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Alexandra Maze-Hsu, 19, of Andover, is shown with an enormous duckbill leg bone that is almost as big as she is.

Dinosaur-digging trio

Family volunteers at North Dakota digs each year

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

It's time for all those lists outlining the top stories of 2009, and for Discover magazine a top 100 science story involves the discovery of a mummified dinosaur duck-bill in North Dakota.

Discover gave the so-called "dino mummy" story a cover tease, and the attention it has received held special meaning for Andover resident Stephanie Maze-Hsu who has volunteered on digs with her teenage children at the site where the mummy was found.

"(The dino-mummy) was probably one of the most complete and exciting finds in paleontology in a LONG time," Stephanie Maze-Hsu of Andover wrote in an e-mail to the Townsman.

A self-described dinosaur buff, she said she has been fascinated with dinosaurs since she was a kid, and has successfully passed that interest along to both of her children – Robert, 16, who attends Andover High School, and Alexandra, 19, who attends

This educational consultant by day said her dinosaur fascination is "just a summer hobby of amateur, volunteer paleontology." But it's serious enough to get laboratories. Stephanie Maze-



The Maze-Hsu family excavating at a dinosaur-fossil site in North Dakota.

the country to be involved.

This dinosaur-digging trio from Andover went to North Dakota in the summer of 2008 to Marmarth Research Foundation and the site where that mummified dinosaur duck-bill was found. The Marmarth Research Foundation in Marmarth, N.D. allows people to volunteer on dinosaur digs and work in fossil

"One day my daughter was helping excavate a triceratops hip bone in a very inaccessible marked the place very well and place, and the staff member supervising this dig sent me and two other volunteers off to 'prospect' (traipsing off without a compass)," Stephanie Maze-Hsu said. "We had learned to distinguish bone chips from rock and less than a five-minute walk

for finding the remains. her and the kids to travel across Hsu has made discoveries of her from the site we were working on, we found bone chips.

Stephanie Maze-Hsu with an original

jaw piece that she found at Perilous

Point, a site she was allowed to name

"We found a jawbone sitting on the surface of the rock. We ran back to the staff guy, and he agreed it was a spectacular find," she said.

"Because I was on the team who found it, I got to name the site, which I called 'Perilous

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Zimmerman mom speaks out about party

New details in teen's suicide

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

Eleven months after the suicide of Elizabeth Mun following a party in Andover, Laurie Zimmerman says she is speaking out because her children continue to be negatively affected by misconceptions surrounding the 16-yearold Wellesley girl's death.

Mun, a Concord Academy classmate of Zachary Zimmerman's, was found unresponsive about what she did. It all fell on in Hussey Brook Pond in the early morning of Feb. 15, 2009 after leaving a party at the Zimmerman's William Street home. The medical examiner later ruled Mun's death a suicide, and "that her consumption of alcohol was not a contributory factor to her death," said Essex Assistant District Attorney Jessica Connors at an August court hearing.

Relying on documents she said she obtained as part of the court case against her son Zachary, Zimmerman revealed details including that Mun had been told by her parents that they were splitting an Andover High student, have up, had written three apparent been snubbed and called names suicide notes before coming to the house party, and that Mun

had no alcohol in her system. The Townsman did not view all the documents in detail and could not take copies of them.

"My heart breaks for this young lady," Zimmerman said. "We were so sorry for her. That's why we kept silent until now.'

"It has been a terrible year for us, one that my kids did not deserve. We chose to stay quiet so that this young woman could be buried with dignity, and no one came forward and told the truth Zachary," according to Zimmerman. "She was an acquaintance, not a close friend. She was not invited. She was a troubled girl who showed up here with a mission, and that was to say goodbye to her boyfriend, who happened to be here that night."

Following Mun's suicide, Zachary wasn't allowed to attend graduation with his classmates and was denied entry to several colleges after Concord Academy had him write letters informing the colleges of his arrest. Zachary and his younger sister,

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ZIMMERMAN: WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT

Referencing government documents obtained as part of her son Zachary's court case - including three apparent suicide notes, a medical examiner's report and a transcript of an interview with Elizabeth Mun's parents - here is what Laurie Zimmerman says happened on Feb. 14 and 15 at her home. The Townsman did not view all the documents in detail and could not take copies of them, during a more than one-hour interview at the Zimmerman's home.

■ Earlier that night, Elizabeth Mun had gone out to dinner with her parents at the Framingham Country Club, said Zimmerman.

■ Later, Elizabeth had a friend pick her up and drive her to Boston, unbeknownst to her parents.

■ Elizabeth Mun called her boyfriend Josh, who was at Zimmerman's party, from Boston, asking if she could see him, she said. Zachary initially said no. Teens at the party urged Zachary to allow Elizabeth to come and be with her boyfriend on Valentine's Day, so he eventually said ves. said 7immerman.

■ Mun took a taxi from Boston to Andover, showing up in shorts and Ugg boots, and Mun and her boyfriend spent the remainder of the evening in the house, separate from the rest of the

teens at the party, said Zimmerman. Around 5 a.m., Mun told her boyfriend she had to leave. After Mun left, Josh woke Zachary, saying she had left and "something doesn't feel right," said Zimmerman.

As she wandered away from the 7immerman home, Mun used her cell phone to call her parents in Wellesley, she said.

Zimmerman showed a transcript, dated Feb. 24, of an interview at the District Attorney's office with Elizabeth's parents, Edward C. Mun and Dr. Sue Lee Mun. In the interview, Sue Mun said Elizabeth seemed on the phone as if she was asking for help: she sounded depressed and under the influence. She told them she was in Andover. Sue Munn said she had never noticed before any signs that her daughter wanted to hurt herself.

Mun had written three suicide notes: one to her parents and one to her brother and cousin - both left in plain sight at her home in Wellesley, and one to her boyfriend Josh, which she slipped into his pocket at the Andover party, said Zimmerman.

"That's why she came here, to say goodbye (to Josh)," said Zimmerman. "She didn't come up here for a party, she came up here for a mission."

Little feedback offered during open forum on town manager

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

The selectmen set aside time during their Jan. 4 meeting to get public feedback on Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, but New Year's Day.

Selectmen will decide this winter whether to reappoint Stapczynski, Andover's town manager since 2000, or look for someone a cost savings measure. new. The board plans to make a decision by Feb. 4.

about a dozen emails, "all very manage," said Carbone, who is a

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positive and complimentary (of regular at selectmen meetings. Stapczynski), except for a couple," said Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli Monday night.

Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone, the only resident to offer comment at Monday night's only one resident came to offer meeting, said she'd like Stapccomment on the Monday after zynski to stay another five years. Carbone's one disappointment, she said, was Stapczynski and the selectmen's decision to shut of more than 600 street lights as

"I think he's doing a very good job, based on the circumstances. So far, selectmen have received Andover is a very hard town to

"I will be here for another five years, Buzz, and I would hate to have to train someone else," she said, smiling.

June 4, 2010, and selectmen are required to let Stapczynski know if he's reappointed by March 4. At a public meeting Nov. 2,

Andover.

andoverma.gov/selectmen and son, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

Which of the following

New Year's Resolutions

Stapczynski's contract expires Stapczynski told selectmen he'd scroll down to find board memlike to stay another five years in ber's e-mail addresses. Letters can also be sent through U.S. To offer feedback, visit www. Mail to Town Clerk Randy Han-



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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 30 - At 2:58 Auburn St., Apt. FL2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants.

At 2:49 p.m., a caller reported an intoxicated male walking on Railroad Street to School Street. Officers Charles Heseltine and Kyle Kiberd responded. At 3:08 p.m., Peter J. Cotch, 58, of 297 Salem St., was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Nadworny, 28, and Marie P. Diller, 20, both of 99 Ash St., Nashua, N.H., were arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 10:41 p.m., Gregg A. Routhier, 36, of 207 High St., assault and battery on a household member.

Thursday, Dec. 31 - At 2:17 p.m., Junstin E. Stilson, 26, of 28 Warren St. Apt. 2, Concord N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, with intent to distribute; also on a warrant for

distributing cocaine.

At 6:05 p.m., Jolene Norton, a.m., Jean C. Martinez, 22, of 102 19, of 3 Trenton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of a class B substance.

> Saturday, Jan. 2 – At 2:56 p.m., Jane L. Dixon, 47, of 30 Boutwell Road was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – At 2:48 p.m., Pei Ana Shu, 51, of 87 B Broadmeadow St., Marboro, was At 5:58 and 6:10 p.m., Michael arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace and driving without a

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 1:08 p.m., Jorge Alexis Torres, 39, of 4 Riverside Drive, was arrested and charged with driving without was arrested and charged with a license, operating under the influence of liquor and failure to stop for the police.

At 1:48 p.m., Andris M. Anziani, 24, of 27 Summit Ave., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for driving with a suspended license and an uninsured vehicle.

At 2:38 p.m., Michelle Leandro

Pacheco, 24, of 5 Lenox St., Apt. complaint from Sunset Rock charged with driving without a

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 30 – At 8:29 a.m., a Brickstone Square caller reported theft of snow-removal equipment.

Thursday, Dec. 31 – At 3:42 p.m., TD BANK, Main Street, reported someone came in trying to cash a bad check.

At 6:09 p.m., a Timothy Drive resident came into the police station to report fraud.

Monday, Jan. 4 - At 9:04 p.m., there was a report of a theft of a snowplow from a garage at Brickstone Square.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 29 - At 8:22 a.m., a person called 911 from the elevator at Wood Hill Middle School, Cross Street, saying he was stuck, but a maintenance worker was able to free the person while they were on the line with the dispatcher.

p.m., police received a noise Columbus in their town.

and during one of Zoe's classes at

Andover High School, a teacher

made the incident into a lesson

against underage drinking. The

slit her wrists and ingested sev-

eral Ritalin pills, a drug meant

for patients with attention-deficit

hyperactivity disorder. She also

said that the autopsy showed "lin-

apparent suicide notes written by

Mun, marked as court evidence.

Mun slipped one of the notes, writ-

ten to her boyfriend Josh, into his

pocket while she was at the party,

help ... This (Mun's suicide) was

planned long before she came

to my house," said Zimmerman.

"The question of why did she do it

-- she didn't do anything because

Steve O'Connell, spokesperson

for the Mun family. A call to Jes-

sica Connors, prosecutor in the

case, was not returned before

deadline. Sue Lee Mun, Eliza-

beth's mom, was not immediately

In August, Zachary Zimmer-

man, 19, pleaded not guilty to

charges of providing alcohol to

minors at the Feb. 14 overnight

party with fewer than 20 people.

A pre-trial conference was held

Tuesday and the case is contin-

ued to Feb. 8, said O'Connell. That

night. Zacharv had driven Morgan

available on deadline.

"This young lady was crying for

said Zimmerman.

of my son."

Zimmerman also showed three

ear abrasions" on Mun's legs.

teacher has confirmed this.

2, Lowell, was arrested and Road. A responding officer a Campanelli Road hotel were found the resident didn't realize his speakers were pointing outside.

At 4:10 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive business called 911 for medical attention for an employee who had been burned by hot water. OSHA was notified.

At 6:50 p.m., a Buchan Drive resident turned in some class D material (marijuana) at the police station to be destroyed.

At 9:19 p.m., at 9:19 p.m., an emergency restraining order was served on Lovejoy Road.

At 9:24 p.m., Glory Restaurant, Essex Street, reported a male walked by the restaurant and punched out one of its windows. A responding officer found no one in the area matching the description.

Friday, Jan. 1 – At 12:43 a.m., Glory Restaurant, Essex Street, reported a disorderly person, a male who "destroyed the bathroom." At 1:07 a.m., North Andover

police requested assistance with Wednesday, Dec. 30 – At 3:43 a large fight at the Knights of

ZIMMERMAN: Mom wants to clarify what happened

At 1:29 a.m., two women from taken into protective custody, after a caller reported they were extremely intoxicated and causing a problem.

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At 7:02 p.m., a Rutgers Road resident reported hearing gunshots in the area, but a responding officer found nothing.

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 6:57 p.m., medical personnel responded to an 18-year-old who had overto the hospital.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 – At 11:06 p.m., a tow truck towed a vehicle from Union Street and the driver was given a court summons for driving without a license and defective equipment.

Saturday, Jan. 2 – At 5:32 p.m., a North Main Street caller reported witnessing two males break into his car, steal a stereo and take off running up Stevens Street. Police responded, with canines, to track the males.

At 7:41 a.m., a North Main plaza. Street resident reported an overnight vehicle break-in.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – At 1:33 a.m., police recovered a vehicle reported stolen in Waltham on Main Street. The vehicle had no damage and the keys were in

the ignition. Monday, Jan. 4 – At 8:59 a.m., a Beacon Street resident came into the police station to report

a theft from his car. **AUTO ACCIDENTS**

Tuesday, Dec. 29 – At 2:05 p.m., dosed on ecstasy and was taken a person walked into the police station to report a hit-and-run

> Saturday, Jan. 2 - At 11:37 p.m., a single-car crash, with no injuries, was reported, with a car hitting a pole.

> Sunday, Jan. 3 – At 4:52 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street, with a truck with a plow hitting an Audi.

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 10:32 a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Chestnut Street.

At 1:23 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported in the North Main Street shopping

CORRECTION

to Shawsheen Plaza, as the story jumped from page 1 to page 5. The paragraph should have read, "As for CardSmart, LaRochelle said the small half-price card and accessory store was never asked to leave and simply made

Due to a technical glitch, a line the decision to close. The store was dropped from the Dec. 31 front has been hanging a 'store clospage story about changes coming ing' sign since February 2009." A caption incorrectly referred to Mike and George Demoulas as "Andover brothers." Although Mike Demoulas lived in and is buried in Andover, the brothers grew up in Lowell.

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■ Continued from Page 1 66 I do not condone the fact that they by their peers, said Laurie Zimmerman. Some parents of Zoe's had a party, but my friends won't allow their children son should not be to go to the Zimmerman home,

> Elizabeth's troubles. ?? Laurie Zimmerman

held responsible for

Zimmerman showed Mun's Ingari to a liquor store, where she autopsy, which indicates she did purchased beer and vodka with a not have any alcohol in her sysfake ID, said Zimmerman. tem the night of Feb. 14, but had

But Zachary plead not guilty in August so the family could have access to court documents they had not seen, including the autopsy, hoping to get answers, said Zimmerman.

Another teen at the February gathering, Morgan Ingari, 18, was also charged with providing alcohol to minors. Ingari appeared in court on Aug. 20 with Zimmerman, and admitted to sufficient facts in the case.

Not all of the evidence taken by police investigators on Feb. 15 was alcohol consumed at the party, said Zimmerman. Authorities also confiscated empty beer and wine bottles set aside to be recycled after a New Year's Eve party thrown by Laurie Zimmerman.

Laurie Zimmerman describes for the Essex County District herself as a homebody, who never Attorney's office, said the office travels and rarely leaves home. did." away to New Hampshire with her boyfriend of two years, Doug Finkle, that took her out of Andover on the evening of Feb. 14.

> The couple was awakened by an early-morning phone call from Zachary, asking them to come home after Mun left the house, she said.

> "My kids and I are extraordinarily close, they tell me everything. We've been the three musketeers for so long," said Zimmerman, 49.

The Valentine's Day party

started as a small gathering of Zachary's classmates from Concord Academy, said Zimmerman, to play music and hang out. Zoe, now 15, was also home the night of the party. "(Zachary) has never been

in trouble of any kind. He's not a big partier. He's not one of those kids you read about in the police report," said Zimmerman. "As always happens, kids bring kids.' The next week, all of the party-

goers faced disciplinary action from Concord Academy, Zimmerman said, but none as harsh as Zachary. Zachary Zimmerman received a

one-year suspension, said Pamela Safford, Concord Academy's associate head for communications, enrollment, and planning. Because he was a senior, the suspension "effectively ended his CA career." she wrote in an e-mail. "The school didn't wait to hear

any of the details (of what happened)," said Zimmerman who later wrote in an e-mail, "The school made the most rash decision possible without waiting for the truth to come out. The Mun Elizabeth J. Mun Scholarship Fund, but at no time did anyone from her family ask for Zach to be separated from what she

Day students from the party were suspended for five days, and boarding students for 10; Morgan Ingari was suspended for six months, said Zimmerman.

Zachary had a clean disciplinary record, said Zimmerman, and others from the party had

high school credit he needed at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He was given his Concord Academy diploma privately by the headmaster in his office, said Zimmerman.

"He was permitted to complete his studies elsewhere and receive a diploma-out-of-course from Concord Academy," wrote Safford. "He was not permitted to take part in any schoolrelated functions, including commencement."

Concord Academy would not release Zachary's transcript until he wrote to all of the colleges he had been accepted to, including several Ivy League schools, telling them of his arrest, said Zimmerman. Safford said Concord Acad-

seniors to report to colleges "any disciplinary action that results in probation, suspension, or expulsion during the senior year." One by one, rejection letters

emy's school handbook requires

came in the mail from colleges, said Zimmerman. Only the University of Vermont accepted Zachary.

New York University's reply said the school was writing Zachary's acceptance letter when they received his letter, and rescinded their acceptance, she said.

Zachary has settled into studies at the environmental school family quickly established the at UVM, said Zimmerman, and hopes to become an environmental lawyer or lobbyist.

A request was made to speak with Zachary Zimmerman, who was not available during the Townsman's interview with Laurie Zimmerman.

"I chose for him to not be involved, because this has weighed heavily on him and he just wants this to be over. He just wants to put this behind him," said Laurie Zimmerman in an several prior discipline offenses. e-mail. "At the end of the day, if Zachary finished the one you remove a preconceived suicide from the equation, this was just a few kids having a small. quiet party. I do not condone the fact that they had a party, but my son should not be held responsible for Elizabeth's troubles."

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Main Street in the winter of 1957 with snow piled high, just above the parking meters.



NOW: Downtown Andover's Main Street, looking north without the parking meters that once lined the street.

Advice on college financial aid Jan. 11

Parents and students are representative will discuss the in town this month.

The seminar will be hosted by Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. The school is on River Road

in Andover. An experienced MEFA answers.

invited to attend the Massa- financial aid process, according chusetts Educational Financing to a release from the agency. Authority's free comprehensive The seminar will teach parents presentation on college financing how to apply for financial aid, compare financial aid award letters and seek available financing

Families will received a seminar booklet that serves as a vear-round resource. Time will be allowed for questions and

Business breakfast for BNI Jan. 13

BNI Mill City is sponsoring a Anyone who is interested in genvisitors' breakfast on Wednes- erating a steady source of referday, Jan. 13, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. ral business is encouraged to The breakfast is open to the pubattend this event. lic and will be held at the Greater River Road, Andover. The cost of the breakfast is \$10.

pass referrals to other members. 2299.

There will also be a guest Lawrence Technical School, 57 speaker discussing the new Massachusetts privacy law which must be complied with prior to BNI is an organization that March 1, 2010. For reservations, allows local professionals to call Sheila Stone at 978-807-

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 Andover High School physical education teacher Carol Martini on "The Warrior Way," a program that uses high school athletes to teach fifth-graders about good sportsmanship. Story in Education, Page 12.

THAT'S WHEN THE cancan line started.

- Karen Payne-Taylor on what happened at the senior center's New Year's Eve party when entertainer Russ McQueen played "New York, New York." Story and photos of event in Townspeople, Page 9.

■ NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 7

Town Yard Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

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

Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, North Main Street, fire chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. School Committee budget advisory council, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

West Elementary School Council, West Elementary conference room, Beacon Street, 8:15 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

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

MONDAY, JAN. 11

School Committee workshop, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m.

Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference

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

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., secondfloor conference room, 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 12

Tri-board subcommittee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

School Building Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m. (8 a.m. meeting was cancelled)

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, Whittier Court, 8 a.m.

TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

College dedicated to helping soldiers' kids

Merrimack College has com- will match the donation for eli- 60 collective children are eli- can receive reduced tuition at mitted to help make college possible for children of Massachusetts soldiers who were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The college has become the first higher education institution Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, a non-profit organization which seeks to honor Massachusetts fallen servicemen and defray the costs of their college education.

gible students who apply and are accepted to the college. "When Merrimack College

opened its doors in September 1947, over 60 percent of students were World War II veterans utito match funds provided by the lizing the G.I. Bill. We are proud to continue our commitment to the families of U.S. soldiers by partnering with the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund," said women by helping their children Dr. Ronald Champagne, president of Merrimack College. To date, over 80 soldiers,

MSLF provides \$10,000 per year whose home of record at the total of \$40,000 over four years Department of Defense was towards educational expenses Massachusetts, have died in for eligible students. With this Iraq and Afghanistan. Of those, partnership, Merrimack College 30 were parents, and their over Qualified military veterans vato@summitpartners.com.

gible for educational assistance Merrimack College due to the through MSLF. "Merrimack has a long history

of assisting service members, and this recent commitment to the Fund only highlights that support," said Peter Trovato, founder of the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund. "We are thankful to Merrimack for continuously placing importance on educational opportunity, and the children of those lost in war will directly benefit from that generosity."

Other Ways Merrimack Supports

College's participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program – an educational access program for military veterans through the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs;

Merrimack also awards academic credit for military based training per American Council on Education recommendations.

For more information on Merrimack College's contribution, contact Heather Notaro at 978-837-5195 or email heather. notaro@merrimack.edu. For more information on the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, Yellow Ribbon Program: contact Peter Trovato at ptro-

Grant will expand program Family Service Inc. of Law-

rence, has received a grant from the Massachusetts Service Alliance to expand its "Big Friends, Little Friends" program, which matches at-risk youth in Greater Lawrence with adult mentors. The goal of the Big Friends, Little Friends program is to improve performance in school and increase the young person's self-confidence and self-esteem.

"Family Service recognizes that mentoring is the most effective way to improve the lives of at risk youth," says Kay Berthold Frishman, Family Service's executive director. "We are so pleased that the Massachusetts Service Alliance recognizes the power of mentoring and that they have chosen to invest in Greater Lawrence."

Family Service Inc. has operated the Big Friends Little Friends program since 2008, before which time the program operated independently as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lawrence. To become a mentor call Program Coordinator Leah Feroce at 978-327-6640, or email lferoce@familyserviceinc.com.

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dates and times of the trainings, call Eileen Giordano at 978-946-1463 or Gerry Proulx at 978-946-

Training will be at Elder Ser-

vices offices, 360 Merrimack St.,

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Alexandra Maze-Hsu, 19, with a triceratops skull.

DINOSAUR: Family digs archeological trips to North Dakota

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Point' because it was a challenge to get to and very slippery," she reported.

That jawbone was eventually diagnosed as a "partially articulated triceratops," Maze-Hsu

back. So, the dinosaur diggers said. from Andover returned to North Dakota last summer to work on the site once more.

"I found adult teeth at the site, meaning it might be a site with a juvenile and adult together, She was so excited with the further indicating that dinosaurs side dinosaur fans from around more information.

It's very exciting for this palaentologic family as they

have found a collection of teeth, knuckle bones, ribs and more from dinosaurs.

diagnosis that she just had to go cared for their young," Maze-Hsu the world who also visit North Dakota each summer.

As for the summer of 2010, the digging trio from Andover plans will return to Marmarth in hopes of uncovering more.

Visit http://www.mrfdigs.com/ They also enjoy digging along- excavations/perilouspoint/ for

Bach to offer her thoughts on education trends By Judy Wakefield

as Andover's school superintendent in 1998, a letter was waiting for her. A similar letter arrived every September in the years that followed.

The letters were from Rabbi Robert Goldstein at Temple Emanuel, and they wished her good luck and offered an ear kids today are growing up in for listening if she needed it.

The two became friends and, as Bach gets ready to leave Andover in June, those meaningful letters are coming to

"He's so supportive of kids... He always sent a letter at the beginning of each school year to remind me that he was there for counsel," Bach said. "I have such respect for him."

The positive feeling is mutual as Rabbi Goldstein invited Bach to speak at Temple Emanuel this Sunday morning, Jan. 10. It's an unusual appearance for Bach as school audiences are more typical for her.

"She's got a great deal to offer. She's bright, such a deep thinker," Goldstein said of Bach. "Education is sacred around here and we've asked her to reflect on education."

The discussion will center

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a world that is very different from the world in which their parents grew up, Bach said. She is still putting her thoughts together but there is one educational angle that will not be covered - the school budget angle.

Budget woes have dominated school superintendent agendas lately but Goldstein said there's a whole other side to a school superintendent. That's what he wants residents to hear about.

Bach is not a member of the temple, and said she was happy to get the invitation from Goldstein. Perhaps Bach's strongest supporter on the School Committee is Debra Silverstein, who is a member. Goldstein said conversations with Silberstein led him to decide to invite Bach to speak on education.

The Andover public is welon education trends and how come to attend this free event.

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The Verizon Foundation how to read children's storybooks recently donated \$10,000 to support a unique program called 'Shared Reading Saturdays", a partnership between Northern Essex Community College and Gallaudet University, designed to encourage literacy in deaf and hard of hearing children.

The goal of the program is to teach parents how to read storybooks to their deaf and hard of hearing children using American Sign Language. Research shows that children whose parents read to them regularly do better academically in school.

month, families gather at North-children. ern Essex Community College's in workshops where they learn edu or 978-556-3701.

in American Sign Language to their deaf children. A number of volunteers, many of whom are students or graduates of NECC's Deaf Studies Program, run organized activities for the children and their siblings. The workshops are followed by lunch where families have the opportunity to meet and socialize with other families who have deaf children.

What's unique about the program is that in addition to being taught in English and American Sign Language, the program is available in Spanish for Span-One Saturday morning each—ish speaking families with deaf

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Obituaries

Francesca C. Shammas, 79

NORTH ANDOVER — Fran- 17 years. cesca C. Shammas, 79, of North

Fassoni. She was formerly a resident of West Roxbury where she

Francesca leaves her loving Andover, passed away peace- husband of 52 years, Saba Sham- of the family, services were private. fully on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009 at mas of North Andover; her three the Merrimack Valley Hospice children, Al Shammas and his wife Jennifer of Walpole, Rob-Francesca was born in Cairo, ert Shammas and his wife Karen Egypt, the daughter of the late of Apex, N.C., and Margie Old-Peter and Marguerite (Guista) aker and her husband David of Andover; a sister, Sylvana Accetti of Rome; and five grandchildren, raised her family. She has been Alea Shammas, Peter Shammas, a resident of North Andover for Jason Shammas, Paige Oldaker

and Emily Oldaker.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request Arrangements were under the direction of the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, Methuen. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. To send an online condolence, please visit www. dewhirstfuneral.com.

Bertram S. Morgan, 87



BAY, Fla. — Mr. Bertram S. Morgan, 87, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at his residence in Barefoot Bay.

Born in Prov-Charles H. Morgan and Win-

World War II. Bert and his wife, Jo, lived in Nashua, N.H. for many years, raising their two daughters there before moving to Alabama, then retiring to Florida in 1988.

In Nashua, Bert worked as an idence, R.I., Mr. engineer for Improved Machin-Morgan was the son of the late ery and Sanders Associates and was a member of Nashua Counniefred (Symonds) Morgan. He try Club where he first acquired grew up and attended schools his lifelong love of golf.

BAREFOOT University of Alabama and beloved wife, Jo, in November AY, Fla. — served in the U.S. Army during of 2009. He is survived by his daughters, Janis Kennedy of Grand Bay, Ala., and Nancy Tighe of Burlington, Conn.; grandchildren, Morgan and Ryan Kennedy of Alabama, Greg Brownsword of East Hartford, Conn. and Karen Pyndus of Fair Haven, N.J.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Jan. 9, 2010 at Strunk Funeral Home Sebastian, Fla. A guest book may be Bert was predeceased by his signed at Strunkfuneralhome.com.

Laurence W. Riley, 71

ANDOVER — Laurence W. Andover Knights of Columbus Maine. Riley of Andover, died Thursday, 1078. He was a graduate of Cen-Dec. 31, 2009 at Lawrence Gen- tral Catholic High School, Class eral Hospital. He was 71-years-

in Andover. He attended the

Born in Boston on Jan. 5, 1938, he was the son of the late with whom he resided, Helene St Joseph Church, 20 High Vale Lane, Francis J. and Mary L. (O'neil) E. Roberts and her husband Wil-Riley. Laurence was a retired liam B. of Andover; two nieces, Cemetery, Andover. Contributions may employee of New England Dea- M. Katherine Roberts DVM coness Assoc. He was a member of Unadilla, N.Y. and Meghan astery of St. Clare, 445 River Road, of St. Augustine Church and E. Roberts of Cape Neddick,

of 1955 and served in the U.S. Air Force.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held on Monday, Jan. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. He is survived by his sister Funeral Mass was Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Andover. Burial was in St. Augustine be made in Laurence's name to Mon-Andover, MA 01810.

John C. Harris, Jr., 87

ANDOVER — John C. Harris, wife, Lois F. (Bemis) Harris of Jr., 87, of Andover, passed away on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 at Wingate of Andover.

John was born in Malden to the late John C.,Sr. and Ruth (Cole) Harris. John was a mechanical designer for G.E. and Textron for many years until his retirement

John served his country with the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Naval Aviator, a position he was both proud and passionate about. He was a Mason at Mt. Carmel in Lynn and during his spare time he enjoyed bowling.

John is survived by his loving Harris.

Andover; his children, John C. fiancee Kimber Epps of Fitzwilliam, N.H., Carol A. Callan and her husband Arthur of Stoneham, Susan L. Ahearn and her husband Michael of Sandown, N.H., and Laurie J. Waitkevitch and her husband Timothy of North Andover; his 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; Groveland, and Selma R. Gould of Derry, N.H. John was predeceased by his brother, Clifford G.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend Harris, III and his wife Pamela of his funeral service on Thursday, Jan. 7, Lynnfield, Paul E. Harris and his at 11 a.m. in the Free Christian Church, Andover. Interment will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Calling hours were to be held on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. in The Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. For those who wish, John may be remembered through donations to the Friends of Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810. For funeral and his sisters, Lois A. Cooper of home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Stephanie Plachna Sorota

widow of the late Stephen S. Sorota. Born in Lowell, Feb. 11, 1914, she passed away on Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 in Carrollton, Texas.

Stephanie graduated from Lowell High School, Class of 1931, and from Catherine Carver Secretarial School, New York City. Stephanie's talent as an artist was recognized early. While still in high school she won art competitions that led to the publication of her work on school magazine covers. Due to the economic conditions of the 30s she put aside her dream of attending art school and instead worked in New York City at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. In 1936 she returned to Massachusetts.

Married in 1937 to the late Stephen S. Sorota, football and track coach and educator, Phillips

Plachna Sorota, mother, artist, Director of the Andover Summer Cape Code and its seasons. She Session (1956-59), Stephanie filled multiple roles as wife, mother and faculty hostess. In the latter role she earned the respect in South Yarmouth and the Faland affection of generations of mouth Artists Guild. Among her parents and students and will be especially remembered for her annual football and track team from the Yarmouth Arts Council dinners. While raising her four children she also worked at the artistic talents also found expres-Oliver Wendell Holmes Library and, later, at the Pike School in ville Garden Club. Among her Andover, leaving little time to pursue her art. At the age of 62 she was finally able to devote from the Garden Club Federation herself to serious study. Invitations to exhibit her work soon followed.

In 1978, Stephanie won her first Blue Ribbon, awarded for a watercolor painting of North Bridge, Concord. Her particular subject matter was largely inspired by the New England

ANDOVER - Stephanie Academy, Andover, and former landscape, especially that of exhibited in the Cape Cod Art Association All New England Show, the Bridge Street Gallery varied achievements are four "First in Watercolor" awards and Yarmouth Arts Guild. Her sion as a member of the Ostermany prizes for flower arrangement was the coveted blue ribbon of Massachusetts.

> Stephanie is survived by her daughter Diane; and three sons, Stephen Jr., Philip, and Peter; and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandsons. She touched the hearts of all she met and we are all blessed to have known

Business

Andover resident lauded for 30 years at PCCD

Sandy Levine of Andover, a certified early intervention specialist with a master's of social work, was recognized for 30 years of employment at the Professional Center for Child Development at its annual meeting in December.

Levine is the director of the center's Early Intervention Program, which serves over 1,000 children aged birth to three years annually.

Levine attended Boston University for her undergraduate studies, and received her master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan School of Social Work. She lives with her husband, Steve, and has three adult children and two grandchildren.

Her office is at 130 Parker St. in Lawrence, where she manages the program and directs the program's staff of 50 employees. An initiative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Center's Early Intervention program is one of 58 in the state and is one of the larger providers of essential services for infants and children.



Veryl Anderson, executive director of the Professional Center for Child Development, presents an engraved desk set to Sandy Levine in recognition of 30 years of employment and services to the community.

"My involvement at the Center with a dedicated early intervenhas been an opportunity to work tion team who has provided vital

services to families and their young children," said Levine in a release. "Through the years, I have seen the children grow up and heard about how important those early years were for the families. It has been most gratifying."

The Professional Center for Child Development provides educational, therapeutic and social services for children of all abilities, from birth through age 7. All of the programs provide training and support for parents and families. Children with multiple disabilities and complex health care needs, children who need early intervention, and typically developing children all benefit from the center's programs. The PCCD's Andover and Lawrence sites serve 1,400 area children each year. The Andover location is on Osgood Street.

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nis surface, a surface is made by the Andover-based California 19 Australian Open." Products Corp. at 150 Dascomb day tournament that kicked off the 2010 tennis season.

"This single elimination series of matches [was] played at the Abu Dhabi International Tennis Complex at Zayed Sports City, seating up to 5,000 spectators. Competing for \$250,000 is not the only incentive in the winner-takes-all championship, as several awaited rival re-matches [were expected to] occur," said a releast from California Products Corp. "Opening Dec. 31, this match will set

Championship was played on six competing players as well the Plexicushion Prestige ten- as the highly anticipated 2010 tournaments leading into Jan.

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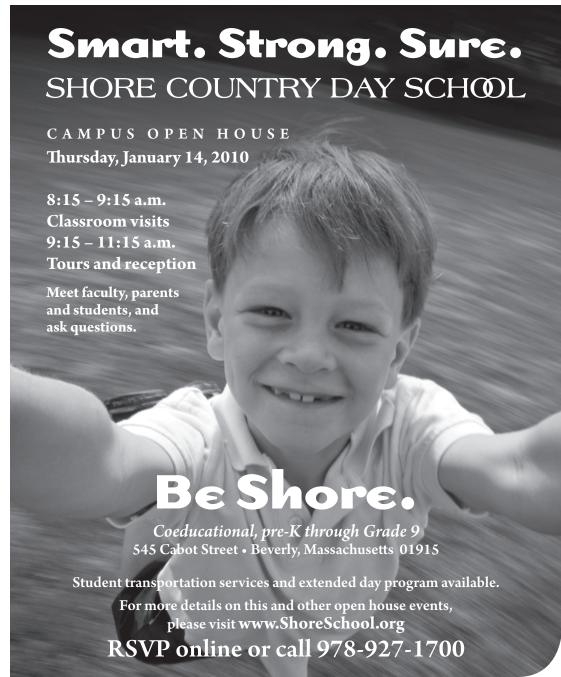
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Girls Gymnastics Preview

Four-year star Quirnbach looks for final splash

By David Willis STAFF WRITER

6 Thursday, January 7, 2010 THE TOWNSMAN

Andover star gymnast Jenn Quirnbach gave a simple explanation for why the floor exercise is her favorite event to

"There's nowhere to fall," she said with a laugh. "On the beam, no matter what you do, you're always four or five feet off the ground. The floor exercise is on the floor.

Joking aside, Quirnbach legitimately does love her work in the

"I really enjoy the musical aspect," she said. "When you're competing, the music gives you something to latch onto. It's background noise. You can take whatever is in your head — all of your insecurities — and latch onto that music. It's moving."

The floor exercise is just one of the events that Quirnbach excels in. Her contributions will be a key for the Andover girls gymnastics team, which opened the season with a 138-134 win over Lowell last Thursday.

"We definitely have our work cut out for ourselves," said Quirnbach of her team. "But we have a lot of promising newcomers and we are looking pretty good right now."

It didn't take Quirnbach, a gymnast since the fourth grade, long to begin making her mark. As soon as she arrived as a freshman, she emerged as a top competitor for the Golden Warriors. She earned All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors on the floor, where she broke the team record (9.3) and was named an ing for states and scoring in 28 of 31 dual meets.

a bit overwhelming for the youngster.

"I was a little shocked at first." she said. "Coming from club gymnastics, no one knows what you're doing. Then, all of a sudden, my name was in the paper would come to me and say stuff like, 'I hear you are really good.' and just such a hard worker. She me realize what it means to

teams are once again awarding

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Andover High basketball and Ally Fazio.



Andover's Jenn Quirnbach flies high above the balance beam in a meet last season. A star since her freshman season, Quirnbach is looking to repeat as an All-Scholastic this season.

I was so grateful, but I didn't sets her goals high." know how to respond."

While the spotlight took a little getting used to, she only continued to progress on the mat.

As a sophomore she was once again an All-MVC selection on the floor, but it was as a junior she took her greatest leap.

Last season, Quirnbach earned All-Scholastic and Eagle-Tribune All-Star honors after breaking Eagle-Tribune All-Star, qualify- her own school record in the floor (9.5) and setting a new program mark in the vault (9.5). But that early success was At the MVC meet she won the vault and placed fourth in the all-around. Then, at North Sections, she was third on the beam and eighth in the all-around. She was also fourth on the beam and fifth in the vault in team states.

"Jenn is just so tough," said and it was shocking when people Andover gymnastics coach Kristen Vadala. "She is very dedicated

for us this season. She has led

by example; she's played great

defense, has had some clutch

menced. Coach Jim Tildsley's and she always encourages her practice, and is giving us some

Quirnbach, who also comin Methuen, said she spends at least 18 hours a week training, and is lucky if she has a single day a week off. But she said she has never felt burnout.

"It has gotten harder as I have gotten older," she said. "But it has all been worth it. When we were kids we'd have gym sleepovers and play on the gymnastics equipment until 3 a.m. I love going to the gym. I have wanted to do it since watching the 1996 Olympics."

The co-captain now eyes both personal and team success in her final high school season, competing alongside fellow All-Scholastic and close friend

Rachel Mattison. "Making New Englands (as a team) last season really made

"Alex is a senior captain leader for us, and sets an excel- Brian is a fine defender who is a

senior Kris Riemer and senior

an outstanding and vocal leader

court," said Tildsley.

succeed as a team," she said. "That was such an achievepetes for Interstate Gymnastics ment. I always knew it would be great to have success, but to do it with my teammates was very special."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

2008-09 season: 8-0

Returning lettermen: Jenn Quirnbach, Sr.; Steph Marble, Sr.; Rachel Mattison, Jr.; Jenny Coneeny, Soph.; Sarah Hill,

Newcomers: Dominique Cadet, Frosh.; Emily Lowenstein, Frosh.; Maria Tornetore, Soph.; Sophie Anderson, Frosh.; MacKenzie Arnold, Jr.; Elizabeth Malzeri, Frosh; Shannon Watts, Frosh.; Rachel Seinman, Frosh.; Caitlin Haues, Frosh

Managers: Katie Kucharski, Sr.; Haley Jamieson, Sr.; Cynthia Marble, Frosh.

Captain: Jenn Quirnbach, Stephanie

works extremely hard in prac-

working and committed young

The next "Player of the Fort-

week, to a girls' team player.

Head Coach: Kristen Vadala Assistance Coach: Tracy Vadala

tice and in games. She's a real increase as the season goes on.

lent example both on and off the very good role player for us. He

Coach Dave Fazio nominates tice and in games. He's a hard-

guard Brian McNiff as his award man. We need him to continue

for us. He works very hard in night" award will be given next

winners. He said, "Kris has been his fine work for us."

Players of the Fortnight first two nominees for Players teammates. She always gives good minutes off the bench. of the Fortnight are Alex Alois 100-percent effort, both in prac- We're hoping those minutes will

the triple jump for the Warriors.

▶ Roundup

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Boudreau's career night gives Andover title

GIRLS BASKETBALL

the midas touch.

down a stunning nine 3-pointers 53.49 as Andover cruised past as Andover crushed defending archrival Central Catholic 94-71 state champion and archrival Central Catholic 86-74 in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney championship game last Wednesday.

"She's a special player as everyone knows," said Golden Warriors coach Jim Tildslev. "She was really on. That was a shooting exhibition that I've never really seen."

Boudreau finished the game with 39 points on 9-of-12 shooting, and knocked down four key first on the beam, followed in secfree throws in the final moment ond by teammate Jenn Quirnbach. to clinch the victory.

"I think everyone knows that when she's that hot, just give it to her," said Andover point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez. "You can't not give it to her."

Gomez-Martinez added a big night, scoring 20 points while Alex Alois chipped in with a stellar 14 points and worked with Dianna Bill to guard Central star Katie Zenevitch.

player and she (Bill) made her and Lea Macheras each had an work for all her baskets," Tildsley said. "That's all we wanted her to do. She worked her butt off."

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

Vetere delivers record day Andover's Mark Vetere won the

pole vault with a 15-6, which is believed to be a state indoor record, at the MSTCA Boston Holiday Invitational last Mondav. The team of Troy Cayon, Connor O'Neill, Vetere and Kerrick Stevens won the 4x400 in 3:32.17 and Chris Goodwin, Adam Vetere, Simon Voorhees and Will Ossiff took the 4x800 in 8:11.93

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

No stopping Cronin

Andover star Moira Cronin easily took the high jump with an outstanding 5-8 at the at the MSTCA Boston Holiday Invitational last Monday. Chelsea Angelosanto, Eve Bishop, Vanessa Singleton and Emily **Shields** won the 4x200 in 1:48.26 and Emily Belluche took second in Tourney to be satisfied with sec-

SWIMMING

Simply said, Nicole Boudreau had lyengar, Warriors cruise

Abe lyengar won the 200 IM in The star sophomore knocked 2:13.9 and the 100 freestyle in last Tuesday. John Belanger won the 100 breaststroke and teamed with his brother Peter Belanger on both the winning 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Mattison, Andover dominate Rachel Mattison won the vault

(9.1), bars (9.0), floor (9.3) and all-around (36.3) as Andover defeated Lowell 138-134 last Thursday. Steph Marble added a WRESTLING

Undefeated day for Chartier

Andover's Joe Chartier won all three of his matches in the 171 weight class at the Lowell Holiday Tournament last Tuesday. **GIRLS HOCKEY**

Mosquera stars in tie

Meagan Keefe's goal gave Andover a 1-1 tie with Newton "Katie is just an outstanding South on Saturday. Meaghan Leary assist while Kyla Mosquera made 14 saves for the Warriors.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warriors fall short in tourney final

Despite a team-high 13 points for Jimmy Johnson and 11 more for Brian Miller, Andover fell to Central Catholic 59-44 in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney championship game last Tuesday.

"We handled the tempo, had some good run-outs and pressed them a little bit," Andover head coach Dave Fazio said of the quick start. "It's to (Central's) credit that they didn't panic and got the ball through to the people they wanted.

Joe Bramanti chipped in with 10 points for the Golden Warriors.

"I feel pretty bad about my kids," Fazio concluded. "They're warriors, they expect to win, and vou never go to the Christmas ond place.

BOYS HOCKEY

Swett excels in draw

Matt Swett scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover played Acton-Boxboro to a 2-2 tie last Wednesday. Alex Patti also added a goal and an assist for the Golden Warriors.

Andover led archrival Central Catholic by a goal going into the third period, but eventually fell to the Raiders 4-2 in a battle of two of the top 10 teams in Eastern Mass. Alex Driscoll and Matt **Swett** each scored a goal for the Golden Warriors, and Kyle Berthiaume stood out with 31 saves.

(Berthiaume) played super, a really, really good job," said Central head coach Mike Jankowski

Despite a goal by Alex Patti, Andover fell to powerhouse Waltham 2-1 on Saturday. Kyle Berthiaume made 17 saves for the Warriors.

■ THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL Jan 8, at Central Catholic, 7:30

BOYS HOCKEY Jan 9. Westford, 8 p.m

GIRLS HOCKEY Jan 9, at Billerica, 5 p.m. Jan 13, Arlington, 7:20 p.m.

BOYSTRACK Jan 13, Haverhill, 3:30 p.m

Jan 13, Haverhill, 3:30 p.m SWIMMING

Jan 8, Lowell, 3:30 p.m. Jan 12, Lexington, 3:30 p.m. **BOYS SKIING**

Jan 11, a Masconomet, 3:30 p.m GIRLS SKIING

Jan 8, at North Andover, 3:30 p.m. Jan 12, at Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m. Jan 14, at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Jan 8. at Tewksbury, 7 p.m

AGSL

Players of the Fortnight, spon- who has been a great leader

just concluded play in the annual hoops, and scored 14 very impor-

area Christmas tournaments. tant points against Central. Ally

Before that, several other games is doing all we ask of her. She

were played as the season com- knows her role on this team,

Andover Girls' Softball League 2010 On-line Registration

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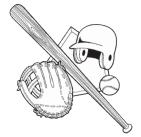
Registration for the following Programs:

Spring In-Town Recreation League: Grades 3-8

Spring Travel League: (12U - 14U Divisions) Tryout notification via e-mail - late February

Summer In-Town T-Ball Division: Grades K-2

Summer Travel League: (10U, 12U, 14U Divisions) Tryout Notification via e-mail - mid June



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For Details and On-line Registration, visit:

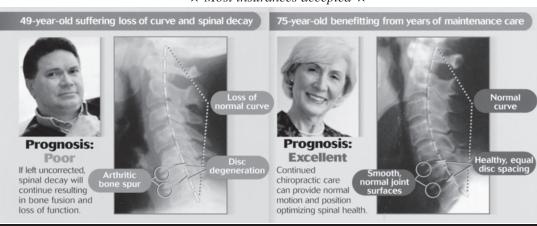
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Opinion

Lessons from a tragedy

If Elizabeth Mun had not committed suicide in Andover, it's likely no one would have known about the party at the Zimmerman home on Feb. 14, 2009. It wouldn't have even been a mention in the police log. It would have been another inappropriate, underage alcohol party that went unnoticed on a quiet Andover side street. But Elizabeth Mun did commit suicide in Andover, and the party became front-page news well beyond town.

Since then, Zachary Zimmerman, who hosted the party, and his younger sister Zoe, a high school student, have been shunned by some and called hurtful names by others, according to their mother. Some friends' parents won't allow their kids into the Zimmerman's home.

There's a bit of denial here. Many kids in Andover drink, and even more attend parties where there is drinking. Of course Zachary Zimmerman was wrong to host an underage party with alcohol. However, parents must realize he was not the first teenager and has not been the last to do so while his parent was away for an evening. The majority of these parties go unnoticed by parents, neighbors and police, yet you can still regularly read about police breaking up such gatherings in the police log. One parent group has hosted a program called "Not my kid, not in Andover" to combat the belief of many parents that it is only other people's children, in other towns, who attend such parties.

At the entrance to the Zimmerman home is a large painting by Zachary Zimmerman. It shows three balls and chains - the kind one imagines that prisoners might wear and they are chained to thick wooden posts in the ground. The balls appear to be looking out on a desert landscape with sand dunes in the distance. Laurie Zimmerman says her son told her the balls represent her, Zachary and his sister Zoe.

Zachary Zimmerman needs to admit his mistake in court for hosting a party and accept the judge's punishment. He and his family will always be affected in some way by the suicide of Elizabeth Mun. But fellow residents don't need to make the aftermath more difficult. And they need to open their eyes to how common underage drinking parties are in this town and in others.

If any good can come out of the horrible incident during the morning of Feb. 15, 2009, perhaps it's a conversation about what responsible adults can do to show there are better solutions than alcohol, drugs and suicide.

WEB QUESTION

What should Andover's resolution be?

Due to a technical error, last week's Web question was not posted.

This week's question: what should the town of Andover's resolution be for 2010?

As a new decade dawns, it's time for making changes and resolutions. What, in your opinion, should the town of Andover's new year's resolution be?

- Make a concrete plan to replace Bancroft Elementary School, and act on it.
- Turn back on all the streetlights.
- Find better and new ways to save money.
- Rehire Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.
- school departments, such as technology. ■ Bring a balanced budget to

■ Combine town and

- spring Town Meeting ■ Create more taxpayer
- friendly agreements with employee unions. ■ Eliminate take home cars
- for any employee. ■ More snow days for the
- public schools.
- None of the above ■ All of the above
- To cast your vote, go to www. andovertownsman.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, e-mail Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't take long winter's nap. Vote for change Editor, Townsman:

'Twas the week after Christmas And all through the land, The people were assessing The problems at hand. Tax cheat in the Treasury, Marxists in the Halls, Mobsters in the Cabinet Threatening all! Crooks in the Senate, Socialists in the House, Spendthrift in the Oval Office Alarming even the mouse! Terrorists in our courts, Aliens crossing our border, Thugs in the streets Creating disorder! Bailouts, stimulus,

Government takeovers,

Unemployment, failed businesses, Mandated makeovers. Had enough? Do something about it! On Jan. 19 vote for change!

JOAN PATRAKIS 35 Chandler Road

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JOY RIDE

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Caleb Cafua, 3, of Andover took advantage of the fresh snow from Saturday's storm to go sledding at the Carl Thomson baseball field and playground in North Andover. His father Greg Cafua said he prefers the smaller North Andover hill for sledding for his son instead of the larger Andover High School hill.

ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

School Committee's role essential to Andover

Ken Seifert



To all the past and present School Committee members, I thank you for your contribution and your willingness to serve. It is not

an easy job and getting more difficult.

It is an essential role to play in every community, and the most important link between the community and the schools. To those who might run for the office, I say, do not choose sides. In spite of what some may say, both have the same interest. Here are a few suggestions,

from a former superintendent: Your primary responsibilities are to recommend policies to each other that make schools better and to solve short term problems. At times and equally important is to hire the best and most appropriate CEO and educational leader of some of the finest schools in the state of Massachusetts.

They may not show it. but most citizens are very

WHAT IS A PUBLIC POLICY?

There are many answers to this question. A simple definition would be a public policy is a written statement that lets the public know what a board of directors, such as selectmen or School Committee, has agreed on to make things better or to solve a short term problem. It usually implies some long term purpose in a broad area such as planning, budgeting, assessment, staff development, curriculum, research and development or innovation.

It can also be a fairly cohesive set of responses to a problem that has unexpectedly arisen. Both types of policies provide the community and organization with some guidance on what the board of directors has in mind. A good policy also contains procedures on what the policy makers will do. A policy without a plan is not worth the paper it is printed on.

A process that good organizations follow is to have a policy with a plan, a program, and projects connected with the overall intent. Each step along the way gets more specific, shorter term and more specifically outlines the responsibilities of everyone from policy maker to public employees. It shows clearly what the elected officials and the paid employees say they will do and provides an excellent guide on what was planned was achieved. Sometimes the ones with the most responsibility have the least guidance. Sometimes there isn't even a policy.

interested in the schools.

Always do the right thing. Sometimes political pressure causes common sense to get lost in the argument.

Don't be afraid to dream of good schools and to share those Be fiscally prudent and under-

stand the balance of all public services. Good ideas and sound planning should not cost big bucks.

Do not micro-manage. They

do not pay you enough money to do so. Let the superintendent and community know what you expect and evaluate the expectations accordingly.

Always have a vision and a plan so people know where you are headed.

Accept and listen closely to criticism. Most people want to make things better. They are not picking on you. Disregard personal attacks. The community recognizes snipers. {I wish I had learned this earlier in my career.}

If there is no policy in a given area the superintendent must. out of necessity, make such a decision. He or she should not have to do it twice. There will be times when

you get confused. Trust your instincts and ask the question, what would a reasonable person do in such a circumstance? Most people in Andover are reasonable. I cannot tell you the hundreds of times I asked myself the same question and did follow that rule. At least I tried. Probably the most personal questions to ask yourself are: If I am elected, what benchmarks do I want to leave as my contribution? Will I make the schools better? What is a public policy? What is the relationship between policy and practice? (See box.)

Being a School Committee member can be a source of satisfaction and achievement. It all happens in an environment of good policies, doing the right thing, making things better and solving short term problems. I wish all who want to serve the very best.

Ken Seifert is a former superintendent of schools and a 40-year resident of Andover.

Call to action for former AHS student from Afghanistan

Dyan Espindle

Massoud Kohistani of Afghanistan arrived in the United States five years ago at the age of 15. He was chosen among many to qualify for the Cultural Bridge Program, founded by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy. This program was designed to bring students from Afghanistan, for the first time in history, to our country for one year, to learn the principles of democracy.

My family's involvement was unplanned and truly unexpected. While Massoud was training in Kyrgyzstan to assimilate into the American culture, the family who had committed to host him withdrew, leaving him without support and housing. My daughter Kara, who worked for American Council in D.C, told me of Massoud's plight. Shamefully, I admit, I did not know where Afghanistan was or anything about its culture and the timing could not have been

What I did know then and what I do know now is that it's one thing not to volunteer for service, but when God put's a request for service in one's direct path. Let's just say I did not want to go on record as saying

Massoud arrived, frightened and frail, in need of extensive medical and dental care. He spoke little English and his disadvantaged past presented him guarded and insecure in his new surroundings. With love and patience and the constant companionship of my son, David, and the support of my husband and five children, and friends, Massoud began to thrive.

Massoud was enrolled as a student at Andover High. He possessed a burning desire to learn, achieve and succeed. He mastered the English language, received honors grades, and participated in school



Massoud Kohistani and Dyan Espindle

sports and in many social and communityservice events. Massoud touched the hearts and souls of his teachers, his host family and the community. Many articles were written about his challenges and successes.

Sadly, as agreed when the year ended, Massoud returned to Afghanistan to complete high school and meet new challenges returning to a country in turmoil. Because of his achievements in the U.S., he was chosen the next year to prepare the new students preparing to enter America. Massoud completed his studies and remained a top student in Afghanistan.

We have kept in constant communication with Massoud these past five years and it has been challenging. Calls accepted are often sporadic and interrupted. E-mail has been difficult because of limited access to computers and destructive bombings by the Taliban directed to limit communication. During this time, Massoud has had only one goal: to return to the United States to further his education. I have diligently pursued every avenue these past five years to help Massoud achieve his dream. There have been many obstacles and disappointments during this venture, but we have never given up hope.

One month ago we received word that

Bunker Hill Community College in Boston was willing to enroll Massoud. A plethora of documents and appeals collected over the past years were accumulated and submitted and in December Massoud was granted his visa to return to the United States.

As you know, a young man Massoud's age is in great danger in Afghanistan. Again, my family knew we needed to respond. Our family situation is greatly changed since Massoud was with us five years ago. My husband is a casualty of the recession and has been unemployed for more than two years. Our youngest son David is a junior in college and although I am working full time as a hospice nurse, our finances are stretched to the limit, but how could we

Because Massoud is not a citizen he is not eligible for any college financial aid.

And so the purpose of this letter: my family will enthusiastically provide housing, food, clothing, and daily living expenses for Massoud but will need assistance to pay his tuition. Massoud will be obtaining a student work permit and will obtain a job through the work study program.

So with humility and a determined resolve I have set up a college fund for Massoud. There is no contribution too small as this is going to be an uphill battle. All contributions are tax deductible (ID # 61-1608193).

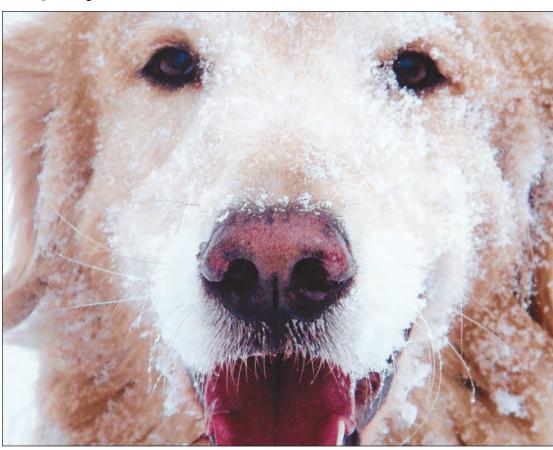
Checks can be sent to: Massoud Kohistani College Fund

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The writer is a former Dascomb Road, Andover, resident who hosted Massoud while he attended Andover High with her son David.

Dog days of winter

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Sarah Lerner, 14, submitted this photo of her dog, Brady, which she took during a recent snowstorm. Have a photo you'd like to submit for consideration in the Townsman? Send it to editor Neil Fater at nfater® andovertownsman.com.

L'Italien office hours

at the Andover Senior Center dents. Residents can also speak Andover precincts 1, 7 and 8.

on Friday, Jan. 29, from 10:30 to directly with L'Italien's office 11:30 a.m. Either L'Italien or her anytime by calling 617-722-2380. State Rep. Barbara L'Italien legislative aide will be available L'Italien represents the 18th will hold constituent office hours to meet with any interested resi- Essex District which includes

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By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

Seven small parcels of townowned land will be sold through an auction this month, after sale Monday night, Jan. 4.

The seven properties are all less than one acre and were acquired by the town by foreclosure of tax titles.

They are:

- 98 Andover St.
- 20 Iron Gate Drive
- 2 Pepperidge Circle ■ 1 Shaw Drive
- 71 Elm St.

■ 0 Woburn St.

Abutters to three small, landlocked, unbuildable parcels selectmen voted to allow the on Andover, Elm and Woburn streets have expressed interest in purchasing the lots, said Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

> The Andover Street, Pepperidge Circle, Shaw Drive and Iron Gate Drive properties could accommodate a single family home, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, but ary, said Stapczynski.

would require a zoning variance for affordable housing or historical preservation.

The total appraised value of

all seven lots is \$250,000. Not only would the town gain income in the sale of these lots, Stapczynski told selectmen Jan. 4, but it would put the properties back on the tax rolls. Selectmen voted 4-0 to approve the auction with Selectman Ted Teichert was absent.

A specific date has not been set yet, but the auction will take place sometime in Janu-

H1N1 clinic for those 10 and older

The Andover Health Division of 10 must receive two doses of vital services." has announced that an H1N1 immunization clinic has been ensure protection. scheduled. This clinic will be for and will be held at the West Middle School on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. Both Nasal Mist and traditional shots will be offered at this time.

Additional regional clinics are being planned so that residents who wish to receive the vaccine but cannot attend this clinic may still have opportunities to do so, according to the town health division. Children under the age break will occur and threaten

vaccine spaced 28 days apart to

While the incidence of the persons age 10 years and older, H1N1 illness is down, public health officials believe there is a strong possibility of a third wave of infection. The town reports that "vaccination now will decrease your chances of becoming ill from this virus. By being immunized, residents protect not only themselves but also those around them; the more people with immunity, the less likely the chance that an out-

Persons attending the H1N1 clinic are asked to bring a photocopy of their insurance card for the Andover Health Division records. Several insurance companies in Massachusetts are now reimbursing communities for the costs associated with the administration of the vaccine, and the town will seek that money.

Paperwork for these clinics may be downloaded in advance from the town Web site at http:// andoverma.gov/health/.

Cleaner: More coats needed for kids

With an unforgiving winter and school program. now in full force, a final plea has gone out to make sure no family need face the winter blast without warm coats to wear. And while schools and corporate partners have been busy collecting coats for Anton's Cleaners' Coats for Kids drive, more coats are still needed to meet the demand. All types of coats infants, kids, adults can be dropped off at any of the 44 Anton's Cleaners stores and all Jordan's Furniture outlets through Jan. 9.

Since it began in 1995, Coats for Kids has distributed over 550,000 coats, representing \$6.5 million in donated cleaning costs. Last year alone, nearly 65,000 coats were collected, including many through the corporate partners Project, and Catholic Charities, Award.

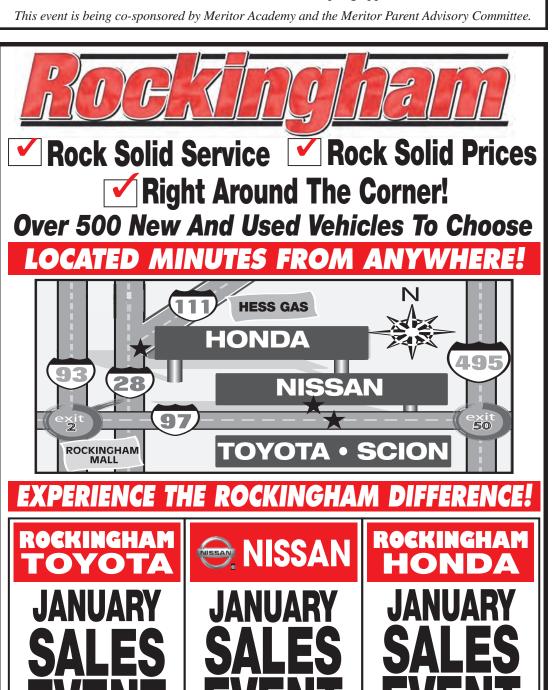
"What better way to celebrate the New Year than with the feeling that you have helped your friends and neighbors in a time of great economic struggle," says Charles A. Anton, President of Anton's Cleaners. "On behalf of these many families, we offer our sincere thanks for your generosity and best wishes for a happy and safe New Year."

Anton's reminds everyone that more coats are needed to reach its goal of collecting 60,000 coats that will be cleaned by Anton's at no charge. Following cleaning, Coats for Kids' distribution partners such as Massachusetts Community Action Programs, Salvation Army, Cradles to Crayons, BUMC: Outreach Van

among others, will ensure that coats get to those who cannot afford one during the cold weather months.

FOX25, Jordan's Furniture and KISS-108 & JAM'N-94. 5 are providing promotional support for Coats for Kids. Supporting Partners for Coats for Kids include Graham Communications and Package Supply Corporation.

For more information, visit antons.com/cfk or call the Coats for Kids hotline at 800-659-0069. You can also follow Coats for Kids on Facebook and Twitter. Anton's Cleaners, a familyowned business with 44 stores in eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, was recently honored with the Massachusetts Family Business



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Russ McQueen entertains during the annual New Year's Eve afternoon party at the Andover Senior Center Thursday. More than 60 seniors braved the snow storm to gather for the event.



Ladies eye the various desserts during the annual New Year's Eve afternoon party at the Andover Senior Center Dec. 31.

Seniors welcome new year with dinner, dancing

A snowstorm didn't stop local seniors from attending the annual afternoon New Year's Eve party last week.

Karen Payne-Taylor of the Andover Senior Center said 60 seniors turned out for this year's celebration. The party was held at the downtown center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Payne-Taylor said the dancing really got going when entertainer Russ McQueen played "New York, New York."

"That's when the cancan line started," she laughed.

The party closed with a sparkling cider toast to the new year.

— Judy Wakefield



Joe Scuderi lets Bernice Haggerty pet his coon skin hat as he entertains during the annual New Year's Eve afternoon party at the Andover Senior Center.



More than 60 seniors braved a snow storm to ring in an early new year with food and entertainment last week.

Silence is a rare commodity

Bill Dalton



I like it when it snows heavy and my world grows more silent with each

Days ago, a few snowflakes flurried down, and I went for a walk. The flakes soon grew thick and plentiful, falling

straight down, as there was no wind. Within minutes the road and conifers were covered.

The footprints I made walking away from the house were gone when I walked back a bit later. Outside my home, I stopped and listened, and I could hear nothing but the quiet tick the lakes made as they hit my goet and hat

flakes made as they hit my coat and hat. Where I live in rural New Hampshire it is quiet, and once in a while only, when the wind is from an odd direction, do we hear a distant highway.

Silence is a scarce commodity. Most scarce commodities are valuable, but no monetary value is assigned to silence.

There are few places in Andover where you can find silence. Holt Hill in the Ward Reservation sometimes is silent except for the wind. The highways built in the late 1950s and early 1960's robbed Andover of silence. A map will show you that highways cross the town in a way that ensures they can be heard most everywhere.

When I was young, I didn't think of silence as a rare commodity. I first felt the pleasure of silence at Nantucket airport on a cold February night about 1980. I was in my late 30s. My plane was the only active one at the airport when I landed. After leaving the plane, I noticed something, and I stopped. There was no sound, distant or close, not even

the wind. There was silence, and for the first time in my life I understood how

rare and pleasant it was.

There are some sounds as pleasant as silence: the blowing wind, the ocean surf, a running stream, singing birds. You can buy machines that imitate these sounds, and people relax or sleep listening to them. You can also buy white noise to muffle sounds that distract or disturb.

White noise is used in many workplaces, especially where cubicles are common. It is expensive to buy high quality white noise, the kind that covers other sounds in such a way that it imitates silence. But it's not silence, it's a gentle sound like an unceasing breeze of constant tone.

We gave a gift of white noise to a person who needs to sleep at odd hours. It's a good gift if it works. We are willing to pay for white noise and pleasant sounds but silence has not been given a value.

During the winter, there is noise in rural parts of New England where there used to be silence. The noise is from snowmobiles. We don't have trails near us, but if we did the noise would lower the value of my property to me. Those who involuntarily listen to snowmobiles are losing a rare commodity in order for the snowmobilers to have fun.

If silence were a valuable commodity rather than just a scarce one, snow-mobilers would be required to compensate those whose silence has been stolen.

Compensation will never happen, but the loss of the rare commodity of silence explains why some people who must listen to snowmobiles despise the machines and those who operate them.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. He enjoys hearing from readers, and his e-mail address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.



ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago Jan. 7, 1910

There won't be much opportunity for the ice dealer to complain of the impossibility to secure a crop for the year 1910. The cold weather has effectually answered the cry for normal prices and normal supply for next summer.

supply for next summer.
George R. Dana, distributor of Steven-Duryea automobiles for Lawrence, Andover, Methuen, Lowell and surrounding territory tells us he is meeting with most flattering success in sale of these machines for spring delivery.

Buchan and Francis of 10 Park St. wish to thank the public of Andover for their most generous patronage during the recent holiday buying season. Sales of Christmas presents were, by great number, in excess of previous years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Barnard gave a reception on Wednesday evening to business associates of Mr. Barnard and their wives at their beautiful home on High Street.

75 Years Ago Jan. 4, 1935

Sixty men were employed to throw back the plowed snow this week by the Board of Public Works as a result of the first serious snowstorm of this winter. Three teams of horses were used to plow the snow off the country roads.

Seven or eight dresses valued at about \$100, plus two postal cards cost a young man just five cents Saturday night at the Harborn shop. It was not a bargain sale at the shop; the young man merely paid cash for the two cards and then ambled out with the dresses while the store proprietors were not looking.

An overheated furnace caused a fire which destroyed the house and furniture of Fred Doyle, local contractor on Chandler Road early Monday morning.

It is expected that the new steam pump at the Haggetts Pond pumping station will be in operation shortly. The pump is practically set up, and the steam fitting is now being done.

50 Years Ago Jan. 7, 1960

A plan that might stabilize the tax rate – by directly assessing a share of the cost of expanded or new town facilities against new homeowners – has been seriously suggested to the Selectmen and Planning Board. In obvious sincerity, Harold R. Rafton, 5 Alden Road, proposed the plan, which would be adopted only after a study by committee voted at Town Meeting.

Robert B. McIntyre, 13 Binney St., has announced his candidacy for the School Committee at the annual March town election.

Final approval has been given by the School Committee to a \$1,294,743.budget for 1960, an increase of \$147,536 over the 1959 appropriation. By far the largest single increase comes in the teachers' salary item which stands at \$879,007 for the new year. Much of the increase comes as a result of the state's action in requiring a statewide \$4,000 minimum salary for all teachers.

Gracepoint Church reaches out to kids with jailed parents

Church, a congregation that meets on Sundays at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in brighter for children whose parents are in prison.

On Dec. 19, 80 Lawrence children whose parents are incarcerated participated in a special Christmas program sponsored by GracePoint, according to a release from the congregation. The children attended a Christmas party at the Greater Lawrence Technical School on River

Church members from GracePoint purchased two gifts for each child in the name of their incarcerated parent. One of the gifts was clothing and the other was a toy or game. Each gift had a personal message to the and their families to God, to child from the parent in prison. each other, and to their commu-The local Andover church nities through the transforming worked together with a national love and grace of Jesus Christ,"

Gracepoint Community organization called Angel Tree Ministries to insure that these children received presents, and that they heard the Christmas Andover, made Christmas a bit story. For some of these children, these gifts will be the only ones they receive for Christmas, according to the church group.

At the party on Dec. 19 the children and their parent/caregivers were welcomed with food and drink. Activities for the children included foam art to make Christmas ornaments, face painting and other games. Each child then received their gifts which had been wrapped and marked especially for them. Everyone heard the Christmas story told from the Biblical account in the book of Luke.

The Angel Tree program "seeks to reconcile prisoners

■ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

By Karen Payne-Taylor SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Here are upcoming events at the Andover Senior Center, located on Whittier Court, the first floor of the school administration building, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.

New, Beginner's tai chi: Tuesdays, Jan. 12 to March 9, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.; \$32. Held at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Registration has begun for this class.

Beginner's quilting: Always wanted to make a quilt? Now you can. Fridays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 19, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; \$35. Instructor is a 20-year veteran quilter.

Say it in Spanish: Spanish language for beginners on Thursdays from Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; \$30. This class will explore conversational terms, culture, history and music. To be followed by Spanish language class, pending interest. Instructor is Anita Adams, native Spanish

RELIGION

houses of worship include:

Rosensweig will lead the sing-

ing. This service is Open to the

Public. Service will be followed

by a Community Shabbat Din-

ner at 6 p.m. Reservations are

required for Shabbat Dinner.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7

Haggetts Pond Road in Andover.

Please visit the website at www.

templeemanuel.net or call the

On Friday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m.,

Temple Emanuel of Andover will

hold a Grade 5 Family Service,

led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein,

Cantor Donn Rosensweig and

Cantor Idan Irelander, Religious

School Music Director. Temple

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On Sunday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m.

Temple Emanuel of Andover

will welcome retiring Superin-

tendent of the Andover Schools,

Dr. Claudia Bach. Dr. Bach will

978-470-1356.

Temple office at 978-470-1356.

speaker and teacher.

Adaptive Home Equipment Forum: Jan. 8; 10 - 11 a.m. Hear about and see some of the equipment that helps us stay safe in our homes longer. Hosted by Letourneau's Pharmacy. Call us to hold a spot for this free

Soup's On - The ABC's of Getting Published: Jan. 12, Lunch at noon, lecture at 12:30 p.m., \$4. Learn from local publisher, the Cheshire Group, who will tell us the process of limited run publishing and hear about local writers who fulfilled a life-long dream of publishing their writing.

Men's breakfast: Jan. 15;, 8:30 a.m., \$4. Travel back in time from 1790 to the present day to learn the history of our modern-day US Coast Guard. Join naval historian and writer Joe Ponti as he shares his research and experience on this crucial element of our Homeland

Addison Gallery Revealed: Jan.

26, Feb. 2, 9 and 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m. each day; \$20. First public preview of the changes ahead for re-opening of the Addison Gallery. This unique series is a combination of the historic collection point of view and the museum's contemporary response, with a discussion of the influential works owned by the gallery and how the renovation will impact their pre-

sentation and preservation. The Witches Among Us in Andover: Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 1 to 2:30 p.m. each day; \$15. Revealing probe into Andover's involvement in the witch-hunt frenzy that swept our area even more than Salem. Find your own property on a historic 1692 map of Andover and learn the history of the families involved.

Lunch box café: Our deli-style café is open for lunch Monday through Friday for reasonably priced wraps, hot panini, freshly made salads, and daily specials. All priced under \$5.

Call ahead and we'll have it ready. Daily full lunch by reservation to all 60+ residents \$2.75 suggested. Stop by for

Free blood pressure clinic: The Andover Board of Health holds a free blood pressure and wellness clinic at the center every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to all Andover seniors on a first come, first served basis.

Snow policy: When Andover public schools are closed for weather related issues, the center is also closed for all programs, lunch and meals on wheels. Call our info line at 978-623-8377 for specific classes which may be affected by weather.

There is still availability in most aerobic, strength- training, tap and yoga classes now in session. All classes may be audited first time, pending available space. Call the senior center at 978-623-8321, or drop by for a tour.

Register now for new BoomerVenture classes

By Karen Payne-Taylor BOOMERVENTURE STAFF

Serenity Yoga: Gentle yoga, suitable for beginners, will create strength and balance through mind/body connection; helps improve alignment and create harmony. Bring yoga mat. Wednesdays, 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. Jan. 6 to March 24. \$60 per 11 week session.

Energize with Exercise: ${\it Great\ basic}$ exercise designed for 40-plus bodies! Work out hard without going to the gym. High results with low impact, floor aerobics, weight training and stretching. Mondays, 3:25 to 4:25 p.m. Jan. 4 to March 22, \$55 for 10 week

Boomer Bridge: Calling all bridge players. Each week play duplicate hands that enhance your bridge skills. Great handouts & analysis weekly. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for

beginners and more experienced players. ACBL accredited bridge instructor Terry Kay Bargar. Mondays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Jan. 4 to March 22, \$125 for 8 weeks. Or drop in fee \$25 per day.

Andover Trails Cross Country Skiing Outing: Sunday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. Meet at Skug River parking lot on Salem Street in Harold Parker State Park. Beginners to advanced skiers welcome. Bring your own skis. If there is no snow, Nordic poles will be available. Dress appropriately.

Beginner's Tai Chi: Call for information. Program is in Old Town Hall, starting Jan. 12 at 1:15 p.m.

Boomers are invited to join any senior class one week before class begins, pending space. Drop by and see what's happening.

Pre-registration required. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit www.boomerventure.com to download registration form.

Upcoming events by our of the students, particularly in Please visit the Web site at www. comedy proves that getting lost the years to come. Our program, which is Open To The Commu-On Friday, Jan. 8, at 5:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, nity, will begin with coffee and will hold a "TOT Shabbat" Sabdanish, and conclude by 1 p.m. bath service, for toddlers, pre-Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggetts school, and school aged children. Pond Road, Andover. Please visit Rabbi Robert Goldstein will the website at www.templeelead the child-centered liturgy manuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356. and tell a story. Cantor Donn

> Monday, Jan. 18, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Unity Brunch, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover. Keynote speaker will be Pastor Lyndon Myers. The event is free, but donations are encouraged. For more information call Nikki Manning at 617-785-6477.

On Friday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat Unplugged Service in conjunction with a Pulpit Exchange with Andover's South Church. The service will be led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Cantor Idan Irelander, Assistant Music Director, accompanied by a variety of professional musicians. The evening's sermon will be given by South Church's Reverend John Zehring. The service of soulful music and inspiring prose is open to all, regardless of age, affiliation or faith. Wine reflect on her tenure as head and cheese will be served prior of Andover's public schools, as to the service at 6:30 p.m.

Temple office at 978-470-1356.

Join the St. Augustine in Andover, MOMS Ministry for a morning to recharge your spirituality and share with other women in our community. Join us for "Seeing the Sacred

in the Everyday" on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 a.m. for Mass and a special morning filled with grace, and finding balance and change in our lives. This is special time for all women of all ages: single, married, divorced, widowed. Don't miss out on this fantastic session which will be presented by Pat Gohn.

The day will continue with an interactive format in the Parish Center until noon.

Please RSVP for this free day of reconnection at your earliest convenience to Brooke Mueller, MOMS Ministry Coordinator, via email brooke.mueller@comcast. net or via telephone 978-475-

On Saturday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel in Lowell will hold its 2nd annual Israeli Film Festival. The featured movie will be "The Band's Visit." "A fading Egyptian police band arrives in Israel to play at the Arab Cultural Center. When they take the wrong bus, the band members find themselves in a desolate Israeli village. Set schools can best meet the needs getts Pond Road in Andover. landscape, this cross cultural 3528.

templeemanuel.net or call the is sometimes the best way to find yourself" (quote taken from Movie Jacket). Temple Donation greatly appreciated. Light refreshments available. The temple is at 101 West Forest St. Please visit the Web site at 111. temv.org or call 978-454-1372.

> All are welcome to come together in prayer during 'Jews, Christians, and Muslims": Together in Prayer for the seventh annual Interfaith Prayer on Jan. 28 from 7 to 8 p.m., Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Cascia Hall is wheelchair accessible.

> The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 978-837-5428 or visit www. merrimack.edu/JCM.

> A chocolate extravaganza will be held at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Route 133, on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. A buffet of delicious chocolate treats including cakes, pies, cookies, candies and a chocolate fountain. There will also be a raffle for prizes. Tickets if purchased before Jan. 30 are \$8 or \$10 at the door. Children under 4 years old are free.

> All proceeds will fund the West Parish Youth Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota.

For more information and well as her vision for how public Temple Emanuel is at 7 Hag- against a breathtaking desert advanced tickets call 978-475-



Winter Safety Tips

The holidays may be over but the cold, snow and ice of winter will be with us for many more months. Slips and trips caused by snow and ice on streets and walkways can be dangerous for everyone particularly the elderly. Elderly people are more prone to serious injury from a fall, often requiring hospitalization and rehabilitation.

To help prevent a fall this winter, I would like to offer the following safety tips:

- 1. Keep all walkways and driveways free from snow and ice.
- 2. Make sure there is proper lighting on stairways and walkways both inside and outside your home.
- 3. Place a secured floor mat by the entrance door to catch any falling snow from shoes or clothing and to prevent water from creating a puddle on the floor.
- 4. When a snow storm is headed this way, make sure you have plenty of food on hand and be sure to refill medications that are getting low.
- 5. Try to get some exercise. Even a walk about your home or apartment can help to maintain muscle strength, coordination and balance.

The cold weather can present a variety of challenges for all of us. However, a little careful planning and preparedness can help make your winter a lot safer.

Home Health VNA is the regional leader in providing home health care services to patients in the Merrimack Valley, Northeastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. If you need home care services, I hope you will choose Home Health VNA.



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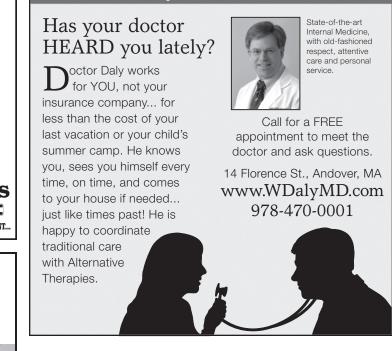
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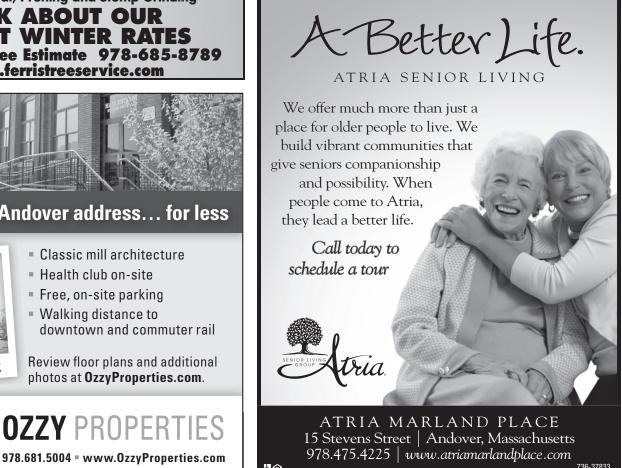


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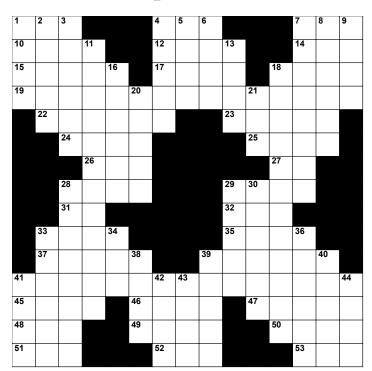
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Arts & Entertainment

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA 4. Unhappy 7. Don't know when yet
- 10. Party men & women 12. A braid 14. A scrap of cloth
- 15. Calypter 17. Swiss river
- 18. A baby's father 19. House decor
- 22. Magical incantations 23. Thigh armor
- 24. Dick & Jane's dog 25. Ph___ - pictures 26. Armed conflict
- 27. Expression of doubt 28. A collection of facts
- 29. Average golf scores 31. Raised railroad
- 32. Vestment gown
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- 37. Primp 39. Celestial body
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- 2. Flies alone 3. Sags or droops 4. Short bouts
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- 20. Far beyond the norm

28. Hindquarters

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Vocal ensemble Exsultemus to perform at Phillips

formance at Phillips Academy on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

The Phillips Academy Music Department will offer the free, public concert in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible.

Taking its name from the Latin for "let us rejoice," Exsultemus performs vocal music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Modeled after small estate and chapel choirs, the singers of Exsultemus perform without a conductor, collaborat-

Acclaimed vocal ensemble offer vibrant and engaging per- from the school. Exsultemus will give a free performances that communicate

directly with their audiences. The group will give a performance of Renaissance settings of the Lamentations of Jeremiah by composers from England, France, Italy and Mexico. The Lamentations of Jeremiah appear in the old Catholic liturgy only once a year, during Holy Week, but the vivid imagery of the texts became a favorite source of inspiration to Renaissance composers. Settings of the Lamentations became as popular as Masses, Magnificats and Requiems, with the music spanning seven centuries most famous examples today by and a dozen countries, allow-

"Exsultemus rekindles the inspirational spark of this music Brumel, Alfonso Ferrabosco, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and Pedro Bermúdez, plus La Rue's interpretation of the Lamentation of David over Saul and Jonathan, and Andrea Gabrieli's lament on the death of Adrian Willaert,"

according to the release. Since its founding in 2003 by soprano Shannon Canavin, Exsultemus has performed Thomas Tallis and Tomas Luis ing audiences to experience the First Lutheran Church of ing as a chamber ensemble to de Victoria, according to release an exceptional range of early Boston.

vocal repertoire. In January 2006, the ensemble traveled to Aachen Cathedral in Germany with lesser-known Lamentations to perform The Rhymed Office settings by Robert White, Antoine of Charlemagne, which is contained in manuscripts housed at the cathedral, as part of the annual celebration of the emperor's feast-day. The ensemble's first CD featuring this repertoire was released in 2009. Exsultemus has been heard on WGBH Radio Boston and as part of audio tours at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, and the Higgins Armory Museum in Worcester, Mass. Exsultemus is the ensemble-in-residence at

EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

NEW EXHIBITS OPEN, Essex Art Center, "The Vase in Winter 2010," ceramic vases filled with flowers by Mary Barringer, Hayne Bayless, Scott Goldberg, Paul Heroux; "Waking with you," embroidery drawings on antique linens, and photography by Joetta Maue, through Feb. 19, opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; essexartcenter.org, 978-685-2343.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT, for ages 6 to 10, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Haverhill Street, Andover. Swim, play games in the mat room, make craft proiects, and make new friends. Refreshments will be served, 6:30 to 9 p.m., \$7 for YMCA family members; \$10 for general members; and \$12 for

OPENING RECEPTION, for just-opened "50 Under 50" exhibit, works priced under \$50 by the gallery's 50 members, oils, photographs, watercolors, sculpture, fiber art, acrylics, glass, jewelry, mixed media, 7 to 9 p.m., The Loading

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Community of Artists; www.tewksbury.info/tca. Register by making check payable to Tewksbury Community of Artists, P.O. Box 385, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

LIVE A CAPPELLA, with Ball in the House. Crossroads Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.. \$18. Crossroads Coffeehouse of the North Parish UU Church, 3 Great Pond Road, second floor. North Andover; www.crossroadscoffeehouse.org with PayPal. Tickets can also be purchased in person at Shoppe on the Common in North Andover's Old Center; 978-687-396. www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

LIVE JAZZ MUSIC, with Phil Porter, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 Ext. 110.

OPENING RECEPTION, for "Lowell Dreaming: Linda McCluskey," 2 to 4 p.m., Whistler Museum, Lowell: http://www.lindamccluskey.com.

LIVE BLUES MUSIC. James Montgomery Band, \$20, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; www.tupelohall.

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Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www. mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

LIVE MUSIC, Little Feat, \$45, 7 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; www.tupelohall.com.

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, Family Cooperative Preschool Inc. 565 Osgood St. on. Edgewood Farm in North Andover, 1-2 p.m.; (978) 682-4012, www.familycoop.org.

MONDAY, JAN. 11

ANDOVER DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING, 7 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; Pat Commane, Chair, 978-474-6047, pcommane@yahoo.com.

FREE TALK FOR BUSY MOMS, local chapter of Holistic Moms' Network hosts. "No More Sugar Blues: How Busy Moms Can Conquer Their Cravings," 7 p.m., at Caron Family Chiropractic, North Andover (office in rear of building behind Bella Vita on Route 125); www.holistic-

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FREE HEALTHCARE LECTURE, "Importance of Humor," by Kelley McDonald, 10:30 a.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 Ext. 110.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

LIVE THEATER, "Love in the bleachers. Blood on the ice," about romance and real life colliding as two single parents fall in love in the bleachers of a Pee-Wee hockey rink, through Jan. 31. Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; stonehamtheatre.org.

DOCUMENTARY FILM, "Coal Country," about modern coal mining in Appalachia where residents are locked in a conflict between the need for jobs and the destruction of the environment. free, 2 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading: 978-664-4942. EMPTY BOWLS DINNER PARTY, handmade,

bowls created by students may be purchased to fill with soups donated by local restaurants, food shops, \$10 donation per bowl, proceeds benefit Haven from Hunger in Peabody, 6 p.m., St. John's Preparatory School, Memorial Dining Hall, school campus, 72 Spring St., Danvers; www.stjohnsprep.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15

LIVE MUSIC, Dave Mason, \$40-45, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; www.tupelohall.com. LIVE MUSIC, Kate Redgate, opening act Kim

Davidson, 8 p.m., Finch Coffeehouse, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; www.finchcoffeehouse.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

FREE TAI CHI WORKSHOPS, 8-9:15 a.m., Yang's Fitness & Martial Arts Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover, call to reserve your spot, 978.475.2020. www.YangsFitnessCenter.com.

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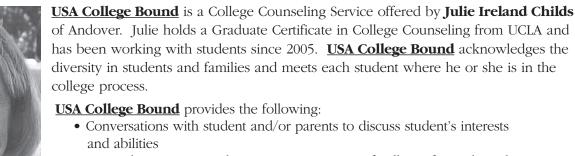
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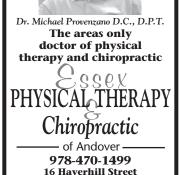


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Education

Ken Seifert's column is on the Opinion page this week

BOOK REVIEW

'Cane River' flows perfectly

By Mari Miyachi WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

I like to keep a running list of books I plan to read, generally for the purpose of remembering titles that interest me. For the most part, I stick to this list and make the best effort to work through it. However, there is always a point when a novel compels me to break from the list. These spontaneous choices are usually piqued by media hype and the books soon forgotten.

But ever so often, one turns out to be a memorable favorite.

by Lalita Tademy on one such whim, and it has become one of my favorite books in recent memory

'Cane River" is the story of four generations of women living along the river of the same name in Louisiana around the time of the Civil War: Elisabeth, the great-grandmother and matriarch; Suzette, her third daughter; Philomene, her granddaughter, who is the last to be born into slavery; and finally her great-granddaughter, Emily. Every generation witnesses what Elisabeth calls a "bleaching of the line," as these women, whether by force or by choice, bear children to local white plantation owners. Most of all, through the midst of slavery, war and the Reconstruction, each one of these women struggles to seek a better life for their children and their families.

based on her own family history - which brings a sense of life to I began reading "Cane River" the time period at hand. I give "Cane River" a 10 out of 10. Tademy has a gift for taking the historical facts of an era and a family, and filling in the details with beautiful prose, making for a uniquely real and touching portrait of a family growing in difficult times, and the strong women who led the family. "Cane River" is a truly remarkable book, one that weaves the overwhelming racial

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tensions of the time seamlessly with the personal evolution of Elisabeth, Suzette, Philomene, and Emily, characters I grew to know and love. I strongly recommend this book to any mature reader, from teenager to adult, as a 21st century classic in the making.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and high school student at Phillips Academy who writes book reviews for young adults.



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Andover High School student/athlete Jess Salley high-fives a member of her team during a volleyball game at Sanborn Elementary School as part of "The Warrior Way" mentor program.

THE WARRIOR WAY

High-schoolers visit younger kids to teach sportsmanship

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

In the eyes of elementary students, what could be cooler than a teenager, especially the star of their favorite high school sports

A new program in the public schools uses that connection for good - sending Andover High School athletes to elementary physical education classes to mentor Andover fifthgraders and encourage good sportsmanship.

"They don't realize it, but they are huge role models for younger students in town. Every move they make on the field, there are kids watching," said Andover High physical education teacher Carol Martini. "We wanted our athletes to have the opportunity to meet with elementary kids and talk about what it means to be a teammate, and have good sportsmanship. (They're) delivering the message of how vou should try vour hardest, all doing – whether it's in the classroom, at music lessons or on the athletic field. There's no one better to deliver that message than high school athletes."

which takes its name from the high school sports team nickname the Golden Warriors, began this month, as groups of high school athletes visited fifthgrade physical education classes at all of Andover's elementary schools.

The program was the brainchild of Martini and AHS senior Christian Lightner, who plays varsity football and baseball.

Andover High School student-athlete Connor O'Neill plays a volleyball game with fifth-graders at Sanborn

Elementary School as part of "The Warrior Way" mentor program.

athletic prowess but also top academics and strength of character, said Martini.

Martini said she knew the 50 teens were committed when "The Warrior Way" program, they came to a 7 a.m. meeting Lightner organized, getting out of bed an extra 45 minutes before school.

While visiting fifth-graders last month, the high school students participated with the younger students in their physical education classes and finished the visits with questionand-answer sessions.

"They modeled what we hope

the time, no matter what you're by their coaches for not only shaking hands, being very posi-chuckle. tive and helping kids that were struggling, to make them feel a part of things," said Martini.

"There's a little reverse psychology here, too, with the AHS student-athletes realizing what an impact they have on the elementary kids," she said.

The program has received positive feedback, said Martini, and the fifth-graders warmed to their high school visitors quickly. They peppered the high schoolers with questions, asking what it was like to try out for a team and train during practices.

One youngster asked the is great physical education cross-country team captain if he and I feel we do a really good job The 50 high-schoolers in behavior, complimenting the had really run across the whole the program were nominated other kids, (saying) 'nice shot', country, said Martini with a

Through the next year, Martini said she hopes to expand the Warrior Way program into more elementary school grade levels, as well as Andover's middle schools. Eventually, the Warrior Way could include recess and lunch times as well as physical education classes, she said.

"We have a philosophy that kids have to enjoy what they're doing (to be physically active). We put a great deal of emphasis on the pleasure, fun and joy of participation," said Martini. "We want everyone to graduate from here with a love of participation, with that."

Elementary schools

or cheeseburger, veggie chili and tortilla chips, baked sweet potato fries and fresh Tuesday: Rotini with meat or marinara

Monday: Hamburger, veggie burger

Tademy utilizes the idea of

sauce, bread stick, ham-and-cheese pinwheel, carrots, green beans and fresh

Wednesday: Beef stew and biscuit, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, grilled cheese, roasted squash and anjou pear.

Thursday: Chicken tenders and dips, salad with hummus, feta and pita, roast beef on a bulky roll, vegetable medley and fresh melon.

Friday: Pan pizza, tossed salad and icy juicy and topping.

Middle schools

Monday: Grilled hotdog, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, pancakes and sausage, baked beans, roasted carrot sticks and cinnamon applesauce.

Tuesday: Pan pizza, fish sticks, french fries, dinner roll, chicken parmesan on a roll and french cries, green peas, cole slaw and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken or steak and cheese calzone, turkey salad pocket with lettuce and tomato, pretzels, honey barbecue chicken over salad greens, bread stick, pasta salad, chicken rice soup and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Grilled tenders with dips, dinner roll, grilled ham and cheese panini, salad with hummus, feta and pita, buttered noodles, green beans and fresh

Friday: Hawaiian or pepperoni pan pizza, bacon burger with lettuce and tomato, pretzels, manager's choice,

tossed salad and fresh fruit.

Andover High School Monday: Nachos with spanish rice,

refried beans topped with cheese and chilled pineapple, steak and cheese wrap, greek style chicken panini and meatball

Tuesday: Turkey potpie, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, dinner roll, grilled hotdog, turkey or ham and cheese panini, pulled BBQ pork on a roll and chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, seasoned green beans, vegetable wrap, hot italian sub, manager's choice and fruit cup.

Thursday: Chicken stir fry over rice with oriental veggies, cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, hot roast turkey sandwich and gravy, crispy chicken on a roll with lettuce and tomato and chilled

Friday: Baked fish with lemon, oven potato wedges, cole slaw, pizza burger, veggie quesadilla, manager's choice and fresh fruit.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100-percent juice, low-fat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season

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RDK teaches Daisy Troop how to make world better, be strong

RDK Engineers Inc. recently welcomed High Plain Elementary School Daisy Scout Troop 62113 to spend the afternoon at their Andover office at 200 Brickstone Square. RDK employees created a meaningful and action-packed agenda for the scout, according to a release.

Daisy Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn 10 Learning Petals in total; the two petals that RDK helped the scouts earn were their "Make the World a Better Place" petal and their "Courageous and Strong" petal. In keeping with these themes, Principal Warren Cochrane led an animated discussion on the importance of conserving water, energy, protecting our environment and explaining how these issues relate to RDK's overall business goals. Principal Laura DePalma and Engineer Jason Peterson taught the young ladies how to execute several karate moves to highlight the importance of being courageous and strong. The scouts finished their day by writing about one thing they have never done but would attempt to do one day in the future.

you don't have to be



Andover Daisy Scouts practice their front two-knuckle punches that they learned from two of RDK's first-degree black belts, CFO Laura DePalma and Engineer Jason Peterson. Daisy Scouts from left are Kendal Islep, Giovanna Drake, Megan Gallagher, Grace Gervais, Farrah Sousa and Heather Graham.



Engineer and first-degree black belt Jason Peterson of RDK teaches Daisy Scout Heather Graham how to perfect her thrust punch.

"I loved spending the afternoon at RDK! I liked practicing the karate moves and learning new

ways to save energy!" said Farrah Sousa, Troop 62113 Daisy Scout, age 6, in a release.

"It was an honor to host this group of very special young ladies and share some key lessons about what it means to be strong and courageous. RDK supports important organizations like the Girl Scouts of the USA because we believe in their positive founding principles for young women and we know that these young scouts are our future leaders," said Laura DePalma, RDK Principal.

High Plain Elementary School Daisy Scout Troop 62113 is led by local Andover Scout Mothers Kim Sousa and Ellen Gervais.

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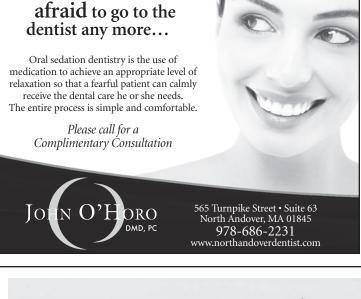
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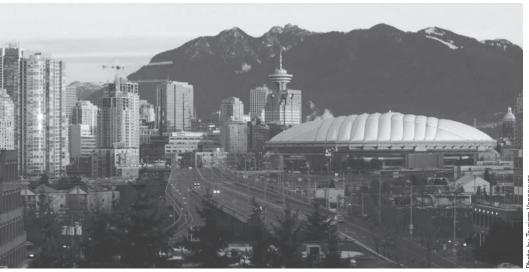
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Vancouver, British Columbia will host the events. Vancouver is on the Pacific Coast in speed skating. western Canada.

al diversity and natural beauty. The Coast Salish people lived in the area for thousands of years. They held a deep respect for nature and humanity.

In 1792, Captain George Vancouver explored the Burrard Inlet and wrote about the beautiful landscapes. Gold was discovered, drawing European settlers. By 1858, the gold rush on the Fraser River brought thousands of prospectors. In the 1880s, the Canadian Pacific Railway helped boost the growing interna-

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Today Vancouver is a beauple who will attend the event. tiful cosmopolitan city.

About 5,500 athletes from the Kid will share the rules about 80 nations will go to Vancouver. They will compete as curling, luge, skeleton, bobin 86 events. Events include sleigh and others. alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleigh, cross-country skiing, medal and is the best in the curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, luge, Nordic combined, short track, skeleton, ski jumping, and

The host community and The city is known for cultur- country start planning years in advance. They build sites for the competition. A new transportation system links CANOUVERV the different areas. Contestants live in new athletes' villages. Media centers spring up for hundreds of reporters and camera crews who cover the

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Development entitled "Celestial Circle" located at 23, 25, 27 & 31 Sunset Rock Road and 26 Timothy Drive on property owned by Rayvon Realty Trust, Raymond Y. Cormier and SND Realty Trust, Spiro Christopulos Trustee, and being fied as Assessors Map 79 and Lots 19A, 19B, 20 & 20A and Map 77 Lot 14. The application may be examined in the Planning Division during normal business

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described in said mortgage as follows:

"...the following described property located in the County of ESSEX: Legal Description Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof EXHIBIT A Property Address: 52 Dascomb Road, Andover, MA 01810

The land in Andover, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Parcel 1: A certain parcel of land situated in Andover. Essex County Mass achusetts, and being shown as Lot # 1 on a "Plan of Land as Subdivided for F.A. Herbert & J. MacMillian, located in Andover, Mass, dated April, 1966, Frank C. Gelinas, Civil Engineer" and recorded in Essex North District Reg-

istry of Deeds as Plan # 5464, and bounded and described substantially as Northerly by Dascomb Road 243.52 feet: Easterly by land now or formerly of Abbott 255.05 feet; Southerly 148.46 feet by second parcel herein conveyed; Westerly 197.12 feet by Lot # 2 as shown on said plan. Containing

Parcel 2: A certain parcel of land situated in said Andover, and being a portion of Lot 7 on the plan above referred to bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of the first parcel herein before described; thence running westerly by said first parcel, one hundred fortyeight and 46/100 feet to the Southwesterly corner of said first parcel; thence turning and running southwesterly corner of said first parcel; thence turning and running southeasterly by part of Lot 7, twenty - seven and 14/100 (27.14 feet to a twelve (12) inch weeping willow; thence turning and running north-easterly still by lot 7, one hundred twenty-six and 67/100 (126.67) feet to the

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Andover Zip Code Day official Selectman Mary Lyman sent and e-mail saying this Friday, 01/8/10, will be celebrated as Andover Zip Code Day. Citizens are encouraged to wear blue and gold to school and work, and there is talk of a special blog through the library, messages on cable TV and Andover Web sites that highlight "Andover Zip Code Day." The idea was proposed in last week's Town Talk.

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