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Trees soon returning to Main **Street**

Planting set for April

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

Spring is here, and new trees for the downtown soon will be,

Last spring, 39 trees were removed as part of the ongoing \$4 million downtown renovation. Downtown businesses have reported to town officials that the absence of trees is easily the No. 1 complaint from downtown shoppers.

Town planner Lisa Schwarz has heard the tree gripes, but said there is good news. A total of 89 trees are coming. This includes replacing 39 trees that were removed at the start of the project and adding 29 additional trees along Main Street.

"Of those 39 trees removed last spring prior to construction, all but five were in terrible condition," Schwarz said. "There are more trees to be planted than existed last March.'

The trees are expected to be delivered from New Jersey with subcontractor M.O.N. Landscaping handling the planting.

"Some trees will be planted in the fall due to continued construction in certain areas (Elm Square) because we want them to flourish and survive for the long term," Schwarz said.

Schwarz said either the narrow width (less than 5 feet) of the sidewalk or the infrastructure under the sidewalks made it impossible to plant trees in some locations as originally planned. At least one previously tree-less section of North Main Street that was scheduled to receive trees will not get them after all, because people in wheelchairs would not be able to use the narrow sidewalks if trees were

However, the town still will receive the same number of trees

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TOWN ELECTIONS

New and familiar faces



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Annie Gilbert poses with her husband, Bob, after winning the Andover School Committee race. Dave Birnbach and Annie Gilbert were the two candidates out of five elected to the committee in Tuesday's election.



Andover School Committee winner Dave Birnbach gets a hug from his son Jacob, 6 just like he did 24 years ago from his parents (Andover Townsman photo on the wall), Saul and Bernice Birnbach, after winning his first Andover School Committee race in 1985.

ELECTION RESULTS

Of 21,360 registered voters, 3,153 (14.7 percent) cast ballots on Tuesday. The results:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRIAN MAJOR	2,003 votes	38.2%
TED TEICHERT	1,855 votes	35.4%
WILL ENGLISH	1,378 votes	26.3%
10 Write-in Votes		

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2CHOOF COMMITTEE					
ANNIE GILBERT	1,755 votes	33%			
DAVID BIRNBACH	1,482 votes	27.8%			
ARTHUR BARBER	1,143 votes	21.5%			
PAULA COLBY-CLEMENTS	592 votes	11.1%			
DIANE MCCARRON	351 votes	6.6%			
4 Write-in Votes					

Former member Birnbach, newcomer Gilbert for schools By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

After a spirited three-month race and David Birnbach emerged as the new-the town, I'll be delighted." est members of the Andover School Committee after Tuesday's Town Election.

After being sworn in on March 25, with administrators and joining the already-intense budget discussion.

port, and really grateful for what I've 11 and 7 percent of votes, respectively.

learned through campaigning," said Gilbert, a political newcomer. "A big part of what I'm feeling is how honored I am to be taking Tony James' seat. If I can between five candidates, Annie Gilbert begin to match his record of service to

Gilbert and Birnbach fill the seats of outgoing committee member James and incumbent Art Barber, who, in running Gilbert and Birnbach planned to hit the for a third term on the committee, came ground running, setting up meetings in third on Tuesday, 339 votes behind Birnbach.

Political newcomers Paula Colby-Cle-"I'm just really honored by all the supments and Diane McCarron took around

Close to 15 percent of Andover's 21,360 registered voters turned out Tuesday. In the selectmen's race, voters went with experience returning longtime incumbents Brian Major and Ted Teichert over challenger Will English (see related

Candidates and their supporters braved temperatures that barely climbed into the 40s to hold signs all day in front of Andover High School.

'Today was a fun day, we all held signs and shared laughs. That was part of our

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Selectman Brian Major was re-elected in Tuesday's election. He is seen here celebrating with his wife, Margaret and their children, clockwise from bottom left: Sixyear-old twin, Nicole; Rachel, 11; Margaret; six-yearold twin, Brendan and Danielle, 9.





re-elected. He celebrates with his sister and brother in-law. Ellen and Kevin Lynch at their Andover home.

Major, Teichert returned to seats Challenger English: Election 'not an ending'

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

Candidate Williams "Will" English was disappointed to place third in the selectman's race, but he knew taking on two incumbents with a combined 21 years of experience would be challenging.

In the end, his third place finish was respectable with 1,378 votes in unofficial

numbers. He came within 10 votes of winning Precinct 1 outright.

"It's a beginning, not an ending," said English who held his campaign sign for 13 hours on Tuesday outside Andover High School as residents voted. "I'm very glad

that so many people voted for me. 'We did a great job," he said of his

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Library asks: What if everyone in town read this book?

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

Oprah would be proud. Andover's first townwide bookclub-style reading program is ready to make its debut.

Memorial Hall Library is encouraging every Andover resident to read "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan, the story of those who survived the great American Dust Bowl in the 1930s. More than 100 copies of the book have been checked out from the library already and many book clubs in town are tackling it.

Throughout the spring, the

ANDOVER READS!

- The book: "The Worst Hard Time"
- by Timothy Egan ■ What do you think? Do you like it
- or not? ■ Book discussions: April 6 at 10 a.m.; April 21 at 7 p.m.; April 27 at 10:30 a.m.;
- May 4 at 7 p.m.; May 12 at 7:30 p.m.; May 20 at 1:30 p.m.
- All at Memorial Hall Library ■ Senior Center discussion: May 5 at

■ For more: www.mhl.org

other programs — from music performances to history lessons— that tie into the time of

library will promote a variety of

the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. First up is a jazz event at Old Town Hall. Set for Saturday, April 4, the Beantown Swing Orchestra comes to town with its 1930s sound. Complimentary swing dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m. while the music starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available — where else? — at the library and Andover Bookstore.

Egan is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter at the New York Times. His 312-page paperback is certainly not a feel good kind of a book. But it's real.

It's a classic disaster tale and

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Community Services Librarian Emily Classon has been stocking up on "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan at the Andover Memorial Library for the One Book One Community program.



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Despite what you may be reading, homes in Andover are still selling. If your house is priced correctly, there are buyers ready to buy. Spring is a GREAT time to sell your house, and the season is starting now. If you are thinking of selling, please give me a call, sooner than later, and I will help you arrive at your correct price.

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In the third of a series of lec-believes is the potential for reduc- of requiring utilities across the Andover. An additional \$30,000 tures in Andover on renewable ing global warming pollution by energy. John Rogers, a senior increasing energy efficiency and energy analyst with the Union using more renewable energy of Concerned Scientists, spoke sources such as wind and solar. Tuesday night about the pos- As an example, he presented sible impacts of climate change analysis released this week by on Massachusetts and about the Union of Concerned Scientists showing the positive eco-

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U.S. to use at least 25 percent renewable energy by 2025.

"Our choices about the way we make and use energy in our homes, on the road, or at work," Rogers said, "will make a tremendous difference in how severe global warming will be, and on the kind of world we'll leave to our children and grandchildren."

He also pointed to the impor-Energy Choice program. Under that program, residents and panels for a public building in Bill Schroeder.

is available for the panels under the state's new Commonwealth Solar program.

The fourth and final lecture in this series at Andover houses of worship will be by Scott McClintock, director of sales at Nexamp, Inc. and an Andover resident. He will speak on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at South Church on Central Street, about how solar technology can help lower electricity bills. tance of voluntary efforts such A new citizens' group, the as the state-sponsored Clean Andover Climate Team, will meet over an informal dinner at 6 p.m. prior to McClintock's talk businesses have earned more at South Church to discuss addithan \$45,000 in grant money tional actions needed to realize for Andover, \$30,000 of which is their goal of obtaining a solar available to obtain solar electric panel for Andover, according to

Special Olympians shine at state competition

The Andover Golden Eagles Special Olympics Basketball Teams participated in the Special Olympics State Basketball Competition on Feb. 28 and March 1 and soared, bringing home the gold twice. Two out of the three Golden Eagles teams brought home gold medals and all three teams played remarkably, according to coach Audrey DeSisto. The games were well attended by family, friends and teachers, she said.

coach; coaches David Pekarovich, Peter Garofoli, Audrey DeSisto, Shaun Angles, and assistant Mags Carter and Jackie Hodas.

Players are Jason Callery, Raymond Jouvelakos, Kevin O'Connor, Grant Hespeler, Adam Hornung, Will Eikenberry, Andreas Christopulos, Ben Aronovitz, Eddie Martin, Kyle White, Alyssa Otolo, Michael Briggs, Matt Hirsh, Mags Lederfinepaskal, Devan DeSisto, John McKeon, Alexis Alfonso, Allison Clark, Nikos Wallingford, Elena Primes, Marissa Pekarovich, Max Novick, Maria Savord, Zach Coaches are Mark Davey, head Perry, Samantha Vano, Rachel Annino, Brandon McCormack, Miller Martin, Ian Angles, Katie Garofoli, Sam Okun, Kate Wadcoaches Abby Martin, Jaymi Cohen, man, Nabeeha Alhussaini, Jake Flaherty and Grant Hespeler.

TREES: Changes for Musgrove Plaza also planned

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from Mass Highway.

"Locations for these trees will be found," she said.

Trees also were planned for be under construction, Schwarz

"We will either ask the property owners if the trees can be planted on their property or the trees will be planted elsewhere in town," she said.

Library.

in history.

Changes for Musgrove Plaza at Elm and Main streets are also planned. Fewer trees are planned because the underground infrastructure supporting the new decorative lights and traffic signals are shallow, and electric companies prohibit tree planting when that happens. Plus, the Main Street and Preservation committees want to showcase the historical Musgrove Building without trees blocking the build"We want the area to be utilized

of three trees, possibly only two.

scaped items such as plantings, and possibly a raised planting bed. The Main Street Committee is finalizing that now," Schwarz

fortable place to sit."

mal economy.

BRANCHING OUT

- 89 trees have been ordered for the Main Street project
- where they were planned originally because the sidewalks are too narrow or there are shallow underground conduits. Those 21 trees will be planted elsewhere downtown.
- 25 shrubs will be planted in new landscaped islands.

Source: Town planner Lisa Schwarz

- people walking, sitting, eating," Schwarz said. "Too many trees, as was the case before, created dark

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It won the National Book Award in

2006 and, according to Andover's

book-selection committee, is a bit

of U.S. history that few readers

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everything else - history, endur-

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"I tell people, 'No, it's not an

know much about.

ing, said Schwarz.

"It's dark," she said of the

Library Director James Sutton,

who has also read the book, said

the themes of human endurance

Sutton and Classon said the

selection committee included

library staffers, trustees and

community members, who chose

the book because it will appeal to

a variety of readers. "The Worst

Hard Time" also parallels what

is now happening around the

and survival appealed most to

book. "But, it's an important time

spaces and a lot of bird waste." The area will have a maximum

21 trees will no longer be planted

"But there will be other land-

"It will be beautiful and a com-

The library has purchased doz-

ens of copies of the book using

money from the Bell Fund, an

endowment account established

exclusively for the library by a

late town resident. Sutton and

Classon attended last week's

selectmen's meeting and gave

Word of the book club is offi-

"We checked out our first 120

copies of the book within a day

or so after that meeting," Sutton

More copies were ordered

each member a copy.

cially out.

BOOK: Library stocking up on 'The Worst Hard Time' librarian at Memorial Hall country, such as surviving a dis- while a reservation list started. Additional copies of the book

started arriving last Friday.

The library hopes the excitement continues. Andover is a reading community, Classon said, as she's heard there are more than 80 book clubs in town. Many clubs are reading the book. Coincidentally, the book is required reading for eighth-graders in town.

Six book discussions led by library-connected facilitators are planned for April and May at Memorial Hall Library. The Senior Center will also host a book discussion.

Classon has participated in other communitywide reading programs and she strongly supports Andover jumping on board. The One Book, One Community program was initiated by the Washington Center for the Book in 1998. Numerous communities across the country have since taken part.

The timing for the new book club seems perfect for Andover as staying home with a good book is more appealing given people's finances. Perhaps as a result of that new attitude, library usage is up at Memorial Hall. Sutton said circulation numbers show that the adult section is seeing a 5-percent increase when compared to last year at this time while the children's section is up almost 12 percent over last year. Computer usage has doubled.







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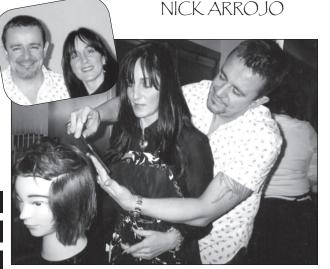
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HINT: The capital-gains exclusion for couples who have lived in and owned their primary residences for two of the five years leading up to a sale is \$500,000.



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In Brief

Past & Present



THEN: The water wagon was a familiar sight on Andover's unpaved roads into the 20th century. The horse-drawn wagon continually sprayed the dirt roads with a fine mist to keep dust down.



NOW: While the roads have been paved since the 1930s, the standpipe where the wagon refilled its tank still exists at the corner of Park and Whittier streets.

■ NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Public forum, "Town Budget:

Tough Times, Tough Choices,"

co-sponsored by the League

of Women Voters of Andover/

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the Finance Committee, Board

of Selectmen, School Commit-

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Temple highlights Sept. 11 widows who reach out to Afghan women

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001 took their husbands, Susan Retik and Patti Quigley took action, reaching out to widows like themselves in Afghanistan, the training ground for the terrorists who killed their husbands.

Retik and Quigley are the subject of a 2006 documentary, "Beyond Belief," featured in a series of free showings at Temple Emanuel this spring. The next showings are Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. and Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. Temple Emanuel Sisterhood also will host Retik as guest speaker for its annual Ways and Means fundraising dinner in May.

"The film is really well done, unbelievably overwhelming and remarkable," said Betsy Brother, chairwoman of the Sisterhood's Ways and Means committee. "The Sisterhood has a theme of women helping women, and helping families, and Susan (Retik) has a similar cause. She took a tragedy and turned it into a positive lesson, teaching her children not to hate the people that did that to their father, but to make peace."

On Sept. 11, 2001 Quigley was eight months pregnant with her second child when her husband, Patrick, was killed on United Flight 175; Retik was seven months pregnant with her third child when her husband, David, was killed on American Flight 11.

In 2003, Quigley, of Wellesley, and Retik, of Needham, founded the nonprofit organization Beyond the 11th, which children under 13.

SHOWINGS OF "BEYOND BELIEF"

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provides support to widows in Afghanistan, partnering with existing non-governmental organizations.

"Beyond Belief" chronicles Quigley and Retik's May 2006 trip to Afghanistan for a week to meet some of the women in the programs.

Any donations collected at Temple Emanuel's showings of "Beyond Belief" will go to Beyond the 11th.

In Afghanistan, widows are totally reliant on their in-laws or other relatives, said Brother. They cannot be educated or live on their own; if they go out in public they must be covered head-to-toe.

Despite cultural differences, "Beyond the 11th" reminds viewers of what women have in common, said Brother.

"Susan (Retik) has helped remind us that all mothers around the world are the same - we want what's best for our children and family," said Brother.

The Temple Emanuel showings are free and open, but the film is not recommended for

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



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It's Americana, it's historic, it's roots music and part of our culture. It's the kind of music that is so infectiously fun, you have to be clinically dead not to want to get up and start dancing.

Julie Scolnik, Andover Chamber Music Series director, on the April 5 ragtime concert that will conclude ACMS's season. Story in Arts, page 9.

When I remind the owners their dog should be restrained, I am frequently told it's OK because that particular dog is "a good dog." There are no subjective provisions in the law for dogs whose owners think their pet is particularly cute or well-behaved.

Danette Morris, in a letter reminding people that town bylaws say dogs must be kept on a leash in public places. See Opinion, page 11.



■ NEWS IN BRIEF

Percolating progress

Local realtor Tom Carroll of Re/ Max predicts downtown's high vacancy rate will change in about six to nine months. That's because retailers are calling his office to ask about downtown location availability. The number of calls has been steadily rising over the past 60 days, he said.

"They've heard leasing rates have gone down and there is percolating.'

Get informed about how Andover spends your money

Town Budget, Tough Times, Tough Choices will be discussed on Thursday, March 26 from 7:30 to 9

p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library, Andover is facing a huge budget deficit and hard decisions regarding where our taxes should be

spent. In an effort to provide information to help voters make these important decisions, the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover has teamed up with the Service Club of Andover to cosponsor this public forum.

The forum will include members of the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and School Committee, plus Town Manager Buzz Stapczvnski and School Superintendent interest out there," he said. "It's Dr. Claudia Bach and will be moderated by Peggy Kruse from the -Judy Wakefield League of Women Voters.

People who can't attend but who a question they'd like asked cab e-mail it to: presidentLWVANA@ lwv-andovers.org.

The forum will be televised live and taped for rebroadcast over the community channel.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31

School Building Committee, Town tendent Dr. Claudia Bach; Memo- Offices, 36 Bartlet St., secondrial Hall Library, Elm Square, 7:30 floor conference room, 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Healthy Communities Tobacco Control Program, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 10 to 11;30 a.m.

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

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EPA could fine Phillips Academy for not having spill plan

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

Phillips Academy is workthe Environmental Protection Agency, after a 2007 inspection found the school did not have a required spill-prevention plan for campus oil tanks.

The school is also facing poswith local authorities.

alty for Phillips would be up who worked with an in-house actual incident and at no time to \$157,500 and an additional team to bring the school into \$32,500 per day for violations ing toward a settlement with of the clean water act, federal emergency planning and rightto-know act.

Since the inspection in December 2007, Phillips has filed all the necessary forms and is in corrected," wrote Sweet in a total compliance, said Tracy sible fines because the inspection Sweet, director of academy found it did not have a hazardous communications at Phillips. ously, as demonstrated by our chemical inventory form on file The school immediately hired an environmental consultant

The EPA's maximum pen- after the inspection, said Sweet, violations are not related to an affairs specialist for the EPA. The full compliance as quickly as possible.

> "The two violations, which are related to proper planning and documentation, were immediately addressed and have been statement. "While the academy takes this matter very seriswift action, we want to assure the community that the two

was there an impact on people or the environment. The complaint does not allege any continuing issues at the academy. In fact, the academy expects to reach an agreement with EPA and to pay a substantially reduced

Phillips has more than 50 tanks containing fuel and heating oil on the campus, ranging from 275 gallons to 20,000 gallon capacity, said Paula Ballentine, public

agency has no record of any oil Academy, she said.

"Phillips has been very responsive in our inspection, and willing to come into compliance," said Ballentine. "Right now, they face those penalties, but we don't know where this will go yet ... Phillips has been working very cooperatively with the EPA, and we anticipate a settlement to be filed shortly resolving this

vention plan for facilities with spill ever occurring at Phillips above-ground tanks with a capacity of more than 1,320 gallons; the plans make sure measures are in place to prevent oil leaks and spills from impacting local

Institutions are also required to file hazardous chemical inventory forms with local emergency responders, to inform the community about what chemicals, including oil, are stored on

SCHOOLS: Birnbach, Gilbert to join budget debates

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bonding," said Gilbert of the five School Committee candidates. "I feel like we all bonded during the race, and I hope to keep that conversation going, and share ideas."

"It was a very exciting race. None of us knew what the outcome would be," said Birnbach, who begins his third term on the School Committee, after serving 1985-1988 and 1995-1998. "I learned of the immense amount of talent we have in Andover, quality people that we need to tap their talents, expertise and knowledge.'

After the polls closed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Birnbach gathered with friends at his Osgood Street home, and Gilbert had a similar gathering at her Gray Street residence. Superintendent Claudia Bach and School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein made congratulatory stops at both.

Birnbach's son, Jake, a Sanborn Elementary kindergartner, greeted guests, proclaiming "I can't believe we did it!'

But the celebrations won't last long. Both Birnbach and Gilbert agreed they are diving in headfirst to the budget debates.

"We still have a number of unknowns on the revenue side. There is a lot of dialogue with the can we do for the unions? The way community that has to happen, we have to do it is through coordilooking at our programming. Looking at all those things, and keeping the dialogue open with teachers," said Gilbert.

"Right away, I want to begin reaching out to the Finance Comget up to speed on the budget



Supporters hold up signs at the entrance to Andover High School as they wave to voters driving in.

While the teachers union has so far resisted renegotiating its contracts, Birnbach said, "Everything is on the table, and discussions with union leadership should begin right away. We need to create a win-win situation, it shouldn't be one-way. If they help out, what nation, not conflict.

Although Paula Colby-Clements said she had wanted Tuesday's results to be different, she believed the campaign will benefit the town. "These were five very, very good mittee and Selectmen. I need to candidates (on the ballot for School Committee) and I think the town front, see the numbers and speak benefitted having great candiwith school administration to dates. Any one of us would have

get their input and advice," said been great. I was sincere in wanting to be part of this process, but I can't sit here and think the town's worse off because I didn't win. We all became friends because of the process and I hope I can stay involved," said Colby-Clements, a first-time candidate known for having a good sense of humor.

She said she may run again some day. "Some way, some how I will always be involved. One way or the other they're (the town is) not getting rid of me," she said with a chuckle.

Diane McCarron said her first try as a School Committee candidate went well, she learned from the other candidates, and brought issues forward she wanted the public to hear. "I had never tried anything like this before ing Authority.

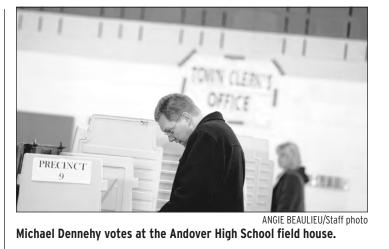
... I'm very comfortable where things ended up," said McCarron. "I gained a few skills I knew I lacked. I lost a little shyness, became more open-minded.

"I learned that when people in Andover see a need, they rise up to meet it. Everyone's goal was to improve the schools, and that makes me more comfortable with the future of our schools," she said. McCarron said she would con-

sider running again, adding, "I'm saving my signs.'

Barber did not return calls before deadline.

In uncontested races, Sheila Doherty will return as moderator and Jim Cuticchia will remain as a member of the Andover Hous-



SELECTMEN: Town budget top issue to be addressed

■ Continued from Page 1

campaign team. "I'm not sure about future (political) plans but there is potential."

He was winding down with a family dinner after the polls closed and planned to reflect on the race with friends at Dylan's.

"Am I disappointed? Yes," he said. "But we did a good job going against incumbents with 12 and nine years experience."

Meanwhile, incumbent Brian Major was celebrating his first place finish across town at the home of good friends Peg and John Campbell of Geneva Road.

"I'm thrilled," he said of his first-place finish in the race, citing his no-nonsense approach to town budget woes as a reason for topping the ticket. "Caring being straight forward about it presstime.

is very important."

Incumbent Ted Teichert placed second in the race, saying he enjoys cross-generational voting support in town. "I call them the book ends, the

youth and elderly in town," said

Teichert, who received 1,855

votes in unofficial numbers. 'I'm a good listener for them and for everyone in between." From his post-election party at his sister Ellen Lynch's home on Morton Street, he said that reputation, established dur-

ing his nine years, helped with

The chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Teichert said the town budget is the first issue that will be discussed when his new term begins.

Teichert and Major were scheduled to be sworn in — again — on Wednesday, about a good, strong budget and March 25, after Townsman



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Frank Mallicoat from Fox 25 News in Boston talks to Shawsheen School second-graders about being a

Stop the presses: TV anchor visits school

Top story for the Shawsheen Scoop: Shawsheen School secondgraders had an opportunity to learn firsthand about news reporting when Fox 25 news anchor and reporter Frank Mallicoat visited the school on Wednesday, March

The students had been busy writing, interviewing and taking pictures to publish in the Shawsheen School newspaper, The Shawsheen Scoop. Mallicoat gave the budding reporters writing and reporting tips, according to Shawsheen parent Jacqui Sleeper. She said the youth were intrigued by the many opportunities Mallicoat has had to meet famous people and participate in events.

The TV journalist impressed upon the students that a job is much easier to go to daily if you love it, as he does, said Sleeper.



Maura Currie, 8, listens and reads to Frank Mallicoat from Fox 25 News in Boston as he talks to the Shawsheen School second-graders.

■ LOCAL SCHOLARS

Central Catholic High School announces its first-quarter honor roll which includes the following Andover students: Distinguished honors: Senior Ste-

phen Daniels

High honors: Freshmen Jeremy Fague and Jacquelilne Himmer Honors: Seniors Daniel Blackwell, Sarah Bowler, Lindsay Fague, Brian George, Regina LaRose, Ruth Rickenbacker

Honors: Juniors William Alcott, Connor Benjamin, Caitlin George, Christopher George, Stephen Lannan, AnnMarie O'Brien

Honors: Sophomores Thomas based on their performances on the

Alaimo, Katherine Gillis, Nicho- AP exams in May. las Hegge, Courtney Naughton

Honors: Freshmen Hannah Carey, Rachel Corbett, Casey Dawson, James Kerrigan, Sarah Lynch, Christopher Rigoli, Alexandra Sanz, Carolina Zappala

With 1.6 million high school students across the globe taking the Advanced Placement tests, it

can be difficult to stand out. However, 32 Central Catholic students who graduated last spring, including three Andover students, did it by earning AP Scholar Awards

Unlike most schools, Central Catholic High School requires all students taking an AP course to take the corresponding national exam in May.

Of the 160 students who took the exams, 132 did well enough to

earn college course credit. Students from Andover that

made the grade are: Jillian Himmer, AP Scholar

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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, March 20 - At 10:39 a.m., CCS Companies, Campanelli Road, called to report a case of fraud and identity theft. At 12:35 p.m., Kimberly Harrington, 44, of 2A Sylvester St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on eight warrants for larceny by check. At 3:45 p.m., Harrington was also charged with larceny over \$250, credit card fraud over \$250 and identity fraud.

6 Thursday, March 26, 2009 THE TOWNSMAN

Saturday, March 21 - At 2:37 a.m., Meegan M. Alves, 22, of 29 Essex St., was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and uninspected

Sunday, March 22 - At 6:42 p.m., John David Brady, 45, of 1406 Shawsheen St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, driving without an inspection sticker and with a second offense of operating under the influence of liquor.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 17 - At 8:15 a.m., a Haverhill Street resident found a trespasser sleeping in the

was a homeless person, who was sent on his way and asked not to come back, said Sergeant John Pathiakis.

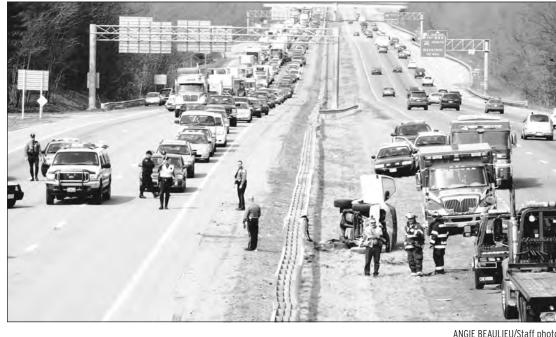
At 6:25 p.m., a person from Sebastian, Fla. called Andover police because they had been chatting in an online chat room with someone who identified themselves as being from Andover. The chatter claimed they had just taken numerous pills, and the Florida caller wanted police to do a well-being check. Police contacted Verizon to get the address of the local person, and found that the person was actually from Springfield, Mass. Police in Springfield checked on the person, finding that they were fine.

At 8:59 p.m., police received several calls about fireworks being set off in the area of Haverhill Street.

Wednesday, March 18 - At 8:21 p.m., police received a call about a disturbed person, who was talking about harming themselves. The person was taken by ambulance to the hospital for a psychological evaluation.

resident's house. The trespasser to a Morton Street business, his finger in the kitchen and

Woman hurt in I-93 rollover



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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

A helicopter landed on Interstate 93 last Wednesday afternoon, near the Route 133 exit to airlift Haverhill's Arlene Lord, 23, to Boston after she was ejected from her GMC Jimmy and flew onto the other side of the highway. Lord's parents called her survival miraculous and she was reported to be recovering from relatively minor injuries. The Lords attend St. Augustine Church in Andover.

At 5:50 p.m., police responded where an employee had crushed passed out. He was taken to Road who were "mooning vehi-

the hospital by ambulance, and OSHA was notified.

At 9:42 p.m., police began doing extra checks of the Swan and Trumpeters Lane area, after a call about teenage drinking was

Friday, March 20 - At 10:15 a.m., Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, called police about a student who was "highly excitable and very angry." The mother of the student requested a psychological evaluation, and the student was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

Sunday, March 22 - At 1:16

cles and standing in the middle of the road." An officer checked the area with negative results.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 17 - At 6:22 p.m., a two-car crash, with personal injury, was reported on Main Street at Salem Street. Two cars were towed and one driver was checked out by an ambulance for a head injury.

Wednesday, March 18 - At 1:21 p.m., Andover police assisted other responders at the scene of a rollover, with driver ejection, on Interstate 93 North at Route 133. p.m., police received a call about A female was airlifted from the investigation. a group of teens on Burnham scene in a Medflight helicopter

and taken to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Thursday, March 19 - At 9:25 a.m., police received a report of a multi-car crash, with injuries, on Ballardvale Road. Two cars were towed.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 17 - At 3:23 p.m., a Smithshire Estates resident reported a vehicle stolen from his or her home on Sunday. At 4:27 p.m., police reported the vehicle as found during a state police arrest. The vehicle was taken to a tow yard in Wilmington.

Monday, March 23 - At 8:05 a.m., a Riverside Drive resident reported that a van had been broken into overnight.

Wednesday, March 18 - At 10:06 a.m., Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, called police about a student who left school and may have stolen a few things from the gym area.

Friday, March 20 - At 9:02 a.m., a Chandler Road resident reported someone had stolen her mailbox.

Saturday, March 21 - A Morton Street resident came into the police station to speak with police about a missing ring.

Sunday, March 22 - At 11:35 a.m., a Railroad Street resident came into the police station to report credit-card fraud.

At 1 p.m., a person reported their skateboard was stolen at the Park, Bartlet Street.

At 5:01 p.m., a Dumbarton Street caller reported the theft of a wedding ring and iPod from their home. Sgt. John Pathiakis said the theft is under

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cians will play with Merrimack sion, \$5 for students and seniors passed along," said Trudy Larson, who directs the musicians.

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Obituaries

Joanne M. Ayscough, 61

Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Boston public schools and graduated South Boston High School.

Plastics and more recently in sales with Comcast until her retirement.

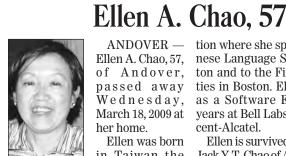
One of her great pleasures in life was sailing aboard her boat, The Azure Jade.

Joanne is survived by her hus-

ANDOVER — Joanne M. (Bass) Hudson, N.H. and Judith Ayscough Ayscough, 61, of Andover, died of Concord, N.H., as well as her granddaughter Katlyn Brown of Hudson, N.H. She is also survived Joanne was born in Boston, on by her brother Ernest Bass of Con-Feb. 22, 1948. She graduated from cord, N.H. and her sister Rebby Ghiotto and her husband Greg of Jacksonville, Fla., and several She was employed at Sweetheart nieces and nephews. Joanne was predeceased by a sister, Penny

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Family committal services band Harry Ayscough of Andover, will be private. For directions or to ofher two daughters, Catherine L. fer on line condolence, please visit

Brown and her husband Harry of www.contefuneralhomes.com.



passed away March 18, 2009 at her home.

Ellen was born in Taiwan the daughter of the

late Huan Wen and Chi Yen (Tso) Tien. During her life, she served as the President of the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association in 2000, the past Director of the New England Chinese Youth cated to her volunteer work towards the promotion of Chinese culture, Chinese children's educa- neralhomes.com.

ANDOVER — tion where she sponsored the Chi-Ellen A. Chao, 57, nese Language School in Lexingof Andover, ton and to the First Night Activities in Boston. Ellen also worked Wednesday, as a Software Engineer for 30 years at Bell Labs, Lucent and Lucent-Alcatel.

> Ellen is survived by her husband, Jack Y.T. Chao of Andover; a daughter, Glenda E. Chao of Andover; brothers, Brian Tien and Conan Tien: a sister, Mei Ping T. Kung; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial visitation period was on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Camp in Weston, and was dedi- Florence St., Andover. To leave online condolences or for directions to the funeral home please visit www.contefu-

Jacqueline V. Iovanna, 60



NEWTON, N.H. — Jacque-(Murray) Iovanna, 60, of Newton, 21, 2009 at Penacook Place in

Haverhill.

She was born in Coventry, England, the daughter of the late Rob-England. She came to the United States at the age of 19 and settled in Revere. She was a resident of Newton for the past five years, formerly of Andover.

She was predeceased by a sister, Anne Jenkins.

She is survived by two daughters, Dawn and her husband Steline Veronica phen Lowry of Newbury, Marissa and her husband Sean Smith of Newton, N.H.; two sisters, Pauline N.H., formerly of Anderson of England and Sheila Andover, died Fulford of England; five grandchil-Saturday, March dren, Kelsi and Madison Smith. Gabrielle, Colin and Aidan Lowry; several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, March 25, at 10 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, ert and Julia (Glynn) Murray. She Newton, N.H. Cremation will follow. grew up and attended schools in Calling hours were held Tuesday, March 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Route 121A, Plaistow, N.H. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 10 Ferry St., Suite 419, Concord, NH 03301.

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Alexander R. Hoegen, 36

ard Hoegen, 36, of Andover, died Sunday, March 15, 2009 in Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born in Methuen on June 9, 1972. He was a member of the

Lawrence Elks Lodge. He is survived by a sister, Lynda Turcotte of Derry, N.H.; niece, Patricia Messina of Derry, N.H.; nephew, Damian Quinn of Derry, N.H.; two aunts, Mary Ann Messina of Methuen and Cathi Craigen of Fitchburg; one cousin, Eric Messina of Methuen. Alexander was

ANDOVER — Alexander Rich- son of the late Arthur Whippe and Patricia Turcotte.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Friday from 4 to 8 at Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, followed by a funeral service at the funeral home at 8 p.m. Cremation will take place at Linwood Crematory. In lieu of flowers contributions in Alexander's name may be made to Alexander Hoegen Memorial Fund, c/o Sovereign Bank, 71 Main St., Andover, MA 01810. For more information go to www. burkemagliozzi.com.

Constance Lufkin, 78



TEWKSBURY Mrs. Constance "Connie" 78, of Tewksbury, beloved wife of Irving G. Lufkin Jr., died Satur-

day evening, March 21, 2009 at her home surrounded by her family.

Born in Methuen, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Frances (DiGenti) Furnari.

Mrs. Lufkin had been employed for over 20 years as an assembler for the Raytheon Company in Andover until the time of her retirement in 1993. A resident of Tewksbury, Connie was an excellent cook who enjoyed sharing her recipes with other. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Frances Aleci of Andover; her son, Vin-(Furnari) Lufkin, cent J. Aleci of Atkinson, N.H.: a granddaughter, Erin Katrina Aleci; one sister, Lucy Aziz of North Andover; two brothers, Tony Furnari of North Andover and Sam Furnari of Methuen; many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 25, at noon in the funeral home chapel, following the calling hours. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Connie's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For directions and condolences, please visit our website and online who will be missed by all who guestbook at www.cataudellaFH.com.

Linda M. Hennington, 34

Hennington, 34, of 108 April Lane, died Saturday morning, March 14, 2009 at her home.

Born in Lawrence, daughter of Marjory Caulk Atwood and the late William Atwood, Linda was a resident of Pittsfield for the past 12

The pride and loves of her life were her three boys. Besides her mother of Pittsfield, she leaves three sons, Christopher A. Hennington Jr., Joshua Hennington and Devon DiCarlo all at home; five brothers, Michael Atwood of Andover, Christopher Atwood of Pittsfield, Arthur Dufault of Illinois, Robert Dufault of Ohio and Daniel Dufault of Florida; a sister,

PITTSFIELD, N.H. — Linda M. Carolyn DiCarlo of Pittsfield and her fiance Justin DiCarlo of Pittsfield. Linda also left behind two half sisters, Donna Atwood of Andover and Deborah Lemay of Salem, N.H. and two half brothers, William A. Atwood Jr. of Layton, Utah and Paul Atwood of Andover.

> ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield, with the Rev. Robert Rennie officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, care of the Dwver Funeral Home, in her memory.

Janice Caffray Hyslip, 62



Andover, beloved home, surrounded by her family.

Born in Lawrence, she was the daughter of Sophia (Korzeb) Caffray of North Andover and the late William Caffray. She graduated from Abbott Academy in Andover and attended Boston University.

Mrs. Hyslip was a real estate broker and had owned and operated J.R. Caffray Realtors in Andover for salon at Lord & Taylor in its Boston resident of Andover, Janice was affiliated with the Big Sister program and online guestbook at www.cataudeland was a foster parent to over 50 laFH.com.

ANDOVER — children over the years. She was a Mrs. Janice Caf- loving wife and mother who will be fray Hyslip, 62, of missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband and wife of Kenneth her mother, she is survived by two M. Hyslip, died daughters, Lauren Hajjar of Sunday, March Andover and Melissa Hajjar of 22, 2009 at her Haverhill; one sister, Linda Carpenter of Andover; one niece, Kristen Carpenter and one nephew, K C Carpenter.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover. Entombment will follow at many years. Prior to that, she had St. Mary's Mausoleum, Barker Street, worked as the head of the designer Lawrence. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Janice's memory to and Burlington locations. Active in Esperanza Academy, 198 Garden St., the community and a long-time Lawrence, MA 01841. For directions and condolences, please visit our Web site

Jane F. Salini



with breast cancer ended on Saturday, March 21, 2009. She was born

in Allentown, Pa. on March 24, 1950 and was the oldest of seven children of John and the late Agnes Krupka, who instilled core Catholic values in their

She received a Catholic education, graduating from Allentown's Central Catholic High School and The College of Misericordia; RN Degree. She also attained her MSN from Boston University. Jane practiced nursing in the Cardiac ICU at Island Jewish, and Mt. Sinai Hospitals. She was recently the Nurse Coordinator of the Cardiac and Pulmonary Program at Winchester Hospital.

Jane was an unconditionally loving and nurturing mother to

ANDOVER — her children Christian, Andrew, Jane Frances and Joanna. Her marriage to at-(Krupka) Salini's torney Americo (Sal) Salini was a valiant battle marriage of everlasting love and affection.

> Her survivors also include five brothers, Michael, Mark, James, Gerry and John Luke and a sister Mary Frances.

> She offered her love and caring manner to everyone she met, especially her extended family, countless friends, working colleagues, and patients. She will be missed dearly but left cherished memo-

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be offered on Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustines Church, Andover. Family and friends may call on Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home. 28 Florence St., Andover. Memorial Mass General, New York's Long contributions may be made to Massachsetts General Medical Oncology Research and Educational Fund C/O Dr. Younger, 9A 33 Fruit St., Boston MA 02114 For directions or to offer online condolences please visit www.contefu-

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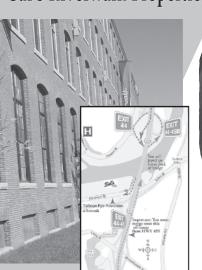
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In back, from left are "Minnie Fay," played by Dana Trismen and "Irene Molloy," played by Sarah Brown; in front are "Barnaby Tucker," played by James Conley, and "Cornelius Hackl," played by Bobby Hawes.

Frederick T. Stone, 80

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Frederick T. "Red" Stone, 80, Andover, and a resident of Lawrence, died on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in

Andover.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1928 to Peter L. and Bertha A. (Cote) Stone. He attended St. Patrick's Grammar School in South Lawrence. Mr. Stone served in the United States Navy during World War II attaining the rank of Fire ews. Also his two devoted friends Man 3rd class, during this time of from childhood who helped him

his service he served on the USS through his sickness; Johnny Do-Missouri Battle Ship and the USS nahue and John B. Connors. He Wisconsin. Mr. Stone worked for a resident of the State of Massachusetts Department of Public Works for 35 former lifelong years until his retirement and later was a maintenance man. He loved all sports especially base ball and horse racing, he was a regular at the Rockingham Race Track in Salem, N.H.

He leaves his sister, Bertha C. "Toddy" Marcoux of Andover, and his brother Francis R. and his wife Margaret M. (O'Brien) Stone of Lowell, and one sister-in-law, Claire Stone Belisle of Andover, as well as several nieces and neph-

was predeceased by his brothers and sisters, Victor J. Stone, Irene V. Higginbottom, Helen M. Nardozza, Peter F. Stone and Norman K. Stone.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services are private. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For more information or to send an online condolence please go to: www.breenfuneralhome. com. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Academy Manor Resident Council, 89 Morton St., Andover, MA

Kenneth I. Stoddard, 80

ANDOVER — Kenneth I. Stod- his grandson. dard, 80, of Andover, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2009 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

late Fred C. and Lillian (Hopkins) Stoddard. Kenneth was a Security Officer for the Winchester Hospital among other jobs to keep himself busy and loved to take care of his grandchildren, however his

Kenneth was the husband of the

late Beverly I. (Libby) Stoddard and is survived by his sons, Rich-He was born in Everett, to the ard C. and his wife Lynda of Boston and Jupiter, Fla. and Clifford D. of Amesbury and his eight grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and greatest passion was fishing with friends attended his calling hours on

Sunday, March 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. Services and interment will be private. For those who wish, Kenneth may be remembered through donations to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. To sign the family guest book, please visit www. contefuneralhomes.com.

William L. Schneider, 83

MONT VERNON — William Louis "Bill" Schneider, 83, died in his sleep on January 3, 2009. A long time resident of Mont Vernon, N.H. and Andover, Bill lived at Granite Ledges in Concord, N.H. for the last 2-and-a-half-years. His loving wife, Helen Sedgwick "Sedgie" Schneider, predeceased him.

He was born in Chicago, on Jan. 13, 1925, the son of Daniel Charles

and Gertrude Bertha (Schwartzkopf) Schneider. After high school he joined the Army and served on 1987 Bill and Sedgie organized the a B-17 Bomber until the concluannual Community Messiah Sing sion of World War II. Returning to at the Mont Vernon Congrega-Chicago, Bill graduated from tional Church, which Bill conduct-Northwestern University with ed for many years. Whenever posstudies in music and art.

In 1949 Bill accepted a position as music professor at Phillips Academy in Andover. During his tenure at Phillips he conducted the chorus, string orchestra, and small ensembles, taught violin to countless students, and was the co-director of many musical stage productions. Following his teaching career he retired to his beloved summer community of Mont Ver-

Bill stayed busy teaching woodcarving to many adults and children in his home. He volunteered for the Hillsboro County 4-H working with seven whittling groups, and in 1985 he represented New Hampshire at the Salute to Excellence ceremony in Chevy Chase, Md., honoring 4-H volunteers from

and directed the choir at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church. In sible, Bill enjoyed quiet time with his fishing rod.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Patricia Schneider of Warren, R.I., and by his daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Andy Ditkoff of Londonderry, N.H. He has two loving grandchildren, Sarah and Matt Ditkoff.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at the Mont Vernon Congre gational Church, 4 South Main St., Mont Vernon, N.H., on April 4, 2009, at 11 a.m. Contributions in his memory may he made to the N.H. Auduhon, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Homestead at Granite Ledges in Concord for the excellent care they gave to Bill. Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm St., Milford, N.H., is handling arrangements. To around the country. Bill served on leave an online condolence, please go the Mont Vernon School Board to www.smith-heald.com.



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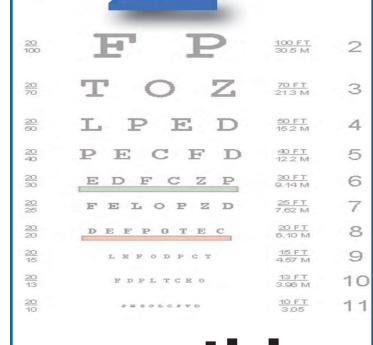
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LIVE THEATER, The OnStagers Dramatic Society of Merrimack College – a student run theatrical group – is bringing the satiric musical "Urinetown," Rogers Center for the Arts, 8 p.m., tickets cost \$5 to \$12; 978-837-5355. Also being performed March 27 at 8 p.m. and March 28 at 2 and 8 p.m.

AUTHOR READING, Denise Landis will be talking about her book, Dinner for Eight. Landis knows what makes a good dinner party and how to compose a menu that will impress guests, while leaving the cook free to enjoy the party, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

WHAT'S IT WORTH? APPRAISAL EVENT, hosted by the Andover Historical Society with Skinner Appraiser and Antiques Roadshow regular Stuart Whitehurst, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Locke Street in Andover, bring one item to be appraised or come to listen, \$15 for members, \$20 non-members. Coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments will not be appraised at this event. To register, call the Historical Society at 978-475-2236.

ART & WINE SHOW. The North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road in North Andover (Old Center), hosts, 6-8 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The show will feature the works of the Andovers Artists Guild members and members/friends of North Parish. Shawsheen Village Liquors of Andover will provide wine, \$15 advance, \$20 at the door and include appetizers and desserts: 978-687-7948, www.northparish.org.

LIVE THEATER, The Screwtape Letters, by Bradford Christian Academy, Conover Hall at Zion Bible College in Bradford (formerly Bradford College) 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Bradford Christian Academy at 978-373-7900 or at the door. Performances are also happening March 28, and April 3 and 4 at West Newbury Congregational Church in West Newbury.

LIVE THEATER, "Dead Man Walking," cast includes Andover resident Ryan Jennings, Northern Essex Community College, Top Notch Theater in the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus, 7:30 p.m., shows also happening March 28 at 7:30 p.m., April 1 at 4 p.m., and April 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

LIVE MUSIC, with Mark Erelli, who grew up in Reading, The IVY CHORD Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St. in Reading, 8 p.m., \$15.

STORY TIME, hosted by members of Quota International of Andover, Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover, 1 to 3 p.m. Two students from Northern Essex Community College Deaf Studies Program will also be on hand to sign a selection of children's books. Refreshments will be available.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

LECTURE, with Mark Allman, associate professor of religious and theological studies at Merrimack College, "Before and After the Shooting Starts: Pre-War and Post-War Ethics," 10 a.m., free, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. RSVP www.templeemanuel.net or 978-

MUSICAL FUN, for the family with Billy Jonas and his band of percussionists, 2 p.m, , University of Lowell Family Discovery Series.

IRISH SING ALONG ON A STEINWAY PIANO, performed by Terri and George Kelley of Andover, Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence St. in Lawrence, 2 p.m., free.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

SUSAN B. ANTHONY VISIT, with Andover actress Sally Matson, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, \$5; 978 623-8321. Rescheduled

Roots music you can dance to

Andover Chamber Music brings ragtime, silent movie

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

In the words of Monty Python, and now for something completely different.

The Andover Chamber Music Series — renowned for its top-notch performances of classical music — will host the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, a Pennsylvania-based group that specializes in ragtime and pre-World War I-era American popular music.

The concert will feature Scott Joplin and other ragtime composers on Sunday, April 5, at Merrimack College's Rogers Center for the Arts, and even feature music set to a silent film.

"We're coming to corrupt the chamber music series with our decadent syncopation," said Paragon director and founder Rick Benjamin with a laugh.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is the world's only ensemble that specializes in American music of Benjamin.

"The sound, in and of itself, of syncopated ragtime, is very much in the DNA of people that are alive today. There's something very deeply American about it that is attractive,' said Benjamin. "It's Americana that is also meaningful and important as music, and accessible."

Julie Scolnik, Andover Chamber Music director, will join the Paragon orchestra on flute for the April 5 concert. The ragtime concert marks the end of ACMS's season for the year, and they hope to fill the hall.

"It will be really fun, and really different. Ragtime really was our country's first truly American chamber music. It came at a time when American music was finding its voice," said Scolnik. "It's Americana, it's historic, it's roots music and part of our culture. It will be a blast, and can radio broadcasts, said Benjamin. be enjoyed by the whole family."

Years ago, Scolnik said she was first "smitten" with ragtime when she played with the New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble, which is no longer in existence.

"It's the kind of music that is so the mass media, back then." infectiously fun, you have to be clinically dead not to want to get music as turn-of-the-century audiup and start dancing. People will be ences would have heard it, played



Courtesy photos

the ragtime era, from the 1890s to The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra performs ragtime music in front of a silent movie. As part of the Andover the outbreak of World War I, said Chamber Music Series, the orchestra will perform at Merrimack College on April 5.



The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra will perform a concert at Merrimack College's Rogers Center for the Arts.

Ragtime was a precursor to jazz, before recording technology or

'It's your great-great grandparent's rock and roll," he said. Paragon's concert will give "a look at what popular music was sounding like as it was being invented. Live music played from sheet music was

The concert will feature ragtime

the orchestra will show a blackand-white silent film, "The Weakend Drivers" as it plays the movie's original score.

It was customary for turn-of-thecentury moviegoers to watch silent films accompanied by a live orchestra, said Benjamin.

"When people think of silent films nowadays, they think of an out-oftune piano in the corner (of the from the beginning. Professional beaming by the end of the concert," from original orchestrations. Also, musicians would play with films,

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and really worked to enforce and reinforce the emotional content of the motion picture."

Considered the "art music" of its theater). But exhibition of motion time, ragtime took American folk pictures was really quite slick, even music and set it with European

Jazz at the Hall part of Andover Reads

In conjunction with its Andover Reads community read-along, Memorial Hall Library is offering dozens of fun and or educational programs this spring. One of the first is Jazz at the Hall featuring The Beantown Swing Orchestra on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town House, 20 Main St. Residents are invited to "kick-off Andover Reads with an explosion of big band music from the 1930s and 1940s. Grab your dancing

shoes for a must-attend evening!" Free swing dance lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for Friends members) and are available at the library and the Andover Bookstore.



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Ironstone Farm's Challenge Unlimited is inviting people to a night of fun and games with teams competing to win prizes in darts, a free-throw shootout, putting on an indoor green, a foot-Best Pick-Up Line competition.

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ell Street in Andover). The games are part of the orga-

nization's third annual Celebrity Bartender Night, to be held this Saturday, March 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Links Restaurant, downstairs at the Andover Country ball toss, a trivia contest, and a Club on Canterbury Street. The event is open to the public and all people over age 21 are welcome. Tickets are \$25 or teams proceeds benefitting Challenge of 10 encouraged. Celebrity bartenders include Gerry Callahan

On Saturday, bribes won't just disabilities that is based on Low- Roche of WBZ-TV, both just back from Red Sox spring training.

There will be trophies for contest winners — and losers can opt to purchase their own trophy.

Guests also will celebrate the upcoming run by Craig Douglas, Boston Marathon athlete who is running this year on behalf of Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone

For more information, contact Megan Loughney at 978-475-4056 or meganloughney@challengeunlimited.org.



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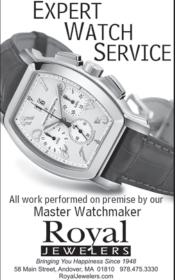


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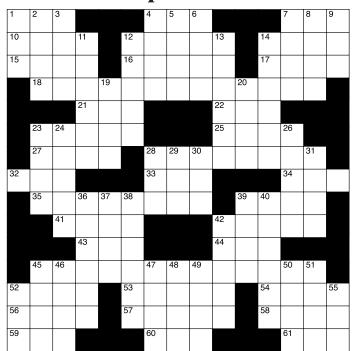


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RAGTIME

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structure and harmony, said Benjamin.

Ragtime composers were classically schooled, said Benjamin. Scott Joplin, who wrote not only rags, but an opera and other works, was a renowned singer, conductor and player of several instruments.

"It's popular music from the era when people went to conservatories and studied all types of music. It's good quality music because you can tap your foot to it, but also say 'Wow, did you hear that counterpoint, that cello line?"

finding a collection of orchestra scores of the Victor Talking Machine Co. in an abandoned warehouse. More than 3,600 orchestra pieces by 700 different composers were compiled by trombone great Arthur Pryor, who served as Victor's orchestra

Benjamin founded the Paragon

Ragtime Orchestra in 1986 after

Now, 23 years later, the Lewisburg, Pa.-based orchestra gives concerts all over the world and has made numerous recordings. It also supplied the background music for "Main Street, USA" in Disney theme parks, said Benjamin, which means the orchestra has been heard by 500 million people.

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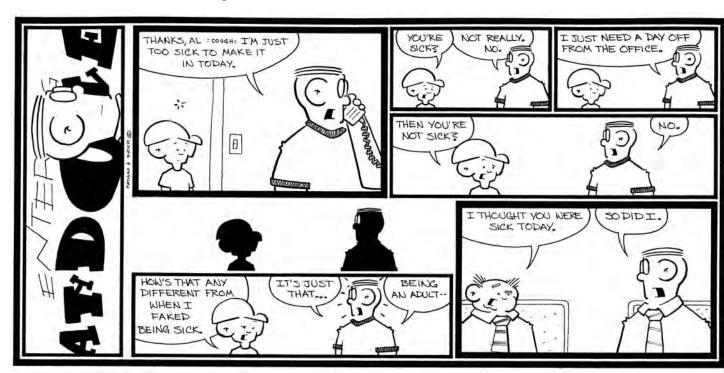
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Opinion

Congratulations, candidates. Your challenges await

Congratulations to the candidates in Tuesday's election. Now, after months of campaigning, coffees and candidates forums, the real work begins.

Immediately, both returning and new Andover officials will need to dive into budget discussions, including possible renegotiations of employee contracts. But even if unions agree to concessions, such as the 1 percent pay cut volunteered by some department heads, that will only be a temporary, one-year fix. With employees' salaries and benefits driving the budget, the officials elected Tuesday will need to craft future contracts with an eye toward benefits that are affordable and more in line with what taxpayers themselves are receiving.

There are other important issues each candidate is sure to deal with during the next term. School Committee members must create a plan for replacing Bancroft Elementary School, and help decide whether a new Shawsheen School should be part of the plan. They will need to make decisions about the superintendent's contract. Selectmen must look at replacing a Ballardvale Fire Station built for the horse-drawn wagon days, creating playing new fields and moving the town yard to expand the downtown business district.

We look forward to candidates delivering on the promise they showed during the past several months. In the School Committee race, top vote-getter Annie Gilbert showed a willingness to work hard, speak honestly and address difficult issues, such as how to improve education without further burdening taxpayers. As he did during his previous time on the School Committee, David Birnbach indicated he will propose and seek new solutions including consolidating duplicative services such as town and school finance and technology departments. Tuesday night he talked about the need to dive into contact talks

For Board of Selectmen, Brian Major and Ted Teichert convinced voters they are the ones who know how to rein in spending. Major outdistanced the competition based on his reputation as someone unwilling to support unsustainable budgets, while Teichert repeatedly mentioned using "privatization, regionalization, consolidations and reductions" during this campaign.

As for those who fought, but lost this election, we suspect we'll see some of them again. Based on their performance this year, voters should welcome their return, should they try again. All ran above-board campaigns, and showed knowledge of the issues and a commitment to bettering the town. Voters had real choices to make among well-qualified, passionate candidates. It should be that way every year.

WEB QUESTION

Are trees your thing?

Last week: Honesty is the best | enough?

Last week, an Andover resident wrote us a letter to the editor thanking someone who returned \$400 in cash to him, department says new trees will after he lost it in a parking lot near a bank ATM. We asked you what would you do if you saw \$400 in cash lying in a parking lot. In general, responders indicated they are an honest lot. The responses:

- "Pick it up and turn it into the police," received 51.4 percent of votes
- "Try and track down the rightful owner yourself," received 20 percent ■ "I'm not that lucky'
- received 11.4 percent ■ "Take the money and run"
- received 8.6 percent
- "Pick it up and bring it into a business" received 5.7 percent
- "Pick it up and run a notice about it in the classified" received 2.9 percent
- No one chose the options lying there."

Main Street trees: too little or just andovertownsman.com

Main Street has been treeless for more than a year, due to downtown construction. This week, the town planning be planted soon — 39 trees were removed, and 89 will be planted this year, many in April. How do you feel about trees on Main Street?

- I will be glad to see them replanted, Main Street has looked desolate.
- I wish they would plant
- I wish they would plant
- I'm not happy where they are planning to plant them. ■ Trees obstruct business
- This is great trees add
- character to downtown. ■ This is all much ado about
- nothing. ■ Other.
- To cast your vote, go to www. andovertownsman.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of "Take some of it" and "Leave it | the page. For lengthier answers you'd like published, e-mail Editor Neil Fater at nfater@

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Preparing for Opening Day

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Jyles Amirault, 5, chases down a ground ball while out playing baseball at Andover South Elementary School with his father, Tom, and brothers Julian, Jarrett, and Jayden. This will be Jyles' first year playing T-Ball.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rational-argument approach trashed in favor of SMART mandate

Editor, Townsman:

The League of Women Voters and Andover Recycling Committee have given up on education and persuasion and have resorted to fines and mandates to reach their goals. Trash pick up is one of the few town services I must pay for that I actually use. Here are some other ideas to reduce trash and increase recy-

- League's proposals: one might excuse one, or perhaps in rare cases two children, there should certainly be a penalty for larger families considering the drain they place on town services. All of these "surplus" children create the need for more schools and even a possible vouth center.
- Eliminate garbage cans altogether and require all trash bags be transparent so everyone can see what is thrown away. The health department can conduct random inspections of bags. Furthermore, the Townsman could publish a weekly list of names, addresses and photos of Trash Offenders whose refuse does not meet some arbitrary list of legislated detritus.
- households with more than one car? Or a tax on type of car? These are actual proposals some Massachusetts politicians have made in the name of environmentalism.

There is always something one person thinks another person should do that would make the world a little bit better. And more power to anyone who wants to argue for their cause. But those who want to control every aspect of individuals' lives to meet his or her personal, political and environmental priorities are nothing more than busy bodies. What they can't achieve with hard work and rational arguments keep the site active so that they they try to achieve with the politics of pull and legislation.

I suggest a new motto for this chapter of the League: When you

LETTERS POLICY

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ignored and utterly filthy \$70,000 polar bear sitting on the library grounds can be their mascot.

JACKIE GOREHAM 31A School St.

550 people asking for trash fee is a lot

Editor, Townsman: In the article on the proposed

SMART Plan, which gave highlights of a presentation by Recycling Committee Chairwoman Candy Dann, to the Board of Selectman, a citizen-led petition cling, in the same spirit as the was mentioned. For those who would like more information on ■ A punitive tax on families the methodology and results of with children. Children produce that petition, here's the scoop: waste and excrete both methane Members of the League of and carbon dioxide, which con- Women Voters and the Recytributes to global warming. One cling Committee, armed with could argue that those who have a description of the SMART concern for the planet. While the streets for three weeks in January and February to solicit support from friends, neighbors (even those with consistently more than one trash barrel out per week), acquaintances who share a waiting room during afternoon ballet or karate, and numerous strangers. In addition, the petition was (and still is) posted online and sent out via e-mail to a wide swath of Andover residents. On one frigid morning, members solicited signatures outside a local grocery store, a great opportunity to engage in conversation about the SMART plan and garner qualitative data on the program. The resulting depth of outreach went far beyond the normal circle of each member's ■ Perhaps a tax on those close friends, and included large and small families; old, young and multigenerational households. The online petition also allowed for signers to add a comment, and many did. These comments added context to the numbers.

In three weeks, the group collected 550 signatures, an unprecedented number for this type of petition. Time and scheduling considerations put a deadline for collection at mid-February, but I feel confident in saying if the effort continued at full strength, we would have gathered substantially more names. In fact, people have asked us to can add their signatures. What does it mean? Five hundred and fifty residents view the SMART plan as an financially equitable and sound way to change behavior by increasing recycling and diverting trash from the incinerator, and help close Andover's dire budget gap by garnering significant savings and revenue. As Dann said to the selectman, "When have you ever had this many residents actually ask for a fee?"

LYNN EIKENBERRY **Judson Road** Co-Chair

Environmental Action Committee New trash plan looks

like rejected old plan

Editor, Townsman:

Nobody will argue with the

But when the PAYT plan was sidewalk, street or other public proposed a few years ago, it was area in the town... [or] on any rejected. Now, it has resurfaced with a new name: SMART.

What is SMART? SMART is SMART is just PAYT lite. Same appeal, same disadvantages.

SMART will be a hardship for some families, particularly for large families. In my family of five, we return returnables and re-use or donate what we can. Last Tuesday was typical: we put out two full recycling bins of glass, plastic and metal, two bags of paper, and one bundle of cardboard; yet we still had four bags of trash. And, after family parthe roof.

ible tax. Because it is a fee, we whose owners think their pet cannot use income from the sale children are selfish with little plan and lots of fliers, took to of SMART bags to help finance our schools.

SMART will lead to more trash dumped in recreational areas, and more trash stuffed into town and school dumpsters and clothing-collection boxes. It will lead to more trash being burned and flushed, and more being snuck into recycling bins. Probably not much more, but any misplaced trash will hurt the town.

these programs. As of October 2008, only 48 of our state's 351 cities and towns had adopted a curbside PAYT/SMART program.

The per-bag cost of SMART will change the way we deal with trash. Some families will buy a trash compactor (\$600 to \$1,000), while the rest of us will adopt a new hobby: hand-packing trash into those precious bags. Ugh.

To cope with above-average weeks (celebrations and work gatherings), we can keep the overflow in the basement or garage for a few weeks: summer will smell grand.

SMART is a great name, but it is still PAYT, a pain.

BOB WILLARD 76 Tewksbury St

Reminder: Cute dogs aren't exempt from leash law

Editor, Townsman:

Now that spring is here and people are outside enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, it seems necessary to remind all Andover's dog owners of the following bylaws: Andover Town ByLaws Article XII

11 (c) Restraint of dogs: No person shall own, keep or harbor in the Town of Andover, within the confines of the owner's property (meaning owned, rented or leased), any dog which is left unattended and is not kenneled, leashed or otherwise restrained or, if outside the premises of the owner (meaning owned, rented or leased), any dog which is not held firmly on a leash no greater than six feet in length by a person who shall have control of such a dog.

11 (1) It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to goals of Pay As You Throw: save remove and dispose of any

can't convince, force. The now-the money and save the planet. feces left by his/her dog on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person. This includes the wildlife sanc-PAYT with a one-bag exemption; tuary at Phillips Academy, where these bylaws are often violated. School officials have even posted a prominent sign at the entrance to the sanctuary reminding citizens of these bylaws. Nevertheless, every time I take a walk or run there I am accosted by an unrestrained dog. By accosted I mean jumped on, charged by or nipped at. When I remind the owners their dog should be restrained, I am frequently told it's OK because ties, our bag count goes through that particular dog is "a good dog." There are no subjective SMART is a fee, not a deduct- provisions in the law for dogs is particularly cute or wellbehaved. I am not comforted that the dog doesn't mean me any harm when its body weight is greater than mine and it is charging full-speed.

It may also be worth pointing out that the sanctuary is a sanctuary for wild animals, not domesticated ones. I have rarely seen any wild animals in this sanctuary and I strongly suspect it's because the area is too often There is no groundswell for disturbed by domesticated dogs romping freely through and disturbing the underbrush.

> **DANETTE MORRIS Pine Street**

Private income information is, indeed. private

Editor, Townsman: Dr. Seifert:

Having read your column in the March 19 Andover Townsman, I feel the need to respond ("Brother, can you spare 1 percent?"). The reason, as you pointed out, that we know what you earned when you worked for the Andover school system and what your benefits were is that we paid your salary. It is admirable that you're willing to contribute a percentage of your income to those in need. That is certainly your prerogative. I realize that we live in a time when people go on Dr. Phil, Oprah and Judge Judy, and divulge the most intimate details of their personal, private, and financial lives. That

is their choice and their right.

However, to suggest that the public has a right to know what is on my income tax return and that this information should be published makes me wonder what the heck is wrong with you, sir. It is frankly none of your (or anyone else's) business. How much money my husband and I make and how we choose to spend it, whether it makes sense to you or not is not your concern. I think that it's great that you're willing to give 2 percent of your income to those you deem in need of assistance. My husband and I contribute to many charities that have meaning to us, but this is nobody's concern but ours, and it is definitely not yours.

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Townspeople



School Committee Member Dennis Forgue, left, deals out cards to, from right, Melissa Litton, Lisa Kole, Susan Rocca, Brooke Harrow, and Eileen Forgue for a game of Blackjack during the Casino Night and Silent Auction fundraising event, held at the Andover Wyndham Hotel. The fundraising event raised money to benefit the Andona Society.

Casino night helps Andona pay out

With more people looking for help to send their kids to summer camps, the Andona Society wanted to throw a party to raise money for its campership program. The women's group did just that Saturday night, March 21, with its festive Casino Night.

About 100 folks showed up to spin the money wheel or play poker at the Andover nonprofit group's annual spring event, all for a good cause.

"It was so much fun," said Sherrie Kimball who booked the event's 20 dealers. "Almost twice as many people have asked about help with summer camp ... there is a dire need visit www.andonasociety.org. this year."

She said about \$5,000 was raised. Response to the event has been positive, and Kimball is still receiving e-mails from dealers and attendees

who had a great time, she said. Andona holds several events each year to raise money for various youth programs in town. Clown Town, held every May, is its biggest and most popular event, attracting thousands to a carvival in the Park each May.

The group is hosting its "Membership Extravaganza" Thursday, April 16 for local women interested in joining Andona. For more information

— Judy Wakefield



Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson, left, deals out cards to, from left, Michelle Lenihan, Julie Cullen, and Traci Connor for a game of Texas Hold'em Poker.



Ashley Andrade of Andover bids on the Beach & Sun Basket valued at more than \$300.



Table sponsor Karen Hautala, of Two Brothers Plastering & Painting, spins the Roulette for players James Lenihan, left, and Katrina Kristensen.

Those Years Ago

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100 Years Ago - March 11, 1909

As one who has a deep interest in the welfare of the boys of Andover, The Spectator would like to see a branch started here of the International Cigarette League. This League has at present 87,000 members, who are pledged to abstain from tobacco until they are 21 years of age. That there is a need for a branch of this League in Andover, The Spectator firmly agrees.

Last Monday's meeting was probably the last Town Meeting at which the affairs of the Board of Public Works will be presented by their long time superintendent John E. Smith. There will be much regret that this is the fact, for Mr. Smith has been an intelligent, efficient and successful manager of this important department of the town affairs for the past 20 years. He has not always been able to lead the town as he would wish but we can recall no time when his advise on matters affecting the waste and sewer departments has not been sound.

75 Years Ago - March 9, 1934

Opinion: It's too bad that dogs can't read. If they did, they would probably obey the orders of the selectmen far better than their owners are making them obey them now. A few weeks ago there was a rabies scare here in Andover and in order to prevent further spread of the rabies the selectmen issued an order restraining all dogs for a period of 90 days. Some dogowners obeyed the order; others let their dogs run loose. Since the order, some 20 dogs have been shot ... Perhaps it might be better to fine the owners, rather than to shoot the dogs.

50 Years Ago - March 19, 1959

A handshake wrote finis to the town's election scramble Saturday afternoon, as former Selectman Sidney P. White conceded the election of William Stewart to the three-year term by a margin of five votes. A careful inspection of all contested ballots, following the morning's recount, brought agreement between the men that Stewart would have at least a two ballot margin if all contested ballots were counted in favor of the candidate protesting them.

The town may be faced with another elementary school construction project as early as 1960. School Supt. Edward L. Erickson told the School Committee Tuesday that he believes the committee will be asking for money at the next Town Meeting to prepare for preliminary plans for a school.

Uncle Bill and the first robin of spring

Bill Dalton



Seeing the first spring robin was once important. The Andover Townsman would report that Mrs. Soand-so had seen a robin

behind her house. The Boston television stations would mention robin sightings. After long winters, the sightings were a relief.

When I see my first spring robin I think of my Uncle Bill. He was a rugged guy. When I was growing up, strangers would hear my name and ask if I was related to Bill Dalton, "the great athlete." Mayor John Buckley of Lawrence took me aside when I was a young lawyer to tell me that Bill was the best athlete he

ever saw. "He hit me so hard playing hockey that he broke

both my legs," the mayor said, After graduating from Punchard in 1919, Bill was given a scholarship to Phillips Academy where he spent a postgraduate year bolstering their athletic teams and then had an athletic scholarship to Bates College. He didn't like being away. Within weeks, he returned to Andover and his home at 70 Chestnut St. and went to work at Smith and Dove, an Andover mill. For about 20 years, he was in charge of their athletic teams and playing fields. Later, he was a foreman in a Lawrence mill and, when it closed, PA hired him to work in maintenance at its athletic facilities. When he retired, he lived out his life on Chestnut Street.

When he was a young adult in Andover, he had a reputation for being a tough guy, a fighter of renown, a man's man. As he

grew older, another side of Uncle Bill appeared.

One spring day, well into retirement, Bill was working in his yard and saw a baby robin. It was tiny, barely covered with down, and helpless. Uncle Bill stayed away from it long enough to be sure it was abandoned. Then he placed the pathetic thing in a shoe box filled with grass and brought it into the house. Rarely do birds survive such treatment, but, for several weeks, Uncle Bill dug worms and fed little pieces to the bird and placed droplets of water on the bird's beak. The bird surprised us all, perhaps not Bill as much, and it lived.

As summer deepened, the bird, called "Chippy" by my uncle, became a fledgling and needed to fly. Uncle Bill opened the kitchen window, which had a flat bird feeder extended from it, and placed Chippy on the feeder. Each day, the bird became braver, and soon he flew away in the

awkward manner of all young animals making a first independent move. Chippy returned to the feeder within minutes, never having been out of sight of it, and found my uncle's finger waiting.

His first flights weren't without an adventure. Before Chippy became seasoned at flying, he flew to the top of a backyard apple tree. He stayed there a long time, too long. My uncle, over 70, put up a ladder and went to the rescue. Chippy hopped on my uncle's finger for the ride down and was soon back in the house.

By now, Chippy was looking like a female, which, in robins, are a little more faded than males. He was a she, and her nest was kept near the window.

Each morning, she'd chirp and my uncle would hold her in his hands, and she'd become quiet. While Chippy grew more comfortable at home, she was becoming more independent as well. One hour she'd join groups of

robins on the lawn, the next hour she was flying around the house, perching in various places.

When it came time for winter preparations, Chippy had to make a decision. Instinct controlled, and she traveled to winter feeding grounds. Uncle Bill missed her and hoped for her survival. He never expected to see Chippy again, but, early the next spring, Chippy appeared on the bird feeder. She hopped and fluttered into the house when my uncle opened the window. That first year back, when Chippy was feeding with other robins on the lawn, my uncle would make a chirping sound, and Chippy would fly to him. One day, Chippy appeared beneath the bird feeder with several fledglings. They must have been Chippy's young, and my uncle thought she was showing them off.

For the next three springs, Chippy presented herself at the window, but each year she was

more shy. The last year, she came within a couple of feet of my uncle but wouldn't hop on his finger. In the fifth spring of her life, Chippy didn't return, and my uncle never saw her again. Chippy may have not survived, or she simply may have forgotten Uncle Bill. Some robins live more than 10 years, most succumb much younger.

There may be readers who think I'm exaggerating. I'm not. I wrote the details shortly after they happened, and I saw much of what I've written about. When I drive around the old neighborhood on Chestnut Street, I like to think that, if I see a robin, it might be one of Chippy's descendants. I think they are something my uncle, who died many years ago, left for us.

 $Bill\ Dalton\ writes\ a\ weekly$ column for the Townsman. He can be reached at billdalton@ andover town ie.com.

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■ MARCH FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Luke Daniel Dougherty

Luke Daniel Dougherty turns 1 today, March 26. He is the son of Lauren (DiStefano) and Daniel Dougherty of Natick. Grandparents are Larry and Carol DiStefano of Andover. Luke is excited to share his birthday with his Auntie Michelle. He enjoys following his sister, Mary and throwing N.Y. Quiana is a happy, smiley a ball to his brother. Jed.



Noah Christopher Dollard

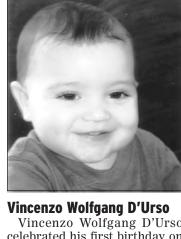
Noah Christopher Dollard is celebrating his first birthday today, March 26, with his parents Chris and Akari Dollard at home in Malden. His grandmother Hi Karu Matsonaga from Sacramento, Calif., will be here for the celebration as will his grandparents Joan and Paul Dollard of Andover. Noah also is the grandson of Paul Matsonaga of Sacramento, Calif. Great-grandmothers are Teruko Matsonage of Toyko, Japan, and Yoko Yada of Fullerton, Calif.

The Townsman usually publishes happy first birthday messages in the last issue of each month for babies who just celebrated birthdays in that month. First birthday messages for children born in April 2008 are due Friday, April 24 at 5 p.m., for inclusion in the April 30 paper. Short write-ups and photos can be e-mailed to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com. Photos should be sent as jpg attachments, and not embedded in e-mails, or dropped off at the Andover Townsman, 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810.



Quiana Christine Bell

Quiana Christine Bell celebrated her first birthday on March 10. She is the daughter of Akim and Christine Bell of Lowell. Grandparents are Gail Der Ananian and the late San Der Ananian of Andover and Jesse and Joyce Bell of Castle Point, girl who loves interacting with her sister, Taija, 3.



Vincenzo Wolfgang D'Urso celebrated his first birthday on March 7. He is the son of Fred and Virginia D'Urso of Haverhill. Grandparents are Kathryn and Stephen D'Urso of Andover and Angelika and Romano Mumelter of Munich, Germany. Vinnie loves to smile and give hugs and kisses to his sisters, Sean, 8, and Maria, 2 1/2. Vinnie is a Boston Bruins fan and wants to play hockey like his older brother Stephen, 10.

Luke James Batchelder

Luke James Batchelder, left, will turn 1 on March 27. He is the son of Doug and Jamie Batchelder of Andover. Grandparents are Jim and Judy Lynch of Windham, N.H., and Bill and Jane Batchelder of North Andover. Luke loves laughing and playing with his sisters, Allie and Mia. He has a big smile that brings a lot of happiness to his family.

■ RELIGION NOTES

ish, Christian, Muslim Relations at Merrimack College will host three women as they discuss their work in different religions on Thursday, March 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. in North Andover. The event is made possible by a generous contribution from the Catherine McCarthy Memorial Trust Fund.

Speakers will be Rabbi Karen Landy who graduated with a master's degree from Brandeis University's Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service. and was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia in 1997. She has worked for the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry in Jerusalem, traveling to Ethiopia on missions to work with the Jewish community, and as Rabbi for Jewish Healing Connections, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services in Boston. She is on the chaplaincy staff of Hebrew Senior Life of Boston.

Speakers will also include: The Rev. Dr. Diane Kessler, who retired as executive director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches in 2007, after serving the Council for 32 years. A graduate of Oberlin College and Andover Newton Theological School, with honorary doctorates from Episcopal Divinity School and Hebrew College, she is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She serves on the Joint Working Group on

World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

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Chaplain Shareda Hosein is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Boston with a bachelor's degree and received a master's degree in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, with a certification in Islamic Chaplaincy an equivalent to a master's degree in Divinity, from the Hartford Seminary. She has published in the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures, Volume 2, Military: Women's Participation, The United States. Hosein is the first female Muslim chaplain at Tufts University. She is also a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and is serving at U.S. Special Opera-

The Center for the Study of Jew- fostering relations between the in support of the Global War on Terror.

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Education

SPOTLIGHT ON GRANDPARENTS' VISIT



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TOP: Meghan Flynn, a sixth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School and a member of the tech crew, shows her grandfather, Joe Shanley, the controls on the main spotlight she will be directing for the schools production of the "Wizard of Oz." The students performed a special showing for students and grandparents during Grandparents Day.

RIGHT: From left, Devika Ranjan, as the Wicked Witch of the West, Anna Burkhard, as Glinda, and Kendra Lizardo, as Dorothy, perform in the Munchkin scene of the school's production of the "Wizard of Oz."





This year, Doherty Middle School, partnered with the Frost School in Lawrence, had an undefeated Academic Bowl season.

Golden Falcons swoop to an undefeated academic bowl season

Doherty Middle School proved to be half of an unbeatable team during this year's Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative's academic bowl. Taking the name the "Golden Falcons," Doherty students teamed with students from the Frost School in Lawrence for an undefeated bowl season.

Competing against 18 other schools from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen, bowl teams competed in a variety of academic activities during the fall and winter, such as multiplication scrabble and challenges on geography and maps, American presidents, building and engineering. Each match concluded with a Jeopardy!-style trivia buzzer

"The teamwork and dedication to their studies made the Doherty team excel at the **DOHERTY MIDDLE** SCHOOL'S **UNDEFEATED GOLDEN FALCONS**

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competition this year," said Shelly Coughlin, Doherty Middle librarian and coach of the school's bowl team.

"We had a really great group

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BOOK REVIEW: 'THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN'

Much imitated Twain still worth read

By Mari Miyachi WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Mark Twain's novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" begins with a telling notice: "Persons attempting to find a motive in this narrative will be prosein it will be shot." An explanatory entire novel, juxtaposes humor

many "pains-takingly" written readers to dismiss the gravity of

attention, however, these two involved in his writing. Twain's short passages offer a telling good-natured humor is evident, perspective on the complicated as is his serious authority on his themes of Huckleberry Finn. For subject, reflected in the strong cuted; persons attempting to find what at first seem like silly jokes moral message of Huckleberry a moral in it will be banished; later emerge as ironic foreshad- Finn. persons attempting to find a plot owing. Twain, as he does in the

note follows this, explaining the and seriousness, instructing the novel right before explaining Prefaces are often paid little the extremely careful research

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Young bandit learns lesson about those with sticky fingers

Ken Seifert



If you ask 100 people, and a moral. "Did you ever

been tempted. I am one of the else. Don't touch it. 90 percent. This is a straightforward confession, with a story

steal?" 90 per- act of finding something before Jesse and Frank James. We had cent would say it was lost. He would warn us we seen the movie in the Oakdale yes,9 percent better wait until things were lost theater Saturday matinee. would lie, and before we went discovering the the remaining many world wonders. My mom 1 percent would was more to the point: If it is

have led perfect lives and never not yours, it belongs to someone

Here is my story: It was Halloween in Buffalo, N.Y., and I was 10. Tommy Donavan, my My dad defined stealing as the best friend, and I decided to play

We had the perfect plan.

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headings should not be allowed to show from the outside. In addition, it is a good idea to line all fabric treatments with off-white lining to create a consistent color on the outside. Another approach to giving window treatments a consistent look from outside includes covering all the windows with an underlayment of the same style and color of

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SEIFERT: Thieves become the victims

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boys, two streets over, had filled their trick or treat sacks. Phase two, relieve them of such heavy

The law of the streets was leave the girls alone, but all males are fair game. At 7:30 — Tom had the only wrist watch among the poor kids — we ambushed two isolated lads. From the shadows we had treasures and selected the biggest prizes and the weakest kids. You know we studied survival of the fittest.

successfully completed our Phase one, wait until the younger mission, we departed the screaming victims in great tell our families. As we walked haste. We retreated to the local den of thieves, the lumber yard near the railroad tracks. We ness of my bedroom, a bright located a suitable spot to begin glare appeared at the foot of

our candy orgy. But before we had unwrapped the first Hershey bar, two older boys attacked us innocent vic- The next Halloween Tommy tims. From the other side of the and I went to the Boys Club and lumber pile came Al Capone and observed who had the biggest Frank Nitty. They were probably a couple of Italian kids from another neighborhood.

After we masked bandits my famous words, "They stole our candy!"

We could not call the police or home we both suffered in silence. That night, in the darkmy bed. The voice and the message haunts me to this very day. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. played checkers.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident and a former Andover super-As they faded into the darkness intendent of school who writes I turned to Tommy and uttered about education and children.

BOWL: Golden Falcons go undefeated

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of leaders who were willing to step up, really study the materials, and encourage their teammates to do the same."

Coughlin said the Golden Falcons were the season's only undefeated team and scored the most overall points in every

and administrative support posi-

tions. Usually, women filled

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surgents down the streets and alleyways with

a machine gun at the ready. They function in combat zones and perform many of the same

stan, U.S. women in uniform are just about

everywhere doing almost everything.

could play. They realized that women play a

desk jobs to free up more

men to fight.

A team from St. Augustine Leonard School students from Lawrence, came in second place this year.

West Middle School, paired with Lawrence's Oliver School, came in fifth and Wood Hill Middle School, paired with Lawrence's Bruce School, came in sixth place.

GLEC's academic bowl is School in Andover, paired with a five-month academic competition involving more than 300 middle-school students from four communities. It was started in 1987 as a means of promoting academic excellence and fostering teamwork between neighboring communities.

- Bethany Bray

REVIEW: Twain's novel groundbreaking

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"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is told from the perspective of the young and rambunctious Huck Finn, who in the years before the outbreak of the Civil War. Huck, against the standards of society, whether in the form of Mrs. him or the demands and temptations of turning in his friend, and runaway slave, Jim. The book follows Huck and Jim on their journey up the Mississippi, where, try as they may, the pair

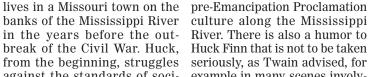
strengths is its ability to realistically capture the time and place of the setting. This is achieved through not only the accuracy of the dialects, but the truthful, and often ironic depiction of River. There is also a humor to Huck Finn that is not to be taken example in many scenes involving the Dauphin and the Prince. Watson's attempts to civilize However, the fraudulent pair also serve a more serious purpose as a display of the evils of "civilized" society.

I would give "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" an 8 out of 10. Both entertaining resident and student at Phillips easy to understand why this young adults.

One of the novel's many novel and its author became defining figures in American literature.

Perhaps this is the reason that I did not love Huckleberry Finn. Mark Twain and his stories have inspired so many novels that have come after, many of which I have read, that Huckleberry Finn becomes predictable and even tired at times. This being said, the novel was groundbreaking

Academy who writes reviews for



cannot escape the hypocrisy of and thought-provoking, it is

with its innovative format and critical-thinking content, so I still strongly recommend it to any teenager interested in this fascinating period of American

Mari Miyachi is an Andover

■ SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is available for lunch in the Andover public schools, March 30 to April 3:

Elementary schools

Monday: Honey barbecue chicken on a roll, jumbo pretzel and yogurt, string cheese, sweet potato fries, orange glazed carrots and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, broccoli and ziti, meatball sub and Sunchips, grilled hotdog on a roll and Sunchips, veggie sticks and dip, mixed fruit and or stuffed shells and bread stick,

Wednesday: Max cheese sticks with marinara sauce, cheddar burgers on a roll, Goldfish, garden salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, chicken fajitas, manager's choice sandwich, green beans, raisins, strawberry short- or broccoli calzone, fish sand- bar with sandwiches made to cake with whipped cream.

pizza, fish sandwich on a roll whipped cream and juice. with cheese, confetti spaghetti pasta salad, veggies and dips and Andover High School fresh fruit.

Middle schools

Monday: Homestyle beef stew in bread bowl, manager's choice side of meatballs served with calzone, soup and sandwich, oven-baked fries, veggies and dip, chilled peaches and cream.

Tuesday: Chicken Parmesan sub with sauce and cheese, cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, baked red bliss potatoes, raisins and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: French toast, strawberries and whipped cream served with sausage links, ravioli steamed garlic broccoli, fresh fruit and juice.

and marinara sauce, plain or pepperoni pan pizza, soup and sandwich, bean soup, veggie sticks and dips, warm cinnamon spiced cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the apples with topping.

Friday: Cheese, buffalo chicken High School there is a wrap/deli wich on a roll with cheese, cae-Friday: Plain or pepperoni pan sar salad, peach cobbler with a daily sandwich offering, daily

Monday: Mediterranean chicken and vegetables with bread stick and rice pudding. Tuesday: Baked lasagna with

caesar salad and Italian ice. Wednesday: Oriental chicken

served over brown rice, Chinese vegetables, pineapple and fortune cookie.

Thursday: Bavarian pork and sauerkraut served with rye bread and vegetables.

Friday: Spanish paella (sausage, chicken and rice) served with marinated vegetables and churros.

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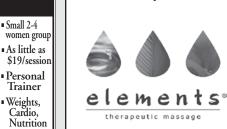


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Business

Recessionistas now in fashion

Consignment shops popping up in Andover

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

former fashion mavens are now fashionable recessionistas, not fashionistas, as clothes budgets going the same way as the family's 401(k) - down.

which is a good way to make a few extra dollars from all those and handbags for moms and

Andover has long had a thrift shop on Park Street. But next week, a traveling consignment shop specializing in kids clothes will come to town. And a local ladies apparel boutique has started a consignment shop for unused designer handbags and women's clothes.

thinking of new ideas."

At her women's clothing bou-In this economy, even some ment component this week. The among North Shore communistore will accept gently worn items and try to sell them for customers. Nardone said her for themselves and their kids are business will not benefit. Rather, the sales price is sent to the customer. Many customers already It's consigning to the rescue, have said that any money made will go to charity.

And, if the closet belonging gently used designer clothes to your 'tween girl is busting at the seams, gently used designer dresses are welcome.

"I think teaching young girls about consigning is great," Nardone said. "They learn about not asking their parents for yet another \$100 to \$200 dress that only gets worn once or twice."

It will be all about such pricey kids clothes when Drop & Shop, your computer. "It's a great way to hang in a traveling consignment shop there during this economic comes to town. Drop & Shop times," Lisa Nardone, who owns will be set up temporarily in the Gigi's on Essex Street, said of vacant store front at 26 Chestnut consigning. "We've all been St,, which used to house Andover

For the past five years, the tique, she's starting a consign- shop-on-wheels has moved ties including Manchester-By-The-Sea and Wenham. Now, it's Andover's turn.

> "It's a huge success for the community, the consignors," said organizer Stacey Lai, a strong proponent of consigning as the mom of three young daughters. "And, yes, I'm seeing consignors who would not have been here... it is the economy."

Here's how Drop & Shop works, according to Lai:

- Go to the Web site www.childrensdropandshop.com.
- Follow the links to register as a consignor.
- Items should be gently used and not recalled or contain lead.

■ Tags can be printed out on

- Drop your tagged items at the event.
- A check will be mailed in
- about two to three weeks. There's no limit on the number are newborn to 16.



MARY MUCKENHOUPT/Staff photo

Kathleen Blosser peruses through baby clothes while shopping at a March 20 Drop and Shop sale, a massive consignment sale held at the Brookwood School in Manchester by the Sea.

of items people can print, and consignors tag whatever price they want. The guideline is to tag an item at 40 to 60 percent of the purchase price. Lai said the sizes

addition to her full-time adver- on Friday, April 3. tising job.

for eight days. A preview for com.

"It's been fun for me," said Lai, consignors is Thursday, April 2, who started doing the event in while the event opens at 10 a.m.

For more information, check The event will be in town out www.childrensdropandshop.

Pinizzotto named provost at Wentworth

Andover resident Russell Pin-

tor, educator, and innovator. Pre-

dean of the faculty of science and

engineering at Merrimack Col-

advocacy for students and fac-

to Wentworth," said President

in engineering, technology, and

As the vice president for aca-

demic affairs and provost. Pin-

officer for the institute and is

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ate, graduate, and continuing

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provide leadership and vision

in enhancing the excellence of

existing, nationally-recognized

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guiding the development of new

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reports to the president and is

a member of the President's

Advisory Council. In addition to

Pinizzotto's work as an academic

dean for four years at Merrimack

College, he served as the interim

provost for one year. Prior to

Merrimack, he spent four years

as the dean of the Missouri Acad-

emy of Science, Mathematics and

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was a professor of materials sci-

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lege in North Andover.

ogy. Pinizzotto brings over 22

years of experi-

ence in academia

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Pinizzotto

Institute of Technology izzotto has been Instruments as a senior member appointed vice of the technical staff. president for "I look forward to joining Wentacademic affairs and provost at Wentworth Institute of Technol-

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"Companies are often unaware Zorica Pantićin a release. "He that they are paying too much for is clearly passionate about the workers' compensation," says importance of education, and his Hall. "With the training I received past involvement with strategic – from the institute, I now possess – wear their Red Sox gear to work planning will further advance the knowledge to detect errors, or school on opening day. Wentworth's leadership position and potentially save money for our clients."

Preston Diamond, president of the Institute of WorkComp Professionals, says it is difficult to izzotto is the chief academic detect errors in workers' compensation insurance because it differs from other types of insuraffairs related to undergradu- ance coverage. "Unless the insurance agent has the necessary training to locate and correct the errors in workers' compensation coverage, the problems may go undetected and cause business owners to pay higher premiums than required." Diamond said.

CGI of Andover rallies to support Jimmy Fund

CGI of Andover is joining the Rally Against Cancer to support the Jimmy Fund and the Boston Red Sox. Plus, employees are trying to win a school visit from Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester.

Participation is as easy as putting on a Red Sox hat and shirt. When the Red Sox return to Fenence and physics at the Univer- way Park for the season home sity of North Texas. Before his opener on Monday, April 6, all

career in higher education, Pin- of Red Sox nation is encouraged izzotto worked in industry as an to Rally Against Cancer to help entrepreneur, founding a techni- the Jimmy Fund shut out cancal consulting services firm, and cer. Schools and businesses are he was also employed by Texas asked to start a team as soon as possible to try and raise the most contributions. The winning team in each category will win a visit from Lester.

"Not everyone can be at Fenway Park for the home opener," says Lester, in a release, "but this is a great alternative for fans to be part of the excitement and to show support for my two favorite home town teams, the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund."

The Rally Against Cancer is also a great way to build office and school morale. To sign up just log on to www.rallyagainstcancer. org. Every organization must designate a coach to help build the team. The Jimmy Fund will send the coach promotional materials to assist. Each team member can then sign up online by pitching in a minimum \$5 contribution to battle cancer. For making the gift, the team player is encouraged to

TD Banknorth donates \$300K to Mass. charities

TD Banknorth, through the TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation, donated a total of \$300,400 to more than 45 charitable organizations throughout Massachusetts. The funding will help strengthen Massachusetts communities through support of key initiatives including affordable housing, economic development, youth programming and the arts.

The organizations that TD Banknorth supports mirror our commitment to the communities where we live and do business. When an organization serves to provide economic opportunity or youth development they in turn compliment the bank's initiatives in community revitalization and economic empowerment," David Glidden, president of TD Banknorth in Massachusetts, said.

The effort included a \$10,000 grant to the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council to encourage growth and

prosperity for the Merrimack Wright-Pierce to design Valley.

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YMCA honors Quality **Service Award** recipients

Merrimack Valley YMCA



BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Elizabeth Covino

honored five employees who have exhibited an exemplary level of member service and who personally and professionally demonstrate the YMCA character development

traits of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. YMCA full and part-time employees are encouraged to nominate co-workers for this new "We look to employees who fos-

ter relationships with YMCA members by providing quality member Sound. services that is professional, helprole models in the area of character development. They have often created or initiated new member programs and services that assist with member satisfaction," Gary P. Morelli, Merrimack Valley YMCA vice president, said.

Employees that received Quality Service Awards:

Jacquelyn Caraballo of Lawrence, preschool teacher, Methuen YMCA; Elizabeth Covino of Andover,

director of Community Relations and Development; Kate Currie of Andover, assis-

tant aquatics director, Andover/ North Andover YMCA; Amanda Dawson of Methuen;

member services representative, Methuen YMCA; and Juan Wheatly of Methuen, resi-

dent director, Lawrence YMCA.

Also honored were employees who submitted ideas to better the workplace through the "I have a great idea" program, recognizing the sharing of innovative ideas to improve the YMCA. Covino received such an Impact Award.

Water Pollution Control Facility upgrade

Wright-Pierce, a New England based engineering firm specializing in water, wastewater and infrastructure with offices in Andover, was selected by the Mattabassett District in the Town of Cromwell, Conn. to design an \$80 million upgrade to the regional Water Pollution Control Facility which serves a tri-town area with a population of more than 100,000. The facility upgrade will prepare the District to meet the state of Connecticut's advanced nitrogen discharge standards.

The Mattabassett WPCF discharges to the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound, which is impaired due to the nitrogen loading from treatment plants. The state of Connecticut has

Similar nitrogen concerns ful, prompt and courteous. The are becoming apparent for the people selected for this honor are coastal waters of Massachusetts. Communities that are tributary to these coastal waters will be faced with increasingly stringent nitrogen removal standards moving forward. Nitrogen is a concern in marine and estuarine environments because it stimulates algae growth which creates water clarity and dissolved oxygen problems, which in turn creates other impacts to fisheries and plant life.

Wright-Pierce was selected for this project because of a repusolutions to address the very stringent standards in an affordable fashion. Wright-Pierce is involved with helping many other New England communities comply with stringent new nutrient standards.

Bisbee elected as director of MassNAELA

Law Attorneys has announced

that Andover resident and attorney Karol Bisbee has been elected as a director of the organization for 2009.

Bisbee practices estate planning and elder law with offices at Stoneham and North Andover. She has been a member of Mass-NAELA since 2001.

Bisbee has been a featured speaker at many seminars regarding estate planning and Medicaid. Her practice encompasses all areas of elder and disability law, with a special emphasis on Medicaid eligibility and applications, life care planning, coordination of medical care and benefits for frail elders. long term care planning and protection of assets, nursing home issues including resident rights, and Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney. Bisbee is a member of the leading organization of issued nitrogen removal stan- elder law attorneys, the National dards that are among the most Academy of Elder Law Attorstringent in the country to pro- neys, the Massachusetts and tect and restore Long Island American Bar Association, and the Massachusetts Guardianship

Saints Medical Center honored for Cancer **Program**

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has granted "Three-Year Approval with Commendation' to the Cancer Program at Saints Medical Center.

Saints received the honor following an extensive on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor. During the visit, Saints demonstrated a "commendation level tation for providing innovative of compliance" for the full scope of its cancer program, including cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach, and quality improvement.

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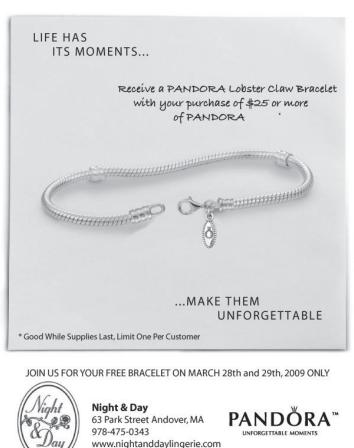
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Spring Warriors: Part 1

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

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Emmons, Hinds ready to lead Warriors

LACROSSE PREVIEW Gross steps into spotlight

GIRLS

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By David Willis STAFF WRITER

Andover senior Cat Gross is never afraid of an obstacle. It is that drive that has allowed her to excel in Advanced Placement English and Spanish this year.

"I love to be challenged," she said. "I never in my life thought I would learn so much about Shakespeare. On or off the field, I like a challenge."

That will to succeed in the classroom is just as present on the lacrosse field. This season, Gross will be counted upon to lead the Golden Warriors into battle when they open play on Wednesday at home against Tewksbury.

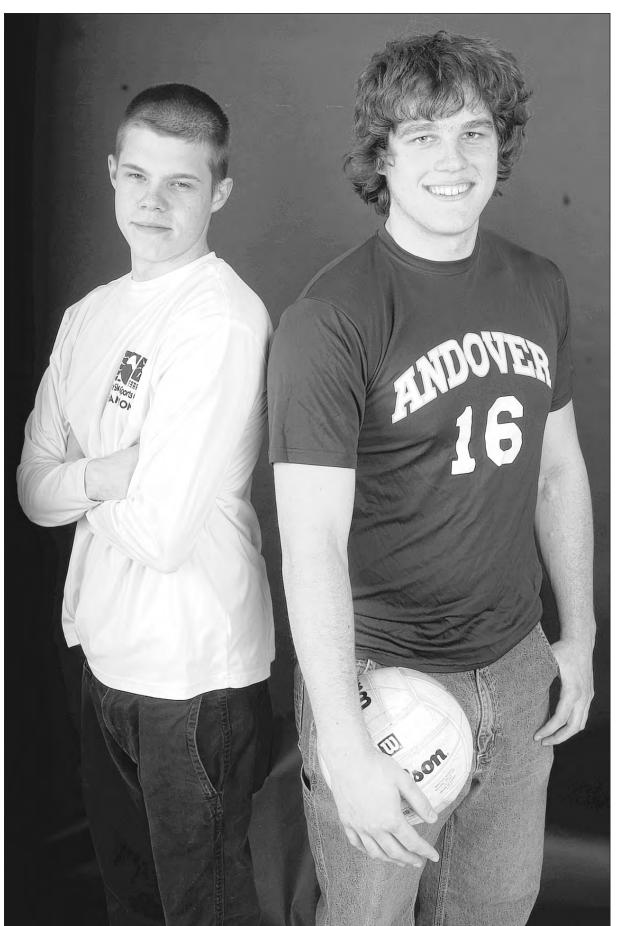
"This is Cat's year," said Andover coach John McVeigh. "She has been under people's radar for a long time because of the talent we have had. But she does everything for us. We have never had a returning All-American on the team. It's her team now."

She may not have drawn quite as much attention from spectators as some of her teammates, but opponents have spent plenty

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Andover's Cat Gross looks to make a move with the ball. The UConnbound midfielder has a knack for scoring goals, but takes pride in being an all-around player.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Andover's Mike Emmons and Gary Hinds are captains and standouts for the Andover volleyball team.

By David Willis STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — It has become cliché for coaches to call a member of their team a "coach on the court." But Andover volleyball literally has just

This spring, Mike Emmons and Gary Hinds are the co-captains and top players on the Golden Warriors team that will open play on Tuesday at Cambridge. But in the fall, the pair served as managers and assistant coaches on the girls' volleyball

"Having them around has taught me so much about the game of volleyball," said girls standout Ariel Kuykendall. "They are a lot of fun, but serious about the sport."

During their freshman season, coach George Sullivan asked for volunteers to manage the girls' team, which he also coaches. Over the past three years, Emmons and Hinds have taken the position and run with it.

'Those two are outstanding kids," said Sullivan. "They volunteer and are at (girls) practice every day. It gets pretty busy. So I can say, 'Mike, you take the setters and work with them.' They teach and work with the girls so well."

Their style has been popular with the team. "They are very good," said Kuykendall. "Gary

plays the same position as me, so I work with him. He is very honest with me. When I am doing something wrong, he doesn't hesitate to tell me. But he isn't mean about it."

Both athletes have specialized in the position they play, Emmons a setter and Hinds a hitter.

"It has been a great experience," said Hinds. "It was a compliment he was comfortable with it, and I think we were up to the task. The girls game is such a defensive game, it helped us a lot to be working in it."

The female athletes were not the only ones to benefit from this experience. It has also sparked interest in a possible career path for Emmons.

"I think I would definitely like to get into coaching," he said. "I'm hoping to come back next season and work with the girls' team. I have learned so much from Sullivan and coach Dave Kuykendall. This is a sport I want to be around for the rest of

Girls co-captain Kirsten Arvidson, an All-Merrimack Valley Conference selection last season, was also happy to have the help.

"Gary worked with me a lot and really helped me grow my game," she said. "They were really supportive during games, and they were a lot of fun to have around."

But, for the moment, Hinds and Emmons are focused on their performance on the court. And Sullivan has plenty of confidence in them as play-

"Our team will go as far as those two take us," said the coach. "They are the kind of players that do not draw much attention, but you need to

At 6-foot-2 and approximately 225 pounds,

Hinds looks the part of a defensive end in football or a basketball power forward. But it is the

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Andover girls lead Governor's Academy to crown

By David Willis STAFF WRITER

Andover resident Rebecca Lindmark is excited for the decorating job that will take place at the new hockey rink at the Governor's Academy in Byfield.

'When we opened the new rink the walls were empty," said hung two championship banners on the walls."

its second straight Prep School New England Division 2 title with plenty of help from locals.

"It was just amazing," said Jill Conway. "A lot of fans came to support us, and we knew how much we wanted it. It was so exciting.'

Andover was well repre-Lindmark. "But now, we have sented on the Governor's task in Southfield. But the No. said Lindmark. "We had tarsquad. Seniors Lindmark, a 2-seed (21-7-1) was more than

downed Southfield 4-0 to earn goalie Conway and forward goals scored by North Read-Alanna McDonough are all ing's Alex Carpenter while from Andover, and all played a Lindmark and Dwyer each key role in the title.

> "It was especially exciting for me to get the shutout," said Cona few struggles, but it was great double overtime a year ago.

to end on a high note.' forward, and Caroline Dwyer, up to the task. McDonough On March 8, Governor's a defenseman, and sophomore assisted on two of the four exciting."

stood out on defense.

This marked the second straight title for Governor's, way, who made 17 saves. "I had which beat Middlesex 3-2 in

'That banner is going to look Governor's faced a tough pretty good in the new rink," gets on our backs, but we came through in the end. It was pretty



Andover residents, from left, Caroline Dwyer, Jill Conway, Rebecca Lindmark and Alanna McDonough, played key roles in Governor's Academy's New England Prep School Division 2 hockey title.



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Blue travel team clinches title



The Andover sixth grade Blue travel team captured the Merrimack Valley Youth Basketball central division championship versus Haverhill 70-66 on March 8. Team members are, front row, from left: Billy Baldwin, Jim Nussbaum, Matt Nussbaum, Mike Calabro, Ryan O'Connell; back row: Coach Mark Nardone, Sam Heiikkinen, Dan Parrill, Terrance Norton, Alex Brickman, Liam Rex, Mark Nardone and Peter Rex.

VOLLEYBALL: Athletes also help coach girls' team

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sport he loves, volleyball, that

he has dedicated himself. Along with working with the girls in the fall, he spent the winter playing club for Bunker Hill Volleyball out of Newton. After missing a great deal of his sophomore season with a badly sprained ankle, he broke out last season.

"I'm an outside hitter," he said. "So I have to block, play defense and hit at the same time. It's pretty intense. It takes a lot of agility and a lot of changing direction."

Hinds is also a star in the classroom. He is a member of the National Honor Society and he estimates he would be ranked in the top 10 of his senior class. He is headed to UMass

Emmons has earned the repuanty team." tation of the Warriors' quarter-

back on the court. "I'm the setter so I run the plays on the offense," he said. "I make most of the plays on offense, but that would not happen without the work of the defense."

At 6-foot and 145 pounds, Emmons boasts the second best vertical leap on the team. He moved to setter as a sophomore, and has been a three-year varsity standout. Also a club player for Bunker Hill, he is looking to play in college, and is waiting to hear back from schools such as Lesley and LaSalle.

"There's definitely a lot of pressure being a captain," he said. "We have a lot of new kids, and it is tough helping Amherst to study engineering them get better and dealing

with the attitudes that are on

But both captains are confident this team can be special.

"This can definitely be a big season," said Hinds. "We have a very good group of core starters back. A lot of us have been training for this for four seasons. We've been though a lot, and we want to end on a high note."

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

2008 record: 11-10, lost in North first

Returning starters (5): Matt Washburn, 6-4, Sr., middle hitter; Gary Hinds, 6-3, Sr., outside hitter; Mike Emmons, 6-1, Sr., setter; Tommy Busta, 5-8, Sr., defense; Andrew Osborne, 5-10, Jr., setter

Returning lettermen: Mike Todisco, 5-10, Sr., defense

Promising newcomers: Drew O'Brien. 6-1, Sr., outside hitter; Andrew Kanell,

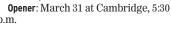
Sr., defense; Mike Bakies, 6-3, Sr., hitter; Brian McQuaide, 5-11, Jr., outside hitter; Joe Kuykendall, 6-0, Frosh.,

setter Candidates in all grades: 21

Captains: Gary Hinds, Mike Emmons

Head coach: George Sullivan (21st vear. 267-140) Assistants: Dave Kuykendall, JV

Returning honorees: Gary Hinds and Matt Washburn, All-MVC; Mike Emmons, MVC All-Star



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LACROSSE: Gross to take on team's leadership role as senior

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of time worrying about Gross.

As a junior, Gross scored 36 goals and added 19 assists. She was tied for third on the team in goals and her 55 points were good for fourth. For her career, she has tallied 86 goals and 51 assists.

But statistics tell just a small amount about her as a player.

"She is capable of anything on the field," said McVeigh. "She can really score, but she does a lot more than just score goals. Her intensity and her ability to see the field are rare for a high school player. We want the ball on her stick as much as possible."

McVeigh has seen plenty of Gross, a four-year varsity starter on a team that has been a pipeline to Division 1 college lacrosse. Since Gross joined the team in 2006, the Warriors have delivered an impressive 56-11 record. But now she has the responsibility of leading the squad.

"As a senior, I have a lot more people looking up to me and looking for answers," said the 17-yearold. "That is weird because I was always the one asking people questions. But I think I am up to it. I am a very vocal leader. I try to talk as much as possible, but it is usually positive. I just love lacrosse."

McVeigh is confident Gross is

up to the task. "She has worked very hard to be one of the top players in the

are expecting us to be down loud. Shutting people down is the this season, but Cat is excited to prove them wrong."

To prepare for her senior season, Gross and a few teammates worked with a trainer three days a week to improve conditioning and how to move on the field. In the fall, she spent her fourth year as a member of the field hockey team.

That all primed her for her final high school lacrosse season.

"I don't really consider myself a scorer," she said. "I can score and I love to pass. You need to be able to see the field and read people. As you go up the field, there are a lot of things you can do. But looking for that perfect pass is the key.

"I also love playing defense. I

state," he said. "A lot of people love being intense and screaming team," she said. "We'll probably best feeling.'

Following the season, Gross will take her skills to Division 1 UConn. She visited the school in the summer, and made the decision after an overnight visit in the fall. She drew on advice from her sister, Bates lacrosse standout and former Andover star Briana Gross.

"UConn is a great up-and-coming program," said McVeigh. "They have a new coach (former Northwestern assistant Angela McMahon) that is very excited and is looking at Cat as a foundation of her program." Now, she is ready to end her

Warriors career in style.

peak late in the year, but we have the heart and hustle to do anything, especially win."

GIRLS LACROSSE

2008 record: 17-6, lost in Division 1 North semifinals

Returning starters (6): Heather Sullivan, Sr., attack; Cat Gross, Sr., midfield; Jackie Pelletier, Jr., defense; Alex Alois, Jr., defense; Jules Konjoian, Sr., goalie; Abby Cook, Sr., goalie

Returning lettermen: Kelly Fox, Sr., attack; Katie Nadelson, Sr., defense; Katie Shields, Sr., defense; Emily Selwyn, Sr., defense; Emily Blech, Sr., midfield; Kylie Nagy, Jr., midfield; Natalie Gibson, Jr., midfield; Rosie Forster, Jr., midfield; Jennifer Caro, Soph., midfield; Meghan Morris, Soph., attack; Emily Sheilds, Soph., midfield; Maddy Dillman, Soph., defense

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Returning leaders: Heather Sullivan 53-10-63; Cat Gross 36-19|55; Natalie Gomez-Martinez 9-4—13, Rosie Forster 9-3—12; Abby Cook .388 save percentage; Jules Konjoian .479 save percentage

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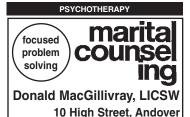
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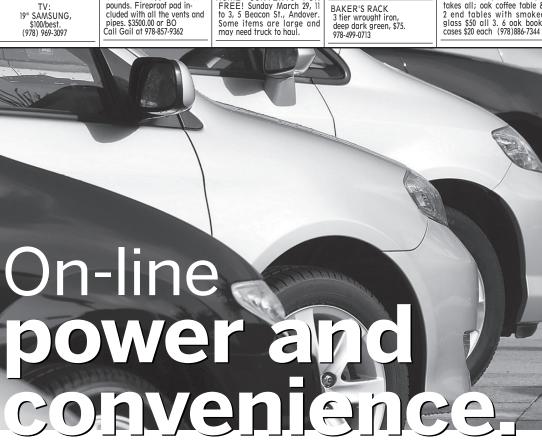
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1. Amend Section 5.2.

Signs of the Zoning Bylaw.

2. Amend Section 10.0 Definitions, of the Zoning

Bylaw, by deleting the

Sign" and inserting a new definition "Portable

3. Amend Section 10.0

Definitions under Cus-

tomary Home Occupa

tion of the Zoning By-law

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> FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR To all persons interested in the above cap-

tioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that John H Budden of Bartlett, NH be appointed adminis trator of said estate to serve Without Surety IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTOR-NEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEAR-ANCE IN SAID COURT

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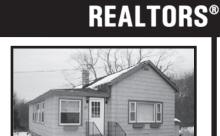
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Doris L. Howard. Late of ANDOVER, MA

You are hereby noti-

fied pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that

the First and Final account of Domenic J. Scalise as Executor of said estate has/have been presented to said Court for allowance. If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Salem on or before the 04/21/2009, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by regis-tered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must, in addition to filing a writ-

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R. Civ. P. Rule 5.
WITNESS, Hon.
Mary Anne Sahagian,
First Justice of this

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to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that Ming Lily Soong of Andover, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety. IF YOU DESIRE TO IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTOR-NEY MUST FILE A

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.

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Premises affected are located at 310 North Main St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 53 as Lot 6. STEPHEN D.

ANDERSON. CHAIRMAN **BOARD OF APPEALS** AT - 3/19/, 3/26/09

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> requirements. Premises affected are located at 28 Orchard St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 60 as

special permit under

§3.3.5 to construct addi-

tions & alterations that

will not meet setback

Lot 15. STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/19/, 3/26/09

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SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Linda P. Linderman, 4 Cedar Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the equirements of Article VIII, §4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under §3.3.5 to construct additions & alterations that will not meet setback

Premises affected are located at 4 Cedar Rd., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 20 as Lot 158.

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DAY, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition

of Shawn & Diana Williams, 26 Shawsheen

Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from Article VIII,

§4.12 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII,

§3.3.5 to construct an

attached garage that will not meet minimum set-

Premises affected are located at 26 Shaw-

sheen Rd., Andover, MA in an SRA District as

shown on Assessor's

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be held at THE HALL.

SECOND FLOOR in

LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on

THURSDAY, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. on the

petition of David W. Brown & Patricia A.

Fleming, 31 Glenwood Road, Andover, MA for a

requirements of Article

VIII, §4.1.2 to allow addi-

tions and alterations to

an existing dwelling on a

lot that does not meet

minimum area require-

ments and lacks frontage

are located at 31 Glen-

wood. Rd., Andover, MA

in an SRC District as

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Map 101 as Lot 35.

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THURSDAY, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. on the

petition of the David A. Silva, 11 High St.,

Andover, MA for a vari

ance from the require-

ments of Article VIII, §4.2.4 to construct an in-

ground pool that will not

meet setback require-

are located at 11 High St., Andover, MA in an

SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 38 as

Premises affected

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ELM THURSDAY, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Kathleen Chan & Ivy Chen, 16 N. Main St., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §5.2.10.5 &/or for a modification of decision #3700 to install two exterior, permanent window signs that will not meet zoning regulations.
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Laura Russell, left, of the Pike School Pride team smiles during last year's spelling bee for adults.

War of words for education

The Andover Fund for Education is hosting its 12th annual Spelling Bee for adults to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 3 at Wood Hill Middle School. People can still join the competition between teams of adults, as registrations are being accepted. All proceeds pay for innovative classroom projects in the Andover Public Schools.

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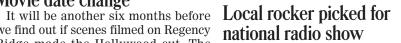
Movie date change

we find out if scenes filmed on Regency Ridge made the Hollywood cut. The Web site for the movie, "This Side of the Truth" starring Ricky Gervais and Pisano was recently chosen as a "Blues" two state highways that pass through

Jennifer Garner, is now reporting a release date of Sept. 25.

The movie also has a new name, "Invention of Lying," according to the site. The movie is a comedy set in a world where no one has ever lied, until a writer seizes Jennifer the opportunity for per- Garner sonal gain.

— Judy Wakefield



Rock and blues musician Rick

Breaker," or up-and-coming artist, by the producers of the nationally-syndicated House of Blues Radio Hour.

Pisano, who lived in Andover for a decade, released his album "Dawn of a Waking Man" earlier this year.

Pisano's songs are tentatively scheduled to be featured on the House of Blues Radio Hour April 25. The "Blues Breaker" segment are the last songs played as the show ends. The show is broadcast all over the U.S. and Canada; including on WBOS-FM 92.9 on Sundays at 8 p.m. and WKPE-FM 104.7 on Sundays at 10 a.m.

— Bethany Bray

Signs of the times

A billboard blitz is set to hit the have little or no control on the issue.

Andover and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is not happy about it.

"What is this, New Jersey? Are we Hackensack?" he quipped while hanging around Andover High School as the polls closed Tuesday night.

The cash-strapped MBTA is looking to erect 60 billboards in 19 communities, including Andover, along highways in Eastern Massachusetts. The highways include Interstates 93 and 495, both of which pass through town. The billboard project would raise \$6 million.

Stapczynski acknowledged that there is little local leaders can do to derail the blitz as the billboard locations are located on state highways. Communities affected

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