'Keeffe, Calder and Wyeth. Cost of the trip is \$30.

> Birding group: Preregistration appreciated; spring bird walks with the Retelles will take place on Friday mornings beginning on April 25. Meet at the center at 8 a.m. and head out to enjoy the wildlife, nature and history of various local conservation areas.

Women's luncheon: Monday, May 12, at noon, Old Town Hall, ad-Currier Art Gallery trip: The vance tickets only, \$5. Presenta-Every Day." Luncheon speaker is Suzanne O'Connor, president of Health Care Satisfaction and a national consultant. Suzanne is an and fulfillment in everyday life.

"Kindertransport: A Personal Experience": Thursday, May 1, 1 p.m. Andover resident Helen Wertheimer will share her personal experience

of being one of the youngest children aboard the "Kindertransport." She will also talk about the evacuation of Jewish children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia from 1938 to 1939 and the consequences of these events. Advance reservations are

low the talk. "The Basics of Buying and Selling on Center will sponsor a trip to the Planted: Making the Most of the Internet": Tuesday, May 13, 1:30 p.m. Learn the basics of buying and selling on Internet sites like eBay and Craig's List. Find how what to sell, how to list and price

necessary and a reception will fol-

Yellow Dot program: Friday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. sponsored by Andover Triad. The Yellow Dot program is a safety program that informs EMTs and emergency responders about critical, life-saving information. Be sure to bring your medication and emergency contact phone numbers to the event. Preregistration required.

Stress management class: Thursday, May 8, 15 and 22, at 1:30 p.m., \$10. Learn techniques that can be incorporated into daily life that will help reduce stress and increase health benefits. Instructor Gerry Rainville is a behavior modification specialist who has worked with groups at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and Dartmouth expert on self-empowerment and items, and how to get paid. Limit- Hitchcock Medical Center. Limited space; preregistration necessary.





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Registration begins April 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 9 to June 26. On May 8, BoomerVenture June 26. Campus will continue as a weekly extension of Andover's BoomerVenture, released this fall to address the needs and interest of baby-boomers mid 40's to 60's in

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You go, girls!



Andover State Sen. Sue Tucker and Reps. Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien welcomed the All-State champion Andover girls indoor track team to the Statehouse recently. The team was treated to a rousing ovation in the House of Representatives, where members were recognized during the branch's formal session. They were also accompanied by Andover boys track All-Star Christopher McConnell.

■ WEDDING

Lee-McLain

Elizabeth Eileen Lee of Coral Springs, Fla., formerly of Andover, daughter of Harold and Joan Lee of Andover, and Ryan Francis McLain, also of Coral Springs, Fla., formerly of South Hadley, son of Dennis and Patricia McLain of South Hadley, were married on Nov. 10, 2007, on Fort Lauderdale Beach, Fla. The reception was at the Sheraton Yankee Clipper Inn on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her matron of honor was Erika Soong, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Melissa Beede, friend of the bride, and Carolyn McLain, sister of the groom. Best man was Paul Gunther, college friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Brett Remillard and Jeff Remillard, cousins of the groom, and Brian Lee of Colchester, Vt., brother of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Andover High School, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vt., and earned a master's degree in education from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a first grade teacher in Coral Spring, Fla.

Mr. McLain is a graduate of South Hadley High School and the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va., He is director of Retirement Benefits Group for AXA Financial Group in Boca Raton, Fla.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and are living in Coral Springs, Fla.



Code Talkers saved American lives, freedoms



Charles Chibitty was the last surviving Comanche code talker of Word War II. He died in 2005.

"It's strange, but as a child I was forbidden to speak my native language at school," Chibitty said. "Later my country asked me to. My language helped win the war and that makes me very proud."

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Word Search: Find America, Chibitty, Choctaw, Code, Comanche, Hero, Message, Navajo, Secret, War, Wind

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Have you ever made up a code so you can talk or write to your friends without others knowing what you are saying?

During wars, countries use codes to protect secrets.

During World War I, a commander overheard two Choctaw soldiers speaking in their native language. He thought that it might be a good code, since the Native American languages are not well known outside their communities.

The Army located 14 Choctaw soldiers. The men used their language as part of called code talkers.

The Choctaw code talkers made a huge difference in the war in France. Within 24 hours, the tide of the battle turned. Three days later, the Germans were retreating.

The Germans knew they had been stumped by the code talkers in World War I. Before World War II, the Nazi German government sent 30 experts to learn Native American languages. However, there were too many languages and dialects for them to master.

In World War II, the Army used 20 Comanche code talkers in the invasion of Normandy and in Europe. A group of 27 Meskwaki from Iowa enlisted in the Army together. They were used as code talkers in North Africa.

Navajo was the language most used during World War II. The Marines used Navajo code talkers in the Pacific. The Navajo code talkers were also called Windtalkers.



Navajo is an unwritten language that is very complex. It has no alphabet or symbols. It is spoken mostly on the Navajo lands of the American Southwest.

The Windtalkers memorized all the variations of their language. They learned a complex code. Some standard Navajo words were used a secret code. They were as nicknames for military terms. Other Navajo words represented letters in the English alphabet.

> The codes were so good that even Navajos couldn't understand the message if they weren't trained in the code.

> The messages were transmitted over radios and by telephone. The code talkers learned to code and decode the messages very quickly.

> The Navajo code was also used in the Korean War. It was retired and made public (declassified) in 1968. Now, we can study the code.

> For example, AH-NAH translated into eye. AH-Jah was ear. Klizzie-Yazzie was Kid. The whole Navajo Code Talkers' dictionary can be found on the Internet at http://www.history.navy.mil/ faqs/faq61-4.htm

> On July 26, 2001, Congress gave the Congressional Gold Medal to the original 29 Windtalkers.

The remaining Windtalkers received the Congressional Silver Medal.



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1. How many years ago was the Navajo code

2. Using the word Windtalkers, find a word in the newspaper for each letter. Then try to make a code using those words.

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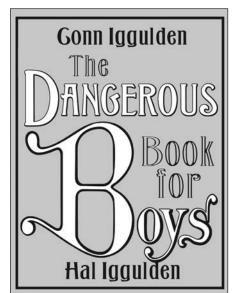


Education

BOOK REVIEW 'The Dangerous Book for Boys'

By Mari Miyachi WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Recently, my younger brother received a gift from our parents. As a typical prepubescent boy, he was immediately disappointed that the present was a book. However, after skimming through, he was



smitten. Suddenly he wanted to build a tree house, examine insect species and learn to speak Navajo. Obviously, I was intrigued.

Father-son duo Conn and Hal Iggulden describe their "The Dangerous Book for Boys" as "the perfect book for every boy from 8 to 80." Indeed, this is the type of guidebook that every kid dreams of, for inside is a treasure trove of fun and interesting knowledge: how to make a stellar paper airplane, decode codes and ciphers,

play rugby, make a bow-and-arrow, and chart the universe, just to name a few. Many of the activities outlined in the book are the typical marks of boyhood, a boyhood lost in our age of technology.

There's a playful innocence to this book, as it is unmarred by the violent video games or promiscuous images that are omnipresent in today's media. Childhood is a period of imaginative play, and children especially are receptive to new ideas. It is the wholesome image that "The Dangerous Book for Boys" projects that I find so appealing, because it is reminiscent of an imaginative, free and simple childhood.

And "The Dangerous Book for Boys" is not just filled with knot-tying and go-carts. There are sections entitled "Seven Poems Every Boy Should Know," "The Origin of Words" and "Famous Battles." It is clear the Igguldens' purpose in writing this book was not merely to introduce boys to classic pastimes, but to pique children's interest in various places of learning. This book can thus appeal to any type of child, from the sports oriented to the intellectual to the jokester and anyone in between.

As a female, I thoroughly enjoyed the book and I would have happily read it as a child. However, I was disappointed that the title is so gender-oriented, and thus set out to find this book's female counterpart: "The Daring Book for Girls" by Andrea J. Buchanan and Miriam Peskowitz. It has the same concept of "The Dangerous Book" but the contents are obviously more female oriented and include "Princesses Today," "How to Tie a Sari" and "Friendship Bracelets." While Buchanan and Peskowitz succeed to a certain extent in writing a lighthearted and enjoyable how-to, they fall into the trap of using stereotypical girl interests. "The Daring Book for Girls" lacks the balance of "The Dangerous Book for Boys," which contains equal parts mental and physical. While "The Dangerous Book" contents seems like they have been passed down from generation to generation, "The Daring

Book" is contrived; occasionally its contents seem forced into place. I give "The Dangerous Book for Boys" a 9 out of 10 and "The Daring Book for Girls" a 5 out of 10. Regardless of gender, I highly recommend "The Dangerous Book for Boys." While I understand that many girls will be turned off by the title, I encourage them to take a look inside because this book will not disappoint.

As for a recommended age, I would say the younger the reader, the better, for this is the type of book you want to grow up with and cherish for years to come. However, I am a firm believer in lifelong intellectual curiosity, and I think this book can be enjoyed regardless of age. I would especially recommend this to children wary of reading, for this is a book that not only can keep a reader's interest, but plant the seeds for a piqued interest in learning.

Andover resident and Phillips Academy student Mari Miyachi reviews books for young adults.

Battle of the 'Bots



A West Middle School team of 10 students made up of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders who built and programmed robots for a botball tournament at UMass Lowell. Front row, from left, Andrew Meshnick, Peter Minigell, Ryan Tjalsma and Sammy Sheppard. Middle row, Armando Belliard and Mike Davidson. Back row, Stephen Ayers, Arun Padykula, Alex Davidson and John Scarborough.

West middle-schoolers join AHS at event

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

Robots aren't just for high-schoolers

A team of 10 from West Middle School spent two months building two different robots for the 2008 New England Regional Botball competition, held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell this month. Botball is a nationwide program in which students build computer-controlled robots. In competition, the Lego "bots" travel a specific path on a tabletop course and gain points by completing tasks, including collecting small balls and placing them in a particular location, searching for objects and knocking down obstacles

such as plastic drinking cups. At the competition, the middle-schoolers' two creations, affectionately named Scratchy and Da Robot, were pitted against robots made mostly by high

school teams. A team of Andover High School students also competed in the April 5 tournament, placing first in the Botball Dou-

ble Elimination round and second overall. botball team, and members agree that is

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL'S BOTBALL WIZARDS

- Eighth-graders Alex Davidson, Stephen Ayers and John Scarborough
- Seventh-graders Mike Davidson, Ryan Tjalsma, Sammy Sheppard and Andrew Meshnick
- Sixth-graders Pete Minigell, Arun Padykula and Armando Belliard

was a learning experience on several levels. Not only did the students have to figure out how to build and program their robots, they had to share and eliminate ideas and work as a team.

"We spent weeks planning, making ideas and getting rid of ideas," said sixthgrader Peter Minigell.

Sixth- and seventh-graders on the creativity. Botball teams do have to send WMS team agree they'd like to compete again next year now that they have this spring's experience under their belts.

To start, each team is given a kit of supplies to build two robots, ensuring that all teams have the exact same building ma-This was the first year WMS has had a terials. From there, the design is controlled only by a size limit and the team's

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL'S BOTBALL WIZARDS

Five Andover High School students also formed a botball team, designing two robots for the New England Regional Botball competition held at UMass Lowell on April 5. The AHS students placed first in the Botball Double Elimination round, and second overall at the competition.

Team members were AHS seniors Ken Schumacher, Peter Lee, Michael Kasparian and Hanyin Cheng, and sophomore Matt Quartararo. The team was completely student-driven and had no teacher-adviser. The team was sponsored by IBM, AMD and

Mentor Graphics.

in documentation of their design. The botball kit comes with everything "besides brain power," said eighth-grader Alex Davidson.

"I've always been interesting in engineering, so it just seemed interesting to

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UMiami honors Andover High adviser beloved by former student

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

Picture this: you're a senior in high school, and come home to find the letter in your mailbox. The letter — you know what it will say because it came in a small envelope instead of a big envelope, stuffed full — is a rejection from the college you thought was perfect for you.

It's the middle of December, college application deadlines are looming, and you're starting to panic because you didn't apply to any other colleges. You were sure you would get into your choice school.

This is the situation that Kerry Gaj, a member of the Andover High School Class of 2007, found herself in last year. But with the help of school counselor Kyra Bateman, Gaj soon found other colleges to apply to, refocused her efforts and is now a freshman at the University of Miami,

a school she feels *really is* a perfect fit for her.

Gai was so appreciative of Bateman's help, she nominated her for an excellence in counseling award this summer. Bateman was one of three high school counselors honored by the University of Miami with the award, chosen out of all the nominations made by the university's freshman class.

Bateman, a third-year AHS counselor, said she was touched by Gaj's nomination. The award only confirms what she believes already — that being a high school guidance counselor is her dream job, she said.

"The award was such an honor. I've always known I've got one of the greatest jobs out there and that night it kind of came together. When you love what you do, it's not really a job," Bateman said. "It never gets old to see the look on a senior's face, when they

stop by and say 'I got in!" Bateman received the award

during a fly-in workshop for high school counselors at the university, and was completely surprised when they announced her name. Gaj was there for the award ceremony earlier this semester, which made it even more special, she said.

"I was blown away," Bateman said. "To me, it was such a gift." Gaj had written an essay about

Bateman to nominate her, in which she wrote:

"To say that Mrs. Bateman, my guidance counselor, helped me would be an absolute understatement. She immediately made me a priority (after Gaj's first college application didn't work out) and worked closely with me to develop a plan. She knew me well and found schools for me that I would have never considered ... the fact that she had 200 other students

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Kyra Bateman, Andover High School guidance counselor, received an "excellence in counseling" award from the University of Miami for the counseling work she did with an Andover graduate who is now a freshman at the school.

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BATEMAN: Wins counseling award from UMiami

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and made me feel like I was her only one (during) my crisis shows a lot about her character and her intense dedication to help her students

"We spent hours upon hours after school, working on my applications when she didn't even need to be there. She helped me realize that if a school rejected me, then it wasn't the one for me, and opened my eyes up to all the other amazing options that were available."

Gaj is now in the nursing program at the University of Miami. During Gaj's first week of classes, Bateman said she received an email from Gaj that read "I'm in heaven!"

Gaj was a member of the AHS swim team and a student leader who was "very involved and very dedicated," said Bateman.

The student body at AHS is assigned, alphabetically, by last names among the guidance counselors. Bateman works with 240 students in ninth through 12th grades. Although her caseload is heavy, Bateman says she likes it because she really gets to know students and meet with them over their four years.

Often, high-schoolers make the mistake of setting their heart on one particular school, or simply apply to the colleges that their friends are applying to, said Bateman. She works with students to make lists and apply to a group of schools they would enjoy attending.

"I am a big believer that there is a college out there for everybody,' she said, even if it's not one's first

Bateman made a career switch to high school counseling after working at several other jobs after college, most recently as a legal personnel coordinator at a law firm. When she decided that wasn't the career for her, she tried sub-

stitute teaching at a high school. "After my first day of subbing, I thought, 'I can't believe I just got

paid for that day," said Bateman. Bateman lived in Andover between the ages of 2 and 10. After that, she grew up in Weston, and

now lives in Charlestown. Her office is cheery, decorated with Christmas lights, posters, notes from students and photographs. She has a small couch for students to sit on, adorned with a University of Miami pillow.

"I am aware on a daily basis how fortunate I am to be in this position. The students just give you this energy," Bateman said. "You really get involved, really vested in your students. You're on the ride (of applying to colleges) with

MORE THAN A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Here is an excerpt from 2007 AHS graduate Kerry Gaj's essay nominating Kyra Bateman, her guidance counselor at AHS, for an excellence in counseling award from the University of Miami:

"So when the big envelope finally arrived, I rushed over to the high school and showed Mrs. Bateman my acceptance letter. Without a second thought, she ran to the photocopier, made a copy and tacked it to her bulletin board. We spent the next couple of weeks finding pictures of the University of Miami and posting them all over the walls of her office. I had never thought that I would be happy with any other school, but I was stoked.

"Mrs. Bateman and I have always had a special relationship. I consider her my closest mentor and friend who means so much to me. Our ride on the college roller coaster brought us even closer together and I owe her so much for taking a negative experience and turning it in to such a positive one.

"Mrs. Bateman represented consistency in my life, a consistency that was always there without fail, throughout my ever-changing high school years. She has a heart of gold, wisdom well beyond her years with a wonderful personality."

ON CAMPUS

Garrett Cook, Class of 2010 at grade point ratio of 3.4 to 3.669. Skidmore College, earned highest honors for the fall semester. He is the son of Bruce and Karla Cook of Andover. Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more from a possible 4.0. Honors are awarded for a students must maintain a 3.25.

Andrea E. Lopilato has been named to the dean's list at Regis College for the fall semester. Senior, junior, and sophomore members of the dean's list must maintain a 3.5. First-year

BOTBALL: Middle school students join high-schoolers

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me," said Davidson of why he joined the WMS botball team. "It took a lot of teamwork — building last two weeks, students stayed afa plan, figuring out when your deadline is, just working as a team. It was a great experience."

Davidson said each of the 10 WMS team members had a specialty — whether writing computer programming or building the robot's body out of Lego toys and the team pooled members' talents to create Scratchy and Da Robot. They learned to delegate jobs and "how to agree on stuff," he

room of seventh-grade science teacher Sheila Harrington, who volunteered as team adviser. The ter school every day until 5 p.m. to finish the robots.

"At first, they spent a lot of time talking about ideas, ideas, ideas. Then they got better about focusing on one idea," Harrington said.

"I learned a lot about programming. It was fun," said seventhgrader Sammy Sheppard, who said she didn't mind being the only girl on the WMS botball team. "I liked the competition. The high school teams had really good ro-The WMS team met for seven bots, and they were interesting to

eighth-grader, also said he enjoyed watching the other teams on competition day. Da Robot, one of the bots built

by WMS, had a conveyor belt that would scoop up fuzzy pom-pom balls laid along the course, gaining points in competition. At the top of the conveyor belt, a camera would recognize if the pom-pom was orange or green, and separate the balls into separate bins.

The middle-schoolers programmed the robots in an educational version of Interactive C computer language, allowing them to run without any human

David T. Lowenstein, '09

interaction. In competition, the ro-Teammate Stephen Ayers, an bots are required to shut themselves off after two minutes.

At competition, all team advisers and teachers had to stay in a sequestered area, away from the students. Harrington said she was so proud to watch her team from afar, and see that they didn't give up, even though some of the high school teams at the competition had really advanced robots.

The botball program charges a \$2,300 entry fee; the WMS team received a grants from the STEM Pipeline Fund, Corbett Fund in Andover and the KISS Institute For Practical Robotics, which runs Botball.

Kristin A. Spiak, '08

■ PHILLIPS ACADEMY WINTER HONOR ROLL

Phillips Academy announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the winter term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5.0 grade point average on a sixpoint scale

Below is a list of Andover students who made the honor roll, with their class year:

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■ SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS, APRIL 28 TO MAY 2

Elementary schools

Monday: Roast turkey club with bacon and pretzels, American chop suey, garlic bread, bosco cheese stick with marinara sauce, garden salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Pan pizza — plain or pepperoni, ham and cheese, scrambled eggs, bagel with cream cheese, veggie sticks, fruit salad and juice.

Wednesday: Early release.

Thursday: Chicken fajita over rice pilaf, dinner roll, ravioli with sauce, garlic bread, steamed hot dog on roll, green beans, pineapple tidbits, chilled mixed fruit and orange juice.

Friday: French bread pizza, chicken burger on roll with lettuce and tomato, pretzels, garden salad, chilled peaches, melon and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: Taco bar with nachos, fish sandwich, cole slaw, baked macaroni and cheese, roll, corn, Mexican-style bean salad, fresh pineapple and juice.

Tuesday: Cheese or hamburger pan pizza, steak and cheese sub, pizza pasta salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken scampi, garlic bread, grilled cheese with spiral fries, hot veggies, veggie sticks and dip, fresh fruit and juice. Thursday: Cheeseburger on multi-

grain bun, baked potato wedges, veggie or cheese pizza slice, honey barbecue chicken sandwich, pasta salad, fruit and juice. Friday: Chicken tenders with sweet

and sour sauce, roll, Asian-style rice

bowl topped with chicken strips,

beans and juice.

rice pilaf, steamed veggies, baked

Andover High School

Monday: California cobb wrap, turkey a la king over noodles, seasoned veggies, dinner roll, jumbo burger with barbecue sauce and

Tuesday: Pastrami on bulky roll, pasta bar with chicken Parmesan, assorted sauces, garlic bread, garden salad, meatball sub with sauce and cheese and fruit.

Wednesday: Egg salad sub, roast pork dinner, whipped potatoes, honey wheat dinner roll, Mediterranean-style focaccia and fruit.

Thursday: Veggie chili in bread bowl, twin grilled hot dogs, side salad and fresh fruit.

Friday: Buffalo chicken wrap, fish sandwich, oven fries, cole slaw, dinner roll and fruit.

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salon navid

Former clients rejoiced when they learned that

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other nail services. Ms. Chatsaz began her training as

a stylist in her native Iran; since then, she has trained

with Blaine in Lowell, Sassoon in Los Angeles, Wella

in New York City, and elsewhere. Most recently, she

attended classes at Bumble and Bumble in New York

City and Goldwell in Baltimore. "It's an ongoing

education. There's always something to learn," said

Ms. Chatsaz, who was also one of the nation's first

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"We used it at the salon in Pennsylvania, and that's

While working in Pennsylvania, Ms. Chatsaz was

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Sorvino and starring himself, his daughter Mira

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PREVIEW: ANDOVER TOWN MEETING 2008

▶ Article 31

\$7.4M would cover landfill in 'one fell swoop'

By Brian Messenger STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting voters will be asked to provide \$7.4 million this spring to recap the Ledge Road landfill in its entirety, after already having approved nearly \$3 million over the last decade for the project.

The roughly 26-acre parcel, part of which is home to the Devermond Field Little League complex, was closed as a town dump in 1973.

Wetland sediment samples between the landfill and Fish Brook Watershed — a town drinking water source — now contain arsenic levels that are nine million times higher than the national standard for drinking water, according to Andover's Public Works Director Jack Petkus. The town drinking water itself is fine. The landfill area was the site of open-pit trash burning during the 1920s through 1950s.

"(That's) the elephant in the room," said Petkus. "You have no choice. The landfill has to be properly capped and closed."

Approval of Article 31 by a twothird majority at Town Meeting would allow Andover to fully fund the state-mandated landfill recapping project through a low-interest State Revolving Fund loan, which the town manager says would save Andover some money.

"That's our plan," said Buzz Stapczynski. "It's our expectation the \$7 million plus the appropriations we've had in the past will result in closure. We'll close it as they require. We think it's \$7 million, our best estimate at the moment.'

The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Health Department recommend approval of Article 31.

The town's updated landfill re-Massachusetts Department of En-



Andover voters will be asked to approve millions more to recap the landfill on Chandler Road, including the Deyermond Field baseball complex. The future of the site as a place for baseball would be in doubt.

vironmental Protection's approval mediate," said Petkus. "This gives process. Stapczynski said the state you a chance to put it off a few is requiring that the town recap the landfill all at once, as opposed to the multi-phased approach supported by Andover consultants up until the fall of 2007.

thing to do, that's why they're underwriting it with this discounted loan program," said Stapczynski. "It's the right thing to do and it's up to us to do it."

At half the interest rate the town would normally pay for borrowing, Petkus said the state's revolving fund loan would save Andover taxpayers more than \$1 million over the life of the 20-year bond. Construction cost savings also should be realized by doing everything at once, he said.

"There's going to be savings there and it gets it done in one fell swoop," said Petkus.

"We're going to have to do it capping plan is going through the anyway, and if we do it with town funds the financial impact is im-

years."

The financial impact of the landfill recapping project under the State Revolving Fund loan would begin a year after construction is "The state knows it's the right completed, which Petkus estimated would be in the summer of 2011. Peak debt service to the town

would be \$451,000 in fiscal 2011, or \$33 on the average residential tax bill.

The potential remains for the town to buy land adjacent to the landfill area that has been contaminated by arsenic as part of the landfill recapping project. This includes a nearby farm owned by Chandler Road resident Robert Park Sr. and open space owned by the Andover Village Improvement

"We've had, off and on over 10plus years, talks with AVIS about exchanging property," said Stapczynski. "It's been one of those items that's on the table."

Some of the highest arsenic lev-

els were found on Park's more than 60-acre property, located near Fish Brook. Fish Brook feeds into Haggetts Pond, where the town water treatment plant gets its water.

At 4,500 parts per million, Petkus called the arsenic concentrations found near the landfill "extremely high."

The national drinking water standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion, he said.

"It's not staying in the water, which is good," said Petkus of the arsenic, which he said is moving through the soil and groundwater and settling in the wetland sediment near the landfill. "So far we have not found arsenic in the drinking water.'

Petkus said only 10 to 15 percent of Andover's drinking water comes from Fish Brook.

"It is part of your water supply," said Petkus of Fish Brook. "Any part of your water supply is important and that should give you some momentum to jump on it and say, 'Let's do it."

Petkus said the only confirmed use for the landfill site once it is recapped is as a public works storage area. The town's previous plan was to build a Little League complex atop the recapped landfill.

"This site won't meet any longterm plan of having a Little League field complex," said Stapczynski. You just can't sink a stanchion in for lights. You can't put much of a foundation in for a building or posts for a fence without it being very expensive.'

If money is not appropriated at Town Meeting, Stapczynski said the state could order a consent decree forcing the town to close the landfill.

"Perhaps they'd let us be able to bring it up at a future Town Meeting," he said. "We can't run away from this problem."

▶ Article 26 Fireworks banned

from new turf field

Voters asked to contribute to July 4 show

By Brian Messenger STAFF WRITER

Chewing gum and sugary bev-Lovely Field. Now you can add fireworks to that list.

The town's annual Fourth of July program will be moved from over fears that burning embers from the fireworks display will damage the synthetic playing surface, said Andover fire Chief Michael Mansfield.

Mansfield and police Chief Brian Pattullo are currently determining where to move the annual fireworks show, which is attendeach summer.

"Certainly, if we have some hot embers that land on that field it would ruin it," said Mansfield. "We are looking for alternate sites."

Mansfield said two likely alternate locations are Wood Hill Middle School and the rear of Greater Lawrence Technical School, which is adjacent to the Merriprogram was held at Greater Lawrence Technical School during the construction of the Andover High School field house.

Mansfield said there are trafficflow concerns at the technical school site, and a large addition has been built in recent years, limiting the space available for spectators.

'We have some concerns with that site related to public safety," said Mansfield. "It's really limited

the amount of open space there."

guidelines, spectators must be at least 500 feet away from a fireworks display, Mansfield said.

Wood Hill Middle School offers erages already have been banned more open space and fewer traffrom the new artificial turf at fic issues than the technical school, Mansfield said, but both schools are considered equally viable alternate sites.

"That site seems to eliminate Andover High School this year some of the traffic concerns that we have," said Mansfield of the open space available at the middle school. "We think we'll be able to do it well within the state fire marshall's guidelines."

Town Meeting will be asked to OK several thousand dollars for the fireworks display.

Event fundraiser Jerry Silvered by thousands of residents man said he hopes to offer a \$15,000 fireworks show for residents, along with a 30-piece concert band.

Though Silverman has requested \$10,000 at Town Meeting this year, the Finance Committee and selectmen have recommended an \$8,000 appropriation.

Silverman said he received \$11,000 last year at Town Meeting for the fireworks program and an mack River. Andover's fireworks additional \$10,000 in private contributions.

> In all Silverman spent \$18,000, with the extra money serving as a base for this year's program.

"To cut me back \$2,000 and say, 'Go get it,' I never have guarantees on what I get," said Silverman." I will try to keep it at the \$10,000."

Silverman said private fundraising for fireworks typically picks up after April vacation. 'Fourth of July isn't the Fourth

of July without the fireworks, said Silverman. "The hope is that According to state fire marshal people contribute."

Phillips land swap among articles to be withdrawn

A proposed land swap between the acres owned by Phillips Academy being, after lawyers representing both vation Commission. sides agreed more time was needed to

allowed the transfer of more than 7 where the school is the only direct

town and Phillips Academy will be tween Salem Street and the Route 125 withdrawn on the floor of Town Meet- bypass into the control of the Conser-

In exchange, Phillips Academy examine the history of the properties. would have obtained ownership of Approval of Article 47 would have portions of Dwight and School streets

abutter. Another parcel known as the Dwight Street triangle, at the corner of Dwight and Main streets, would have been transferred to the school.

"The more we got into a title search on that property, the more we felt we had to step back and research, Stapczynski said.

Other articles expected to be withdrawn include:

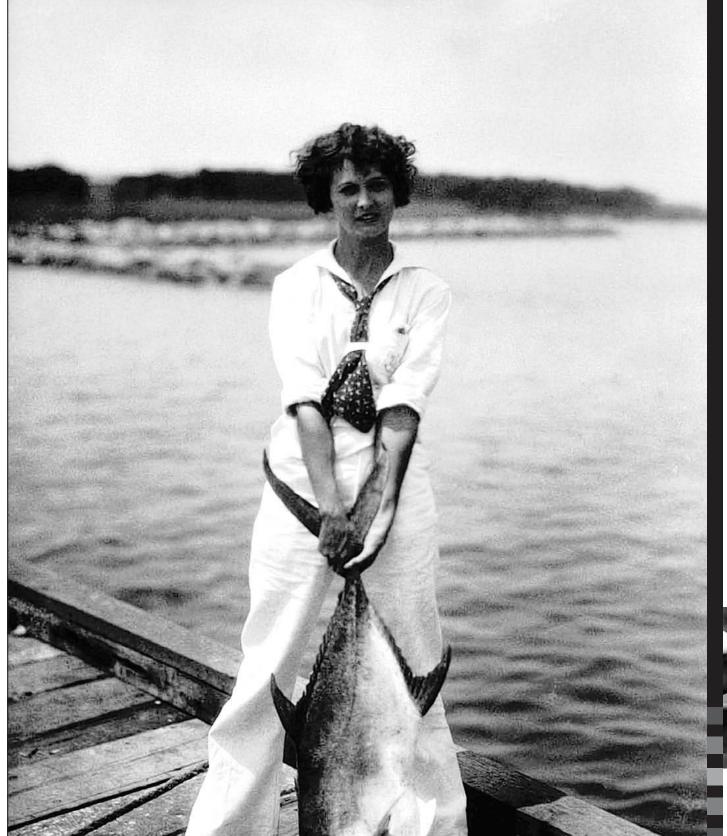
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PREVIEW: ANDOVER TOWN MEETING 2008

▶ Article 33

Sewer fix needed for town link to treatment plant

By Brian Messenger STAFF WRITER

A pipe that brings three million gallons or more of sewage each day to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District treatment plant is in an advanced state of corrosion.

Known as the Shawsheen River Outfall Interceptor and Andover's primary link to the treatment plant, the concrete pipe carries 85

percent of the town's sewerage Director Jack Petkus. from the Shawsheen Pump Sta-North Andover-based GLSD

Roughly 3,500 feet of the interceptor is corroded due to hydrogen sulfide exposure, which when mixed with water forms sulfuric acid and eats away at the concrete pipe above the sewerage level, according to Public Works Buzz Stapczynski's annual capital

"This is pretty serious," said tion through Lawrence and to the Petkus. "You can see it's corroded right down to the rebar.'

Area officials became aware of the interceptor's corrosion level several years ago, when construction of the new Lawrence High School required that a portion of the sewer line be rerouted.

Included in Town Manager

improvement program this year, resolved.' a \$4 million relining of the interceptor has made its way onto the Town Meeting warrant. Approval of Article 33 will require a twothird majority.

"I've seen it with my own eyes," said Stapczynski of the corrosion "We've known about it for several through the CIP process and get it could collapse, I suppose. You our infrastructure.'

The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Health De-

partment recommend approval. The \$4 million appropriation would be bonded and repaid over 20 years.

"The risk is that the pipe is golevel inside the interceptor, ing to further deteriorate and it will be more expensive to replace Stapczynski of the proposed relinyears and now it's time to go it or reline it," said Petkus. "It ing. "We need to fix that piece of

don't want to have the steel lining exposed on a pipe like that."

With peak levels of 15 million gallons of sewage per day running through the interceptor, Petkus said failure of the pipe would result in sewage flowing onto the streets of Lawrence.

"It's highly important," said

■ ON THE WARRANT

Articles 44 and 45: A monument and a renovated park for Shawsheen's founder

Approval of Articles 44 and 45 by majority vote would allow for the renovation of William M. Wood Memorial Park, at the corner of Routes 133 and 28, as well as the erection of a monument there of Wood, the creator of Shawsheen Village and president of the American Woolen Company.

Article 45 seeks \$285,000 to update the fences, sidewalks and landscaping at the park.

"We've got a design that we'll show Town Meeting," said Stapczynski. 'The park really needs a good facelift. It needs some serious renovation."

Selectmen and the Finance Committee have recommended approval only if the needed money for renovations comes out of the C.A. Wood Trust Fund.

That's where the \$165,000 sought to build a monument of Wood would come from under Article 46.

To honor his father, in the 1970s Cornelius A. Wood provided the town with funds to build a monument. The requested funds in Article 46 would be transferred from the C.A. Wood Trust Fund to build a granite-faced rectangular monument in the park. "We have the obligation," said Stapczynski.

Article 32: Andover Street bridge over the Shawsheen River is cracking

The Andover Street bridge is in need of \$600,000 worth of deck repairs, after a recent state inspection revealed it was in an advanced state of decay, according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

Two-third majority approval of Article 32 will provide the necessary money to replace the bridge's deck, which spans the Shawsheen River in Ballard-

The proposal has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Petkus said the bridge appeared to be fine after a

state inspection four years ago. "It's caught everybody's attention now," he said. "The state called it severe and they asked us to pri-

The reinforced concrete deck of the bridge has hairline cracks. There are also leaks and pieces breaking off, Petkus said.

'That's the part that supports the car," said Petkus of the deck. "Concrete, it doesn't last forever."



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Petkus said the bridge is now one step below being load restricted or closed, according to state standards. Previous work has been done to replace the bridge's steel beams.

"That work is not going to be lost, but the deck itself, that's got to come off," said Petkus.

Article 34: Making acres of I-93 land **Priority Development Sites**

Majority approval of Article 34 would mean the town has accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43D, approving the application for designating 1350 S. Main St. and 1350R S. Main St. as priority development sites.

Requested by Planning Board and approved by selectmen, this article has an eye to the future development in the Lowell Junction area on the west side of Interstate 93, specifically an "orphan piece" of land 73 acres in size that cannot be accessed currently. The land will be opened up if a proposed Interstate 93 ramp system is built.

"What we have here is a lot of land," said Andover Planning Director Paul Materazzo. "It's going to be smart economic growth."

Under Chapter 43D, Materazzo said state money could be made available to hire consultants to assist a tri-town task force with expediting the designated land's permitting process.

Tewksbury and Wilmington are opting to designate the area, near the Shawsheen River and the Tewksbury border, as a priority development site.

"If and when the infrastructure becomes available, the blueprint will be ready to go," said Materazzo. 'We're almost assuring it can't be activated until the infrastructure is available."

The efficient permitting process provided under the state's Chapter 43D should help attract quality companies to the priority development site, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"The point of the PDS is to encourage targeted economic development, in this case specifically within the Lowell Junction area," said Stapczynski. "It will

give us the opportunity to receive some state funding Director Robert Douglas. "It's both a good idea and if we get this article passed."

"It's a no-brainer," said Selectman Alex Vispoli.

"It's a great opportunity."

Article 30: New rules for home businesses

home occupation proposed in Article 30 could make it easier for residents to work out of their home.

"It wasn't clear when the Zoning Board would grant a home occupation," said Town Planner Lisa Schwarz. "People were getting denied and I think they didn't understand why."

The updated home occupation bylaw would still restrict the use of a home's gross floor area for home businesses to one-third of its area.

Up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet could be used for a home occupation, under the updated definition. A single, unlighted sign fixed to the residence no larger than two square feet would be allowed, as would the employment of no more than one person who is not a resident family member.

"It's actually being modernized," said Schwarz of the proposed changes. "It's so much easier to have a home occupation that nobody knows is there."

Approval requires a two-third majority vote. "It's very clear what you can and can't do," said Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia.

Article 38: Stormwater management rules

Development and redevelopment projects in town disturbing more than an acre of land would have to meet specific guidelines if Article 38 is approved. A similar stormwater management bylaw proposal

was withdrawn at last year's Town Meeting and has since been refined by town planners and the Planning Board. The bylaw would affect projects in town that don't require approval by a local board.

"You've got a good document," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "This is going to catch those (projects) that aren't going to go before the Conservation (Commission).'

The proposed bylaw would cover the town under federally mandated land disturbance guidelines that come with a spring 2008 deadline.

"It's required by federal law to have these stormwater standards in place," said Conservation

it's the law. ... It's going to do a lot of things in terms of protecting the town's waterways.'

Article 41: Residential anti-blight bylaw

Noting what they see as unkempt yards on Ridge Changes to the town's decades-old definition of a Rock Road, Dufton Road and North Main Street, Kirkland Drive residents say they are not the only property owners in Andover affected by residential property blight.

As the proponents of the Residential Anti-Blight Bylaw, Kirkland Drive residents have now based their anti-blight proposal off similar laws passed in Framingham in Maynard. Their bylaw proposal, which went before the Planning Board April 22, now provides definitions for the terms blight, dilapidated,

"It will establish minimum standards governing the maintenance, appearance and condition of residential zoned properties so as to prevent progressive deterioration and blighting which has had and continues to have a detrimental effect on neighborhoods and property values constituting a menace to the welfare of town citizens," according to the bylaw proposal. "It has been demonstrated that the current complaint handling system has not only failed to abate blight but in fact has made these egregious conditions worse. This bylaw is a tool, which provides the grit necessary to prevent blight and also offers a remedy to cure nuisances, which now exist."

Both selectmen and the town Health Department have not supported the bylaw proposal.

"I'm definitely sympathetic to what the neighbors are saying, but we have to look at what the capability is of the town," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major. "Government is not in place to make qualitative decisions as to what is considered blight and what is not considered blight."

Selectman Ted Teichert did vote in favor of approving the bylaw proposal.

"I think there's some credibility to the article," said Teichert, "It needs to be refined a little bit, because as you've heard, one man's junk is another man's treasure. Something needs to be done because you see it out there. If you can help out the neighbors, it helps to do something."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

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-

Author reading, Melissa Pasanen of "Cooking with Shelburne Farms," with recipe samples, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-

night out while getting great exercise. Learn fun and easy dance moves and simple tricks. Large, newly designed hoops that are easy to use will be an exciting addition to the evening. Admission is \$10, \$8 for members, ages 10 and up, 7 to 9 p.m.

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 Orent and Christina Landolt at 7 p.m. at the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Featuring Alvssa Yamamoto of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., performing the first movement of Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1 in G 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 e-mail 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 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.

Endicott College presents the film "18 in '08" at 5 p.m. as part of the Political Awareness Fund 2008 Film Festival. Directed and produced by David Burstein, a 19-vear old student at Haverford College, the nonpartisan film examines the issues and processes involved in this election cycle. Refreshments will be provided, free and the public is welcome to attend. The film will be shown in the Little Theater, Halle Library, Endicott College, 376 Hale Street, Beverly

Northern Essex Community College will present its 34th season of Still Point dance performances at 8 p.m. in the Sport and Fitness Center on the Haverhill

campus, 100 Elliott St. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$3 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Lisa Leake at Ileake@necc.mass.edu 978-556-3583 or at the door

Northern Essex Community College will present talks on environmental issues by professor of philosophy and film Allan Casebier and graphic artist Lance Hidy. Casebier will speak on environmental ethics from 11 a.m. to noon and Hidy will speak on photographer Ansel Adams as an environmentalist from noon to 1 p.m. Both lectures are free and open to the public and will be held in the Tech-Women's hula-hoop party with nology Center on the college's Haverhill Allyson Makiej. Enjoy a fun-filled girl's Campus, 100 Elliott St. These programs are part of a weeklong Environmental Awareness Celebration at Northern Essex. For additional, information contact Elaine Mawhinney at 978-556-3395 or emawhinney@necc.mass.edu

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Northern Essex Community College will present its 34th season of Still Point dance performances at 8 p.m. in the Sport and Fitness Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St. This event is open

to the public. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$3 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Lisa Leake at Ileake@necc.mass.edu 978-556-3583 or at the door.

Silent auction, 5:30 p.m., followed by deep-fried turkey dinner at 6:45 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover. RSVP for dinner to Sheila Stone 475-9378 (proceeds to benefit the church and the Samaritans).

ANA Synchers show, 6 p.m., at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, Haverhill Street, Andover, featuring 60 swimmers ranging in age from 7 to 19, performing over 15 routines. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and children, and available at the YMCA every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; www.anasynch-

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 along with opportunities for discussion the rock support piers of the old canoe following each of the films. The event is 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.

Spring Book Sale, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or www.mhl.org.

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This year's Still Point performance at Northern Essex Community College will showcase dancers in the college's new Afro-Caribbean dance class performing West African and Puerto Rican dances, choreographed by their instructor Lisa Leake. Shown, from left, are Lisa Leake, dance coordinator, and Northern Essex students Nicole James of Haverhill and Sharell Hall of Amesbury.

SAMANTHA'S STORY



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Ruth Baer recently had her first book published, "Samantha Rose," dealing with the loss of her granddaughter, Samantha, who died from an unexplained virus a year and a half ago.

Grandmother writes book about toddler taken by virus

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

Samantha Rose Baer loved dancing, Elmo, nursery rhymes and reading. Her first word was "book" — actually "a book," which she thought was one word.

Samantha loved to stand on things that would make her taller. If you skipped a page when you were reading to her, she knew it and would point it

It's memories like these that prompted Andover resident Ruth Baer, Samantha's grandmother, to write a book about Samantha's short life. She died of an unexplained virus a year and a half ago. She was 16 months old and her life ended just hours after she started feeling

"Mantha," as her older brother, Jacob, called her, was buried with her favorite

stuffed Elmo doll. "She just loved life. If there's one thing we learned from her it's to love life, be-

cause she sure did," said Baer. Baer's book, "Samantha Rose," will be released on April 25, Samantha's birthday. Baer wrote the book as a way to grieve, remember her granddaughter and possibly help others deal with loss,

she said. "She was the kind of child you didn't have to teach, she'd just pick it up," said Baer. "The amount of love in her, you don't always see in children. Samantha wouldn't give just one kiss, but kisses all over your face. She loved to dance. She had a smile that just drew her to you."

"Samantha Rose" is a children's book, written through the eyes of Baer's grandson, Jacob, who was 31/2 when his sister died. The book is filled with family photographs taken by Baer's husband, Martin, rather than with illustrations.

"Samantha made you happy," said Martin Baer of his granddaughter. "She had a glow about her."

Baer's book has the feel of a family photo album. The narrator, Samantha's brother, talks about how they used to draw on the driveway with chalk and watch school buses go by, and about



Ruth Baer kept a family photo of her with her granddaughter, Samantha, on her desk as she wrote "Samantha Rose," which will be released April 25.

MEET THE AUTHOR

- Ruth Baer will be doing a book signing of "Samantha Rose" at Borders Bookstore in Methuen on Saturday, May 3, from noon to 2 p.m. The bookstore is in the Loop shopping plaza, 90 Pleasant Val-
- Proceeds from the sale of "Samantha Rose" will go to a fund set up in Samantha's name for research on children's viruses at Children's Hospital in Boston.
- The book goes on sale April 25, Samantha's birthday.

their favorite ice cream flavors. "You were my playmate, and I was

your hero," writes Baer, through the voice of Jacob. Ruth and Martin Baer have lived in

Andover for 39 years. She retired last June after a 30-year career as special education teacher in the Andover public schools. Martin Baer retired two months ago as well. The Baers' two children, Jonathan and

Andrea, grew up in Andover. Samantha Rose was Jonathan Baer's daughter. Jonathan Baer and his family live in Westborough. "Grandma and Pa," Samantha's names for Ruth and Martin Baer, visit or baby-sit once or twice a

week, the couple said. Jacob, who is turning 5 on May 12, is now their only grandchild.

Samantha's parents are still too griefstricken to read "Samantha Rose," but they will someday, "when they're ready," Ruth Baer said. "The grieving process takes a long

time and everybody does it in a different way. It just takes time," Baer said.

Baer wrote "Samantha Rose" over the course of one year, and always kept a favorite photograph on her desk of her holding her granddaughter as inspira-

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'Mass-terpieces' to be featured at grant recipients' reception

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

The Addison Gallery will be alive with the sound of music and other forms of art and culture — on May 1 as the Andover Cultural Council hosts a reception for its 2008 grant recipients.

All Andover residents are invited to the "Andover Mass-terpieces" event, featuring live music, refreshments and discussion by grant recipients about their plans for art and culture projects.

This year, the Andover Cultural Council will fund 18 grants totaling \$5,450, said Jennifer Cullen-Struhl, publicity chairwoman for the

The council had more than \$50,000 in requests from various applicants, Cullen-Struhl said, and had only \$5,450 to award — half of the budget they've had in past years. The council had to turn down applicants it has supported for many years, she said.

"We had a very small amount of money this year, and we felt we should continue to fund some of the smaller organizations," said Alan Michel, Andover Cultural Council chairman. "All of the applications were very worthy this year and it was very difficult to say no."

The council has also talked about doing a fundraiser for next year, to add to the money they receive from the state Cultural Council, he said.

At the "Mass-terpieces" reception, Anita Walker, executive director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, will speak on the tions to draw attention to revitalpositive effect the arts have on local economies.

"She will be speaking about the arts as an economic engine. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has taken the lead in the Merrimack Valley with economic stimulus projects in the arts in Lawrence and Lowell and the commissioning of major art installa-

- "Andover Mass-terpieces," a celebration of 2008 Andover Cultural Council grant recipients

- Discussions by grant recipients about their funded projects, live music and light refreshments
- Free and open to Andover residents
- culturalcouncil.org

IF YOU GO

- May 1, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. ■ Anita Walker, executive director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, will be
- For information for applying for a future cultural council grant, visit www.mass-

RECIPIENTS

Arts and cultural and arts organizations receiving 2008 grants include:

- Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange
- Bancroft Elementary School ■ Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell
- Berkshire Hills Music Academy ■ Delvena Theater Company
- Denise Doucette
- Sandra Dukeshire ■ Greater Lawrence Educational Collab-
- orative ■ Ruth Harcovitz
- Harvard Pro Musica ■ High Plain Elementary School
- Scott Jameson ■ Gina Murray
- Quintessential Brass ■ John Root
- Society for Historically Informed Performances
- West Elementary School
- Young Opera Company

under her tenure as director of the ing and thoughtful in regards to some of the planning the town is

doing," he said in an e-mail. The Andover Cultural Council is a part of a network of 329 local cultural councils administered by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The MCC provides allocations to each of Massachu-

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ization initiatives," he said. Live music will be played by

sixth- to ninth-graders in the Intermezzo Orchestra of the North Shore Youth Symphony Orches-

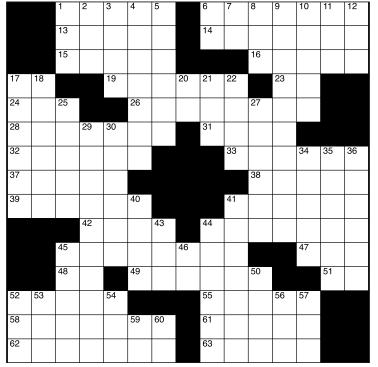
Exhibits at the Addison Gallery will be open for the reception, and attendees may enjoy the artwork

Refreshments for the evening will be provided by Andover businesses Wine Sense, Atria Marland Place, the Cupcake Boutique and Bakery, I Dream of Jeanne Cakes and Sweet Mimi's Chocolates.

Michel said he is especially excited about having Walker to speak at the event.

Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, was hailed by economist Richard Florida, author of 'The Rise of the Creative Class,' as a significant advance on his work in this area, and resulted in several key regions of the state incorporating arts and culture in econom-"Walker's study of the arts and ic planning efforts. So I think this economic development, completed short address should be enlighten-

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EVENTS

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"My Favorite Year," Colonial Chorus Players, including Roni Ventura of Andover, 8 p.m. \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, Reading Memorial High School, Reading; 781-944-9780, ccptickets@att.net, www.colonialchorus.com.

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 ereed@littlesprouts.com.

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 for tickets.

ImprovBoston comedy troupe will perform from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Revolving Museum, 22 Shattuck St., Lowell. Free event, ages 17-plus. To reserve a spot, contact Elaina Bates at ebates@revolvingmuseum.org.

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.glrr.net/.

Spring Book Sale, Memorial Hall Library, 1 to 4:30 p.m.; 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or www.mhl.org.

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Terri Kelley of Lawrence will perform selections and share stories of Leonard Bernstein during a White Fund Enlightenment Series lecture titled "Lenny of Lawrence - Bernstein, of Course," at 2

p.m. in the Lawrence Public Library at 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence. This series is presented by Northern Essex Community

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra ends its 47th season at 2:30 p.m. in the Rogers Center for the Arts on the Merrimack College campus in North Andover. Maestro George Monseur conducts the afternoon concert featuring works by American composers including a suite of dances from Aaron Copland's ballet "Rodeo," Ferde Grofe's "Mississippi Suite," George Gershwin's "American in Paris" and the world premiere of "Mythos" by composer Francine Trester. Tickets are on sale now at \$18, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children. Order online at www.mvpomusic.org. For information, call 978-685-3505.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Endicott College presents the film "Refusing To Be Enemies: The Zeitouna Story" at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater, Halle Library, Endicott College, 376 Hale Street, Beverly. This documentary is about six Arab and six Jewish women who struggle to overcome their prejudices, fears, and anger through dialogue. The film will be followed by a discussion and information reception. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

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BAER: Fund being set up

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"I knew it was something I had to do. I just didn't want her to be forgotten," she said of penning the book. "I focused on the life we had, not on the life we will not

Writing it helped her with grief she describes as being "like a bad dream." Writing — especially writing for children came easy to her, she said, because of her background in education.

When the book was finished, Baer connected with Vern Firestone, a publisher for Triad Publishing Group, who spoke at an author's night event near Ruth and Martin Baer's vacation home in Sarasota, Fla.

Firestone liked Baer's ideas for a book about Samantha, and "it just fell into place," Baer said.

Baer is donating proceeds from sales of the book to a fund set up in Samantha's name for research on children's viruses at Children's Hospital in Boston.

The book is for "anyone that's had any kind of loss," Baer said, no matter what age, as well as those close to someone with a loss, who might not know what to say or do.

"It's a story about love and loss. You have to pick up the pieces and grieve in your own way. You have to take your time," she said.

Jacob still talks about his sister. On a recent airplane ride to Florida, Jacob asked if they were going to be able to see Samantha in heaven because they were flying so high.

GRANTS: Council supports arts projects

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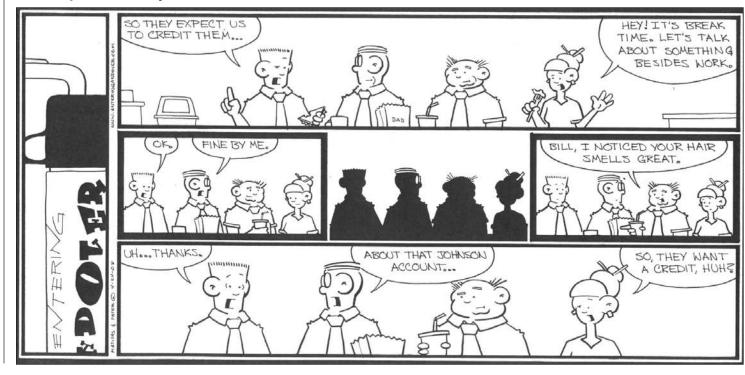
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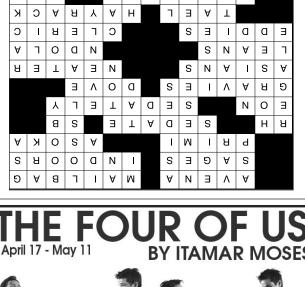
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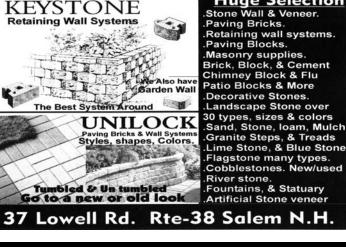
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TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Endicott College presents the film "Kabul Transit" at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater, Halle Library, Endicott College, 376 Hale Street, Beverly. The film will be followed by a discussion and information reception with filmmaker and Beverly resident Greg Whitmore. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

"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 or contact the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, aldebran.longabaughburg@merrimack.edu

Organ lunch concert series, "ORGA-Nize your Lunch!" 1:15 p.m., free and open to the public, featuring organ students from Phillips Academy, at Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy. Bring a bag lunch and eniov a half-hour of music from the academy's pipe organ; 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Cutural discussion: "Andover Mass-terpieces, A Celebration of Local Cultural Excellence." 5:30 to 7 p.m., the Addison Gallery of American Art. Aims to bring awareness to the Andover community of the services available through the Andover

"Prayer in Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust," with Rabbi Robert Goldstein presiding with musical direction by Monica Steele and Idan Irelander, Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, aldebran.longabaughburg@merri-

Outback Jazzfest 2008: Masoconomet Regional School Field House, 6 to 9 p.m. at 20 Endicott Road, Topsfield. Great music, fine dining and a rewarding silent auction. Tickets \$25 per person, \$20 for senior citizens and students. Reservations and information: www.mascomusicparents.com or call 978-609-1554.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Andover Rotary Club breakfast meeting, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Guest speaker will be Julie Kravetz of Winchester Hospital presenting information related to prostate cancer advances made in therapy and treatment at Winchester Hospital; rotarvandover.org.

Fourth annual Hair of the Dog Wine & **Beer Tasting,** a benefit for the Methuen MSPCA, from 6 to 9 p.m. Hosted by the Essex Art Center at 56 Island St. in Lawrence, the tasting will also feature an art show of works by 20 Merrimack Valley artists. Cost is \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance. Tick-

ets can be purchased at Shawsheen Village Liquors, 4 Poor St., Andover, 978-475-3636; at the MSPCA, Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen, 978-687-7453, ext. 6105; or online at www.mspca.org/nevinsfarm. All ticket proceeds go directly to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm. Ten percent of all wine and art sales will also be donated to the shelter. For more information, go to www.shawsheenliquors.com and click on "Great Wines for Great Causes."

The Friends of the Flint Memorial Li**brary** will hold a book sale from 4 to 8 p.m. in the library activity room, 147 Park St., North Reading. Proceeds will benefit the library. Call 978-664-4942 for further infor-

Boston Horns jazz and funk fundrais**er** will hold a concert at Old Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. The concert is being organized to raise money for a jazz scholarship fund. The Andover Band Association, a parent organization that works closely with the bands in town, are trying to establish a scholarship which would be awarded to a senior that plans to further their music studies at the college level. The cost is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the door, through any of the jazz band members or at www.bostonhorns.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

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Andover Chamber Music Series presents "A Little Night Music." 7 p.m., Lanam Club in Andover. Music and food plus silent and live auctions with guest host, WGBH radio personality Ron Della Chiesa; RSVP to LeslieKaplan@andoverchambermusic.org.

The Friends of the Reading Public Library host a performance by the Nashua Flute Choir at 8 p.m. at 64 Middlesex Ave., Reading. This concert is free of charge, and open to the public. For mlore information call 781-944-2017.

Yard sale and silent auction, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover.

Bird walk at 8 a.m. The walk is spon-

sored by the Merrimack Valley Bird Club and will be led by Al Retelle. Bring binoculars if you have them.

West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, will host its May breakfast from 7 to10 a.m. Adults, \$6; children, \$3.50. Tickets may be bought at the door. Full breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes, French toast, muffins, doughnuts and coffee, tea and orange

Windrush Farm will host its annual "Farm Day" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 30 Brookview Road in Boxford on the North Andover line. Enjoy live music, games, crafts, pony rides and much more in a traditional New England setting. While many activities are free, tickets will be sold for some events. The parking fee is \$5. All money raised will benefit Windrush Farm's therapeutic horseback riding programs. For driving direction and more information about Windrush Farm, visit www.windrushfarm.org or call 978-682-7855. Windrush Farm is wheelchair accessible. Rain date is May 4.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Andover Choral Society presents "Messiah," 3 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-688-6352 or www.andoverchoral.org for tickets.

AVIS work party. Merrimack River trails, 9 a.m to noon. Meet at New England Business Center off Old River Road. Led by Andrea Leary, andrealeary@verizon.net.

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ONGOING

A two-day conference on why presidents succeed or fail will draw eminent political scientists to the campus of the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover. The conference starts at noon on April 26 and ends at midnight on April 27. The college is at 500 Federal St. in Andover. For more information, contact Jeff Demers at MSL at 978-681-0800.

Woodworking classes: "Hand Planes & Wireless Routers" will be offered Oct. 25 through Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Andover Historical Society. The sixweek course is designed to meet the needs of woodworkers, from the novice looking for an introduction to traditional woodworking skills to the advanced woodworker. Novices will learn from the instructors and the more advanced students. Novice students can make a basic. introductory project, such as a foot stool or candle box, from pre-milled stock. The cost for the course is \$60 for members, \$75 nonmembers. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andover-

Antique Auto Raffle: The Andover Historical Society will raffle off a fireengine red 1981 380 SL Mercedes Benz Coupe convertible with only 75,000 miles. It has an eight-cylinder, 3.8-liter engine, automatic transmission, power steering brakes and windows, and air conditioning. Included in the package are two sets of rims and tires, a black soft top and a red hard top. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. All proceeds support the educational mission of the Andover Historical Society. Credit card orders may be placed by calling 978-475-2236 or by faxing the information to 978-470-2741. The winning ticket will be drawn on June 15, and the winner need not be present to win. Faxed ticket orders must be recieved by June 1. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

Peabody Essex Museum, drop-in Yoga classes on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., Art Studios. Cost is included with museum admission. For more information, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3043.

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

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In addition to an active solo and music coach. She has performed with various instrumentalists and singers and given lecture concerts and master classes in the U.S. and Japan. Born in Toyama, Japan, Tokuno started playing the piano at an early age and began music lessons at age 6. At 14, she began studying with Midori Tanabe (former professor at in Japan, the U.S. and Europe. Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music) in Tokyo, which greatly influenced her petition Internationale in Santa musical development, according to the school

In 2001, she earned her bachelor's degree in music with honors and Doseikai Prize from Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music. She went International competition in on to study with Victor Rosen- Texas.

On Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m., baum at the New England Conthe Phillips Academy music deservatory of Music in Boston, partment will present pianist where she received her master's degree in music with academic honors and played with the NEC Mendelssohn, Liszt, Schumann, Orchestra at her commence-

In June 2003, she was selected as one of six pianists from all over the world to participate in "The Daniel Barenboim Workshop: The Beethoven Sonatas," preschedule of performing, sented by Carnegie Hall. Again, Tokuno is a chamber musician in January and March 2004, she was selected as one of four pianists to participate in "The Leon Fleisher Workshop: The Late Schubert Sonatas," and performed at Carnegie Weill Recital

> Since her childhood, Tokuno has been the winner of numerous awards, including many competitions and scholarships Most recently, she was the first-prize winner of the Com-Fe. Also, she was given special awards for her performances and interpretation of Schubert Sonata in A at Valsesia Musica International Competition in Italy, and the Corpus Christy

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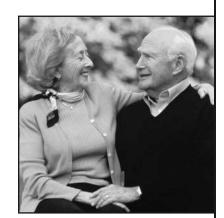
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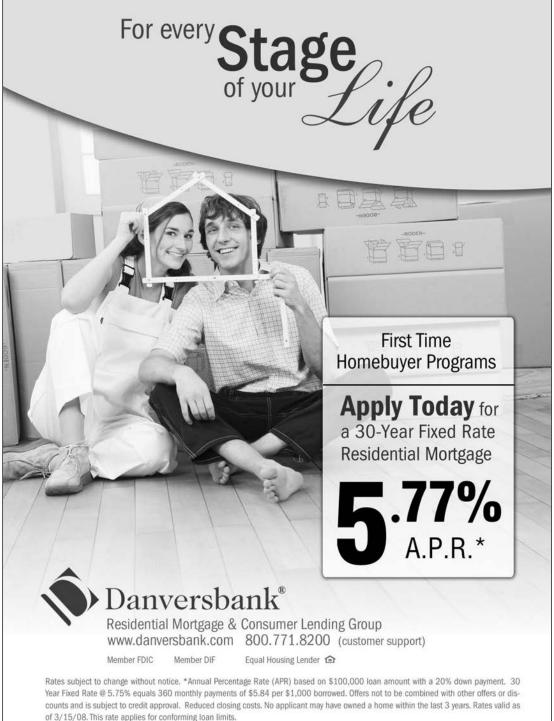
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Sports

'She's just a winner'

Head injury just a high school memory for record-setting Northeastern runner

By David Willis STAFF WRITER

Now a standout college runner, most of Brittany Moriarty's Northeastern University teammates have never heard of the injury in high school that could have cost her an athletic career.

"They probably have no idea," she said. "Unless we happened to be talking about bizarre injuries or something.'

Last weekend, while running at the Colonial Athletic Conference Track Championships at William & Mary, Moriarty set the Northeastern University record in the 1,500 meters in 4:33.27. That is approximately a 4:46.27 mile (1,600 meters), according to Andover track coach Peter Comeau.

Setting records on the track is nothing new for Moriarty after a stellar career as a threesport athlete at Andover High. But in the spring of 2003, college athletic milestones seemed like a long way off.

"I was baby-sitting for a kid in the fifth grade," she remembered. "We were playing catch with a baseball, and I don't know if I $\,$ turned my head or the ball curved, but I remember falling down."

The ball struck Moriarty in the side of the head, knocking her briefly unconscious. After she regained consciousness, she called her mother, and her parents brought her to Lawrence General Hospital.

But once there, it was obvious something was wrong.

"They were asking me questions and I couldn't answer them," she remembered. "They asked me how old I was and I said I was 14, but I was 16. They asked me if I had siblings and I said no, even though I have a brother. It was really frustrating because I knew (the answers) were wrong, but I didn't know why. And my head was really hurting."

Doctors thought she may have bleeding in her brain, so she was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Boston.

"It was scary," said Comeau. "Her mother called me at 11 p.m. We had a (track) meet the next day, and I just couldn't focus. I remember jumping in my car after the meet and driving right to Children's."

Once there, Comeau was met with the good news. Further tests found only a skull fracture, and she would not need surgery.

"For my family it was a huge relief," she said. "I was able to avoid surgery, which was great. But I didn't really have a sense of what was go-

He mother echoed that relief.

"It was not the best time of our lives," said Maripat Moriarty. "But the doctors at Children's were very reassuring that she would be fine."

However, the comeback trail was still a long one for Moriarty. She spent a week in the hospital, and was out for her entire sophomore track season.

"I had a lot of trouble getting around," she remembered. "I was very dizzy and walking was



Andover's Brittany Moriarty leads the pack at the CAA Championship final over the weekend. Moriarty set the Northeastern University record in the 1,500 with a 4:33.27.

pretty shaky. Any up-and-down movement was bad. That season we won states in track. I remember them calling me and telling me. I was very excited, but I was disappointed that I missed out.'

A stellar student, Moriarty missed a great deal of school and had to finish math during the summer. But she was not going to let the injury hold her back.

"I don't remember thinking I would not return to sports," she said. "I just had to deal with the dizziness. I never thought it would prevent me."

She backed up that confidence. Moriarty made it back for the first days of

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THE BRITTANY MORIARTY FILE

Sport: Track

College: Northeastern

High School: As a senior, set the then-Andover High record in the 800 in 2:17.00, breaking her own record from her junior year. Spent three seasons on the varsity basketball team and soccer team.

College: Runs cross country and winter and spring track at Northeastern. Last weekend, set the Huskies' school record in the 1,500 in 4:33.27 at the Colonial Athletic Conference Track Championships. **Injury:** Suffered a head injury in 2003 after being

struck in the side of the head with a baseball.



Roger Darrigrand/Staff photo

Andover's Brendan Hughes (25) and Peter Hanson (20) go for the ball against North Andover's Ross Marchegiani. Hanson and Hughes each had two goals as Andover rallied for a 7-4 win on Monday

Better late than never for Warriors lacrosse squad

By DAVID WILLIS STAFF WRITER

 ${\bf ANDOVER-Senior\ Andover\ midfielder\ Brendan}$ Hughes let out a chuckle as he stood on the chilly

"That's the game of lacrosse for you," he said. "If you get a fire started, it can just keep going."

The problem for Andover on Monday, however, was getting the fire started for much of its matchup with neighboring rival North Andover.

The Golden Warriors were the aggressors in the first half, firing a whopping 24 shots, 15 of which were on net. But that resulted in only one goal.

lot of shots off," said much. We had a lot of Hughes. "But they weren't good ones." shots, but not many "We were getting a

But that all ended a on the cage. But once minute into the fourth quarter, when Andover struck for three goals in just 53 seconds on its way to a 7-4 victory over the Scarlet Knights.

"We were trying to force the ball in too much," said Golden Warriors goalie Nick

we settled down in the fourth quarter and got shots on net, it was pretty good. ?? **Golden Warriors goalie Nick Reeder**

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Reeder. "We had a lot of shots, but not many on the cage. But once we settled down in the fourth quarter and got shots on net, it was pretty good."

Matt Eriksen kicked off the rally one minute into the fourth when he went across the net and buried the shot for his second goal of the game. Before North Andover could catch its breath, the Golden Warriors won the faceoff and Hughes scored off a pass from Sam Cook just seven seconds later. Peter Hanson finished the surge when he outran the entire Knights defense for a goal.

"We really picked up the intensity in the fourth," said Justin Malins. "We came out slow, but once people started to pick it up, everyone was fired up and we started putting in goals."

The scoring did not stop there. Hanson tacked on his second goal 3:09 later, and Malins closed out the night with a tally off an assist from Hanson with 4:55 left.

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▶ The week's highlights

Hennessy, Warriors rally to remain only undefeated MVC team

BASEBALL

This was supposed to be the season that Andover came back to

Expected to struggle thanks to massive graduation hits, the Warriors improved to 4-1 on Monday, April 21, rallying twice from down three runs to topple Arlington, 7-6, in a thriller at Aumais Field.

"There was a lot of talk at the beginning of the year," said shortstop John Hennessy, whose two-out, sixthinning RBI single tied the score at 6-6. "All we've done is work hard, and work to be a better team than we've been in the past."

Andover remains unbeaten (3-0) in the MVC, the only perfect team in the league.

The Warriors, down 3-0 and 6-3, simply made the Spy Ponders pay each time through the top of the

P.J. Farnham, Hennessy and No. 3 hitter Mike Taylor combined for an 8-for-10 afternoon, scoring four runs and driving in three.

Cleanup man Sam Clark chipped in an RBI sacrifice fly in the third and came back to walk and score the game-winner in the seventh. In the fifth spot, Zach Burdeau sin-

gled in two, again with two out in Thursday, April 17. The Eagle-Trithe fifth. And No. 6 man Steve LaFortune delivered Clark from third

with a base hit in the seventh.

"I'd say we're a very good team," said Hennessy. "We've just put it as underdogs, and that's plenty of motivation. The scrappy attack made a win-

ner out of junior reliever Shawn Carlson, who blew away the side, all via strikeout, in the top of the seventh.

First baseman Sam Clark drove in three runs as Andover downed

archrival Central Catholic 8-3 on

bune All-Star linebacker was 3 for 4 on the night. Sophomore shortstop **Andrew Hennessy** had two hits, drove in a pair of runs and scored twice, **Zach Burdeau** had a hit and scored a in our minds that people have us run and Alex Patti drove in the other run for the Golden Warriors.

> **Andrew Hennessy** had three hits and drove in four runs as Andover bested Dracut 10-7 last Wednesday, April 16. **P.J. Farnham** was 2 for 3 with two runs and three RBIs and Sam Clark had three hits and drove in a run for the winners.

SOFTBALL

smacked a triple and a home run.

Martin paces Warriors Tricia Martin stayed hot, driving in

three runs to lead Andover to an 18-3 drubbing of Lawrence last Wednesday, April 16. Jeanette Doucette, Rachel Licciardi and Megan Pettoruto each had one RBI for Andover.

Andover took a two-run lead in the top of the fifth, but Amesbury responded with six runs in the bottom of the fifth and downed the Golden Warriors 9-3 on Monday, April 21. Jeanette Doucette ($3\ for\ 3,\ two\ RBIs$)

BOYS TRACK

McConnell, Andover roll

Chris McConnell won the 100 (10.9) and the 200 (22.7) to help Andover crush Haverhill 115-30 last Wednesday, April 16. Santi Costello continued his great season with wins in the long jump, 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles and Mark Vetere took the pole vault for the winners.

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Andover's John Fiorentino looks to make a move with the ball. The Andover offense came alive with five goals in the fourth quarter on Monday against North Andover.

LACROSSE: Golden Warriors score 5 fourth-quarter goals

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"We just needed to put the ball in the net," said Warriors coach Wayne Puglisi. "We finished (scoring opportunities) better in the second half. We had to stay aggressive."

Hanson's two goals gave him a team-high 21 for the season. Hughes also had two, putting him third

on the Warriors with 13 goals, and Eriksen's two scores gave him 11 on the year.

The defense also stood out for Andover, led by Matt Rayner, Tripp Stevens, Matt Murray and Andrew Carroll. Reeder also excelled in net with 11 saves, out-dueling North Andover sophomore Brian O'Connor (21 saves).

tremendous saves for us," said started to play our game." Puglisi. "He really saved us a few

His save of the night came early in the third when he kicked away a point-blank shot. He also released a 70-yard pass that helped set up Hughes' first goal of the game.

"We came out slow," said Hugh-

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Goals: A — Brendan Hughes 2, Peter Hanson 2, Matt Eriksen 2, Justin Malins; NA — Jon Blackwell 2, John

Eriksen 2, Justin Mains; INA — Joh Biackwell 2, John Carney, Steve Collura Assists: A — Sam Cook 2, Matt Rayner, Joe Lamagna, Hanson; INA — Carney 2, Kyle Dolan Saves: A — Nick Reeder 11; INA — Brian O'Connor 21 North Andover (6-2): 1-1-1-1 — 4 Andover (7-2): 1-0-1-5 — 7

■ THE WEEK AHEAD

Baseball				Boys Tennis				
April 25	at Lowell	11 a.m.		April 28	Methuen	3:30 p.m.		
April 28	at Billerica	3:30 p.m.		April 30	at Lowell	3:30 p.m.		
April 30	Lawrence	4:15 p.m.		May 1	at Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.		
	Softball				Girls Tennis			
April 25	ND(Tyngsboro)	11 a.m.		April 28	at ND (Tyngsboro)	3:30 p.m.		
April 28	at Dracut	7 p.m.		April 30	Lowell	3:30 p.m.		
April 30	at Haverhill	3:30 p.m.		May 1	Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.		
Boys Lacrosse				•	Boys Track	,		
April 24	Lexington	1 p.m.		April 30	at Lowell	3:30 p.m.		
April 29	Xaverian Brothers	7:30 p.m.		Girls Track				
	Girls Lacrosse			April 30	at Lowell	3:30 p.m.		
April 25	at North Andover	10 a.m.		·	Volleyball	•		
April 26	at Shrewsbury	11 a.m.		April 25	at Haverhill	11:30 a.m.		
April 28 April 30	Billerica Dracut	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.		April 28	at Dracut	5:30 p.m.		

■ FROM THE COMMUNITY

FOOTBALL

Offensive tackle Phill Perkins represented Hobart College at the 2008 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society, honoring college football players with a GPA of 3.2 or better.

dover native led a offensive attack that accumulated 4,732 to-11th consecutive winning sea- dles (2005).

son. Hobard was jointed in the group by teammate Mike Kaplan of Webster, N.Y.

TRACK

Andover's Chris Cole took fourth in the decathlon for Gettysburg College, which placed third at the Messiah Invitational. Cole The 6-foot-3, 275-pound Anfinished with a 5,630. The 2005 graduate of Andover High was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star in tal yards and led Hobart to its the discus (2004) and 300 hur-



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MORIARTY: Set record in 1,500 meter for Northeastern Huskies

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soccer season, and finished with five goals and seven assists. She then stood out on the Golden Warriors basketball team that advanced to the Division 1 State Finals. But it was in track that she made her biggest mark.

That season, Moriarty broke the 27-year-old school record in the 800 meters with 2:18.15 at All-States. She bested that a year later at All-States as a senior, running a 2:17.00.

Wanting to attend a big school, she drew the attention of Northeastern, and she fell in love right away.

"It has been a perfect fit for me both academically and athletically," she said. "We have run in major races, and my best friends are on the team.

"I played basketball and soccer all my life, so when I'm running past the field during the fall, I get jealous of the soccer players. I might have considered trying another sport if I went to a Division 2 or 3 school. But I wanted tough competition."

Track has worked out very well for Moriarty. At the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., on April 5, Moriarty set a then-personal best in the 1,500 (4:38.14)

66 She (Moriarty) has the will to win. If she comes in second, even though it's eight points for her team, she is not content. ??

> Andover track coach **Peter Comeau**

But she topped that last weekend. Her 4:33.27 shattered the 23year-old Northeastern record of 4:36.2 set by Donna Petrsorich in

She has also continued to excel in class. She has made the Dean's list every semester, and is currently preparing for a co-op with the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in fundraising.

"She just has the desire," said Comeau. "She has the will to win. If she comes in second, even though it's eight points for her team, she is not content. She wants to win. That she came back from her injury goes right back to that. She is a winner, and there was no way she was going to let that injury beat her."

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Here are the names and times of some Andover residents who finished the 112th Boston Marathon:

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Men					
name	age	time			
Peter Mayer	30	3:07:26			
David Dargie	51	3:13:20			
Brad Pechacek	46	3:28:07			
Brian McKeon	46	3:32:51			
James D. Klauer	37	3:34:08			
Michael G. Olivieri	44	3:36:43			
Roland Manozzi	48	3:49:30			
Aaron J. Grover	38	3:53:14			
Kevin R. Benedix	42	4:11:00			
Dennis J. Reidy	46	4:22:51			
Christopher J. Logue	38	4:25:01			
James A. Kapelson	51	4:33:14			
Bill Pennington	53	4:34:11			
Ken Shiff	54	4:46:51			

Alan D. Carroll	51	6:05:14					
Women							
name	age	time					
Diane Y. Liu	24	3:30:26					
Lara L. Devaney	40	3:53:20					
Ellen G. McGlynn	36	3:55:32					
Annie Gilbert	44	4:01:26					
Jennifer Dobson	30	4:03:50					
Kathi A. Sawka	40	4:13:22					
Pamela M. Roche	38	4:13:23					
Lana Popova	41	4:21:27					
Maureen Hangac	25	4:25:32					
Beth N. Shiff	55	4:46:51					
Barbara Z. Alexi	51	4:56:40					
Barbara A. Pattullo	28	5:21:26					

5:16:50

Andover Pony League Baseball REGISTRATION & TRYOUTS

REGISTRATION

Monday May 5th 6:00 - 7:30 pm **West Middle School** Cafeteria

TRYOUTS

Saturday May 10th and Sunday May 11th 13 yr. olds 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 14/15 yr. olds 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. At Andover High School JV Field

> Questions Contact Joe larrobino 978-474-0523

ANDOVER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2008 FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION

* Date * THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008

* Place * **WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

* Time *

FOOTBALL - In-town registration

ages 9 year olds to 7^{th} graders -6:00 - 7:30 p.m. CHEERLEADING - In-town registration Grades 4^{th} through 7^{th} -6:00 - 7:30 p.m. * Fee *

> FOOTBALL — \$175.00 per child CHEERLEADING — \$75.00 per child

New football players need a copy of their birth certificate, all players and cheerleaders need a copy of their health form. Players do not need to attend weigh-ins will take place in the fall.

8TH GRADE TRAVEL FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING TEAMS registration 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Information meeting about the travel teams for parents and future 8th graders at 7:30 in the West Middle School Cafeteria.

Future 8th graders need copies of their birth certificate and health forms. FEE for Football - \$250.00. FEE for Cheerleading - \$125.00

Late registration fee for all teams-\$25.00 after 6/1/08 (Placement Subject to Availability) Please visit our website for more registration information.

www.ajfl.com

<u>Obituaries</u>

Maureen F. Eldredge, 71

formerly of Andover, died Sunday, April 13, 2008 at the Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill.

Maureen was born on Dec. 14,

1936 in Melrose. She was the owner of The Yarn

Loft in Lawrence for many years. Maureen is the widow of the late, Herbert E. Eldredge. She leaves two daughters, Catherine of Salisbury; two grandchildren, Home, 390 N. Main St. Andover.

HAVERHILL — Maureen F. Aaron and Amanda Soucy; a sis-(Shields) Eldredge, of Haverhill, ter, Joy Riess and her husband, Paul, of Plymouth, N.H., a brother, Mark A. Shields of Waverly, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. Maureen was the sister of the late John J. Shields.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be private.

There are no calling hours. Contributions may be made by the charity of one's choice. For more information, go Eldredge, of Haverhill, Sandra to www.burkemagliozzi.com. Arrange-Soucy and her husband, Michael, ments by Burke-Magliozzi Funeral

Terry Batchelder Porter, 62

Va., died Thursday, April 17, 2008 in Inova Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax,

She was born Sept. 2, 1945 in Andover, daughter of the late Sidney A. Batchelder.

She was a receptionist at Countryside Family Practice in Mar-

She is survived by her husband, Harry "Hap" Porter; mother, He-

MARSHALL, Va. — Terry len Ferrier Batchelder of Andover; Batchelder Porter, 62, of Marshall, daughter, Melanie Kennedy of daughter, Melanie Kennedy of Burke, Va.; and son, Allan Porter of Centreville, Va.; sister, Faith Winter of Arlington, Va.; and brother, James Batchelder of Andover. Also two grandchildren.

> ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 1 p.m. at Royston Funeral Home, Inc., Marshall, by The Rev. Frank Crim. The family requests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

DEATHS

Maureen F. Eldredge, 71 Eileen M. Hay, 79 Polly R. Oberlander, 93 Terry Batchelder Porter, 62

Polly R. Oberlander, 93

LYNN — Mrs. Polly R. (Kmita) imal lover. Oberlander, 93, of Lynn, died She leave Thursday, April 17, 2008 at her home after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Robert W. Oberlander.

Born in Saugus, she was the daughter of the late Leon and Malania (Budrick) Kmita. She grew up in Saugus and graduated from Saugus High School, Class of

A G.E. retiree, she worked at the G.E. West Lynn, Allerton Street and Wilmington Plants for a total of 35 years of service.

She loved her family, especially her grandchildren. Polly was a generous, unselfish, kind and overall good person. An avid reader, she enjoyed mysteries and loved to write. She was also an an-

She leaves a son, Paul R. and his wife Holly of Lynn; a daughter, Phyllis J. Kulig and her husband Joseph of Andover; four grandchildren, Robert P., Ashleigh H. and John P. Oberlander and Kate (Karen) Kulig; and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Stanley, Chesley and Bromilaus "Mike" Kmita and Sophie Spencer Morehouse.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service were held on Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home, 157 Maple St., Lynn. Visiting hours Monday, 4 to 7 p.m. Burial in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to hospice of the North Shore, 10 Elm St., Danvers, MA 01923. For online questbook, visit www.mem.com.

Eileen M. Hay, 79



LAWRENCE (O'Brien) Hay, 79, a resident of Lawrence, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at her

Born in Lawrence, Mrs. Hay was a graduate of St. Lawrence O'-Toole Grammar School, Lawrence High School Class of 1946, and then went on to graduate from McIntosh Business School.

home.

Mrs. Hay had worked as the Accounts Manager for the Andover Companies from where she retired in 1993. Prior to that, she had worked at Casey's Pharmacy and J.K. Norwood Insurance. Mrs. Hay was active in the Mov-

ing On Group, and was an attendant of St. Patrick's Church in

The daughter of the late James F. and Margaret (Gilligan) O'Brien,

and the wife of the late John Jack - Mrs. Eileen M. Hay, Jr., family members include, her son, John J. Hay, III and his wife Susan of Lawrence; two sister-in-laws, Patricia Finneran of Andover, and Eileen Gray of Keene, N.H.;a close friend, Claire McCarthy of Lawrence; as well as several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Hay was also predeceased by her brothers, James and Francis

> ARRANGEMENTS: A Funeral Mass were celebrated on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 9 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery also in Lawrence. Family and friends may call on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the North Shore, 10 Elm St., Danvers, MA., 01923. To send an online condolence or for more information, please visit www.breenfuneralhome.com.

■ SUPPORT GROUPS

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.

Grief and healing groups and workshops

Surviving a Loss is a one-time workshop offered the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to

Meal and More, a social dinner program for anyone who has lost a loved one, meets the second Monday of every month, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Young Widowed, an eight-week support group, on Thursdays from Feb. 28 to April 17 from 6:30 to 8

Loss in the Family, a six-week offering, on Wednesdays from March 5 to April 6 at Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport from 7 to

Loss Due to Suicide, an eightweek offering, on Mondays from March 10 to April 28 from 7 to 8:30

Loss of an Adult Child, a sixweek offering, on Tuesdays from March 25 to April 29 from 6:30 to

Loss of a Special Needs Child will meet Thursdays for eight sessions from March 27 to May 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. No group meeting on April 24.

Adults who have Lost a Parent on Wednesdays for eight sessions from April 2 to May 7 from 7 to 8:30

Loss of Spouse/Partner on Tuesdays from April 2 to May 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Women Who Have Lost Their Mothers on Wednesdays from April 9 to May 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Mondays from April 14 to May 19 at the Union Hospital, Lynn.

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week support group for gay men and lesbians who have lost a loved one, on Tuesdays from April 15 to June 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Loss of Spouse/Partner will meet Tuesdays from April 22 to June 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

All groups are free and meet at the center's offices at 78 Liberty St., Danvers, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited and advance registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 978-774-5100, e-mail grief@hns.org or visit www.griefandhealing.org.

Blood pressure/stroke

Free clinic, first and third Friday each month, 12:30- 1:30 p.m. in the atrium at Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, Community Education 978-521-8550.

Stroke patient support group, first Wednesday of the month, 6-7 p.m., Paula Hartwell-Bell 603-887-5769, after 6 p.m.

Stroke support group for families and friends, third Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.; Rene Baxter 508-373-2901.

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 HIV/AIDS loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-

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-

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,

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.

Diabetes

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Down Syndrome

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents of children of all ages are invited. (Children welcome.) For information, call group

Gay/lesbian

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Merrimack Valley Chapter, providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAG in Andover MA@aol.com.

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.

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Multiple sclerosis

There are three support groups for multiple sclerosis in the area: Dracut — TW'S 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,

Gay and Lesbian Loss, an eight- lupus, Parkinson's disease or their families and friends in the fourth Tuesdays of month, St. Margreater 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.

ADD/ADHD support group, meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Lisa Figliola 978-

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

More S.T.E.P., a follow-up peer support group for those who have completed the S.T.E.P. program, 9:15-10:45 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month, South Church, 41 Central St.; Gretchen Keohane 978-475-5711, or Janice Holden 978-475-8293

Parents Anonymous, meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell and Lawrence, no fees or dues; 1-800-882-1250.

Merrimack Valley Mothers of Twins, meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Forest Street Church, Forest Street, Methuen; Lisa 978-475-4192 or visit the Web site www.merrimackval-

leymmota.org. Mother of Multiples, Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, second Monday of each month, First Parish Church United, Westford; Mary Johnson 978-256-4111.

Mother of Twins Club, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco 617-245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

Parents Helping Parents, Feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious, or isolated as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experiences and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call toll free 1-800-632-8188

Parents of Children with Bipolar Disorder, discussion with occasional guest experts, meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (unless school is closed for a holiday or other reason), 7-8:30 p.m., no fee, all parents are welcome, Wood Hill Middle School; facilitators Amanda Preston or Dana Hayward 978-475-8737, bpparents@comcast.net.

Parental Stress Line — Call toll free, 1-800-632-8188. Free, 24-hour, statewide hot line to defuse parental stress. Telephone volunteers are needed to take four-hour weekly shifts. After training in Watertown office, volunteers have the option to take calls from home via a call-forwarding system. E-mail info@parentshelpingparents.org or call 617-926-5008, ext. 101 for information on volunteering.

Parents without Partners Minuteman Chapter 817, newcomers orientation meeting, second and

garet's Parish Hall, 111 Winn St., Burlington, 7:30 p.m.; 978-667-6834.

Single parent group, meets the second Sunday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 4 Georgetown Road, Boxford; Laura 978-978-688-6528.

Parents of Children with Bipolar Disorder, meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 7-8:30 p.m., information/discussion format; Amanda Preston or Dana Hayward 978-475-7837 or email bpparents@comcast.net.

Psoriasis

Support group sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 978-475-2774.

Single

Separated and Divorced nondenominational support group, meets every Monday, 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Center for Education and Ministry of St. Augustine's Parish, second floor, 35 Essex Street, Andover. All welcome. Call John Matera at 978-852-7827, e-mail j.matera@comcast.net or call the Parish Office at 978-475-0050 and ask for the ministries coordinator.

Suicide

Safe Place, peer led support group for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St., North Andover. Call Deb-

bie at 978-688-0030. Samaritans, a suicide prevention center, 430 North Canal St., Lawrence. Crisis help lines, 866-912-4673 and 978-688-6607. Both lines are confidential and operate 24/7. Information, 978-688-0030.

Seniors

Seniors in motion program, for seniors and disabled individuals with needed mobility assistance; 800-594-1225.

Sleep apnea

American Sleep Apnea Association's "Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic (A.W.A.K.E.)" is a health awareness group for people affected by sleep apnea. If you have sleep apnea, or are close to someone who does, call Lowell General Hospital and AWAKE at 978-788-7158.

Smoking

Smoking cessation — Nicotine Anonymous, a support group to help stop the nicotine habit, meets every Wednesday evening, 7-8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., 978-475-0183.

Smoking cessation — classes Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Holy Family Hospital Board Room, 70 East St., Methuen; 978-687-0156, Ext. 2720.

Wellness

Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization, has a local volunteer who can provide programs, free of charge, to clubs, churches, organizations, or businesses. Topics include, "3 Solutions to Health," "New Ways to Eliminate Pain," "Relief for Fibromyalgia" and "Balancing Hormones Naturally." For a free wellness workshop or screening, call 978-794-8100.

Women

Crisis Center, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (formerly the Women's Crisis Center), empowers community members to live free from fear, intimidation, violence or the threat of abuse by providing support, advocacy and education; services include 24/7 hotline, counseling, court advocacy, support groups, childcare advocacy, education and outreach, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; calls to the hotline 978-388-1888 are confidential.

Female incest survivors, confidential meeting facilitated by sexual assault staff member at YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., 38 Lawrence St., Lawrence; Bonnie Bruno 978-687-0331.

Addiction

Al-Anon/Alateen is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings for beginners are Fridays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Hanchett Auditorium at Lowell General. Regular meetings are from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Hanchett Auditorium. Call the Al-Anon/Ala-

teen hotline at 508-366-0556 Celebrate Recovery, a Christcentered group for those struggling with any type of addiction, meets every Monday 7-9 p.m., the group is free and open to all; Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; 978-475-0700 or www.freechristian.org

CoDa, Co-dependents Anonymous, a group designed to aid people in dependent relationships, meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Bellevue Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport, and Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Family Mutual Bank State Line Plaza Route 125, Haverhill; David 978-452-3822 or Anne 978-686-0847.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, FA is a 12-step program, closely modeled on Alcoholics Anonymous, for overeating, bulimic and anorexic behaviors, and overall obsession with food. FA is not a diet, and has no dues, fees, or weigh-ins. FA meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 at Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover, and on Thursday evening from 7-8:30 at the First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 781-321-9118 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Substance abuse support group, A Circle of Hope, for families of individuals with problems, every Tuesday, 7—8:45 p.m., The Psychological Center, 11 Union St., Lawrence; Kcarter199@hotmail.com for more information.

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5002

Alateen, ages 12 and older, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking, 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Al-Anon, for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St.; 978-Al-Anon literature study group,

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002. Al-Anon meeting, Thursdays,

7:30 p.m., St. William's Church

basement, Main Street (Route 38), Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655. Pre-Alateen, meetings for ages

6-12, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Business

Collection of sea glass leads to HGTV show

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

A beach lover and sea-glass collector for years, Nancy Boughton of Andover did what many people do. She filled plenty of Mason jars with the stuff.

It was her idea on what to do with the sea glass that set her apart — not just from beachcombers, but from top home and bath designers.

Boughton, along with her husband, Nat, designed a clear bathroom towel rod with sea glass inside. After her recent weekend at a national home show, the mother of two may become all wrapped up, like a comfy cotton bath towel, in what bath-accessory gurus like to call a hot new

She displayed a prototype of the sea-glass rod at the recent Kitchen and Bath International Show held in Chicago, Ill. — a show attended by giants in the industry such as Kohler — and Boughton's idea was recognized with an award, according to Nat

Representatives from Home and Garden Television even stopped by the Boughton booth and liked the sea-glass rods so much that the cable television station is expected to show the rods in an upcoming program about hot new products for the bathroom. Nancy Boughton was interviewed, and the show, "Kitchen & Baths 2008," is set to air on Sunday, April 27, at 8 p.m. on Andover cable Channel 32.

"Towel rods are pretty limited to metal," Nancy Boughton said. "So, these are a little bit different."

She jokes that while rods in some homes may be covered with towels, she prefers an at-

"Let's just say you can always School, and Wyllie, 10, who goes

CHECK IT OUT!

What: Clear bathroom towel rods with beach and sea glass Who: Designed by Andover residents Nancy and Nat Boughton When: To be featured on HGTV show about hot, new bathroom trends on Sunday, April 27 at 8 p.m., cable Channel 32

because the towels are never on the rods," she laughed.

The rods are designed at the couple's Cheever Circle home. Nancy Boughton said they are a bit pricey as the couple had to invest \$20,000 to \$40,000 to enter the

Getting attention from HGTV at the recent trade show was a surprise. After all, the home show featured a million square feet of innovative design ideas from companies in the kitchen and bath industry. The trade show offered an array of product displays for thousands of industry professionals who wandered around the event for three days, April 11 to 13. The Kitchen and Bath International Show Web site reports that 900 companies exhibited their products to more than 64,000 industry profession-

But don't look to Nancy Boughton for a comment on the significance of being recognized at the show.

She's not very comfortable talking about herself. Her husband handles that part of their business; he was the one who notified the Townsman about the HGTV show.

The couple live on Cheever Circle with their daughters, Bailey, tractive rod for practical reasons. 13. who attends Doherty Middle see the towel rods at my house to West Elementary School.

Extreme Makeover: CVS



CVS on Main Street in Andover recently underwent a yearlong makeover that includes a new makeup counter, an enlarged photo department and the pharmacy moving closer to the front.

Store's size nearly doubled with remodel

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

Stocking crutches for the walking wounded is new. So is the beauty consultant at a make-up counter, a scene more commonly found in a department store.

The expanded CVS/pharmacy on Main Street is putting the final touches on its makeover. Last year, the company took over empty retail space next door to it — formerly Sovereign Bank, which moved to another Main Street location — increasing the downtown CVS by 70 percent.

Company spokesman Mike D'Angelis said CVS expects to hold a grand reopening somewhere around May 1.

"We still want to beautify the outside a bit more and we still have a few things to do inside," D'Angelis said. "We are very pleased with the way the project has gone.

The layout of the store is different than before, with the pharmacy toward the front of the building on Main Street. The store boasts a larger photography department and a seating kiosk for people who want to wait for their one-hour photos or to look at photographs they just purchased.

When asked about the store's biggest change, D'Angelis said the size is the most significant news for Andover. The store's footprint was about 10,000 square feet and it is 17,000 square feet now, he said.

"That's almost double, so there is much more room for customers," he said.

The newly updated CVS does not include a mini health clinic that a few other CVS stores around the state offer. D'Angelis said clinics have to apply to the state for a permit and the Andover store has not done so.

While it's not out of the question, there are currently no plans for Andover's CVS to offer such a clinic, where medical professionals can treat minor ailments, such as sore throats and stomach aches, D'Angelis said. These clinics are being set up at other CVS stores as a way to free up emergency room staffers at hospitals

Eight achieve **CNAS** certification

Eight agents in the Andover Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office have achieved the Cartus Network Affinity Specialist certification.

Recipients are Rhonda Goff, Barbara Grasso, Margaret O'Connor. Joan Pelletier, Donna Shay, Sue Shepard, Joanne Sulis and Cheryl Tibaudo. This annual certificate is part of the Certified Agent Advantage program, a professional standard available exclusively to the members of the Cartus Broker Network, a network of real estate sales associates serving the clients and customers of Cartus.

"As members of the Cartus Broker Network, these agents will strive to deliver excellent service to every client," said Cathy McCarthy, manager of the Andover Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office. "The Certified Agent Advantage program will help to differentiate their services and provide them a wider range of resources and career growth opportunities. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments."

Mass. Medical Society lauds Andover doctor

Andover resident Lawrence Hessman, M.D., F.A.C.P. has been named 2008 Community Clinician of the

Year by the Middlesex North District Medical Society. The Community Clinician of the Year Award was established in 1998 by the Massachusetts Medical Society to recognize a physician from each of the Society's 20 district medical societies who has made significant contributions to his or her patients and the community. The award will be presented April 30 at the district's annual meeting at Vesper

A Senior Physician at Lowell General Hospital, Dr. Hessman is a board-certified internal medicine specialist with a sub-special-

the Tufts University School of Medicine, where he is a Facilitator of the Problem-Based Learning Program as well as the Medical Ethics Program. He also serves on the medical school's

ty of New York Downstate Medical Force Commendation Medal. He Center, his specialty training in has been a member of the Massa-

Country Club in Tyngsboro.

ty in gastroenterology. From 1968-2007, he was in the private practice of gastroenterology in Chelmsford. In his affiliation with Lowell General, Dr. Hessman has been the hospital's Chief of Medicine, Director of Medical Education, and a member of the Executive Board. He remains a Corporator of the hospital. Currently, Dr. Hessman is a Clinical Instructor in Medicine at

Admissions Committee.

A graduate of the State Universi-

BUSINESS IN BRIEF



Joseph J. Bevilacqua, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, poses with Congresswoman Niki Tsongas and his Congressional citation.

served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, which awarded him the Air

gastroenterology was taken at chusetts Medical Society since 1968, and is also a member of the American Gastroenterological Association, the New England Endoscopy Society, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Practice moves to Andover

Caritas Holy Family Hospital and New England Medical Group has announced the addition of An-

thony R. Conti. D.O., to the medical staff. Dr. Conti will treat patients at the newly relocated New England Medical Group, a physician practice affiliated with Caritas Holy Family Hospital. The practice recently moved into a new office located at Doctors Park I, 140 Haverhill St. in Andover.

A family practice physician, Conti has more than 17 years of experience and brings a wide range of expertise in adult health maintenance to the growing physician practice. Most recently, he was affiliated with Fallon Clinic in Sturbridge, Mass. Dr. Conti is a graduate of the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo., and completed his family medicine residency at The University of Massachusetts Medical School. During his residency, Conti provided primary and urgent care in a rural family health center. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

In addition to Conti, the following physician also practices at New England Medical Group: Jocelyn Duffy, M.D., is board certified in family practice. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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GIRLS TRACK

Knapp grabs second

Melissa Knapp took second in the 200 in 25.95 for Andover at the Tewksbury Invitational on Saturday, April 19. Casey Harrison took third in the mile in 5:23.76, Kayley Pettoruto continued her stellar senior season with a third in the 400 in 1:00.27 and the 4x400 relay team was second in 4:10.38 for the Golden Warriors.

Kayley Pettoruto won the javelin (91-2), the 400 (60.0) and ran on the winning 4x400 relay team, but Andover fell to Haverhill 75-70, April 16. Vanessa Singleton won the long jump, 300 hurdles and ran on the relay team and Mallory Cayon took the 100 hurdles for the Warriors.

BOYS LACROSSE

Lamagna tallies six goals

Joe Lamagna scored six goals and Justin Malins and Brendan Hughes each had a hat trick as Andover drubbed archrival Central Catholic 18-7 last Tuesday, April 15. Peter Hanson and Matt Eriksen each had two goals and **Gavin McIver** and **Josh Torres** scored one goal apiece for the Warriors.

Joe Lamagna exploded for four goals and an assist, but Andover fell just short to MVC rival Billerica 9-8 on Friday, April 18. Peter Hanson scored two goals, Matt Eriksen and Justin Malins each had one tally and Sam Cook and Brendan Hughes recorded two assists apiece for the Warriors.

BOYS TENNIS

Mack, Andover sweep

Josh Mack and Adam Trotta teamed to take No. 1 doubles and help Andover roll past Lawrence 5-0 last Wednesday, April 16. Jason Lasser, Shane Huggins and Nitin Mahesh took the three singles spots.

GIRLS TENNIS

Warriors cruise

Andover just kept rolling, cruising past Tewksbury 5-0 on Thursday, April 11. Hannah Hoerner (No. 1) Satin Zarkar (No. 2) and Megan Mahesh (No. 3) each rolled to wins at singles while Athena Lynch and Rachel Trotta swept first singles and Stacey Saba and Willemijn Huizing sailed to victory at No. 2 singles for the winners.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Caro's efforts for naught Despite two goals from **Katelyn** Caro, Andover fell to defending Division 1 runner-up Longmeadow 11-4 on April 19. Caro also had an assist. Heather Sullivan had two goals and **Ilana Cohen** had an assist for Andover.

Andover suffered its first loss of the season on Thursday, April 17, falling to two-time defending state champion Framingham 13-9.

Katelyn Caro had a hat trick and two assists, **Heather Sullivan** had two goals and Jess Forster scored once and had two assists. Kelly Driscoll, Catherine **Gross** and **Ilana Cohen** each added one goal for the Golden Warriors.

VOLLEYBALL

Andover falls

Andover lost to Lawrence, 25-21, 27-25, 25-15, last Wednesday, April 16.

Baseball

Andover 7, Arlington 6

Arlington (6): Mansfield cf 4-1-1, Connor ss 3-3-2, Yee 3b 4-0-2, Griffin pp 4-0-1, Doherty 2b 3-0-0, McKenzie 1b 4-0-0, DeAlmeida If 3-1-1, Sheehan c 3-1-1, Mansfield rf 1-0-0, Loughlin ph 2-0-1, Totals 31-6-8
Andover (7): Farnham cf 4-1-3, Hennessy ss 3-2-3, Taylor 2b 3-1-2, Clark 1b 2-1-0, Burdeau 3b 3-0-1, LaFortune dh 4-0-1, Hitchko If 3-1-0, Morander c 2-1-0, Patti rf 1-0-0, Gusovsky ph 0-0-0, Lowe p 0-0-0, Chu p 0-0-0, Carlson p 0-0-0, Totals 25-7-10
Arlington:

102 300 0 — 6 ...102 300 0 — Andover (4-1):003 021 1 — 7

Arlington 102 300 0 — 6 Andover 003 021 1 — 7 RBI: Ar — Yee, Griffin; And — Farnham, Hennessy 2, Clark, Burdeau 2, LaFortune WP: Carlson: LP: Griffin

Andover 8, Central Catholic 3

Central Catholic (3): Taylor ss 4-0-1, Valenti cf 3-1-1, Guyer c 3-1-1, Kemp 3b 3-0-1, Walsh p 1-0-0, Noone p 1-0-0, Sartori 1b 3-1-2, Reed If 3-0-1, Adamopoulos rf 2-0-0, Davis ph 0-0-0, Sarmento 2b 2-0-0, Infante ph 1-0-0. Totals 26-3-7

Andover (8): Farnham cf 3-2-0, Hennessy ss 4-2-2, Taylor 2b 2-0-1, Clark 1b 4-0-3, Burdeau 3b 4-1-1, LaFortune dh 3-1-0, Hitchko If 3-1-0, Morander c 3-0-0, Patti rf 1-1-0, McDermott ph 1-0-0, Farrell p 0-0-0. Carlson p 0-0-0. Totals 28-8-7 0-0. Totals 28-8-7

Clark 3, Patti WP: Farrell (1-0); LP: Walsh

Andover 10, Dracut 7

Dracut (7): Miamis cf 2-2-0, Barbosa 2b 4-2-2, Tully ss 2-2-1, Sullivan If 4-0-0, Carmany 3b 3-0-1, Georgoulis ph 1-0-1, Monbleau 1b 2-0-0, Hall dh 3-0-0, Welch c 2-

ph 1-0-1, Monbleau 1b 2-0-0, Hall dh 3-0-0, Welch c 2-0-0, Dietz fr 21-10, Adie p 0-0-0, Ali p 0-0-0, Couture p 0-0-0. Totals 25-7-5

Andover (10): Farnham cf 3-2-2, Hennessy ss 4-2-3, Taylor 2b 4-1-1, Clark 1b 4-0-3, Burdeau 2b 4-0-2, LaFortune dh 4-0-0, McDermott If 2-0-0, Hitchko If 1-1-0, Morander c 3-2-2, Leary c 0-0-0, Patti rf 1-2-0, Nolin p 0-0-0, Lowe p 0-0-0. Totals 30-10-13

Dracut: 20 010 2 — 7

Softball

Amesbury 9, Andover 3

Andover (3): Yu c 3-0-0. Doucette rf 3-1-3. Martin 2b 3-0-1, M.McCarthy 3b 3-0-1, Strock If 3-0-0, K.McCarthy 1b 3-0-0, Licciardi ss 3-0-1, Kucharski dp 3-1-0, Pettorutocf 3-1-0, Cheney p 0-0-0. Totals 27-3-6
Amesbury (9): Pare 2b 4-2-2, Hathaway c 2-1-0, Magnifico cf 4-1-1, Fournier 1b 3-1-1, J.Webber ss 3-0, Kaminski 3b 3-1-1, A.Webber dp 3-2-1, Salvatore rf 2-, Thornton If 2-0-1, Ring ph 1-0-0, Oliva p 0-0-0.100 020 0 — 3100 062 x — 9

Totals 27-9-8 Andover (2-5):........... Amesbury (6-1):...... RBI: And — Doucette 2, Martin WP: Oliva; LP: Cheney

Andover 18, Lawrence 3

Lawrence (3): Santiago c 3-1-1 Sicard 2h 2-0-0 Francisco ss 2-1-1, Brenz 3b 2-0-0, Valerio If 2-0-0, Moore dp 3-1-1, Hernandez 1b 3-0-0, Santiago p 2-0-0,

...100 020 0 — 3

Andover (2-3):......705 060 x — RBI: A — Doucette, Martin 3, Licciardi, Pettoruto WP: Robie; LP: Santiago

Boys Lacrosse

Billerica 9, Andover 8

Goals: A — Joe Lamagna 4, Peter Hanson 2, Mattriksen, Justin Malins
Assists: A — Sam Cook 2, Brendan Hughes 2, Lamngna, Malins Saves: A — Nick Reeder 20 Billerica (6-0): 2-5-2-0 — 9 Andover (6-2): 3-4-1-0 — 8

Andover 18, Central Catholic 7

Goals: A — Joe Lamagna 6, Justin Malins 3, Brendan Hughes 3, Pete Hanson 2, Matt Eriksen 2, Gavin McIver, Josh Torres; CC — Chris Noyes 2, Shain Jowett 2, Conor Murphy, Pat Helfrich, Nick Mann Assists: A — Hanson 4, Lamagna 3, Eriksen 2, Sam

Cook 2, Malins, Hughes, McIver, Torres; CC - Hel Saves: A — Nick Reeder 12; CC — Walter Gillis 13 Andover (6-1): 7-6-2-3 — 18 Central Catholic (3-4): 2-3-1-1 — 7

Girls Lacrosse

Longmeadow 11, Andover 4

Goals: A — Katelyn Caro 2, Heather Sullivan 2 Assists: A — Caro, Ilana Cohen Saves: A — Jules Konjoian 7; L — 14 Halftime: 3-3 Records: Andover 5-2, Longmeadow 8-1

Framingham 13, Andover 9

Goals: A — Katelyn Caro 3, Heather Sullivan 2, Jess Forster, Kelly Driscoll, Catherine Gross, Ilana Cohen Assists: A — Caro 2, Forster 2, Driscoll, Gross, Cohen atalie Gomez-Martinez

Saves: A — Jules Konjoian 9; F — Gordon 8 Records: Andover 5-1; Framingham 7-1

Girls Tennis

Andover 5, Tewksbury 0

Singles: 1. Hannah Hoerner 6-1, 6-2; 2. Satin Zarkar 6-2, 6-2; 3. Megan Mahesh 6-2, 6-0 Doubles: 1. Athena Lynch-Rachel Trotta 6-0, 6-0; 2. Stacey Saba-Willemijn Huizing 6-0, 6-0 Records: Andover 3-0

Boys Tennis

Andover 5, Lawrence 0

Andover winners: Singles: 1. Jason Lasser (A) 6-0, 6-2; 2. Shane Huggins (A) 6-0, 6-1; 3. Nitin Mahesh (A) 6-0, 6-0 Doubles: 1. Josh Mack-Adam Trotta (A) 6-2, 6-0; 2 ndrew Mack-Evan Birenbaum (A) 6-0, 6-0 Records: Andover 3-0; Lawrence 0-3

Girls Track

Tewksbury Invitational

Mile: 3. Casey Harrison 5:23.76; 400: Kayley Pet-torutto 60.27; 200: 2. Melissa Knapp 25.95; 4x400 relay: 2. Andover 4:10.38

Haverhill 75, Andover 70

Andover winners: Pole vault: Emily Hiesh 7-0; Javelin: Kayley Pettoru-to 91-2; Long jump: Vanessa Singleton 16-3; Triple jump: Sarah York 33-6; 100 hurdles: Mallory Cayon 16.4; 400: Pettoruto 60.0; 300 hurdles: Singleton 46.4;

4x400 relay: Andover (Singleton, Pettoruto, Casey Har rison, Rae Bronenkant), 4:15.1 Records: Haverhill 1-0; Andover 1-2

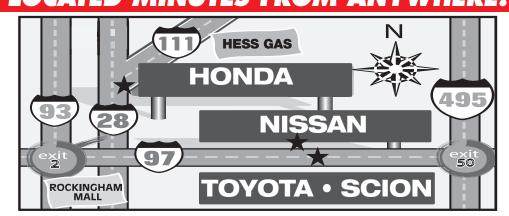
Boys Track

Andover 115, Haverhill 30

Andover winners: Pole vault: Mark Vetere 11-0; Shot put: Steve Moore 41-4; Long ji 41-4; Long Jump: Sanu Costello 21-4; Figu Jump: John Bigelow 5-6; 110 hurdles: Costello 15-6; 100 meters: Chris McConnell 10.9; Mile: Scott Waller 4-49.3; 4x100 relay: Andover (Kerrick Stevens, Tristan Shannon, Matt Vetere, Brendan Crawford), 46.3; 400: Rob Martin 53.3; 300 hurdles: Costello 42.2; 200: McConnell 22.7; 2mile: Nick Schumacher 10:24.5; 4x400 relay: Andover (Martin, Connor O'Neil, Brad Burkard, Mark Vetere), 3:42.1 Records: Andover 3-0; Haverhill 0-2

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Monday through Friday.
THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Paul J. Salafia, Chairman

AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

(Seal) Case No. 369289 Christina A. Contardo;

and to all persons enti-tled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 43 Bannister Road given by Christina A. Contardo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated February 23, 2004, Recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 8599, Page 63, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of

10:00 A.M.) ON MAY 5, If you are entitled to the 2008. In addition, you must benefits of the Servicefile a written affidavit of members Civil Relief Act objections to the petition, and you object to such stating specific facts and foreclosure you or your grounds upon which the attorney should file a objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the answer in said court at Boston on or before the 26th day of May 2008, or return day (or such other time as the court, on you may be forever barred from claiming that motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in such foreclosure is accordance with Probate invalid under said act. Witness, Karyn F. Scheier, Chief Justice of WITNESS,

Recorder (285.3088/Contardo)

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Trial Court

Probate and Family

In the Estate of MARY G. ALAGERO

AKA MARY GERTRUDE ALAGERO

Late of ANDOVER

In the County of ESSEX

Date of Death

July 18, 2007 NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR PROBATE OF WILL

ested in the above cap-

tioned estate, a petition

has been presented

praying that a document

purporting to be the last

will of said decedent be

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ALAGERO of ANDOVER

in the County of ESSEX

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OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTOR-

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IN THE FORENOON

Register of Probate AT — 4/24/08

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Court Department ESSEX Division

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AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will 08P0815AD1 In the Estate of be convened on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 8:30 JOANNE V. HOWARD Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Date of Death March 5, 2008 NOTICE OF PETITION Office Building, Bartlet Street, for the reconsideration of a 1-lot Definitive Subdivision plan FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR entitled "Cassimere To all persons interest Street", pursuant to an Order of Remand of the ed in the above cap-tioned estate, a petition Land Court given on September 18, 2007, has been presented praying that JOSEPH L. HOWARD of ANDOVER said Plan having been previously disapproved by the Board on March 14, 2006. The proposed subdivision is located off

in the County of be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO Cassimere Street, on land purported to be OBJECT THERETO owned by the applicant, Kevin O'Brien, Cas-simere Street Nominee YOU OR YOUR ATTOR-NEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEAR-ANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR Trust, and can be more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 54, Par-BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON cel 126. Plans and related documents may be (10:00 AM) ON MAY 19, examined in the Planning

2008 WITNESS, HON. MARYANNE SAHA-GIAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, April 4, 2008.

Pamela Casey

O'Brien

Register of Probate AT – 4/24/08

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **The Trial Court** Probate and Family

Court Department ESSEX Division **Docket No** 08P0921EP1 In the Estate of CORINNE ANN JOHN-SON AKA CORINNE A. JOHNSON

In the County of ESSEX Date of Death March 8, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION OR PROBATE OF WILL

ANDOVER

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praving that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CAROL M GALVIN of TOPSFIELD in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTOR-NEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEAR-ANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON **MAY** 27, 2008.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate

WITNESS, HON MARY ANNE SAHA-GIAN, ESQUIRE, First of said Court at SALEM this day, April 16,

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT — 4/24/08

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BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF HEARING

area, small investment

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL. 2ND FLOOR, MEMOR-IAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, MA on THURSDAY, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of J&B Realty Trust, 43 Lowell Jct. Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the require-ments of Article VIII, §4.1.2 to allow additions to an existing structure that will not meet minimum dimensional requirements; variances from the requirements of §5.1.4 & §5.1.8.6 to allow parking that will not meet minimum space and landscape buffering requirements; a variance from §3.1.3.c.12.a to allow additional parking on non-contiguous lot; and for a special

allow take-out food service accessory to an allowed restaurant use. Premises affected are located at 11 and 21-23 Lupine Rd., Andover, MA in an IG District and are shown on Assessor Map 55 as Lots 21, 22B, and 23.

STEPHEN D ANDERSON, CHAIR-MAN BOARD OF **APPEALS**

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department ESSEX Division Docket No. 08P0855EP1 In the Estate of MARGUERITE D.

SCHAAF AKA MARGUERITE SCHAAF Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX Date of Death October 25, 2007 NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR PROBATE OF WILL To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and hat MARIE WALCH LOUGHLIN

FEILHAUER of SOMER-SET in the County of BRISTOL be appointed executrices, named in the will to serve withou surety. IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTOR

NEY MUST FILE A

WRITTEN APPEAR-ANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON MAY In addition, you must file a written affidavit of

objections to the petition. stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16. WITNESS, HON. MARY ANNE SAHA-

GIAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, April 8, 2008. Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate

AT — 4/24/08

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and minimum entrance way spacing requirements of the Zoning By Law. Premises affected are located at 139 River Rd., Andover, MA in an

Map 165 as Lot 1C. STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIR-BOARD OF

AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

Probate and Family Late of ANDOVER

March 6, 2008
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LINDA C. CARLSON of NEWBURYPORT in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve PEABODY in the County of ESSEX and ANN

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO,

file a written affidavit of objections to the petition grounds upon which the thirty (30) days after the time as the court, on

Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, April 4, 2008.

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LEGAL NOTICE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2ND FLOOR, MEMOR-IAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of 3225 Gallows Rd., Fairfax, VA for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, §3.1.3.7, 3.1.3.12b, 3.1.3.19, 3.3.4, 4.1.2, 4.1.4.3.a, 4.1.4.3.d, 4.1.4.3.e, 5.1.8.6, 5.3.2, 5.1.8.3, 5.1.8.7 and for special permits under Article VIII, §3.3.2, 3.3.3, 5.2.3, 8.5.1.2 and for a Modification of Decision Nos. 1950 & 2157 to remove the existing facility and construct a new gasoline service station, pump islands and convenience store ice window, which will not meet the use reguminimum permit under Article VIII, §3.1.3.c.12.b to ments, landscaping and buffering requirements

> ID District and are shown on Assessor

APPEALS AT – 4/24, 5/1/08 **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court

Court Department ESSEX Division Docket No. 08P0831EP1 In the Estate of THOMAS W. LOW

In the County of ESSEX Date of Death without surety. DOROTHY E. LOW, first

YOU OR YOUR ATTOR-NEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEAR-ANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON **MAY** 19, 2008. In addition, you must

named executrix, having

deceased.

stating specific facts and objection is based, within return day (or such other motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16. WITNESS, HON. MARY ANNE SAHA-GIAN, ESQUIRE, First

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate

AT — 4/24/08

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** In accordance with the requirements of Section 51 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, the Andover Contributory Retirement Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 9:00 AM in the 3rd floor conference room at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA 01810 for the purpose of deciding whether to elect to grant retirees of the Town of Andover an increased cost of living allowance. AT – 4/24/08

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE **BOARD OF APPEALS** NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at the **THE HALL**, 2ND FLOOR MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA, on THURSDAY, May 8, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., on the petition of Michael P. Ristuccia, 375 S. Main St., Andover, MA, for a dimensional special per mit for historic preservation under Article VIII, §7.9 to subdivide a lot into two lots and to maintain the existing historic house onto Lot 2.

Premises affected are located at 33 High St. Andover, MA, in an SRA District and are shown on Assessor Map 38 as Lot 109. STEPHEN D. 81 as Lot 36.

ANDERSON CHAIRMAN **BOARD OF APPEALS** AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

Monday through Friday. THE ANDOVER

AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

PLANNING BOARD

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Chairman

 $AT = 4/24 \cdot 5/1/08$

BOARD OF APPEALS

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CHAIRMAN

setback requirements.

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS Notice is hereby giver that a public hearing will be convened on May 2008, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room. Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by George Hughes and Douglas Ahern, for a two lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "34 & 36 Oriole Drive" located off Oriole Drive on property owned by the applicants. and being more specifi-cally identified as Asses-sors Map 91 and Lots 40

requirements.
Premises affected are & 44B. The application may be examined in the Planning Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.,

STEPHEN D. CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

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NOTICE OF HEARING OFFICE OF THE A public hearing will **BOARD OF APPEALS** be held at THE HALL NOTICE OF HEARING 2nd FLOOR, MEMORI-A public hearing will AL HALL LIBRARY be held at THE HALL ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on 2nd FLOOR, MEMORI AL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA on THURSDAY, May the petition of James & Lyn Fragala, 8 Alder-8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on brook Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the the petition of Michael P. Ristuccia, 375 S. Main requirements of Article St., Andover, MA for a VIII, §4.1.2 and/or for a dimensional special perspecial permit under Arti-cle VIII, §3.3.5 to remove mit for historic preserva-tion under Article VIII, an existing porch and to §7.9 to subdivide a lot construct an addition that into two lots and to mainwill not meet minimum tain the existing historic

house onto Lot 1. Premises affected are Premises affected are located at 8 Alderbrook located at 33 High St. Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District and are Andover, MA in an SRA District and are shown shown on Assessor Map on Assessor Map 38 as Lot 109. STEPHEN D.

STEPHEN D ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS

AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2nd FLOOR, MEMORI-AL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER,

MA on THURSDAY, May

8. 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on

the petition of Metro PCS

Massachusetts LLC. 285

Billerica Rd, Chelmsford,

MA 01824 for a special

permit under Article VIII,

§6.1 to install 3 antennas

inside the church steeple

Premises affected are

located at 127 Reserva-

tion Rd., Andover, MA in

an SRB District and are

shown on Assessor Map 89 as Lot 55. STEPHEN D.

BOARD OF APPEALS

AT - 4/24, 5/1/08

ANDERSON,

CHAIRMAN

at 83' and an equipment

shelter in the attic.

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2nd FLOOR, MEMORI-AL HALL ĹIBRARY, ELM SQ., ANDOVER. 8. 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Andrew Bambury, 19 Yardley Rd. Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §4.1.2 to construct a deck that will not meet minimum side setback

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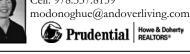


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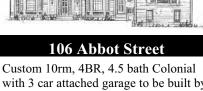


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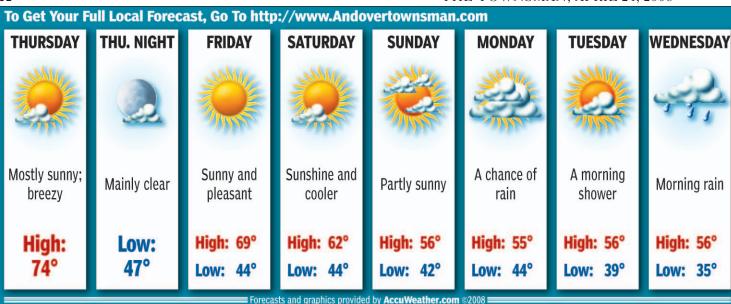
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Whole Foods Market sacking plastic bags

Whole Foods hopes shoppers will BYOB — bring your own bags, that is.

The natural and organic market on Railroad Street, formerly known as Wild Oats, has stopped offering disposable plastic grocery bags at the checkouts "as a gift to the planet" starting on Earth Day, April 22, the company stated in a press release.

The company will continue to offer 100-percent recycled paper grocery bags.

Whole Foods, an Austin, Texas-based chain, will discontinue the use of plastic bags in all of its 270 stores in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., keeping 100 million new plastic grocery bags out of the environment between Earth Day and the end of 2008 alone, the company esti-

Plastic bags don't break down in landfills, can harm nature by clogging waterways and endangering wildlife and litter our roadsides, said A.C. Gallo, CEO of Whole Foods Market.

Each Whole Foods store started depleting stocks of disposable plastic grocery bags at the checkouts in January 2008, and now offers a selection of



Liz Roos, assistant principal, left, offers raffle tickets to Lisa and Dan Wickey, parents, all of Andover, at the West Elementary School benefit auction and raffle. The event raised \$50,000.

reusable bags for purchase. in Beijing was the theme for An-Each Whole Foods shopper that brings in reusable bags receives a 5-cent discount. – Bethany Bray

Ready, set ... GOLD!

The upcoming summer Olympics emplified in the Olympic Games and

dover's West Elementary School dinner dance and auction Friday,

the high level of education to which we aspire at West Elementary."

There were more than 40 members on the auction committee, 213 parents and teachers attending the event, and many others who donated items and time. The event was open to the West Elementary parents and teachers.

The auction committee said it is thrilled to announce that the proceeds from the evening netted the school over \$50,000.

"It takes a village and we are fortunate to have a strong village right here in Andover," said Elizabeth Roos, assistant principal. "This is one of the most successful auctions I have been part of in my 23-year history. The proceeds generated from this fundraiser are an amazing gift in the Andover public schools.'

Attendees enjoyed themselves as they ate, bid and danced the night away. There were over 180 items available for bidding in the silent and live auctions as well as raffle prizes and door prizes. Items included Patriots, Red Sox and Celtics tickets, many vacations including St. John, the Alps, Okemo and Acapulco. Additionally, the downtown business community was well represented with everything from flowers, hair salon and spa gift certificates to jewelry, cakes, books, and wines. Teachers donated ice cream and sports parties and parents donated a variety of creative items including auto-

graphed drumsticks, chef for a night, golf outings, hand crafted jewelry and clothing and much more.

Andover philanthropist gets honorary degree

An Andover businessman and U.S. Sen. John Kerry will be featured at the University of Massachusetts Lowell's commencement on Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. at the Tsongas Arena.

Kerry will deliver the commencement address to nearly 2,000 graduates who are expected to receive bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees...Andover resident Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande, co-founder and chairman of Sycamore Networks Inc., is one of five who will receive an honorary doctoral degree.

Deshpande also is chairman of the U.S. office of Akshaya Patra, a program featured in the March 13 Townsman that feeds schoolchildren in India.

"The honorary degree recipients represent the very best — some who have received the highest honors in their respective fields as well as some of our most exceptional alumni who offer a wonderful example of the impact that UMass Lowell can have on someone's life," said Chancellor Marty Meehan..

Deshpande serves as a member of the MIT Corp. and his donations have made possible MIT's Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation. Deshpande was the keynote speaker at "Innovation for the Next Generation," during the recent inauguration week at UMass Lowell. During the program. Deshpande shared his advice for students interested in successfully capitalizing on today's innovation economy.

Meeting video now online

Can't make it to Town Offices, but want to check out the Board of Selectmen's meeting? Now, you can do it even when you're out of town, through the Internet.

Andover Community Access & Media now offers streaming live video of regular Board of Selectmen's meetings (which are offered on local cable channel 22) and School Committee meetings (channel 10).

At this point the streaming video is only available in Apple QuickTime format. People can download a free version of Quick-Time that works on all personal computers, according to the town.

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