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## Brown town



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More than 64 percent of Andover voters cast ballots during the special election to fill Edward "Ted" Kennedy's former U.S. Senate seat.

## High turnout, big support for Republican in Andover

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

In even stronger numbers than in Massachusetts as a whole, Andover on Tuesday, Jan. 19, voted for Republican Scott Brown to assume the US Senate seat occupied for 46 years by the late liberal Democrat Edward "Ted" Kennedy.

Brown becomes the first Republican senator elected in Massachusetts since Edward Brooke in 1972.

Fifty-eight percent of Andover voters chose Brown over Democrat Martha Coakley, who garnered 41 percent of the 14,324 town ballots cast in Tuesday's special election. Independent candidate Joseph Kennedy, who is no relation to the late senator, received 80 votes in town.

Andover's two polling stations, at Andover High School and the senior center, buzzed with activity all day until polls closed at 8 p.m. More than 64 percent of Andover's registered voters cast ballots. The November



Andover police officer Daniel Igoe directs traffic as voters make their way to the polls at Andover High School.

2008 election of President Barack Obama brought nearly 80 percent of registered voters to the polls, and a record 18,293 ballots were cast in Andover that day.

Still, Tuesday's turnout was considered remarkable by most, given

the presence of only one race and the heavy snowfall.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Andover native Ray Potvin, watching a steady stream of cars pull into the senior center parking lot around 7:30 p.m.

### HOW ANDOVER VOTED

- Scott Brown, Republican: 8,336 votes; 58 percent
  - Martha Coakley, Democrat: 5,900 votes; 41 percent
  - Joseph Kennedy, Independent: 80 votes; 0.56 percent
- 6 people wrote in candidates; 0.04 percent  
Total voters: 14,324 or 64.06 percent  
Source: Robin Redman, Andover Town Clerk's office

Potvin, a self-described "life long Democrat," came to vote at 1 p.m. and noticed there weren't many Martha Coakley signs in front of the senior center. After voting, Potvin grabbed a Coakley sign for each hand and stood in front of the polling place, braving snow flurries and temperatures in the 30s for more than six hours.

His passion – and three pairs of socks – kept him warm.

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## Andover man is nation's doctor

### Seven months in, Koh targeting prevention

By NEIL FATER  
STAFF WRITER

Andover resident Howard Koh, a doctor charged by the president with addressing the nation's top health concerns, says he is involved in the job of a lifetime.

One moment he might be answering a Congressman's questions about proposed health-care reforms and a few minutes later be entering a White House meeting to plan how to contain H1N1 outbreaks or respond to possible biological attacks.

"Issues change usually by the half hour," he says. Howard Koh is the assistant secretary for health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a role that has taken on particular importance

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Courtesy photo

With his wife, Dr. Claudia Arrigg (center), watching, Andover's Howard Koh is sworn in as assistant secretary of U.S. Health and Human Services by Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in November.

## Selectmen focus on town manager

### Feb. 8 decision on leader

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen met for two hours on Jan. 16, discussing who they'd like to have running the town for the next five years.

In the next two weeks the board will decide whether they'd like to keep Buzz Stapczynski, Andover's town manager since 1990, or look for someone new. Selectmen will vote on Stapczynski's reappointment at their Feb. 8 meeting. His contract expires June 4.

"[The workshop] gave us the time we needed to step back and create some areas of what we know is going to happen over the next five years. What are the opportunities for improvement – especially

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## Church members hope to return to Haiti

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Members of Free Christian Church who have worked for 10 years with a Haitian orphanage are hoping to return to the impoverished island next month to help people recover from the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that devastated that nation.

Miraculously, more than 200 children at a Port-au-Prince school and orphanage supported by Free Christian Church, are unharmed, though they are sleeping outdoors, as their buildings lie in shambles.

"It's absolutely amazing that all the kids are OK. It's such a relief that

they are," said FCC member Marianne Langston.

FCC members have hung on every word of brief communication between their friends at the Hope for the Children of Haiti orphanage and school in Port-au-Prince. Besides the basic needs of shelter, food and clean water, a primary concern is the children's safety, as looters and people displaced from the disaster wander the city, said Maureen Smith, missions and service director at FCC.

Smith summed up the situation in one word: "chaos."

"We're just sad and concerned about what these kids are seeing, hearing, smelling," she said. "We

know that they're fed and have housing for today, but we don't know what tomorrow will bring."

A group of 10 FCC members, having planned a trip since June, hope to travel to Haiti Feb. 12, bringing much-needed supplies and hands willing to help. Four nurses will be on the trip, as well as George Thomson, a retired Andover firefighter.

Throughout town, prayers for Haiti have been raised by houses of worship and residents, businesses and schools have been donating toward relief efforts.

It has been a blessing, said Langston, to see so many people open their wallets and hearts for Haiti this

week. People she doesn't know all that well at work or her children's school have given her checks for Hope for the Children of Haiti, she said.

"The number of times people have said 'how can I help?' (has been terrific)," said Langston, who will lead the FCC trip. "It's an overwhelming feeling that I'm not alone, that everyone wants to help."

St. Augustine Catholic Church and others in town took special collections to donate to Haiti relief efforts over the weekend. Attendees at the annual Martin Luther King

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**Ride inside**

Residents can have a Friday Night ride at Ironstone Farm. See Page 13.



## Learn about the college admissions process

Andover High School will offer a meeting for parents of juniors called "Nuts and Bolts of the College Admissions Process" on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center for the Performing Arts. The Collins Center is located on the right side of the high school building, the side closest to Shawsheen Road.

## What you need to know about handbooks

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association will present "Your Employee Handbook" on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Jackson's Riverside Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Route 110, Methuen.

### ■ CORRECTION

Andover resident Connor J. Fraser, class of 2013, made the honor roll at Phillips Academy for the fall 2009 semester. He was misidentified in the honor roll information published last week due to an error in the information provided by the school.

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## HOW SELETMEN RATED BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI

Here is how each individual selectman rated Stapczynski:  
(Rating key: 1 is unsatisfactory progress, 2 is needs improvement, 3 is meets expectations and 4 is exceeds expectations)

### Alex Vispoli

PROJECTS WITH DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY  
Budget and finance: 3  
Collective bargaining: 2  
Health insurance: 3  
Key personnel transitions: 3  
Board and committee appointments: 3  
Projects -- current and planned: 3  
Communications: 3  
PROJECTS INVOLVING TOWN BOARDS OR SUBCOMMITTEES  
Main Street/downtown plan: 3  
Land acquisition: 3  
Youth Center: 2  
I-93 interchange: 3  
Town yard: 3  
Planning, vision and leadership: 3  
Administrative/managerial skills: 4  
Recruitment, selection and supervision of staff: 3  
Budget preparation and administration: 3  
Negotiations/collective bargaining: 2  
Board/legislative relations: 3

### Jerry Stabile Jr.

PROJECTS WITH DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY  
Budget and finance: 3  
Collective bargaining: 2  
Health insurance: 3  
Key personnel transitions: 3  
Board and committee appointments: 4  
Projects -- current and planned: 3  
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Town yard: 3  
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Administrative/managerial skills: 4  
Recruitment, selection and supervision of staff: 3  
Budget preparation and administration: 3  
Negotiations/collective bargaining: 2  
Board/legislative relations: 3

### Ted Teichert

PROJECTS WITH DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY  
Budget and finance: 3  
Collective bargaining: 3  
Health insurance: 3  
Key personnel transitions: 4  
Board and committee appointments: 3

Projects -- current and planned: 3  
Communications: 3  
PROJECTS INVOLVING TOWN BOARDS OR SUBCOMMITTEES  
Main Street/downtown plan: 3  
Land acquisition: 3  
Youth Center: 3  
I-93 interchange: 3  
Town yard: 3  
Planning, vision and leadership: 3  
Administrative/managerial skills: 3  
Recruitment, selection and supervision of staff: 4  
Budget preparation and administration: 2.5  
Negotiations/collective bargaining: 3  
Board/legislative relations: 4

### Mary Lyman

PROJECTS WITH DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY  
Budget and finance: 3  
Collective bargaining: 2  
Health insurance: 4  
Key personnel transitions: 3  
Board and committee appointments: 3  
Projects -- current and planned: 3  
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Administrative/managerial skills: 3  
Recruitment, selection and supervision of staff: 3  
Budget preparation and administration: 3  
Negotiations/collective bargaining: 2  
Board/legislative relations: 4

### Brian Major

PROJECTS WITH DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY  
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Collective bargaining: 4  
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## TOWN MANAGER: Selectmen rate Stapczynski's performance

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through revenue and consolidation – of what we would like the town manager to do," said Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli. "We spent two hours on the big picture items

– what are the important things we want to have happen in the short and long term – and came to an agreement on providing direction to the town manager." In December, the board released

its collective performance evaluation of Stapczynski for fiscal year 2009 in a public meeting. At the Townsman's request Vispoli later e-mailed each individual selectman's review of Stapczynski.

The aggregate review rated Stapczynski as meeting expectations – the only category in which the board says Stapczynski needs improvement is his collective bargaining with town unions.

## ELECTION: High turnout to fill the seat of Edward Kennedy

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"It's worth standing out in the cold. I'm not a bit cold. I would stand out here another eight hours," said Potvin, who grew up in West Andover. "I feel very strongly that the Democrats are the working man's salvation."

The election was especially poignant for Potvin, who had met Ted Kennedy on several occasions. Once, while campaigning in Lawrence, Kennedy got out of his car especially to shake Potvin's daughter's hand, who was then a young girl.

"That's the kind of guy Ted was. I have nothing but the greatest

things to say about him," he said. Kennedy, 77, died in August of brain cancer.

The race to find his successor heated up in the last few weeks. Around the state, residents have been bombarded with fliers in the mail and television and radio advertisements. Cold temperatures and precipitation all day – snow turned to slush and rain and then back to snow as temperatures dropped again – did not deter Andover voters.

As of noon, the town clerk's office reported 5,777 people had voted in the nine precincts, which is 28 percent of active voters. Andover High School was

virtually inaccessible at times, as voting traffic combined with buses and cars used by school staff and students. Drivers formed long lines along Shawsheen Road, waiting to turn into the entrance road.

Middle and high school students were released early, at 1:40 p.m., due to the inclement weather and voting traffic, allowing the school buses extra time to complete their routes.

Police details worked throughout the day at the two polling locations, detouring cars and working to keep traffic flowing.

Molly Bicking, a poll warden of Andover's precinct seven, said

the senior center was busy all day, with just a few lulls in the afternoon.

"We had a sense that it would be very busy," said Bicking, who noted Tuesday's turnout was quite a contrast to the special election primary on Dec. 8, which drew just 20 percent of registered voters.

The nation's eyes were on Massachusetts, as more than just a senate seat hinged on the special election's outcome. Brown's victory gives Senate Republicans the 41st vote they need to use a filibuster to block health care legislation favored by majority Democrats and Obama.

## ■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

### ARRESTS

Tuesday Jan. 12 – At 10:10 a.m., Steven Martinez, 26, of 52 Melvin St., Apt. 1013, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for driving with a suspended

license and failure to attend jury duty.

At 8:05 p.m., Michelle Rodriguez, 36, of 7 Fairway Drive, Apt. 3, Derry N.H., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, operating under the influence of drugs and possession of a class B substance.

Wednesday, Jan. 13 – At 1:21 p.m., Huy Quoc Le, 25, of 9 But-tonwood St. Boston, was arrested and charged on warrants for identity fraud, improper use of a credit card, larceny and receiving stolen property.

At 1:30 p.m., Eddie E. Rosa, 23, of 800 Bullfinch Drive, Apt. 300, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked registration and uninsured vehicle trailer; also on warrants for driving with a suspended registration, uninsured vehicle and unregistered

vehicle. At 2:08 p.m., Tito A. Toribio Jr. 26, of 26 Abbott St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250 and driving with a revoked license.

At 10:55 p.m., the Residence Inn, Minuteman Road, reported a disorderly person. At 11:55 p.m., Grant C. Robinson, 23, of 6 Green Meadow Lane, was arrested and charged with selling or delivering liquor to a person under the age of 21.

Thursday, Jan. 14 – At 3:16 p.m., Brandon A. Zagarella, 17, of 145 High Plain Road, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



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**THEN:** Main and Chestnut streets in 1930. The Gulf gas station is now on the vacant lot and the Andrews house became the post office. Today the former post office building is a bank.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**NOW:** The Gulf gas station opened in 1936 at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets in downtown Andover.

## Registration for August's PMC has begun

Register to ride in the 31st annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge by logging on to [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org). Open to 5,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held on Aug. 7 and 8. This year's goal is to raise

\$31 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Over the past 30 years, the PMC has raised \$270 million for the world-

renowned cancer center.

Riders can register for one of ten routes, including four one-day and seven two-day treks which range from 47 to 190 miles.

## Upcoming health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Next month's mini clinics will be held Monday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Feb. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. No appointment is necessary.

## SBANE Cutting Edge Series: 'Technology Game Changers' will be held Jan. 28

The Smaller Business Association of New England will present a panel of technology leaders on Thursday, Jan. 28 from 7:30 to 10 a.m., at Wyndham Boston, Andover, from area companies who will participate in a discussion on technology as the driving force behind the Massachusetts economy. Topics to be discussed include, Leveraging

Intellectual Property, advantages of sharing technology with a separate company, Protecting Data Rights, and the Pros and Cons of Government as your only Customer.

The cost is \$40 for members and \$70 for non-members. For more information, visit call 781-890-9070 or <http://sbane.org/events/quotetechnology-game-changersquot>.

## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JAN. 21

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

Workshop and open house on zoning plan for Interstate 93 interchange, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., 6:30 to 9 p.m.

School Committee work session on superintendent search with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St., fire

chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, JAN. 25

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

### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

Board of Selectmen and School Committee executive session, School Administration Building, School Committee Room, 6 p.m.

Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices,

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

Plant and Facilities Department's forestry division, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Board of Registrars final counting of overseas ballots, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Town Clerk's office, 4:30 p.m.

## Town tax bills in mail; late charge of 14 percent

The Town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2010, which started July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010. Third quarter payment is due Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessors' office at 978-623-8265.

Applications for abatements must be received in the assessors' office no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with a blue "Town of Andover" seal in front of the offices.

If you have not received a bill, call the tax collectors' office at 978-623-8246 or email to [treasurer@andoverma.gov](mailto:treasurer@andoverma.gov).

It is now possible to pay real estate bills electronically or with a credit card with UniPay Online. Go to the Andover Web site: [www.andoverma.gov](http://www.andoverma.gov) and click on the e-Service box along the top of the Web site for instructions.

## Learn about summer camp options on March 7

Merrimack Valley and North Shore summer activity programs and camps are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual TMC Camp and Enrichment Fair. Scheduled for Sunday, March 7, the fair will be held at Merrimack College in Andover at the Wyndham Andover. This event is free and open to the public, and will

run from 7 to 9 p.m. Hosted by The Mother Connection, this fun and informative event is geared to parents of children ages 2 to 7, and helps lets families meet with local camp and enrichment programs in one convenient place.

Last year more than 50 programs were represented, and attendees found the fair to be an

excellent way to evaluate the best summer options for their children. Program directors appreciate the opportunity to speak one on one with prospective families. A directory will be available for purchase as well. For more information, or to reserve a table, contact [enrichmentfair@themotherconnection.org](mailto:enrichmentfair@themotherconnection.org)

## You can become a mentor for the area's youth

Non-profits in Greater Lawrence have joined forces to create 'The Lawrence Mentoring Consortium, a collaboration to increase and improve youth mentoring services in the Lawrence community. The Consortium is being launched in January, the beginning of National Mentoring Month. Together, the 10 organizations that form the Consortium support over 1,000 youth and adult mentor matches.

Going forward, The Consortium will serve as an information

clearing house for all mentoring activities in Lawrence. "Each mentoring program in the city caters to a specific age group and has specific goals and objectives" said Leah Feroce, Big Friends Little Friends Program Coordinator at Family Service, Inc. and Co-Chair of the Lawrence Mentoring Consortium. "And volunteer mentors will have a better experience and be more successful if they can find the program that best suits them. Our job is to help make

the connection." In addition to gathering and maintaining information on all Lawrence mentoring programs, the LMC will collect and share data on the benefits of mentoring to adults, youth and the community.

For more information on becoming a mentor or the LMC, contact Leah Feroce, Program Coordinator, Big Friends Little Friends of Family Service, Inc. at [feroce@familyserviceinc.com](mailto:feroce@familyserviceinc.com) or 978-327-6640.

## Get involved in speed networking

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Speed Networking" on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, One Keewayden Dr., Salem, N.H. Advance registration and payment is required. The cost is

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Quintet gets down to brass tacks for Phillips concert

A variety of well known music will be the offering by Quintessential Brass, a brass quintet, on Friday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of Phillips Academy. The concert will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall, sponsored by the school's music department.

The program will include light classical, popular and jazz selections including Mouret's Rondeau, Sousa's Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Holst Second Suite, and medleys from "The Sound of Music," Frank Sinatra and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Founded in 1990, Quintessential Brass has performed in churches, concert halls,

bandstands and gazebos across New England. Members of the group have performed individually with well-known orchestras and musicians around the world, on National Public Radio and Television, and at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center, according to a release from the school.

This concert is free and open to the public. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible. For further information, contact the Phillips Academy music department by calling 978-749-4263 or sending an e-mail to music@andover.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO

One Step Away are, front row: Adam Carrington of Andover; back row, from left: Alex Kwmuntis, Mike Nuzzolo of Andover and Terence Healy.

## Andover Choral celebrates 80th season with Bach Mass

The Andover Choral Society will celebrate its 80th anniversary season with a performance of J.S. Bach's timeless masterpiece, the "Mass in B-Minor."

"A favorite of performers and audiences alike, the work runs the gamut from the old-fashioned style of Bach's forbears to the newer, more virtuosic style more commonly associated with the Master of Leipzig," according to the group. The concert will feature soloists Jane Sheldon, Emily Lau Fuhrman, Allen Combs and Adrian Smith along with an orchestra of authentic

instruments. The "Mass in B-Minor" will be conducted by Allen Combs, celebrating his 20th season as music director of the Andover Choral Society.

The concert will be presented on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 978-688-6353 or visit www.andoverchoral.org.

This concert is sponsored in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

## One Step Away hits TV finals

### Next up: Benefit concert in Ballardvale

Andover residents have a change to see hometown rockers compete for the top prize as finalists in the New England TV Talent Showcase Community Auditions.

After winning four consecutive episodes of the New England TV Talent Showcase Competition Community Auditions, youth band One Step Away has advanced to the season finals, which will be aired on Jan. 22 through 25 on stations including WBZ and WSBK TV38. The competition took place at the MGM Grand Theater at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut. One Step Away is comprised of lead

vocalist Adam Carrington of Andover, lead guitarist Terence Healy of Wilmington, bassist and vocalist Mike Nuzzolo of Andover, and drummer Alex Kwmuntis of Peabody.

One Step Away chose to perform their newest song in the finals, "Hook Line and Sinker." Entertainment Critic Joyce Kulhawik told them, "You are terrific - an incredibly charismatic and a very tight band. You've got it all."

Episode 4 of the finals will be aired Jan. 22-24 on Verizon FiOS1 Local Zone Video on Demand. The programs are presented on Friday, 9:30 p.m. on WSBK TV38 Boston; and Sunday at 12:30 a.m.

on WBZ-TV CBS 4 Boston, according to a release. A number of New England TV and radio personalities, and well-known musicians and comedians, were on hand at the event including American Idol's Justin Guarini, Finalist Ayla Brown and America's Got Talent Finalist Mia Boostrom.

One Step Away's next public concert will be "Rock the House" benefit concert on Feb. 6 for the Samaritans Teen Hotline to be held at the at the Ballardvale United Church, on Clark Road in Andover. Other upcoming concerts include the Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl and Boston Harborfest.



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Above, local actors recreate 19th century scenes from John Greenleaf Whittier's famous poem "Snow-Bound." For a hands-on approach to learning about how Andover people occupied themselves in the 1800s, Girl Scouts can attend the "Winter Fun" event at the Andover Historical Society on Jan. 27.

## No-earbud afternoon

Scouts can see what passed for winter fun in the 19th century

What *did* Andover kids do during the winter before Wii, On Demand and iPods? Girl Scouts will have the chance to find out next Wednesday at a special event offered by the Andover Historical Society.

"Girl Scout Afternoon: Winter Fun" will be offered on

Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

Girls attending will "experience what a winter's evening might have been like in 1800s Andover without electricity or TV. Play games, make a craft and eat snacks all by candle

light," according to the historical society.

The cost is \$15 per scout, which includes a snack and craft supplies.

The event is limited to 20 participants. Call 978-475-2236 to reserve a place or for more information.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

**HYMN SING**, with Linda Kirk, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 22

**BOOK SALE**, The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale will be held Jan. 22 to 24, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

**KIDS' NIGHT OUT**, for ages 6 to 10, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Haverhill Street, Andover. Swim, play games in the Mat Room, make craft projects, 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 nonmembers.

**CULTURAL CRITIC BARBARA EHRENREICH**, speaks at Phillips Academy, 7 p.m., on "Nickel and Dime: Class, Race and Gender in America," Cochran Chapel, public invited, reception follows.

**NEW WORKS FESTIVAL OPENS**, Jan. 22 and 23 and 29 and 30, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, \$12; 978/462-7336, www.firehosue.org.

**LIVE MUSIC**, with High Plain Drifters, 2:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 23

**"SEEING THE SACRED IN THE EVERY DAY,"** hosted by St. Augustine (Andover) MOMS Ministry, Mass at 8 a.m., interactive format until noon, free, for women of all ages; RSVP to Brooke Mueller, MOMS Ministry Coordinator, brooke.mueller@comcast.net, 978-475-5671.

**ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL**, "The Band's Visit," 7 p.m., discussion led by Rabbi Dawn Rose Ph D. follows, Temple Emanuel-Lowell, 101 W. Forest St., Lowell, donation appreciated, light refreshments; www.tem.org, 978-454-1372.

**SING AND TAP**, with Ted Powers, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

**ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS AND BIRDS OF PREY**, for adults and families, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Mass. Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield, \$12 adults; \$10 children; advance registration required, 978-887-9264.

**DANCE**, Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Rte. 121, Main Street, Haverhill. 8 p.m.-midnight, \$9; Cindy, 978-373-3504.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 24

**AUTHOR VISIT**, Hank Phillippi Ryan, also of TV Channel 7, to benefit PATHS (Patient Advocacy Training & Health Services), \$25, includes lunch, Wyndham Andover Hote, Andover; author@patientpaths.org, Brian or Kim Hodder, 781-275-5599, www.PatientPaths.org.

**AUDITIONS**, for the Spring Youth Opera's "The Magic Flute," North of Boston Arts Center hosts, 2-6 p.m., GAR Hall, 8 Dane St., Beverly; 662-228-0033, northofbostonartscenter@yahoo.com.

### MONDAY, JAN. 25

**THE TALK**, Navigating through Your Child's Sexual Development - Grades 4 to 7, presentation addresses the importance of giving children the information they need to make responsible decisions for themselves as they mature and grow with Carol Plotkin, LICSW, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Hallmark Health, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Free and open to the public; http://andoverp2p.com.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

**"DOES FILM HAVE A FUTURE?,"** with Boston Globe film critic Ty Burr. Burr has worked as the chief video critic for Entertainment Weekly and has covered film, music, theater, book, the Internet and is the author of three film books, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

**LIVE PIANO**, with pianist Debra Wyndam, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

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### THURSDAY, JAN. 28

**CHAMPAGNE TOAST**, with Don Tardiff, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 29

**COCKTAIL HOUR**, with Ginny Cahill, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 30

**FLAMENCO DANCE PROJECT**, 8 p.m., Mission Oak Grill, 26 Green St., Newburyport, \$25; www.drinkwaterproductions.com.

**LIVE MUSIC**, with Abi Tapia, 8 p.m., \$14, \$12 seniors and students, The Ivy Chord Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; http://www.uureading.org/ivychord.htm, 781-944-0494.

**MOONLIGHT HIKE**, snowshoe weather permitting, Weir Hill, 8-9:30 p.m., begins at the entrance on Stevens Street. Yaktrax or ice cleats and warm clothing recommended, under 16 free, \$5 adults; www.thetrustees.org, 978-682-3580 Ext. 1, cward@ttor.org.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 31

**AVIS RAFTON X-COUNTRY SKI/HIKE**, 10 a.m., park on High Plain Road near leaf composting area, beginners welcome, no pets, rain cancels; Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665; David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

**LIVE MUSIC**, with guitarist Brian Corcoran, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

**SONGFEST**, opens the 2010 Jean C. Wilson Music Series, 4 p.m., Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport. This first of three concerts in the series will feature soprano Jayne West, clarinetist Thomas Hill, and pianist Randall.

**CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA**, 2-4:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road (Route 133), Andover. Buffet of Delicious chocolate treats including cakes, pies, cookies, Candies and a chocolate fountain, \$8 advance, \$10 door, children under 4 - free; 978-475-3528 (Proceeds for West Parish Youth Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota.)

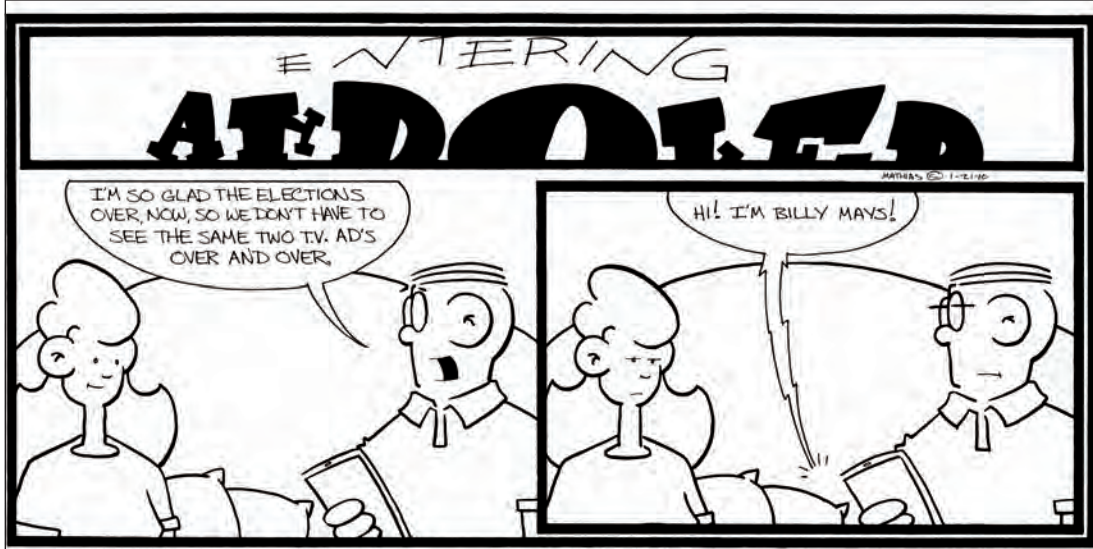
**LIVE MUSIC**, the Andover Choral Society, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, \$20; 978-688-6353, www.andoverchoral.org.

**MOON WALK/SNOWSHOE**, 7-9 p.m., Bald Hill, Boxford; pre-register Kate at 978-768-7241 Ext. 15 or k Walton@ecga.org.

### MONDAY, FEB. 1

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**, 7 to 9 p.m., Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Rd., Andover. Free, open to the public, register at www.themagicparties.com/events.html or contact info@themagicparties.com.

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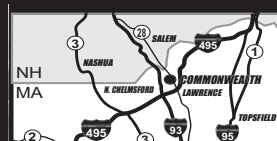
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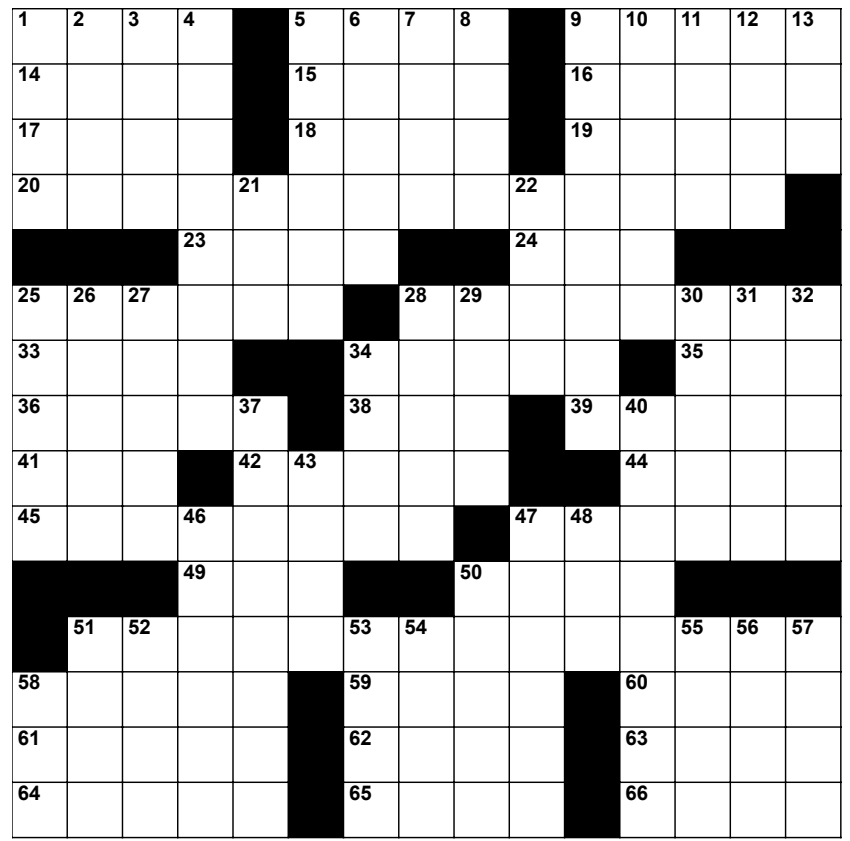
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- Name word letters in order
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- Turfs
- Fourth deck
- Stead
- Harvest
- S\_\_\_ - descendants
- "Livestrong" founder
- 15th of March
- Pinna
- A sign that stands for something else
- Capital of Chile
- Opaque gem
- Fry quickly over high heat
- Examines animals
- Pleaded with
- Rt. angle building extension
- Skimp
- \_\_\_ze - grab
- In a way, receded
- Mississippi tributary
- Those who get away
- Dinghies
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Legumes
- Won 7 times by 20 across
- Famous Chicago mayor
- Space within a boundary
- Links game
- Shaded colors
- \_\_\_upine - quilled animal
- Small ornamental ladies' bag
- Set to end
- A domed or vaulted recess

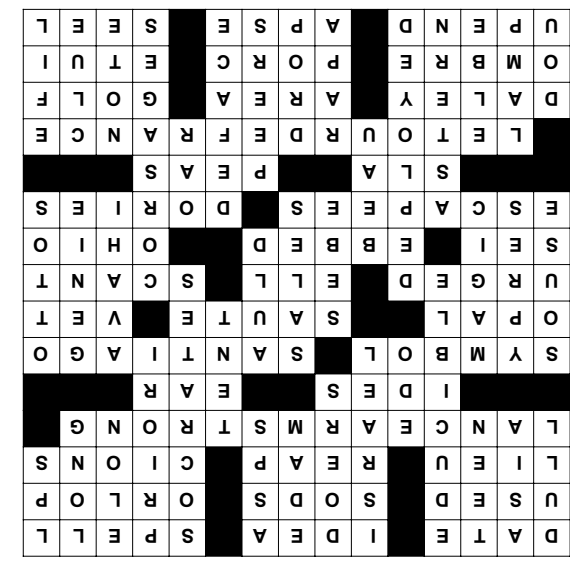
66. Sew a hawk's eyes closed

### CLUES DOWN

- Not bright
- Continent
- 13-19
- Able to be drawn out
- Jewish state est. 1948
- Those who get things done
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- Egyptian cobras
- Athenian philosopher
- A \_\_\_ - law term, acceptance
- \_\_\_gate - lengthen
- Not short
- 33 1/3 records
- Tokyo
- Camp shelter
- Cover with liquid
- Belgian city
- Thaumaturgy
- Invoiced income
- \_\_\_ lang syne
- Woolly indris genus
- R. Williams' Aladdin character
- Preminger & von Bismarck
- Point one point E of SE
- Troops in battle formation
- Pinned on

- bouquets  
43. Steady boyfriend  
46. Rear of (nautical)  
47. Spoil the appearance of  
48. Paddle  
50. Looks intently  
51. A source of illumination  
52. Czech River  
53. \_\_\_cious - taking by force  
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55. Fa, mi or la  
56. Evidence that helps to solve a problem  
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# Education

## 25 want to be next Andover superintendent

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Roughly 25 people have applied to be Andover's next superintendent of schools. Applications for the job had to be postmarked by Jan. 15. Mike

Gilbert of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the consultant hired to conduct search, said he was happy with receiving 25 applications, and with a Monday holiday, a few more might yet arrive in the mail. "(Twenty five) is a good number," said Gilbert. "I haven't read

through all the (application) materials, but I can say that most of them are people from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, with a few from other states." Gilbert will meet with Andover's superintendent search committee today, Thursday, Jan. 21, and will narrow the applicants

to eight or 10 semifinalists. The names of semifinalists are not usually made public, said Gilbert, because candidates do not want to put their current jobs in jeopardy. The superintendent search is on schedule, he said. Finalists will be named by Feb. 8 and the School

Committee will vote to hire a superintendent on March 4. Claudia Bach, Andover's superintendent since 1998, announced her resignation in October. Her employment contract lasts until June 30, but the School Committee has released her from her obligation to stay, if she finds

another job. In November, the School Committee voted unanimously to hire the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to conduct a four-month search and interview process, paying it \$8,500 plus an estimated \$15,000 for travel and other expenses.

### Road to Excellence

## Plan for a world-class high school

Ken Seifert



The high school is the showcase of every school system. This is especially true when there is only one. It says a great deal about the students, faculty, administration, school committee and the town.

While I was visiting Andover High School last year then principal Peter Anderson said, "Doc, Andover High could be a world class high school." He cut our conversation short because he had to teach a leadership course to some lucky students.

On another occasion, now retired teacher Craig Simpson allowed me to present a sample newspaper article to his class. Mr. Simpson, for at least 30 years, had provided Andover students the opportunity to get a realistic view of the world and the right to challenge conventional wisdom. I asked the class for feedback but told them it was not necessary to do so. The idea was to react to the theory that mature people and nations evolve through stages of development, from dependent to independent to interdependent. I have asked that question of students who were doctoral students at some prestigious universities as well as high school students in too many schools to remember. Mr. Simpson provided me with the three or four student responses.

There was one response that stunned me. It was the most articulate, logical and conceptually organized answer I have ever read. The author also questioned the assumptions behind my bias. I called Mr. Simpson and said, "You are trying to make your class look good. You didn't need to respond." He said, "I didn't!" It was a junior student in his class.

I arranged to meet with her in the library. I had a

wonderful conversation with an outstanding young lady. She was courteous, self-assured and honest. I had already determined she was bright. At the end of the conversation I asked if she was enjoying school. She said she found Mr. Simpson's class interesting. She enjoyed some aspects of the social life but for the most part the school was not challenging, geared to the passing of the MCAS test and frameworks. She said the diploma requirements made little sense. Putting it in succinct terms, she told me she was bored!

What an honor to talk to her. She is a credit to herself her parents her family and her community. She is too humble and would be embarrassed if I gave you her name and I would not do so.

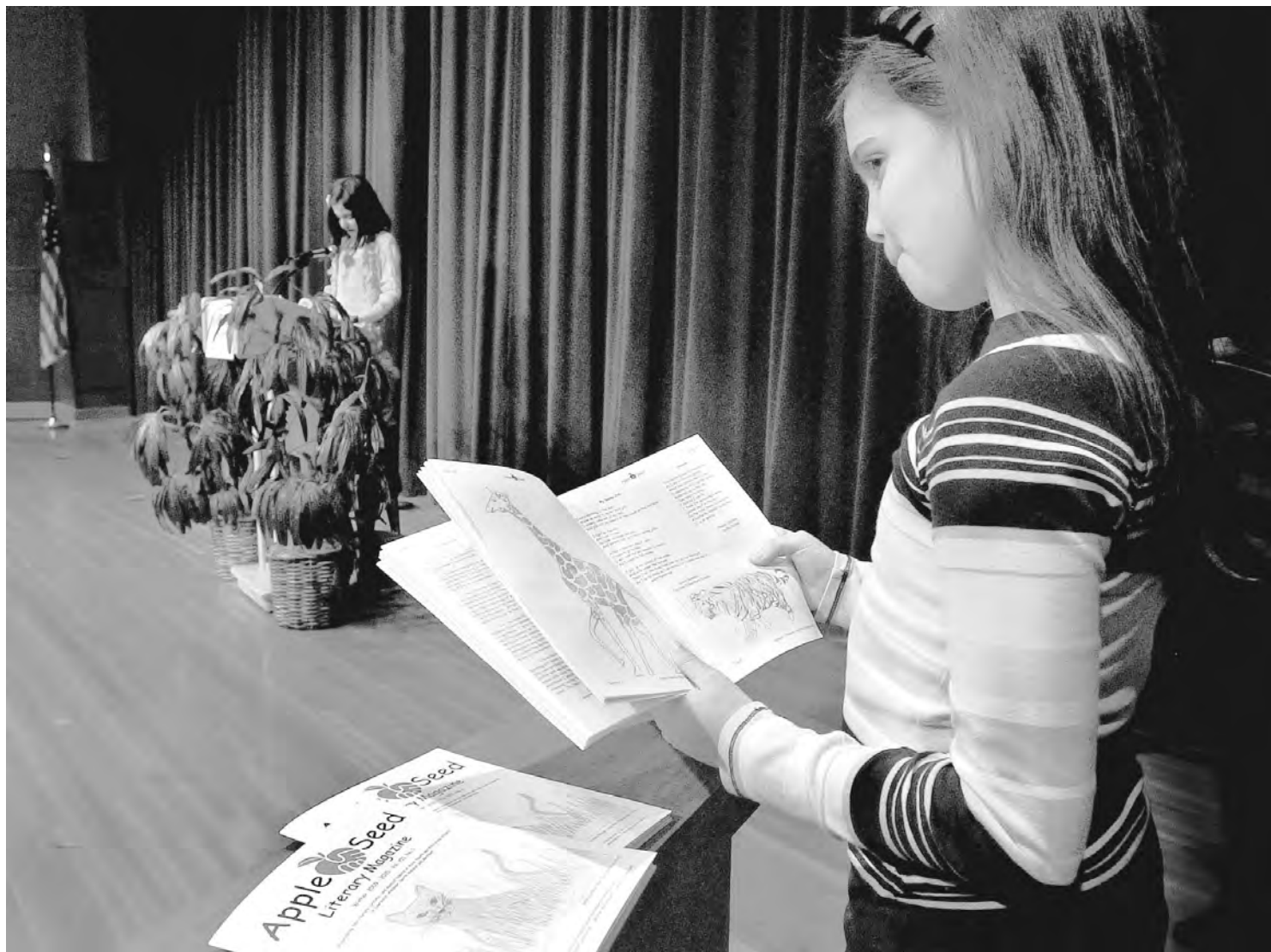
The student is a senior this year. She has the course credits to graduate. She has 50 schools she can attend. I hope she is not bored. Believe me when I tell you there are at least 300 like her in the high school.

Later one evening I attended a School Committee meeting. David Birnbach addressed the new principal. He said, "Mr. Harris, I eagerly await, at a later date, your vision for the high school."

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind, shared community visions, more appropriate diploma requirements and a greater respect for the talent, hope and goodness within our children could make Andover High a world class high school. Mr. Jonathan Harris has a role to play. He should realize he is not alone in such a responsibility.

Last week I listed a road map for effective schools. I think the School Committee, superintendent and the principal, with the help of the faculty and community should lay out a vision and the steps it takes to make Andover High a world class high school. It should be viewed as a big step on the road to excellence.

## Accomplished writers



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South Elementary School fifth-grader Phebe Ozirsky waits her turn to read her poem, "Nature," as South third-grader Samira Sayan reads her story "The Ghostly Sale." Their works were selected to appear in the literary magazine AppleSeed. Elementary student writers and artists read and displayed their work in the magazine to several hundred people at a reception to launch the 12th issue of the student magazine on Jan. 12. AppleSeed is a regional elementary school literary magazine showcasing the creative talents of third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students from 25 elementary schools from Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence, the communities served by the Greater Lawrence Education Collaborative's Multicultural Enrichment Partnership. On the cover of the magazine is a drawing titled "The Orange Cat," created by Sydney Gillman, a student at High Plain Elementary School in Andover. GLEC also produces AppleSauce, a semi-annual middle school literary magazine started in 2000.

## Deathly funny 'Dirty Job' is excellent occupation

By HARRY WOOD  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

### BOOK REVIEW

#### 'A DIRTY JOB' BY CHRISTOPHER MOORE

I'm ashamed, but I'll admit it. When I go to the library, I usually choose what book I read by how cool the cover looks on the shelf. While this does mean I read a lot of different kinds of books, it makes it hard to keep up with one series or one author. However, there are a few authors that I pick up as soon as I see them, authors that I've added to my must-check list every time I go to the library, and I've reread their books tons of times.

One of these authors is Christopher Moore. And one of my favorite books by Moore is "A Dirty Job."

"A Dirty Job" follows the story of pawnshop owner Charlie Asher. Charlie lives a normal life in San Francisco, maintaining his store, dealing with his rebellious workers and taking care of his daughter, until people start to drop dead around him. Also, demons start talking to him through the sewers, and mysterious notes show up on his dresser with a name on

them. The person named dies soon after the note appears.

Deciding that these happenings seem slightly out of the ordinary, Charlie looks deeper into the matter and finds out that he has been chosen to be the next Death. It becomes Charlie's job to make sure that the souls of deceased people are able to move on to the next world.

Every person has an object that they are so connected to that their soul stays with that when they die, and Charlie's pawnshop becomes the place to which these objects must make their way if the souls want to move on. However, there is a big problem. Charlie has no idea how to go about his job. Every second he wastes doing the wrong thing helps the demons in the sewers come closer to emerging into the streets of San Francisco. With help from another Grim Reaper, his

co-worker and "The Emperor," the ruler of the streets of San Francisco, Charlie must learn his job, and save the city from the horrors that lurk beneath it.

I love Christopher Moore because he is delightfully, hysterically weird. This book doesn't fail to disappoint. The idea of someone simply being chosen to be the next "Death" is unique, and Moore takes advantage of the confusion and mistakes of Charlie to the fullest comedic extent. He's created characters that had me laughing on the floor, from Lily, Charlie Asher's assistant who thinks that she is Death, to Minty Fresh, the man who becomes Charlie's mentor as an older "Death Merchant."

All together, Moore creates an original, entertaining and hilarious story that will have you laughing until you can't breathe, and reading into the late hours of the night. This is

my favorite book by one of my favorite authors, and I give it a 9.5/10. However, as funny as this book is, there is a lot of dark humor, profanity, and some blood and fighting, and it's inappropriate for anyone under the age of 15.

"A Dirty Job" is one of three books that Christopher Moore sets in San Francisco. Characters from the other books show up, but this is a standalone novel and you don't have to read the other books to understand the plot - even though the others are definitely worth reading.

Every time I go to the library, after browsing the latest covers on the shelves, I always find myself gravitating back to the Christopher Moore books and checking out one that I've only read four times instead of five. I recommend that next time you go to the library you head straight for the fiction section, and discover why I love Christopher Moore, and "A Dirty Job."

The writer is an Andover resident and ninth-grade student at Pike School who reviews books for young adults.

## Thoughtful answer



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Students at Andover public and private schools are competing in National Geography Bee competitions this month. At St. Augustine School fifth-grade finalist Douglas Keyes contemplated a question. Later, he held up his arms in victory, mouth wide open in surprise as he became the school champion. If he passes the official Bee standardized test, he will have the opportunity to represent St. Augustine School on the national level. Eighth-grader Taylor Brockfisher was the runner up, and seventh-grader Griffen Anderson took third at St. Augustine.

### ON CAMPUS

Alexander G. Vendola, class of 2010, of Andover, participated in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program for the fall 2009 semester.

St. Lawrence, a coeducational liberal arts and sciences institution of 2,000 students in Canton, N.Y., operates programs of study in Australia, Austria, Canada,

China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Spain, Thailand and Trinidad/Tobago.

Vendola graduated from Brooks School in North Andover. He is studying in Spain.

Christopher J. Burke, son of Terence M. and Melissa McCabe

Burke of Andover, is participating in the Bates College Junior Semester Abroad program. Burke, a biology major, is studying in Australia through the University of Western Australia, Perth.

He is a 2007 graduate of Austin Preparatory School. His undergraduate activities

include being a captain of the baseball team and participating in the Head Start Program in Lewiston, Maine.

Mason Fried, son of Jane and Stephen Fried of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at

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# Pike School names fall term honor roll students

The following students were named to the fall school year 2009-10 honor roll at the Pike School in Andover:

### High Honors

**Grade 9:** Joe Fennessy, Maria Karamourtopoulos, Angela Lei, Juliette Randazza, Clarke Shipley, Harry Wood

**Grade 8:** Meera Bhan, Megan Cahill, Moorea Colby, Michael DeLaud, Zoe Gates, George Gu, David He, Jake Howell, Laura Ippolito, Sam Landay, Sophie Landay, Abby Mayer, Max Novick, Andrew O'Brien, Jay Patel, Lizzy

Rao, Jake Rauh, Nate Reddi, Soha Sanchorawala, Nathan Sheng

**Grade 7:** Miranda An, Thayer Anderson, Alexandra Barr, Jessica Conway, Justin Curtis, Nick DiAdamo, Bianca Di Mauro, Aaron Fang, Analiese Fernandes, Frank Geng, Mackenzie Gray, Jessica Hutchinson, Emily Jin, Tom Johst, Karina Keus, Ritu Kumble, Nikita Minocha, Tracy O'Donnell, Gino Roy, Emily Schwartz, Victoria Skrivanos, Patrick Watrous

**Grade 6:** Drew Bassilakis, Lilli Baumgardner, Darian Bhatena, Robert DeLaud, Rohan Dixit, Mia

Edelson, Chiraag Gohel, Brooke Keene, Colby Keller, Cameron Kerry, Natalie Lopez, J. P. Mayer, Robbie Morris, Turner Nether-ton, Erica Nork, Harry Page, Cassidy Poole, Sitara Rao, Jessica Schmitt, Habiba Shaheed, Caroline Shipley, Mihika Sridhar, Jordan Towler, Meghan Tucker, Emma Wood

### Honors

**Grade 9:** Brant Abraham, Rachel Bolton, John Grady, Briana More, Sheridan Presterro, Song Rhee

**Grade 8:** Sara Adam, George Apostle, Nick Bradley, Ally

Brown, Caroline Burke, Michaela Comerford, Amy Corman, Teddy Coutracos, Maeve Curley, Emily Dumont, Benzi Edelson, Will Eikenberry, Seve Elkin, Olivia Foderaro, Adam Gerber, Luke Glancy, Adam Goldstein, Emma Gordon, Emily Hatheway, Yana Holden, Lizzy Jaekle, Ben Manser, Peter McGrath, Matt Menzie, Alesandra Miller, Rachel Mills, Kristen Murphy, Naomi Nelson, Sean Nork, Kellan Page, Bella Papapetros, Emma Preece, Carolina Rosas, Griffen Rose

**Grade 7:** Shuruthie Ananthakrishnan, Andrew Barker-Morrill, Amy

Bolton, Caroline Colletta, Emma Fennessy, Charlotte Gacek, Justin Galiney, Forest Haltee, Blaise Harmange, Oliver Harston, Joe Holden, Andrew Hulshult, Caroline Kent, Colleen MacInnis, Harrison Markell, Dominique Mateo, James Michaels, Alex Munick, Margot O'Brien, Tier-nan O'Rourke, Naveen Rajur, Molly Reilly, Julia Reynolds, C. J. Rogers, Steven Schelzi, George Siodis, Zach Steer, Kory Stuer, Sathvik Sudireddy, Meghan Tao, Michael Walsh, Allen Zhou

**Grade 6:** Trevor Abraham, Myles Bagley, Tatiana Bouchard,

Elyanna Coutracos, Sarah Eikenberry, Gabbie Foderaro, Jacqueline Gangi, Katrina Gangi, Ian Gelerman, Sarah Gilbert, Drew Ginsberg, David Gordon, Arnaud Harmange, Will Jaekle, Josh Katz, John Lynch, Evan MacHenry, Jeffrey Mellen, Lauren Menzie, Alex Moore, Luke Nawrocki, Peter O'Connell, Malcolm Ogden, Olivia Papapetros, John Romano, Joey Romano, John Rullo, Katherine San Cartier, Chase Steer, Chandler Washburn

### LOCAL SCHOLARS

Middlesex School recently held its annual fall academic assembly to recognize the scholarly achievements of all those students who have earned honors' averages.

The distinction of Honors was awarded to the following students from Andover who achieved a scholastic average of between 85 and 89.9 percent:

**Kate Donohue**, Class of 2011, daughter of Joe and Deirdre Donohue, and **Greg Howard**, Class of 2012, son of Michael and Michelle Howard.

Located in Concord, Middlesex School is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school for 350 students in grades nine to 12.



**Michael James Nahill** of Andover recently achieved academic honors for the first marking period at Belmont Hill School. High Honors is granted to boys who earn an average of B+ or better in a four or five course program. Honors is granted to boys who earn a B average in a four or five course program.

Michael is the son of Michael Nahill of Andover and Virginia Nahill of Cambridge. He is a senior at Belmont Hill School.



St. John's Prep announces that 226 students were inducted into the World Language National Honor Society, including these four from Andover:

3.5 cumulative grade point average, contribute at least 30 hours of community service in the prior year and demonstrate leadership and involvement in the life of the school. The Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at St. John's Prep is named in honor of the school's first headmaster, Brother Benjamin, CFX, who served from 1907 until 1917.

St. John's Prep National Honor Society, fall 2009 inductees from Andover:

**Thomas Adie**, class 2011  
**Rory Johnson**, class 2011  
**Sean Sawyer**, class 2011  
**Eric Struhl**, class 2010  
**Varun Vadlapatia**, class 2011

St. John's Prep announces that 251 students have been inducted into the World Language National Honor Society, including these four from Andover:

**Timothy Lynch**, **Eric Struhl**, **Joseph Thibodeau** and **Varun Vadlapatia**.

Founded in 1907, St. John's is a Xaverian Brothers sponsored secondary school for young men. Located on a 175-acre campus in Danvers, St. John's draws students from more than 80 communities.



**Andrea Schweitzer**, grade 12 from Andover, was named to the honor roll at The Rivers School in Weston in recognition of her excellent academic performance during the fall of 2009.

The Rivers School is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school for students in grades six through 12. With 440 students from 75 Massachusetts towns, the school offers an intimate and dynamic classroom environment with a 1 to 8 teacher/student ratio and an average class size of 12 students.

## Central Catholic High School names Andover honor roll students

Central Catholic High School in Lawrence has announced the following Andover students earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2009-10 school year:

■ Michela Allocca, grade 9, honors  
■ Meredith Anthoine, grade 10, honors  
■ Michelle Bouchard, grade 9, honors  
■ Margaret Carey, grade 9, honors

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, Jan. 25-29:

#### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Buffalo chicken or veggie mini calzone, fish-stick dinner, chef's salad and pita bread, broccoli salad and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, bread stick, grilled chicken breast on a bulky roll, jumbo pretzel with yogurt or string cheese, steamed broccoli and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** No Lunch - Early Release

**Thursday:** Chicken nuggets and dips, chicken parmesan sandwich, bagel with yogurt or string cheese, roasted zucchini and tangerine.

### ON CAMPUS

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Hamilton College for the 2009 fall semester.

A student must achieve a grade-point average of 90 or above during the term to be placed on the dean's list.

■ Rachel Corbett, grade 10, honors  
■ Johnathan Daniels, grade 11, honors  
■ Liam Doherty, grade 9, honors  
■ Jeremy Fague, grade 10, distinguished honors  
■ Erin Flanagan, grade 11, honors  
■ Thomas Flannery, grade 12, honors  
■ Kristin Flynn, grade 10, honors

**Friday:** Pan pizza, tossed salad and pudding and topping.

#### Middle schools

**Monday:** Mexican lasagna, nacho fish sticks, buffalo chicken wrap, spanish rice and corn, side salad and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, italian sub, taco salad, minestrone soup, broccoli salad and chilled fruit.

**Wednesday:** Chicken, broccoli and ziti with bread stick, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, ham and cheese panini, roasted squash, carrots and fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** Roast turkey dinner with cranberry sauce, manager's choice, pastrami on a bulky roll, pretzels, tomatoes and corn and

■ Caitlin George, grade 12, honors  
■ Christopher George, grade 12, honors  
■ Alexandra Hegge, grade 9, honors  
■ Jacqueline Himmer, grade 10, high honors  
■ Stephen Lannan, grade 12, high honors  
■ Siobhan Loughlin, grade 11, honors  
■ Sarah Lynch, grade 10, high honors

apple crisp with topping.

**Friday:** Buffalo chicken or veggie pan pizza, chicken caesar salad, meatball sub with provolone, pretzels, veggie sticks and dip, bean soup and pudding with topping.

#### Andover High School

**Monday:** Exams - limited menu

**Tuesday:** Exams - limited menu

**Wednesday:** Exams - limited menu

**Thursday:** Chicken teriyaki served over rice with oriental veggies, whole wheat dinner roll, steak and cheese sub, cheeseburger deluxe with toppers, grilled cheese and fresh fruit.

**Friday:** Baked fish, baked potato, seasoned veggies, whole wheat

■ Courtney Naughton, grade 11, high honors  
■ AnnMarie O'Brien, grade 12, honors  
■ Rosalie O'Brien, grade 10, high honors  
■ Gregory Rickenbacker, grade 10, honors  
■ Alexandra Sanz, grade 10, honors  
■ Larissa Sanz, grade 12, honors  
■ Carolina Zappala, grade 10, honors

dinner roll, meatball sub, grilled twin hotdogs, gyro 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 and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

grade-point average on a 4.0 scale to attain dean's list status. On the list are:

**Amy Hanes** of Andover, a member of the class of 2010, who is a economics major. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Hanes and a graduate of Andover

High School. **Cara Lemire** of Andover, a member of the class of 2012, who is a theater and english major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Lemire and a graduate of The Pingree School.

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# Sports

## SKIING PREVIEW Sherman fearless on the slopes

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

For Andover's Nick Sherman, life on the slopes is living on the edge.

"Skiing is an overlooked sport in terms of injuries," he said. "One slip and your tear your ACL or worse. It can be very intimidating. But I can't think that way."

"My coach always tells me you have to attack the course. If you want to win, that's the mentality. You have to let yourself go and throw yourself down the course — in a controlled manner."

That aggressiveness has proven a key for Sherman, who has dominated out of the gates this season with a pair of first-place finishes in two meets for the Andover High ski team this year.

"I was confident, but I'm a little surprised by my success," said Sherman. "But after last year I knew I would be in the mix."

A ski racer since he was just 5-years-old, following in the footsteps of his racer father, Sherman delivered a breakout season for the Golden Warriors last year.

The sophomore earned All-Scholastic honors after finishing second overall in the slalom (22.39) and 10th in the giant slalom (50.77) at Massachusetts



Andover's Nick Sherman flies down the snow. That fearless approach has allowed Sherman to dominate the competition so far this season.

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States. While battling the likes of North Andover All-Scholastics Kris Hopkins and Tyler Zahoruik, Sherman also led Andover to its first undefeated regular season and league title since 1994.

"After last season I really felt like I was going to do something," said Sherman. "I didn't expect to

be running second and third in every race (last season). That was great for me."

Not content, Sherman wasted no time returning to the slopes with his club team at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, N.H. And his work there during the weekends is hardly a ski vacation.

"We usually have to get up at about 5:30 a.m. and get to the mountain," he said. "We have one two-hour training session, a 20-minute break, then another training block, another break then train again. It is just a constant loop of ski, take the lift back up and ski again. And we run two

miles a day. But I love it."

That work seems to have paid off for Sherman so far this season.

In Andover's first meet of the season, Sherman finished in first place overall with a 19.51, placing ahead of Tom Rogers of St. John's Prep (19.67) and fellow Golden Warrior Matt Cummings (19.77).

"That first win was exciting," said Sherman. "I was thrilled because it doesn't happen much."

But just days later, Sherman was again in the winner's circle, tying Cummings for first overall with a 20.50 in Andover's second meet of the season.

"When he placed first in the first meet it was great," said Andover ski coach Tom Busta. "But when he did it again in the second meet, you realize it's for real. Nick's one of those guys that's just a natural. If he was at a ski academy he'd be on the fast track. He is just so good and so smooth."

As Sherman has excelled, he has also led his team to success. The Golden Warriors cruised past Masconomet in the first meet of the season (99-37), and in the second meet, despite falling just short to St. John's Prep (70-65), they crushed North Andover

(123-12).

Sherman is not just a tough competitor in skis. He also plays tight end and outside linebacker for the football team, and is a defender for the lacrosse team. While he said the sports are similar, neither compare to his first love.

"In every sport you have to have that drive to win and be the best," he said. "It's not that different. But I love skiing. I was the fastest times. It's so exciting."

### BOYS SKIING

2008-09 season: 10-0, league champs

Returning athletes: Benjamin Weiner, Sr.; John Perrone, Sr.; Matt Liffmann, Sr.; Matt Binder, Sr.; Tyler Webster, Jr.; Nick Sherman, Jr.; Josh Riemer, Jr.; Alex Linneman, Jr.; Donny Hunt, Jr.; Kurt Geffken, Jr.; Michael Galletti, Jr.; Andy Cummings, Jr.; Adam Carrington, Jr.; Paul Burton, Jr.; D.J. Begos, Jr.; Tom Suglia, Soph.; Peter Rollins, Soph.; Robert Banta, Soph.; Adam Risman, Soph.; Nick Price, Soph.; Austin Hart, Soph.; Matt Cummings, Soph.; Brian Coiro, Soph.; Mitchell Carey, Soph.

Newcomers: Sameer Sangal, Frosh.; Andrew Meshnick, Frosh.; Jordan Maune, Frosh.; Greg Manson, Frosh.; William Baldwin, Frosh.

Captain: Matt Binder, Matt Liffmann, Benjamin Weiner

Head Coach: Tom Busta

## Christopher follows family tradition

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Before each of her runs down the slopes, Andover's Erin Christopher takes a moment to clear her mind.

"I don't want to be over thinking the course," said Christopher. "When I think too much it affects my skiing. I try to get the best feel and be as tight to the course as possible."

Christopher's strategy seems to be working this season, as her hot start has led the Andover High ski team to an undefeated record through Monday.

"The girls are off to a stellar start," said Andover High ski coach Tom Busta. "And Erin has been amazing so far. She has been one of the best around so far this year."

Christopher stood out a year ago as a junior, finishing third overall against Masconomet and fourth against the likes of Austin Prep, North Andover and Haverhill among her accomplishments.

The senior-to-be then began preparing for her senior season with the club team at Andover's home course, Bradford, where Busta also coaches.

"I practice with the Bradford team as soon as there's snow,"

she said. "Any success I have just makes me want to train harder."

And Christopher has found plenty of success this season.

In the first meet of the season, Christopher placed a career-best second overall (19.94), finishing just behind Courtney Cliffe (19.67) of Masconomet. Christopher followed that up in the next meet, once again taking second (20.18) just behind Cliffe (20.06).

"Erin is just wonderful," said Busta. "She is always a leader on and off the slopes. Placing second twice in two meets is pretty impressive. She is so dedicated and works tremendously hard on her craft."

The quiet Christopher wasn't sure how to react to her success.

"I'm trying to stay as humble as possible so I don't mess up for later races," she said. "I want to continue to work this hard. I was nervous going into the season, but I have gotten more and more confident as the season has gone on."

Success in ski racing is nothing new for the family. Erin's mother Julia stood out for Andover High during her high school career, and passed her love of the sport on to her daughters as soon as they were able to wear a pair of



Few have matched Erin Christopher's work on the slopes so far this season for Andover High.

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skis.

Erin's older sister Cayley was the first of the daughters to star for the Golden Warriors. As a senior in 2008, Cayley earned All-North Shore League honors.

And who finished third overall behind Erin in the first meet

of this season? Her freshman sister Kerry Christopher with a stellar 19.96. Kerry added a 12th in the second meet of this season (21.21).

"It's a family sport," said Erin. "My mother gives us a lot of pointers, and so did Cayley.

And I try to help Kerry as much as possible now. She finished just behind me in one race, and wasn't far behind in the other."

With the help of the Christophers, the Golden Warriors are off to an undefeated start, beating North Andover (99-36) and

Austin Prep (121-14) in the first meet of the season and Haverhill (123-12) in the second meet.

Along with being a standout student — she is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement statistics — Erin Christopher has also drawn rave reviews for her work as a leader.

"She's a great captain," said Busta. "She's a tremendous leader and works as hard at the books as she does on the slopes."

### GIRLS SKIING

2008-09 season: Fourth at states

Returning athletes: Maryann O'Connell, Sr.; Mirela Maier, Sr.; Elizabeth Kerrigan, Sr.; Kate Kearns, Sr.; Kayla Kantola, Sr.; Erin Christopher, Sr.; Sarah Mahan, Jr.; Hannah Krieger, Jr.; Sara Heath, Jr.; Rose Ganley, Jr.; Alex Dodge, Jr.; Patricia Conrad, Jr.; Brianne Conlon, Jr.; Madeline Baldwin, Jr.; Alex Allocca, Jr.; Zoe Zimmerman, Soph.; Alyssa Wall, Soph.; Lindsey Vivian, Soph.; Lauren LeBlanc, Soph.; Meredith Lawler, Soph.; Jess Kearns, Soph.; Izzy Campbell, Soph.

Newcomers: Meghan Wurts, Frosh.; Jessica Leung, Frosh.; Katie Lee, Frosh.; Danielle Gibbs, Frosh.; Leah Giacchetto, Frosh.; Christine Gencorelli, Frosh.; Kerry Christopher, Frosh.; Lauren Buhner, Frosh.; Hannah Bramball, Frosh.

Captain: Elizabeth Kerrigan, Kate Kearns, Erin Christopher

Head Coach: Tom Busta

## Weekly roundup: Freshman Manning continues to wow

### BOYS GYMNASTICS

Freshman Brian Manning scored wins in the high bar (5.15), floor (7.05), rings (6.0) and all-around (37.6) as Andover downed Lowell 130.8-115.5 last Wednesday. Chris Chu added wins in the vault,

pommel horse and was second in the all-around.

### SWIMMING

#### Belangers excel for Warriors

Peter Belanger won the 100 IM (2:16.55), John Belanger won the 500 freestyle, Dave Hunter took

the 50 freestyle and they teamed with Paul Hunter to take the 200 medley relay as Andover bested Acton-Boxboro 97-87 on Friday. Dave Iannalfo added a win in the 100 backstroke and Adam Miller-ick took the 500 freestyle for the winners.

John Belanger won the 200 freestyle (1:56.62), the 100 freestyle (50.31) and swam on the winning 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays, but Andover fell to Lexington 98-85 last Tuesday. Paul Hunter and Peter Belanger each also swam on the two victorious relays.

### BOYS TRACK

#### Vetere stars for winners

Adam Vetere won the 1,000 (2:33.4), Connor O'Neill took the 600 (1:21.4) and they teamed with Mark Vetere and Troy Cayon to win the 4x400 relay as Andover cruised past Haverhill 65-20 last

Wednesday. Chris Warne chipped in with a win in the shot put and Pat Morrow took the high jump for the winners.

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Leah Gens

## Local skater among those heading to Eastern Sectional

Leah Gens, a sixth-grader at West Middle School, and her synchronized skating team, the Mini Mates, will be competing this month for spots at the National Championships in Minnesota.

Mini Mates competed and placed third among nine Juvenile level teams in Eastern section at the Colonial Classic at Tsongas Arena in Lowell earlier this month. Shooting Star, a Preliminary team that includes Andover skater Claire Feng, placed second. The same teams from the Lowell competition will compete again at the Eastern Sectional at Tsongas Arena on Friday, Jan. 29 to fight for the spots for the National Championships in Minnesota.

Leah Gens has been skating and taking lessons at Phillips Academy and Valley Forum for the last few years. She joined Mini Mates Juvenile team of Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams (HSST) based in Lexington this year.

HSST and other synchronized skating teams will host tryouts in the spring for the next year's team roster.

# ROUNDUP: Bramanti leads Warriors to win with game-high 20 points

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### GIRLS TRACK

#### Singleton paces Andover

Vanessa Singleton won the 300 (40.1) and ran on the winning 4x400 relay as Andover crushed Haverhill 55-27 last Wednesday. Rae Borkenant, Sydney Eberth and Jess Salley each ran on the relay, and Emily Shields took the 50 dash for the winners.

### BOYS SKIING

#### Sherman, Cummings dominate

Andover's Nick Sherman and Matt Cummings tied for first place, each finishing with a 20.50, as the Golden Warriors crushed North Andover 123-12 but dropped a heartbreaker to St. John's Prep 70-65 last Wednesday. Adam Risman added a seventh and Matt Liffman was eighth to help the Warriors.

### GIRLS SKIING

#### Christopher, Warriors cruise

Erin Christopher placed second overall in 20.18 and Jess Kearns was fourth in 20.51 to lead Andover to 123-12 drubbing of Haverhill last Thursday. Patricia Conrad took eighth, Sara Heath was 10th and Kerry Christopher placed 12th overall to help pace the Golden Warriors.

### WRESTLING

#### Ortiz excels in defeat

David Ortiz took a 7-3 decision at 215 pounds and Joe Chartier continued to dominate at 171 with a pin in 1:10, but Andover fell to Billerica 33-30 last Wednesday. Renaldo Brito scored a pin at 140 pounds

and Brett Welch notched a pin at 119 for the Warriors.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Bramanti leads winners

Joe Bramanti scored a game-high 20 points to help Andover down Lowell 61-48 on Friday. Brian Miller added 17 points and D.J. Fazio hit a pair of 3-pointers for the winners.

Spenser Rose knocked down a trio of 3-pointers on his way to 12 points as Andover cruised past Dracut 77-50 last Tuesday. Joe Bramanti scored a team-best 16 points and Brian Miller added a dozen points and owned the backboards with 13 rebounds.

Joe Bramanti scored 12 points, but Andover lost to Brockton 82-44 on Sunday. The Warriors' Brian Miller added 11 points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Up and down week for Andover

Nicole Boudreau returned from injury to score a game-best 19 points, including four 3-pointers, as Andover defeated Lowell 45-35 on Friday. Natalie Gomez-Martinez added 15 points for the winners.

Alex Alois erupted for a career-best 17 points to lead Andover to a 71-49 drubbing of Dracut last Tuesday. Dianna Bill chipped in with 10 points and Natalie Gomez-Martinez added 15 for the winners.

Without injured star Nicole Boudreau, Andover was shocked by Notre Dame Academy 60-50 last Wednesday.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Tito Brito has a firm grasp of Billerica's Tom Cormier. He would win the match.

Natalie Gomez-Martinez scored a game-high 24 points and Devon Caverney scored 18 for the Warriors.

### BOYS ICE HOCKEY

#### Warriors stung by local

Andover resident Johnny Daniels scored one goal and assisted on another as Central Catholic defeated Andover High 3-0 on Saturday. Kyle Berthiaume stood out in net for the Golden Warriors, making 26 saves.

Despite a goal by Joe Kuta, Andover fell to Billerica 2-1 last Wednesday. Matt Gibson and Matt Swett each assisted on the goal.

### GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

#### Appleton, Warriors fall short

Despite a goal by Emily Appleton, Andover fell to Arlington Catholic 7-1 on Saturday. Alicia Nader assisted on Appleton's goal.

Kyla Mosquera made 19 saves, but Andover lost to Arlington 5-0 last Wednesday.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 22.....at Chelmsford.....7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 26.....at Lawrence.....7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 22.....at Wachusett .....6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 26.....Billerica .....7:30 p.m.

### BOYS HOCKEY

Jan 23.....at Arlington .....6 p.m.  
Jan. 25.....North Andover.....8:10 p.m.  
Jan. 27.....Chelmsford .....8 p.m.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

Jan. 23.....at Chelmsford.....4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 27.....Boston Latin .....7:20 p.m.

### BOYS TRACK

Jan. 24.....at MIAA Division 1  
Jan. 27.....Central Catholic .....3:30 p.m.

### GIRLS TRACK

Jan. 24.....at MIAA Division 1  
Jan. 27.....Central Catholic .....3:30 p.m.

### SWIMMING

Jan. 22.....Haverhill.....3:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Jan. 27.....at Lawrence.....7 p.m.

### BOYS SKIING

Jan. 21.....at Haverhill .....3:30 p.m.  
Jan. 25.....at Bishop Fenwick.....3:30 p.m.  
Jan. 27.....at Masconomet .....3:30 p.m.

### GIRLS SKIING

Jan. 26.....at Masconomet .....3:30 p.m.  
Jan. 28.....at North Andover .....3:30 p.m.

### BOYS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 25.....at Attleboro.....6 p.m.  
Jan. 28.....Burlington.....7 p.m.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Jan 27.....Central Catholic .....7:30 p.m.

## Player of the Fortnight

Coach Dave Fazio of the Andover High boys basketball team nominates James Connors as this week's Baystate Financial "Player of the Fortnight" award winner.

"James is a very deserving winner of this award, in the spirit of our other winners. He's a great kid, he's committed to the team, and he comes off the bench with loads of desire and hustle. He does all he can to help make us successful," said Fazio. The next "Player of the Fortnight" award will be given next week to a girls team player.

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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth Larrabee

NEWTON — Elizabeth "Liz," Larrabee daughter of the late Frank and Emma (Lambert) Larrabee of Newton, and mother of the late Scott D. Martin of Andover, died on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010 at her home in Newton Lower Falls.

Her children, Nancy J. Martin of Gilroy, Calif., Michele J. Martin of Newton, and Bradford W. Martin and his wife Kerry Ann Martin of Salem; and six grandchildren, Douglas, Lauren, Alexander, Samuel, Calvin and William Martin, survive her. Her surviving siblings are Mary-Ellen Love of Hadley, and Alan Larrabee of Hopkinton, and many nieces and nephews.

Liz attended the Newton School System and graduated

from Lasell College. She lived for many years in Medfield with her children's father, David H. Martin. Liz was active in Medfield town government, serving as Chairman of the Medfield Council on Aging, board member of Medfield Library, and the Medfield Housing Authority. She also lived in Sherborn where she enjoyed sailing at the Sherborn Yacht Club. Liz worked for many years with Fidelity Investments, retiring in 2008.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A celebration of her life was held at the Eliot Church, 474 Centre St., Newton, on Saturday Jan. 16. Relatives and friends were kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity or Massachusetts Animal Rescue League.

## Charles S. Nigrelli, 86



**NORTH ANDOVER**

— Charles S. Nigrelli, 86, of North Andover, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 surrounded by his loving family at Lawrence General Hospital.

Charles was born in Lawrence on July 9, 1923 to Cosimo and Paulina (Caradonna) Nigrelli. He attended Lawrence schools and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps 8th Air Command during World War II in Norwich, England. His responsibilities included Photographic Reconnaissance within the B-24 Bomber Group.

After the war, Mr. Nigrelli founded Charles Studio, a successful wedding photography studio in Lawrence. Later, he expanded the business to include printing and industrial photography and relocated to Andover and Charles Studio/Advance Reproductions was established. In the late 1960s Charles sold the printing division of his company and was a pioneer in the manufacturing of photomasks and phototools for the electronics industries. Since then, Charles' business flourished and he expanded and relocated to North Andover, where Advance Reproductions Corp. continues today, employing over 70 people from the greater Lawrence and southern New Hampshire areas.

Charles was an avid photographer and world traveler and has

held many photographic exhibitions of his overseas adventures. He was a former member and past President of the Lions Club and was active in many charitable and community activities.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Santa (Sally) L. (Caponetto) of North Andover; his daughter, Pauline and her husband Samuel Gagliano of Boxford; his sons, Thomas and his wife Judy (Bluemel) of North Andover and Paul and his wife Mara (Bergson) of Middleton; his seven grandchildren, Sara (Gagliano) Alfaro and her husband Francisco of Miami, Nicole (Gagliano) and her husband Jorge Ortiz of Salem, N.H., Laurie (Nigrelli) and her husband John Frucce of East Hampton, Conn., Tracy Nigrelli of North Andover, Tommy Nigrelli and his wife (Karen Salvo) of Haverhill, Michael and Justin Nigrelli of Middleton; his brother, John and wife Claire (Comparone) of Hampton, N.H.; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Charles was predeceased by brothers, Frank and Joseph of Florida and a sister, Phyllis (Arcidi) of Andover.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial will follow in Rigewood Cemetery also in North Andover. Family and friends may call on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

## Mildred A. Nowell, 83



**ANDOVER**

— Mildred A. (Videto) Nowell, 83, of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 at the Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital in Bradford, 10 days before her 84th birthday.

Born in Andover, on Jan. 27, 1926, Mildred was the daughter of Frank and Bernardeene (Dowell) Videto. She was a graduate of Puchard High School in Andover, Class of 1943 and Katherine Gibbs School of Boston, 1945.

She was the wife of Frederick N. Nowell Jr. Mildred raised and cared for her children, devoting her life to them. They were her greatest joy and her love spread down to her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also looked forward to spending her winters in Florida.

She was a member of South Church in Andover, the Andover Garden Club and the Andona Society.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Frederick N. Nowell Jr.; sons, Frederick N. Nowell III and his wife Leslie J. of Andover, Todd J. Nowell and his wife Marianne of Londonderry, N.H.; daughter, Robyn L. and her husband George R. Poirier of Bradford; one sister, Frances Brandenburg of Tequesta, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Kirstin L. and her husband Kevin D. Nusky of Andover, Ashley P. and her husband William H. Andrade of Andover, Frederick N. Nowell IV of Boston, Keith A. D'Amelio and his wife Jaime of Stanford, Calif., Matthew C. Nowell of Londonderry, Drew E. Poirier and Ethan R. Poirier of Bradford; as well as four great-grandchildren.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends may pay their respects on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Friday. For directions and to leave an online condolence please visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com).

## More arrogance from the teachers union

Editor, Townsman:

Wasn't it only a few months ago that, in the context of the school budget, crisis the president of the Andover teachers union was quoted saying the Andover parents weren't paying enough in taxes? Now the School Committee and administration find some absolutely free grant money from the federal government which will certainly help fill the budget hole, but the union president torpedoed the grant by refusing to sign the grant application! The reason: The grant (from the Obama administration) would start to tie teacher compensation to student performance.

These union people are drunk with power. Half the people I know, including myself, have more than 50 percent of their pay based on commission. If we don't show up and perform, we don't get paid.

Message to Tom Meyers, teachers union president: It really isn't that bad once you get used to it. You get up in the morning fired up, you don't mind working late or going to work when you have the sniffles, and when you execute well it's a real rush to make that extra money.

Message to the parents of Andover: Get in the face of these people every chance you get and tell them to back off. They are bullies and the only thing that gets their attention is stiff resistance. And support the School Committee. In the next union contract, how about we reduce total salaries of union members by the amount of the grant money their union president torpedoed. Disgusted.

**SAM WASHBURN**  
39 Oriole Drive

## 'Overwhelmed' by support for Afghan exchange student

Editor, Townsman:

Dear Andover Community: I am overwhelmed by your response to my plea for help

## ■ SUPPORT GROUPS

### Coping with Loss

A bereavement support group will be held at the Dracut Council of Aging, Mammoth Road, Dracut on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is free and open to the public. All interested individuals must register. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 for additional information and to register.

### Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

keep Massoud Kohistani from Afghanistan in the United States and enrolled at Bunker Hill Community College. After living in Andover for 27 years and raising five children here I was aware of the uniqueness of this community, but never did I expect such an immediate and generous response.

On Thursday, Jan. 21, Massoud will start college orientation in America, a passion he carried unflinching in his soul throughout all the hardships he faced in Afghanistan. It's a passion ignited by the teachers at Andover High and the special community that embraced him over five years ago when his English vocabulary was painfully limited. We have far to go, but because of your generosity the journey has begun and my family and I want to thank you with all our hearts.

**DIANE ESPINDLE**  
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## Town has what grant targeted

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover Education Association's Board of Directors voted unanimously to decline signing onto a memorandum of understanding as a stakeholder in the application process for Race to the Top funding. This decision was based on the fact that the Andover Public Schools already have in place the key elements that the funding will target. Based on the funding formula, the Andover Public Schools would receive up to \$29,000 if the grant were approved minus administrative overhead at 15 percent for federal grants. The School Committee recently spent well in excess of that amount for one arbitration case.

Chief among the key elements are the current four-year formative evaluation cycle for PTS teachers touted in the proposal and a strong, highly effective Professional Development Committee model. This committee provides a myriad of opportunities for teachers

and administrators to hone their skills and expand their knowledge base to better serve the needs of all students. The approved courses provide the teachers with the ability to access a career ladder that not only increases salary, but requires additional accredited professional development.

Additionally, the Andover Public Schools has had a viable teacher mentoring program in place for close to a decade. The program pairs veteran teachers with those new to the profession for a year long partnership that includes seminars and direct instruction.

The district also bargained with the AEA to provide additional compensation to encourage teachers to attain National Board Certification.

The AEA has recently established the Innovations and Initiatives Committee. Its purpose is to focus on the development for school-based initiatives to meet 21st century demands. This proactive concept was sparked by former Superintendent Ken Seifert. The enthusiastic response of the AEA Board to the creation of this group is indicative of our commitment to thoughtful, reflective innovation and change. These do not include pay for test scores or merit-based compensation in our collective judgment. The AEA is proud of the tangible results of our collective bargaining efforts over the years that have contributed to our current standing as a high performing school district. We remain committed to this goal now and in the future.

**KERRY A. COSTELLO**  
AEA First Vice President

## Shawsheen support about more than the fear of change

Editor, Townsman:

With all the reporting on the "new Bancroft" and closing of Shawsheen School, there has been little talk about the loss to Andover.

Shawsheen is an educational experience that few in Andover

get to experience, but none forget. It's a small community school where everyone knows your name after the first week of school. The building may be old and expensive to run but the community that we are losing by closing Shawsheen is not replaceable. Although I understand in this economic climate, the argument to keep Shawsheen open is lost in the numbers, I still have a heavy heart that future students in Andover will not have the opportunity to attend and experience Shawsheen.

Thanks to everyone for the memories and do not think that you will be forgotten.

**CHARISSA RIGANO**  
33 West Parish Drive

*The writer identified herself as a "parent to Ananda Joy, graduate of Shawsheen, and Zeena Shawsheen, kindergartner."*

## Sheriff's candidate says he'd cut waste

Editor, Townsman:

During the current economic times it is difficult to understand how taxes continually go up while salaries are cut, putting a strain on our children and families. Ironically, some of the taxes that we pay go directly to housing, feeding and clothing inmates who have broken the law and jeopardized our safety.

The cost of housing an inmate is approximately \$40,000 a year. This amount is excessive and is a direct result of waste in the sheriff's department. In my experience working in the criminal justice system, I have seen this waste first hand. It is inappropriate and shows poor management of our tax dollars. Instead, these taxes need to go to improving our communities and not to pampering inmates.

Now is the time for change. As sheriff of Essex County, I will ensure waste is cut and your taxes are spent appropriately.

All statistics are taken from the Governor's Commission on Correction Reform Report.

**DAMIAN ANKETELL**  
4 Oran Circle, Peabody  
Democratic candidate for Essex County Sheriff

fourth Monday of month, call Marcia at 978-474-0075.

## Food Addicts in Recovery

Weekly meetings for anyone suffering from food addiction, food obsession, overeating, obesity, bulimia and under-eating. Meetings are free. There are no weigh-ins; Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Lawrence Elks Club, 652 Andover St. in Lawrence.

## Pacemakers

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

## Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood

The Merrimack Valley chapter meets at the Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St. in Haverhill, on second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

# 'City of God' lecture Feb. 4

Renowned speaker and author Paula Fredriksen will present this year's "City of God" lecture on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m., at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, as she discusses "Augustine on Jesus the Jew."

Each year, the City of God lecture addresses a topic of Augustinian spirituality, pastoral practice or theology. The City of God is St. Augustine's great work, written between the years 413 and 427, on the relationship among faith, culture, society and political power.

Dr. Fredriksen is an Aurelio Professor of Scripture at Boston University.

The event is free and open to the public, and is presented by the Augustinian Center for Study and Legacy at Merrimack College. For more information, contact the center by calling 978-837-5217.

## ■ RELIGION

### Battle of the Bands of Biblical proportion

On Friday evening, January 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm, this year's annual pulpit exchange between South Church, Andover and Temple Emanuel will take place at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road, Andover. The Rev. John Zehring, the new pastor at South Church will deliver the sermon, and Rabbi Robert Goldstein will conduct the service.

According to Rabbi Goldstein, this year will be quite unique. The Temple's musical group, "Shabbat Unplugged" will provide musical accompaniment, along with South Church's special musicians, the "Jazz Disciples."

The two musical groups will join together at the end of the service for the final prayer "Od Yavo Shalom Alaynu...May peace come in our day."

All are invited to the service.

### Chocolate for a cause

A chocolate extravaganza will be held at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Route 133, Andover 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 a variety of gift baskets and 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 advanced tickets call 978-475-3528.

### Moms' Night Out

"Mommy, what does God look like?" "Where does God live?" Are you ready to answer these questions and other questions your children might have about God? Join us for The PJ Library Moms'

Night Out on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. at Putnam Pantry, 255 Newbury St., Route 1 North, Exit Route 62 in Danvers.

Featured speaker will be Ken Schulman, Head of School at Cohen Hillel Academy and Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who formerly served as Director of Counseling Services at the Landmark School. Schulman will offer ways to respond to your children's questions.

Make your own sundaes, meet other moms of The PJ Library, and gain some helpful advice on how to answer your children's questions.

Space is limited, please call Phyllis Osher 978-740-4404 posher@rilcf.org for this free program by Jan. 25.

### Grief support

A new Grief Share Support Group will begin a 13 week session on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Free Christian Church Parish House,

28 Elm St., Andover. The cost is \$12 for the workbook. Contact Joanne at 978-372-0816.

### Debt control

Beginning Jan. 25, GracePoint Community Church is sponsoring a course to help people get out of debt and control their finances. The program, called Financial Peace University, is written by Dave Ramsey, the financial author, radio personality and television host on Fox Business News. Via video presentations and workbooks, Ramsey presents helpful tools for everyone who want to gain control over their spending, get out of debt and manage their finances. The class will meet for 13 weeks at the Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road., Andover from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of the class material is \$95, but partial scholarships are available if needed. The program is open to all; contact Val Boudreau to reserve a space at [fbu@gracepointne.org](mailto:fbu@gracepointne.org).



# Opinion

## Neither rain nor sleet stopped voters

Scott Brown Tuesday scored an upset over Democrat Martha Coakley in the special election to replace the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. With the win, Brown broke the Democrats' stranglehold on the Massachusetts congressional delegation. Before Tuesday all 10 congressional seats and both Senate seats were held by the same party, as are most state-level leadership roles. Brown also ended the Democrats' filibuster-proof, 60-vote supermajority in the Senate and placed in question the future of President Obama's agenda.

But he did something else too. He showed that all it takes to break supposed voter apathy is to give people a real choice between the candidates. That happened in the presidential election last year between Barack Obama and John McCain, and Andover responded with a record number of cast ballots. This time, 64 percent of voters turned out for a one-race ballot on a snowy January day. Brown won Tuesday with an energetic campaign that appealed to voters' concerns about the economy, federal spending, health care reform and the war on terrorism. This contest energized voters like few contests in recent memory.

What does it take to fire up voters? Two candidates, with clear and differing stands on the issues. Give voters a choice that matters and they'll show up in droves. In contrast, when the Democratic candidates in this primary failed to provide great distinction from one another, turnout was poor.

For years, citizens of Massachusetts have had their votes taken for granted. Many times, Republicans could not even muster a candidate to stand against the Democratic incumbent. But this election was different. Brown was able to establish himself early on as a clear alternative to Coakley and to frame the race as a referendum on the Democrats' leadership in Washington. His message resonated because many Americans, Republicans and Democrats alike, worry about the huge sums of money Congress and the president are spending and the bill we're passing on to the next generation.

The message to Republicans in Massachusetts is clear: There is a chance to make Massachusetts a two-party state. Treat people with respect, focus on issues and offer a real alternative to the Democratic candidate's policies. Do that and people on both sides of the issues will vote, no matter what the weather.

### WEB QUESTION

#### What brought you to the polls?

**Last week's question: no racing to the top**

Last week, the School Committee and teachers union disagreed over applying for federal "Race to the Top" grant money, with a deadline passing on Wednesday, Jan. 13. With 62 people voting:

- "The teachers union should have helped pursue the schools grant" received 70.97 percent of responses.

- "The teachers union did the right thing," received 20.97 percent of responses.

- "I'm not sure" received 8.06 percent of the vote.

**This week's question: what brought you to the polls?**

Andover's two polling stations buzzed with activity all day Tuesday, Jan. 19 as 14,324 residents turned out to vote for a replacement for the late Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy. Republican Scott Brown was the favorite in Andover and across the state, besting Democrat Martha Coakley. If you voted, what was your reason?

- I voted for Brown, to effect the upcoming vote on health-care reform.

- I voted for Coakley, to effect the upcoming vote on healthcare reform.

- I was disappointed in Coakley's campaign.

- I was disappointed in Brown's campaign.

- I voted for Brown, for other reasons.

- I voted for Coakley, for other reasons.

- After 46 years, it's time for a Republican in that senate seat.

- I always vote Democrat.

- I always vote Republican.

- I vote for the candidate, not the party.

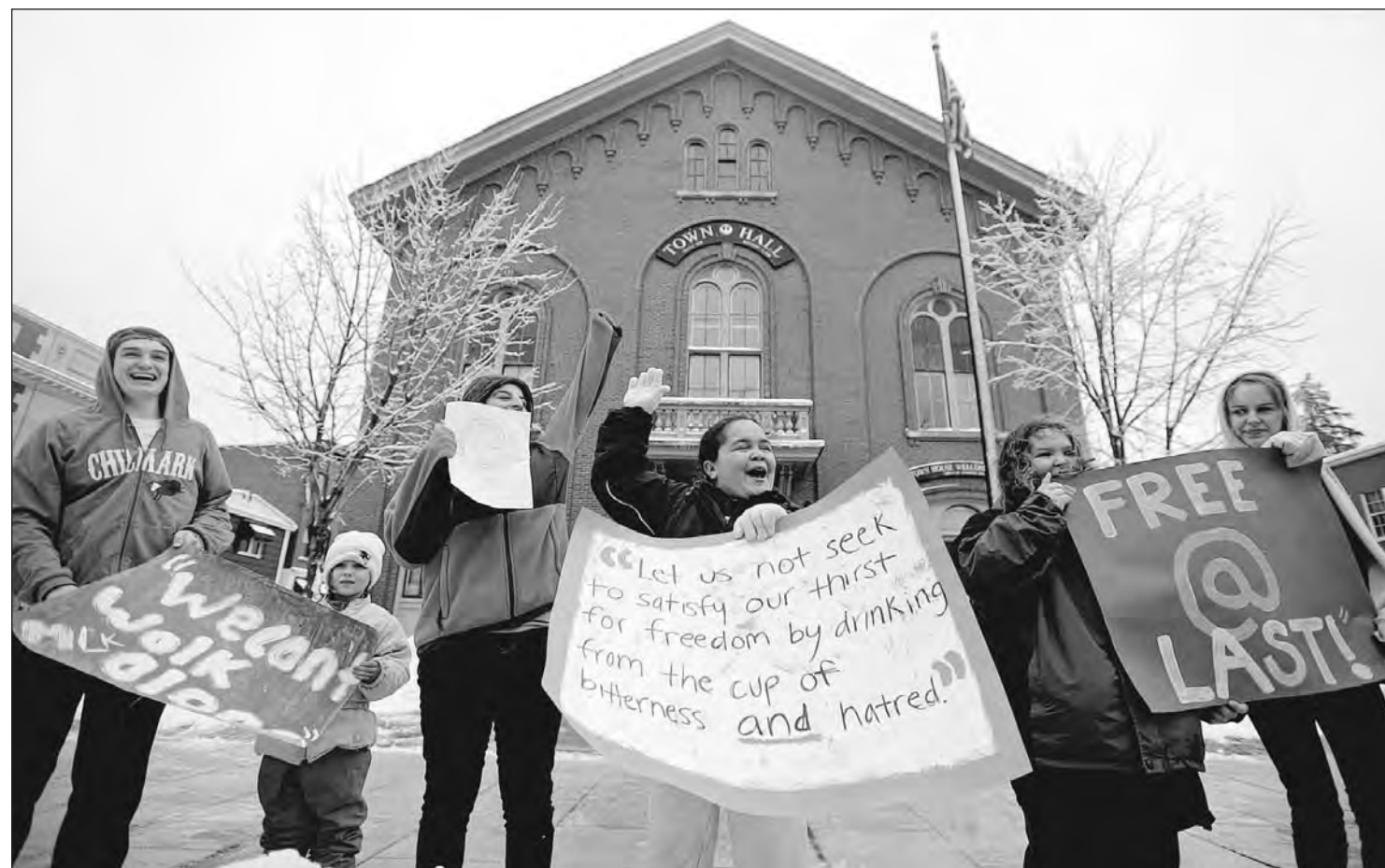
- I voted for Brown because his daughter, Ayla, was on "American Idol."

- I did not vote.

- None of the above.

To cast your vote, go to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com)

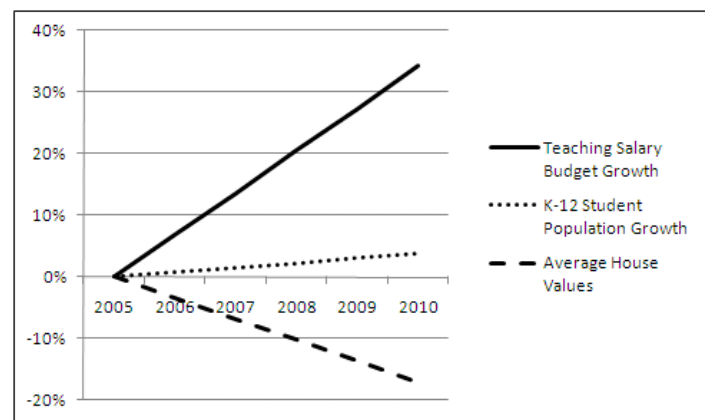
### SPREADING THE WORD



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From left, Chris Harris, Solana Falney, Aly Formichella, Jada Pasho-Melendez, Juliana Pasho-Melendez and Bridgette Dufton, of the Andover Youth Services, gather on Main Street in Andover to draw attention to Martin Luther King Day.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



#### Missed opportunity on education

**Editor, Townsman:**

In my 45 years living in Andover, and having attended our K-12 public schools, I honestly can't think of one teacher I ever had who would have taken the position that the union leadership team took last week when we asked them to partner with us to pursue "Race to the Top" funding. Race to the Top is a new federal grant designed to transform public education nationwide. To argue that we would never have qualified for these funds is throwing in the towel without even trying. This is not the attitude that was instilled in me when I was a student in our schools.

As the graphs shows, Andover taxpayers, Superintendent Claudia Bach, and the School Committee have strongly supported our teachers, despite challenging economic times and big reductions in property values. Over the past six years, teaching salary budgets have increased 34 percent. During this same six-year period, K-12 student population has increased just

3.8 percent and property values have fallen 15 to 20 percent. The School Committee also invested \$1.65 million in teacher professional development during this time (analysis based on published town data).

Given the strong financial support Andover has shown our teachers, it's disheartening that the teachers union chose not to partner with us. In Massachusetts, 256 school districts and charter schools have signed on, representing 72 percent of K-12 students statewide.

Our students deserve better. We all have a responsibility to do what's best for our children, to give our school system a chance to innovate and be creative, to try to win a portion of the \$125 million "Race to the Top" funds that Andover would have qualified for. We could have partnered with surrounding towns and proposed exciting, game-changing initiatives that would have deeply benefited our communities and teachers union. What a missed opportunity.

**DAVID BIRNBACH**  
86 Osgood St.  
School Committee member

#### Teachers union president on grant: Students are not widgets

**Editor, Townsman:**

The Andover School Committee and the local press often frame our association as group whose interest is only focused upon our own wages and benefits. Last Thursday, the executive board of our professional association voted unanimously to decline signing onto a memorandum of understanding regarding a federal grant project known as, "Race to the Top."

This decision clearly changed the frame of local discourse concerning our behavior. We are now being criticized because we turned down possible funding that may have been used to our benefit. In reality, the total amount of funding available was less than \$30,000.

We decided against supporting this grant because as educators we believe that it has within it the seeds to send learning on a path toward mediocrity. Specifically, the grant indicates that "participating districts are expected to use evaluations to ... inform decisions around compensation." While in the private sector tying compensation to productivity may appear to be a solid idea, it doesn't work for education. In fact, in education, this idea actually sends learning towards a race to the bottom. In the new paradigm, teachers would be assessed through the performance of our students. The difference between the performance of students and products

is compelling. When a product has a defect or doesn't sell well in the market, it is often discarded. Products are often produced in the third world to make them less expensive. Should Andover educators replicate this example and unload students who don't perform well simply because they may have a learning disability? Should we give slots in Andover to students from other districts who perform well and then send our low performing students to another location?

Clearly, students are not widgets or any other type of product. They are complex human beings, who, as individuals, learn at varied paces. Students bring to the class their unique experiences, passions and struggles. Our role as educators should not be to create dissociated automatons, but instead we should cultivate a thirst for knowledge. We should foster the creative passions of each of our students so that they can pursue rich and productive lives.

If we were to support the grant program we would be embarking upon the establishment of a structure that desires to measure each student as an assembly-line product so that a base line can be constructed to evaluate teachers. I don't believe that this is what people in Andover desire. We request that the School Committee work with us to move our system forward so that learning can be an enriching, creative experience for every student.

**TOM MEYERS**  
Lawrence  
President, Andover Education Association

#### Andover can help fight world hunger

**Editor, Townsman:**

In the past year the number of people suffering from hunger has risen to over 1 billion worldwide. This humanitarian crisis is unfolding in countries like Afghanistan, Sudan, Yemen and Somalia. Many of these countries are recovering from conflict or natural disasters. Without proper food supply such reconstruction is not possible. We know this from our history in helping Europe recover from World War II.

There is a lot people in Andover can do to take action to alleviate global hunger today. One of the simplest is just making a phone call or writing a letter to your representatives in Congress asking them to make global hunger a top foreign policy priority. You can ask them to support H.R. 2817, legislation in Congress called the Roadmap to End Global Hunger. Another initiative in need of support is the McGovern-Dole Global School Lunch Program.

The Friends of the World Food Program is starting a Massachusetts committee to raise awareness about global hunger. Someone from Andover could become a committee leader for the entire state, or you can volunteer. The Friends also have a blog where you can write

#### LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

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about events you may already have underway in your school or workplace aimed at fighting global hunger.

**WILLIAM LAMBERS**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Editor's note:** The writer grew up in Andover and is the author of "Ending World Hunger: School Lunches for Kids Around the World."

#### Union decision highlights what's wrong with Massachusetts leadership

**Editor, Townsman:**

As I sit on election eve contemplating the morning vote, I

am challenged as an unenrolled voter of ways to connect to my democratic roots drummed into me through generations of hard working, determined, patriotic and religious forefathers of my youth. John F. Kennedy culminated and embodied that ancestral and democratic movement proving much the same as President Barack Obama has, that every American has an opportunity and an inalienable right to rise to the highest office in the land.

But somehow, somewhere the Democratic Party has changed, particularly here in Massachusetts. It reminds me of how once proud member Ronald Reagan said, "I didn't leave the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party has left me."

And still I search... until I find it written in black and white on the front page of last week's Andover Townsman: Union blocks bid for federal money. The Andover teachers union (Andover Education Association), much the same as its statewide counterpart at the Massachusetts Teachers Association, refused to adhere to federal application standards for the granting of federal "Race to the Top" funds that would require teachers "to be evaluated and to tie the evaluation to their compensation and to tie the evaluation to student performance." I had to read that a few time. Here is what I concluded: in bad

economic times with municipal cuts looming, our school system has an opportunity to receive federal funding by playing by the rules, working hard, evaluating the outcomes as measured against a control group and then compensating those teachers who perform the aforementioned better, with better pay. And the union said no?

The Andover teachers union has highlighted clearly for hundreds of thousands of this Commonwealth's once proud Democratic Party members what is inherently wrong with the leadership in this state. This opposition is quintessentially unAmerican and an insult to generations who built and worked and lived and died in these communities. Win or lose come Tuesday, the political and union establishment is going to hear a collective "enough!" When I hear political attack ads sponsored by municipal government and teachers unions, as a taxpayer ... you don't speak for me! Under your ideology, go back and read your history book and tell me what political party President Kennedy would be a member of today.

**KEVIN M. CUFF**  
265 Beacon St.

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## Oliver Twist: From casting to performance in a week

A special program will have students at Sanborn Elementary School performing the musical Oliver Twist next weekend after just one week of rehearsals.

Auditions for the Children's Stage Adventures musical production of Oliver Twist will be held at Sanborn Elementary School on Lovejoy Road, Monday, Jan. 25. Approximately 50 Sanborn School children, in kindergarten through grade 5, will be cast to appear in the show with CSA actors/educators Kara Minute and Michael Antico. Rehearsals will be conducted from 3 to 7:30 p.m. every day of the week prior to performances.

The performances at Sanborn School will take place on Friday, Jan. 29 for the school and at 2 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 30 for the community.

Oliver Twist is an original musical adaptation of the classic Dickens' tale of the orphaned boy whose good and sturdy spirit support him through the difficult

and exciting times of growing up in Victorian England. Fascinating characters in Oliver's life include the Artful Dodger, Fagin, the menacing Bill Sikes and the kind hearted Nancy. The story follows Oliver from the miseries of the workhouse to the dangerous streets of London where he becomes involved in a plot containing mystery, robbery and kidnapping. All is resolved when Oliver's true identity is discovered and he finds a home and happiness with his Great Uncle, Mr. Brownlow.

Kara Minute, from Henrietta, N.Y. and Michael Antico, from Holyoke, will be the team of actor/educators from Children's Stage Adventures. This is the team's first tour with CSA though both have extensive backgrounds working with children in theater.

The residency in Andover is made possible by the Sanborn PTO.

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Monday's slush and snow did not keep folks from turning out for Andover Baptist Church's annual unity brunch in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Pastor Lyndon Myers estimated close to 150 people attended the program at his Central Street church on Jan. 18.

The Treble Chorus of New England sang as part of the program and Myers delivered the keynote address, reading from Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech.

"He (Myers) did a great job of bringing a practical sense of what Martin Luther King was all about. He talked about us as a society being brothers and sisters with one another. It's a practical message to people of all different faiths - that we should all strive to be brothers and sisters, regardless of race or creed or color. That's something that everyone can take away a positive message from," said church member Mike DaSilva.

With Monday's snow and poor road conditions, Myers said he considered cancelling the annual brunch, but was glad he decided against it.

"I had my doubts that folks would come out given the weather. Fortunately, I listened to a key MLK team (the committee that organized the brunch) member, who encouraged me to allow the event to go forward. And what a tremendous reward we had in doing so," wrote Myers in an e-mail. "We were especially blessed by the Treble Chorus; their singing was joyous and inspirational and really encouraged my heart as I waited to share my comments. My sense is that all hearts and spirits were blessed by their wonderful music."

## Unity and song for King Day



ANN HERMES/Staff photos

Carolina Rosas, center, sings with The Treble Chorus of New England at Andover Baptist Church's third annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Brunch and service.



Valerie J. Becker directs the Treble Chorus of New England at the Andover Baptist Church's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Brunch and service on Monday.



The Rev. Lyndon Myers gives a keynote address at his church's third annual unity brunch and service. He missed last year's service as he recovered from a heart attack.



Linda Marshall-Bibby, left, and Brigette Bryant join hands during a prayer for the Martin Luther King Day service at Andover Baptist Church.

## Drivers can get crash reports online

Massachusetts Department of Transportation officials have announced that motorists can now order crash reports online at the Registry of Motor Vehicle's virtual branch at [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv).

It is the 12th new customer online convenience the RMV has launched in the last two years that has led to a 36 percent increase in web transactions.

"Our latest web service speeds up the process of searching and

copying a crash report which our customers often need as documentation in vehicle insurance claims," said Registrar Rachel Kaprielian. "Using new technology to deliver efficient government service makes better use of taxpayer dollars and saves customers time."

The RMV maintains the state's database of crash reports which are completed by law enforcement officers who may investigate a crash.

## State's Super Lawyers from Andover, local firm

Sara Schwartz and Will Hannum of Schwartz Hannum PC have been selected as Massachusetts Super Lawyers in the area of Labor and Employment Law, for the sixth year in a row.

These listings are published in the November 2009 issue of Boston Magazine and in Massachusetts Super Lawyers. Only five percent of Massachusetts lawyers were named Super Lawyers. Each year, Massachusetts Super Lawyers are selected following a "Blue Ribbon Panel" review of the results of ballots

sent to 37,000 lawyers throughout Massachusetts by Law and Politics.

Andover resident and employment law specialist Lawrence J. Casey was selected to be listed in Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2009.

Casey is a partner in the law firm of Shilepsky O'Connell Hartley Casey Michon Yelen Robb LLP, a firm specializing in executive and professional advocacy law and litigation.

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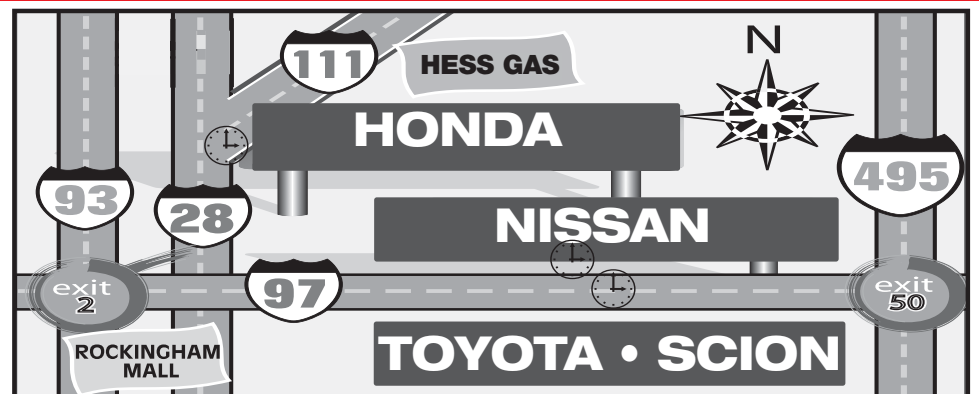
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# Townspeople



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Instructor Jen Hayes leads a group on a warmer winter night outside during the Friday Night Fun ride at Ironstone Farm in Andover for adults who would like to give horseback riding a try.

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## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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### 100 Years Ago - Jan. 21, 1910

The people of Andover can point to 1909 as a year of progress and prosperity. One of the evidences of Andover's prosperity and increase of population is seen in the scarcity of desirable homes for rent.

The home of J.P. West on Florence Street was the scene of a most enjoyable birthday party held Tuesday evening in honor of the twenty-first birthday of Miss Marion Abbott.

Work on the new house being built by William Wood on the old Poor estate is progressing rapidly.

Advertisement: W.A. Allen at the Rexall store in Musgrove Block - 1 pound Epsom salts, 10 cents; 1 pound carbolic acid, 49 cents; 1 pound castor oil, 25 cents; 1 pound sugar milk, 25 cents.

### 75 Years Ago - Jan. 18, 1935

One of the special articles for the coming Annual Town Meeting will ask for an appropriation to cover the cost of a water extension along Greenwood road from Lowell street to the end of the present six inch line on Chandler road.

A party of Andover residents is being organized to go on the Snow Train trip to Crawford Notch on Sunday. The train will leave Lawrence at 8:45 a.m. Sunday morning and will arrive back in Lawrence at 9:50 p.m. Snowshoeing may be enjoyed, as well as skiing on the Mt. Washington carriage road, with shorter runs and practice slopes for the less intrepid skiers.

Mr. and Mrs. I.R. Kimball of 28 Avon St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Madeleine, to Mr. Paul Simeone Jr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simeone of 11 High St.

Advertisement: For Rent - "We have a few modern, single houses to rent in Shawsheen Village to desirable people. Some are brick construction, some frame, and the rentals are low." By Andover-Shawsheen Realty Co. F.M. and T.E. Andrew, Managers.

### 50 Years Ago - Jan. 21, 1960

The Planning Board will once again present its two-acre lot requirements for voter approval at Town Meeting.

A total of \$537 was taken at gunpoint from the Mobil Gas station on Lowell Street near Route 93 last Saturday. The gunman cut the telephone wires moments before the robbery.

Raytheon Co. in Shawsheen will perform the work on \$35,271,000 worth of contracts approved by the Department of the Army. The contracts are for sets of field maintenance test equipment for the Hawk missile system.

Advertisement: May we remind all Co-Op shoppers that your 1959 cash register tapes must be turned in before February first if you are to receive your rebate. At the year's end, when all bills have been paid, including taxes to the Town of Andover, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Federal Government, any surplus remainder belongs to the owners.

## Giddy-up!: Residents take a ride

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Holiday leftovers - those few extra pounds - still got you down? There's a new way to firm up in town. Ironstone Farm on Lowell Street has horseback lessons for adults on Friday nights this winter in their new indoor heated arena. While the arena went up last year, the heat was just installed.

It's one of the region's only heated indoor arenas with horseback riding and those in-the-know say horseback riding is a stress-reducing workout.

"It strengthens the body's core muscles, which aid in balance," Megan Loughney, director of development for Ironstone Farm.

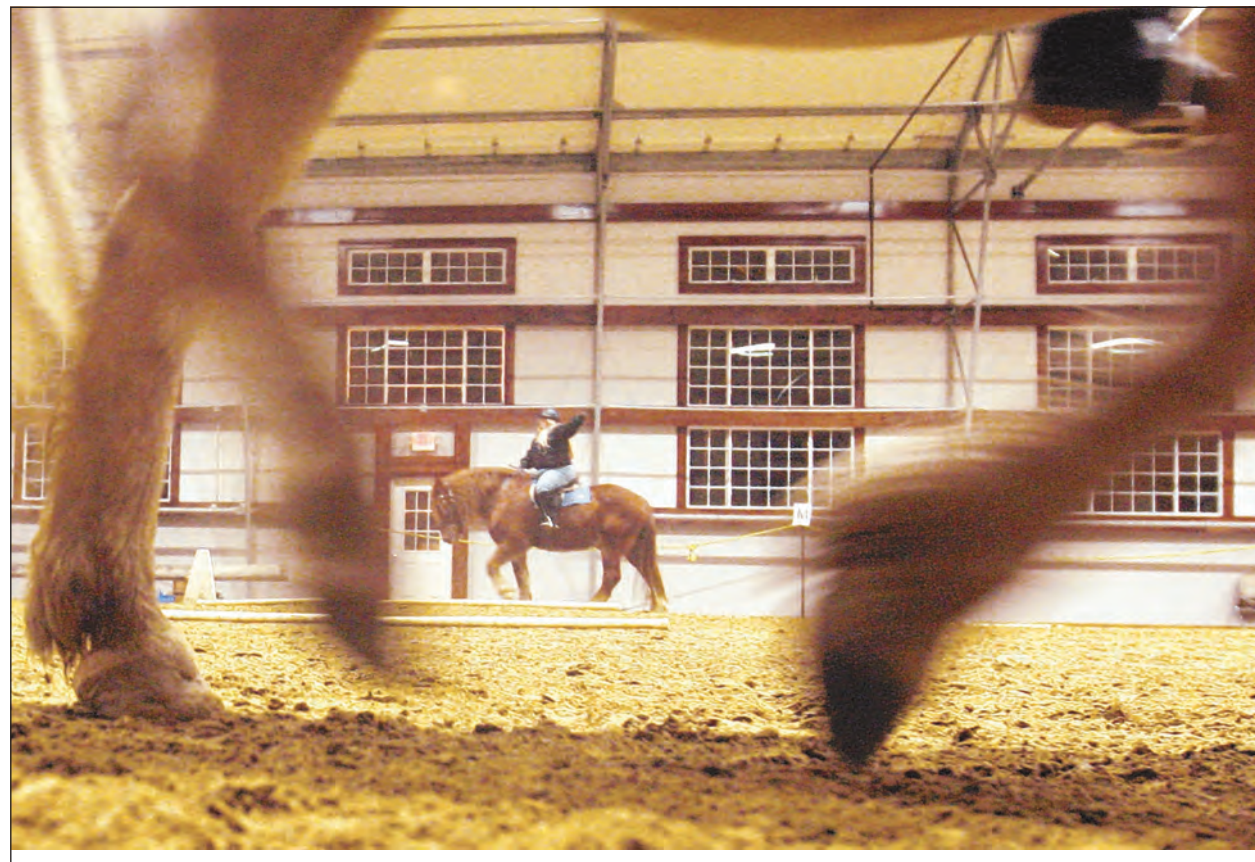
Ironstone farm is home to Challenge Unlimited, a nonprofit program that provides beneficial therapy for people with a wide range of physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities. The arena serves that program, but is also available to the general population.

Ironstone's new arena is 200 by 80 feet and every other week, Friday Night Fun is a ride for adults who would like to give horseback riding a try for about an hour. The program offers two saddle-up times at 6 and 7:15 p.m. The lessons cost \$140.

"It's a great workout," Loughney insisted. "Some studies say it can burn more calories than swimming."

With a translucent roof and 88 windows, the arena is a peaceful and attractive setting, she said.

For more information about Friday Night Fun, call Ironstone Farm at 978-475-4056 or email [meganloughney@challengeunlimited.org](mailto:meganloughney@challengeunlimited.org).



Tina Ryan rides on Clint during the Friday Night Fun ride at Ironstone Farm in Andover.



Kristen Beckley test her balance while riding Wenzel during the Friday Night Fun ride at Ironstone Farm in Andover for adults who would like to give horseback riding a try. Participants have 4 bi-weekly classes at the heated indoor arena.



Jennifer Farese rides Bergen during the Friday Night Fun ride at Ironstone Farm in Andover.

## She wasn't really dead in the streets

Bill Dalton



expectations.

Maureen says, "I was asked to ride my bike up to the auditorium. When I arrived, there was no pomp and circumstance, no director or spectators, not even a family member or friend. The camera had a big silver cup apparatus, and it only took one shot! Flash! Bam!

That was it."

Besides the photographer, the only people there were the police chief, Officer Frank McBride, and a dressed-up man who looked like Harry Truman. According to Maureen, he worked for an insurance agency.

The picture was for a safety poster. The poster's purpose was to convince people to drive carefully so they wouldn't run over sweet children like Maureen. The poster's title was: "Posted In The Interest Of Child Safety." Across the large photograph of Maureen lying dead in the road it reads: "Take Time BE SAFE." It was distributed by the Andover Police Department. In the poster, Maureen, playing dead, has a grimace on her face, more angry than dead. Her bike is in array in front of a car that supposedly struck

her.

The police chief is pointing at her. The police officer, kneeling next to her is administering help. Looking sad, with his hands on his knees is the man who looks like Harry Truman. There is a coat on the road under Maureen. Today, Maureen thinks the coat part is funny. It was nice of the men to try to keep her nice clothes clean, but Maureen thinks it makes the picture unrealistic. Would she have conveniently landed on a coat when the car flung her through the air?

Even with the coat there, she got her socks dirty. She says, "I remember getting a new pair of argyle socks from Michael Jays! And they cost \$5! Man, what a gift. My own

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WEDDING



Tiffany Evans and Matthew Redmond

Tiffany Lynn Evans and Matthew James Redmond were married on Sept. 26, 2009 at Smolak Farms in North Andover, followed by a reception. The Rev. Jay Beckley, the bride's uncle, officiated the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Tiffany is the daughter of Faith Martel of Wilton, N.H., and Timothy Evans of Brentwood, N.H.

Matthew is the son of Carolyn and James Redmond of Andover.

Maid of honor was Torie La Favre of Hampton, N.H. Bridesmaids were Bobbi Hill of Somerville and Jessie Evans of Manchester, N.H. Flower girls were Hayley Grenier, Adrianna Lampassi, and Rylee Hamilton.

Best man was Andy Robbins of Portland, Maine. Ushers were Geoff Giotas of Manchester, N.H.,

and Christopher Evans of Kingston, N.H.

Tiffany is a graduate of Pinkerton Academy. She received a bachelor of music in music education from the University of New Hampshire. She works for Manchester Public Schools and Hillside Middle School, as the choral director.

Matthew is a graduate of Andover High School. He received a bachelor's degree in communications and a bachelor of music in music education from the University of New Hampshire. He works for Manchester Public Schools and Hillside Middle School, as the band director.

They are taking a trip to Ireland in April 2010 for their honeymoon.

They reside in Manchester, N.H.

Who's walking whom?



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Jeanne DeLesio of Andover walks her dog Gina, a Bouvier des Flandres, around Phillips Academy on Sunday afternoon.

DALTON: Promoting safety

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socks must have gotten dirty, so it wasn't really a gift, just a replacement. But I loved those socks, and they were from Michael Jays." (Michael Jays was one of Andover's high-end women's clothes shop.)

Below the picture on the poster were the sponsors: Glenie's Milk, Shawsheen Manor, Watson-Park Company, H. Bradford Lewis, Purity Cleansers (I don't know if it should have been "Cleaners" but they had 3 hour service, Tel: 1951), John H. Grecoe - jeweler, Tyer Rubber Company, Lundgren Funeral Home, Shawsheen Main Street Garage - C.P. Woodworth, prop. Tel: 672

Below the list of sponsors was a calendar, missing now. To the sides of the calendar in big letters were the words: "YOU'RE ONLY A FOOT AWAY FROM

TROUBLE. YOU'RE OWN FOOT." (It should have been "YOUR," but we all make mistakes.) Then it said, "CHECK YOUR BRAKES."

Maureen went to Indian Ridge School, Andover Junior High, and graduated from Punchard in 1954. She married Bob Fredrickson in 1959. Bob was a good man and a fine artist. He and my Aunt Frances, who was his art teacher, were good friends. Bob passed away a few years ago. Maureen and Bob had a happy life together, and they had two children: Eric, who lives in Vermont, and Karl, who lives in New Hampshire. Maureen recently moved to New Hampshire from Andover, where she'd lived all her life.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving your emails at billdalton@andover-townie.com.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Upcoming events at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court include:

The Witches Among Us in Andover: Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4, form 1 to 2:30 p.m.; \$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.

Addison Gallery Revealed: Jan. 26, and Feb. 2, 9 and 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; \$20. First public preview of the changes ahead for re-opening of Phillips Academy's 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 presentation and preservation. Series to be held at Andover Senior Center.

New, Beginner's Tai Chi: Tuesdays through March 9, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.; \$32. Held at Old Town Hall. Class began Jan. 12.

Friday Forum: It's Not Easy Being Wheezy," Feb. 12; 9:30 a.m. Explore ways to better manage your daily pulmonary routine. Christine Dube, Respiratory Therapist/LPN at Academy Manor. Free forum, pre-registration appreciated. Light refreshments.

Soup's On!: Feb. 8, noon; \$4. Journey to the Galapagos Islands and hear first-hand from the Retelles about the unusual reptiles and birds that Charles Darwin documented and that still remain today. Soup, dessert and

drinks provided; pre-registration required.

Portland Museum of Art: Wednesday, Feb. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; \$35. Guided tour of this extensive American and European collection, lunch and then time to revisit your favorite galleries afterward. Lunch on your own.

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POLICE: Weekly log

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violation. Saturday, Jan. 16 - At 2:49 a.m., Jose F. Salcido, 37, of 24 Washington St. North Reading, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, speeding violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Sunday, Jan. 17 - At 3:11 a.m., Victor A. Diaz, 26, of 34 Washington St., third-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, a marked lanes violation, driving without a license and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 8:58 a.m., Erick Miranda, 19, of 151 Cresent St., Apt. 9, Waltham, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, and driving an unregistered vehicle with a uninsured vehicle trailer.

THEFT

Tuesday, Jan. 12 - At 11:53 a.m., a North Main Street business owner reported someone was stealing money from the business bank account.

BREAKS

Friday, Jan. 15 - At 11:12 a.m., a possible break-in was reported from Andover Eye Care, Main Street.

At 4:11 p.m., a Cormiers Way resident called police, reporting

a possible break-in to her house and now her alarm was sounding. Two female residents had locked themselves in an upstairs bathroom. They also believed their dog was injured by the reported burglar. Six officers responded, including Chief Brian Pattullo, but police found no evidence of a break in.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 13 - At 7:17 a.m. and 4:42 p.m., guests at the Comfort Suites, Riverside Drive, reported vehicle break-ins. At 9:04 a.m. the Courtyard Marriot, Campanelli Drive, reported an overnight vehicle break-in.

Friday, Jan. 15 - At 12:49 a.m., a person reported stolen license plates.

At 5:44 a.m., a Webster Street company reported a vehicle broken into overnight and a laptop stolen.

At 7:46 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported an overnight vehicle break-in.

Saturday, Jan. 16 - At 7:47 a.m., a 911 caller reported a male in a navy blue hooded sweatshirt trying to open car doors in driveways on Beacon Street. A similar call was received at 8:45 a.m. from a Noel Road resident. Police found evidence of vehicle break-ins on both streets.

Sunday, Jan. 17 - At 3:06 p.m., an overnight vehicle break-in was reported on William Street.

KOH: Local man making national health impact

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with America so focused on health care. Health-care reform was considered a dominant issue in Tuesday's special election that caught the attention of the nation.

In his new role, Koh is responsible for America's major health agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control, Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, the Office of the Surgeon General and is the leading health adviser to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

"I knew this was the job of my life," he said. "The sense of mission is something that can't be matched in any other professional [role]. You join thousands of other people whose daily goal is to make society healthy and stronger. There's an almost indescribable feeling.

"I want to do everything in my power to help this country be as healthy as it possibly can be," he said. "I want to see this country have prevention delivered early instead of treatment delivered late."

His message has always been about prevention, rather than reaction. In Andover, years before he was named Massachusetts commissioner of public health in 1997, Koh played a key role in pushing an anti-smoking bylaw at Town Meeting that made Andover one of the first communities outside California to ban smoking in public places. During his time as Massachusetts health commissioner, he expanded the non-smoking movement across the state.

Koh and his wife, ophthalmologist Claudia Arrigg-Koh, still live in Andover and have three children, Daniel, Katherine and Steven Koh. But Koh spends significant time in Washington now, focusing America's approach to issues as diverse as AIDS, obesity, tobacco use and health screenings.

He says the country's No. 1 problem is "we have a system that's focused so much on treatment and not enough on prevention."

"We have so many areas where prevention should be maximized, but is tragically overlooked," said Koh. "In health reform, there are provisions for prevention in both the House and Senate versions."

He and most of the experts at HHS advise on the prevention aspect of reform, he said.

Shortly after he started on June 22, Koh and his staff met with Andover's U.S. Congresswoman

KOH ON RETURNING TO PUBLIC LIFE

Koh served as the public health commissioner in Massachusetts from 1997 to 2003 under Govs. William Weld, Paul Cellucci and Jane Swift before resigning shortly after Mitt Romney assumed office. He became a professor, associate dean and director of the Division of Public Health Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health, but never closed the door mentally on returning to a public role.

"You can never predict the future. When I stepped down as commissioner I knew that public service was a tremendous honor," Koh said. "I knew if there was an opportunity to serve on a national level that would be something I would seriously consider."

He was asked if it mattered to him that he was asked to be part of the Obama Administration, or if he would have felt the same way about a similar request from any president.

"Leadership matters and to have leaders like President Obama and Secretary [Kathleen] Sebelius is extremely important to the country and important to me," he said.

KOH ON VISITING THE WHITE HOUSE

Given his role in improving the health of Americans, it's no surprise Koh is often at the White House for meetings. While Koh had been named to the National Cancer Advisory Board by President Bill Clinton in 2000, "this is a whole different dimension," he said.

"I'm very pleased to report that I'm there on a regular basis," Koh said.

An early thrill was standing in the East Room next to his brother Harold when Obama signed into law an Executive Order creating a two-year program to increase the participation of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in federal programs.

Harold Koh is Obama's legal adviser to the U.S. State Department, and, like his Andover brother, was confirmed to his post by the U.S. Senate in June 2009.

"I'm seeing him more now [than I used to] because we're both in the same city," said Howard Koh, though he laughed that it's usually after long days at work for both.

director.

That side showed last Friday, when Koh joined the Patrick-Murray Administration to announce the release of \$1 million in federal funding available to community-based organizations to increase H1N1 vaccination rates.

"We are delighted to provide whatever support we can for these community-based organizations, who are truly on the front lines of fighting the flu, and promoting the overall health of the populations they serve," Koh said on Friday. "These community partners will play a vital role in getting the word out that H1N1 vaccine is safe, plentiful, and the single most effective way to protect ourselves and our families against the flu."

Koh is responsible for implementing the plans to respond to the H1N1 flue outbreak. When he

took over in June, plans were under way to produce more vaccine, but America was only able to provide vaccine to those most at risk.

Around the holidays, that changed, said Carbone. Andover served 850 people at a clinic on Jan. 12, and has issued 2,500 doses since the fall, while Andover doctors have helped 5,000 more, he said.

While he fears a third wave of H1N1, Carbone said there is now enough vaccine available and believes "doing these types of clinics has helped us to plan what we could do well."

"Having someone in Howard's position is just important to keep the forward momentum going on planning. He's the right man to do it. He's very personable and he knows what local public health does," said Carbone.

Koh made an impression on Carbone before they even met, Carbone said. In 2001, when Carbone was still the Tewksbury health director, a Tewksbury resident told him that the resident had bumped into Koh and mentioned he was from Tewksbury. Koh was aware of concern in Tewksbury about West Nile virus at the time, mentioned Carbone to the man, and said he was in good hands.

Koh is the type of person who seems to make an impression on many who meet him. Several Andover residents traveled to Washington in November to see his ceremonial swearing-in, including Debra Silberstein. She said seeing someone with Koh's passion and knowledge appointed to such a post renewed her faith in government.

"You must have had this experience at a wedding: the pure joy that people feel. It was that kind of experience for everyone there," said Silberstein. "This is a guy who has committed himself heart and soul."

HAITI: Town reaching out

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Jr. Day Unity Brunch hosted by Andover Baptist Church donated to a special collection on Monday.

This week, students at Shawsheen primary and Bancroft Elementary schools organized collections for Haiti relief. At Shawsheen, students donated to the American Red Cross but also learned about Haiti, filling a bulletin board with posters, drawings and notes of hope for the island nation.

St. Augustine middle school students organized a fundraising campaign called "Donations for Haitians," collecting funds and praying for the Sisters of Notre Dame, who have nuns posted in Haiti.

Philips Healthcare, which has a location in Andover, donated close to \$1 million of medical equipment and supplies used by a team of American health-care workers who left this week to volunteer at the Sacre Coeur Hospital, in Milot, Haiti, north of Port-au-Prince.

Everyday life was tough in Haiti, called the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, before the earthquake struck, said Andy Wescott, FCC campus pastor, a church member who volunteered at Hope for the Children of Haiti in 2008.

If locals feel led to donate, Smith emphasized that Hope for the Children of Haiti would be a good avenue. It is looking to raise \$250,000 to rebuild their school and orphanage buildings, as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

"We have a relationship, we trust the people on the ground (in Haiti). We know exactly where this money is going," said Smith.

HOW TO HELP

To donate to Hope for the Children of Haiti, checks can be dropped off at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., or donate online at www.hfchaiti.org

Sovereign Bank and Stop and Shop supermarkets are accepting checks for the American Red Cross' Haiti relief efforts; Andover has two Sovereign Bank locations, at 71 Main St. and 211 North Main St. Stop and Shop supermarkets are accepting donations at checkouts through Jan. 31.

UNICEF, Doctors Without Borders and many other organizations are accepting donations for relief efforts in Haiti. Visit www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake to find links to a myriad of ways to donate and news updates.

This skeleton has no bones!

No bones about it, this skeleton will leave a mark on history during the winter games in February.

Skeleton is another sledding sport that can be traced back to the 19th century in Switzerland. A sledding track with ten turns was built between the towns of St. Moritz and Celerna.

The Kid learned about the sports of bobsledding and luge last week. Skeleton sliders use the same tracks as the other sledding sports.

What makes skeleton different from luge?

Luge sliders lie on their backs as they go down the track feet first. Skeleton sliders lie face down and go head first down the track.

The skeleton sliders start a run by pushing the sled to get the speed up. They then dive onto the sled head first with their arms at their sides.



PHOTO COURTESY WHISTLER SLIDING CENTER

A skeleton slider dives onto his sled as he hurls head first down the icy track.

The skeleton sled has no steering or braking mechanism. The athletes steer by the movements of their bodies and feet. To stop the sleds, riders must drag their feet.

The skeleton sled can speed up to 80 miles per hour with the athlete experiencing up to 5Gs of force.

The athletes train to develop powerful legs so they can get a good start, but speed is only one part of the race. Finding the best line on the track and making a smooth run through all the turns is just as important.

The sled design has changed

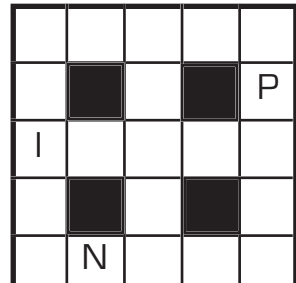
throughout the years. Today the sled frames are made of steel. The base plate can be made of plastics. Handles and bumpers are on the sides of the sled to help secure the athlete while on the run.

A skeleton athlete wears a racing helmet with a chin guard, skin-tight racing speed-suit, goggles or a face shield, and spiked shoes. They can also have elbow and shoulder pads under their speedsuits.

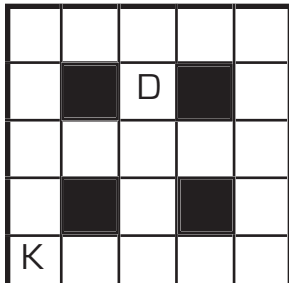
American Jimmy Shea won the gold medal in Men's Skeleton during the winter games in Utah in 2002. Canadian Duff Gibson won in 2006.

Cross Five

Use logic to place the six given words in the crossword grid



EASED, ENDED, ISSUE, SLEDS, SLIDE, SPEED



ADMIT, ARMED, KITES, NODES, TRACK, TRAIN



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American Jimmy Shea celebrates winning the skeleton in 2002



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# Business

## Adams named president of New England IFDA chapter

The New England Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association, the all-industry association whose members provide services and products to the furnishings and design industry, is proud to announce Sue Adams of Sue Adams Interiors, as the new chapter president for the upcoming year.

communication or education in the furnishings and design and/or related industries. With over 190 members, the New England IFDA is the organization's largest chapter.

Adams has been a professional interior designer in New England for over two decades. A graduate of Colby College where she majored in art history, she went on to do graduate work at Boston University and Harvard's School of Design. Prior to launching Sue Adams Interiors, she worked at Offices Unlimited and Domain. A veteran of the design industry, she has participated in many area showhouses, appeared

in numerous publications and HGTV. She is proud to be the 2010 President of IFDA of New England, according to a release.

"In these challenging economic times, organizations like the IFDA are critical to further the professionalism and education of design professionals. I have a great board who is ready to carry out our strategic goals to offer quality programs, educational opportunities and events. It is truly an honor to lead the organization's largest chapter in the nation and galvaniz[e] a cadre of industry professionals to learn and grow together," says Adams.

## Ryan Financial named as a Five Star wealth manager

Boston Magazine has named Ryan Financial Advisors of Andover a "Five Star Wealth Manager for 2010."

More than 100,000 high net worth investors and 10,000 financial services professionals were asked to evaluate wealth managers in the greater Boston area. The list was reviewed by a blue ribbon panel of local financial advisors, estate planning attorneys and CPAs, according to a release. Fewer than 7 percent of the wealth managers in the Boston area were selected. The final 2010 list of "FIVE STAR Wealth Managers" will be published in the February issue of Boston Magazine.

This award comes as Ryan Financial is celebrating its 20-year anniversary. Bill and Linda Ryan founded the firm in 1989 and since then their three children, Heather, Tara and Bill, have joined, making the company truly a family business.

"We are deeply honored to have been recognized by the public and our peers as one of the best," said Bill Ryan. "We take our responsibilities very seriously and are grateful for the trust our clients have shown us over the past two decades. With the younger generation firmly in place, our hope is to continue offering highly personalized wealth management for many more decades."

## Looking ahead



Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski talks during the annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Andover Country Club. With Lt. Gov. Tim Murray present, he discussed the importance of the state giving communities control over choosing health-care plans for employees. Other topics included major Andover projects such as the proposed Interstate-93 interchange and a green buildings initiative. He paid a "fine" of \$10 to Lazarus House for going over his 5-minute limit.

### ■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

Thomas M. Kiley and Associates of Andover donated \$10,000 to Franciscan Hospital for Children to help to fund new medical-grade pediatric cribs.

Franciscan Hospital for Children's Chief Development Officer Steven Snyder accepted the donation from personal injury attorney Thomas M. Kiley and Associates, on behalf of the hospital on Oct. 21. The donation will be used to purchase two new medical-grade pediatric cribs.

Attorney Tom Kiley was first introduced to Franciscan Hospital for Children through avid supporters of the Hospital at Entercom New England. Several months ago Kiley toured the hospital and shared a copy of his book, "When a Kiss Isn't Enough," an injury guide for parents. In the book there is a chapter about the great work done at the Hospital.

"The generous contributions from Thomas M. Kiley and Associates will help fund two new medical grade pediatric cribs," Snyder says. "These new cribs will be used in the direct care of many babies who come to Franciscan Hospital for Children for treatment. We are pleased to have the support of Thomas M. Kiley and Associates."

Andover resident Anthony Zuena, president and chief executive officer of SEA Consultants Inc., received a 2009 dean's list distinguished achievement award from the University of Rhode Island.

The awards honor the exemplary professional careers of certain URI alumni. Three honorees from each of the university's nine colleges received awards.

Zuena, graduated from URI with a bachelor of science degree in 1974, has assumed increasing levels of management responsibility since joining SEA in 1981. He has served as the firm's president and chief executive officer since 2005. Under his direction, SEA has seen consistent growth in revenue and profitability. In the year most recently completed, the firm grosses billings of approximately \$33 million and enjoys a current backlog of work of more than \$50 million.

Under Zuena's leadership, SEA was voted one of the "50

Best Places to Work" by the Boston Business Journal and earned national recognition as a "Best Workplace for Commuters." The firm was recently named to Public Works Magazine's "Top AEC Firms" list and ranked in the top 10 for the Boston Business Journal's Largest Engineering Firms. Also, SEA was named to the CE News "Top Performers" list, which highlights the nation's most successful civil and structural engineering firms.

Silent Spring Institute has announced the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors, which includes Cynthia Barakatt of Andover, who joined the board in late summer. With the new appointments, the Silent Spring Institute Board of Directors now numbers nine.

Based in Newton, Silent Spring Institute is a unique partnership of scientists, physicians, public health advocates, and community activists that works to identify and break the links between the environment and women's health, especially breast cancer. Its research on links between exposure to chemicals commonly used in household and commercial products and breast cancer and other health issues has been published in scientific journals and received widespread attention from the media and the scientific community.

Barakatt is an employee of Boston University where she works as Director of Content Development for the online Encyclopedia of Earth and also serves as a communications specialist for the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future.

"I am delighted to welcome these three new members to the board," said Board Chair Ellen Parker, who co-founded the institute in 1994. "Each has important skills and knowledge along with a strong commitment to Silent Spring Institute's mission. I look forward to working with them."

The developer of Colonial Drive Condominiums in Andover recently received an award from MassHousing for its work around the state last year.

WinnResidential of Boston, a division of WinnCompanies, was honored by MassHousing as the top performer for their commitment to minority and women-owned businesses in the fiscal year 2009. This is the seventh straight year WinnResidential has received the top performer honor.

"We are proud to receive this recognition once again," said Gilbert Winn, Managing Principle of the WinnCompanies. "Diversity in our workforce not only promotes social goals but enables us to better serve our residents and the communities we serve."

In fiscal year 2009, WinnResidential outperformed all other property management companies by awarding \$6.5 million to minority-owned businesses and \$4.9 million to women owned businesses.

Devine Millimet, one of the premier law firms serving the Merrimack Valley for more than 25 years, announces that Robert Schwartz Jr. has joined its Andover office. The firm, with three offices in northern New England, offers full-service legal counsel from more than 80 attorneys on staff.

Before joining Devine Millimet, Schwartz served as the general counsel of several public and venture-backed technology companies. His most recent affiliation was with I-many, Inc., where he served as its general counsel for more than eight years. He represents small to medium sized businesses from start up to eventual sale, providing advice on formation, financing, commercial agreements, intellectual property licensing and protection, corporate governance, dispute management, employment matters, stock plan administration, acquisitions, and exit strategies. He also has deep experience advising public companies in federal and state securities regulations, stock exchange requirements, financial controls and investor communications.

Schwartz holds a juris doctor degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School and a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from Amherst College. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and a resident of Boxford.

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 A public hearing will be held at SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, 36 BARTLET ST., ANDOVER on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Brian Vigneault & Kathleen Gibney, 12 Walnut Ave., Andover, MA for a variance from Article VIII, §4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5.a to construct a second story addition and alterations to the existing house within the minimum required front yard area.  
 Premises affected are located at 12 Walnut Ave., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 20 as Lot 56.  
 STEPHEN D. ANDERSON CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS  
 DATE OF ISSUE: Jan. 21 & 28, 2010  
 AT - 1/21, 1/28/10

**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
 Jimmy A. McCoy, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 Tamara A. Evans McCoy, Defendant  
 IN THE FAMILY COURT DOCKET NO.: 2009-DR-11-525  
 NOTICE OF HEARING To: Tamara A. Evans McCoy, Defendant YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing has been scheduled in the above referenced matter for February 2, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cherokee County Courthouse, Family Courtroom, East Floyd Baker Boulevard, Gaffney, South Carolina. William G. Rhoden WINTER & RHODEN, LLC 221 E. Floyd Baker Blvd. Gaffney, South Carolina 29340  
 TEL: (864) 489-8128 FAX: (864) 489-8306 Attorney for Plaintiff Gaffney, South Carolina January 13, 2010. AT - 1/21/10

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
 Notice is hereby given by Elm Street Automotive of 9 Lupine Rd, Andover, MA pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c. 255, section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 5, 2010 by private sale to satisfy their lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:  
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 3. 2001 Mercury Sable VIN# 1MEFM50U51A640228  
 4. 1987 Jeep Cherokee VIN# 1JCM17833HT081701  
 5. 2001 Mitsubishi Diamante VIN# 6MMAF67P41T012681  
 6. 1999 Plymouth Caravan VIN# 1P4GP45R3XB605570  
 7. 2007 Toyota Camry VIN# 4T1BE46K17U623118  
 Vehicles are being stored at Elm Street Automotive and may be inspected there Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm until the day of the sale. No phone calls please.  
 Signed,  
 Ron Abraham, Owner  
 AT - 1/21, 1/28, 2/4/10

**LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX Division  
 Docket No. ES09W2986-WD  
 Summons By Publication  
 MELISSA A. NIGRO Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 JOSEPH E. JESTINGS Defendant  
 To the above named Defendant:  
 A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, MELISSA A. NIGRO, seeking custody.  
 You are required to serve upon MICHAEL F. MIMNO, ESQ - attorney for plaintiff - whose address is 305 NORTH MAIN STREET, ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 01810, your answer on or before MAY 06, 2010. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Registrar of this Court at Salem.  
 Witness, Mary Anne Sahagian, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, this 7th day of January, 2010.  
 Pamela Casey O'Brien Registrar of Probate Court  
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 Premises affected are located at 28 Lincoln St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 89 as Lot 40.  
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**TOWN TALK**

**New leader ahead for downtown business group**

Betsy Powers has said she must regretfully submit her resignation as president of the Andover Business Center Association. Powers, the owner of the former Culinary Concepts on Park Street, was beginning her second run as president. Due to changes in family responsibilities and job schedule, she felt unable to commit the needed time and energy as ABCA enters 2010, according to information sent to members by the group. Powers will work with the existing board (Kay DeMaso, Merit Tukiainen and Nancy Hargreaves Pierce) during the transition.

**Do-it-yourself all the rage at area's community college**

As anxiety over the economy builds, households and individuals are collectively tightening their financial belts and finding creative, cost-saving, innovative ways to update their homes and wardrobes, and create floral decorations. According to Mary Shattuck, program manager, Northern Essex Community College's community education, enrollment in do-it-yourself courses is up at the college and, as a result, there will be even more noncredit courses to choose from during the winter/spring session that begins in February.

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**Would you like wi-fi with that?** Andover's McDonald's restaurant on North Main Street is one of 11,000 McDonald's nationwide to offer free wi-fi. The Internet access hotspot went in this month and patrons have been seen surfing the Web on laptop computers while enjoying their burgers and fries. — Bethany Bray

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