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Gas company employees look over the site of a natural gas leak on Sweetbriar Lane in Andover Tuesday afternoon.

Gas-line explosion forces evacuation

Police: It sounded 'like the roar of a jet engine'

By Bethany Bray and JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITERS

A neighborhood was evacuated and more than 100 homes had gas service shut off Tuesday afternoon, after a natural gas explosion on Sweetbriar Lane.

got a police escort to Sweetbriar area). It was lucky, that could Lane so workers could shut off have been really devastating," and repair the underground said Courtney Casper, who was at high-pressure gas main. The line 5 Sweetbriar, at the home of friend no idea what was going on. We ruptured around noon on Jan. 26, leaving a gaping hole six feet deep in the middle of the roadway.

Bay State Gas Company trucks no one was driving (over that Anna Vecchi, when the explosion happened.

Courtney, Anna, Ben Cook and "It was really, really lucky that Rachel Correra were at the Vecchi

home that morning, about to leave to take afternoon final exams at Andover High School.

"It sounded like a bomb exploded, and it looked like a geyser," said Anna, an AHS junior. "We were all in shock, we had were supposed to be studying for anatomy, but we didn't really get

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BEARDS FOR BUCKS



TIM JEAN/ Staff photo

The bearded Andover Youth Services staff, from left, Sobhan Namvar, Jamey Greico, Tony Lombardi, Afton Cuomo, Glenn Wilson,

Youth Services staffers will shave for telethon pledges

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

When former Selectman Jerry Silverman died last July, his family asked friends and family members to forego sending flowers and instead make donations to the proposed youth center in Andover in his memory. Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said about \$10,000 has been donated in Silverman's memory.

"We miss him a lot," Fahey said. "He was such a strong AYS supporter."

Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey has been growing a beard for four months. He still has his trademark ponytail.

Both may soon be gone at the upcomwill raise money for youth programs and the proposed youth center in town. At the telethon, hair equals money.

Fahey pledged to shave his head if staffers to grow beards with him for the

\$100,000 was raised at the last telethon in 2005. With pledges hovering around \$96,000 at the end of the night, Fahey thought he was razor-safe. He was, until Andover residents Carmen and Jeannie Scarpa pledged \$5,000. The razor came out and Andover's most popoular ponytailed program director got a whole new look. Fahey was bald as he counted \$124,000 in proceeds from that telethon.

It's been five years since that telethon and Fahey has doubled the ante. He said his head shaving has lots of potential when it comes to raising money. He figures residents will donate big bucks twice this year – to shave his beard and to shave his head.

"I'll do anything for the kids," he said. "This department took a 22 percent cut ing Andover Youth Services telethon that last year and we need money to keep our programs going...that's why I do things like this.

Fahey pulled in three other male AYS

This February: New language lab for Andover High. Page 5

telethon. Only one - Tony Lombardi normally has a beard. Lombardi seemed a bit nervous about shaving it off.

"My wife has never seen me without the beard," Lombardi said. "She will kill me." Fahey laughed as organizers talked about the telethon last week fron the AYS office on Pearson Street. It's hairy and hectic as AYS has been busy recruiting talent for the seven-hour telethon on Feb.

4 and 5. Performer applications were due by last Friday, Jan. 22, and local kids will showchase all sorts of talent. Andover's version of American Idol will feature singers, bands, comedy acts, a homegrown segment of the MTV show "Cribs," a buffalo

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Are YOU eligible for the Home Buyer's Tax Credit? The Fed has extended the home buyer's tax credit. Do you qualify? It provides an \$8000 credit for first time home buyers

No contest

With week left, no challengers for selectmen, most town offices

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

race, Andover town election in mittee and three residents for March could be a real snoozer.

■ Republicans look at state offices. Page

taken out papers to run for Board of Selectmen, moderator, Andover Housing Authority or the Greater Law-

As of Tues-

challenger had

rence Technical High School Committee. The only contested race as of Wednesday morning was the School Committee race, where

will challenge Dick Collins and Debra Silberstein. Nomination papers are due Feb. 2 and require 50 signatures

for each position. Town election

attorney Paula Colby-Clements

will be Tuesday, March 23.

Last year, Andover saw a robust race with five candidates After an exciting U.S. Senate for two seats on the School Comtwo selectmen seats. A majority of the candidates had pulled day, not one nomination papers before the Christmas holidays. Colby-Clements, a profes-

sor at the Mass School of Law in Andover, came in fourth behind then-incumbent Art Barber, taking 11 percent of votes. "My commitment remains the same, and that's really my motivation (to run again). Having kids in the schools, I recognize that there's a lot of tough decisions that had to be made and a lot of changes that need to be made," said Colby-Clements, naming

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From left, Courtney Comeau, Amit Deliwala, Catherine Haut, Nick Woods and Chris Tivnan prepare to launch their robots for Steve Cogger's eighth-grade engineering class at Doherty Middle School.

Learning how to build a better robot

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine eighth-graders, batteries, wheels, small motors and a lot of creativity?

combination yields radio-controlled robots.

For nine weeks eighth-graders

have engineering classes, where they are taught the mechanics of building a working robot, but also problem-solving, ingenuity and patience, said teacher Steve Cogger.

Last week, two professional At Doherty Middle School, that engineers from iRobot, the Bedford-based company that makes

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Republicans for state office take message from Brown victory

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

Andover this November may help answer the hottest question in state politics: Will Scott Brown's victory over Democrat Martha Coakley for U.S. Senate have a statewide impact on Massachusetts policies?

Two Republican Andover residents are taking on incumbent Andover Democrats State Sen. Susan Tucker and State Rep. Barbara L'Italien.

Lawyer Peter Cotch, who is running against L'Italien, and CPA Jamison Tomasek, who is challenging Tucker, declared their candidacy months before Brown's victory. But both agree the onceunlikely Brown victory can only help what would have been, in prior years, a David vs. Goliath endeavor for Mass. Republicans.

"In 2006 and 2008 the tide was running against us, and in 2010, it's running in our direction," said Tomasek. "What Scott Brown has done, he has energized people and made them realize they can win. Other than the governor's race in they can't win."

CAMPAIGN WAR CHESTS

Here are the year-end totals for 2009 for Andover candidates for state

SENATE

- Jamison Tomasek, Republican for state senator (2nd Essex and Middlesex district): \$2,050.01
- Sue Tucker, Democratic incumbent state senator (2nd Essex and Middlesex district): \$110,838.10

In Andover, Brown took 58 perdemonstrated that having the 'R' at cent of the vote in the Jan. 19 special election. Polls were busy and traffic backed up as 64 percent of Andover's registered voters turned out to vote for a successor to the late Senator Edward "Ted"

"It signals the reawakening of the traditional, Northeast Republican identity. That can only be good for and a more efficient government ... the Republican party as a whole, as I have a proud record of protecting well as everyone who believes in a voter's pocketbooks, and there is vital two-party system," said Cotch. "Overall, it was the independent-

HOUSE

- Barry Finegold, Democratic incumbent state representative (17th Essex district): \$93,148.63
- Barbara L'Italien, Democratic incumbent state representative (18th Essex district): \$24,121.51
- Peter Cotch, Republican for state representative (18th Essex district): no report filed in 2009

Source: State office of campaign finance,

www.mass.gov/ocpf/

sarily a pejorative." "The increased political activity is healthy for the community. That Brown race brought some new energy into the party, and that's healthy," said Tucker. "I know what voters are looking for, and they

want accountability, transparency

the end of your name isn't neces-

much more to do." Tucker is facing her first chal-

MEET JAMISON TOMASEK

Republican challenger to State Sen. Sue Tucker

Lives on Magnolia Avenue CPA, head of internal audit for Currier

Corp. Wife Bethe, daughter (age 15) and two

sons (4 and 2) Lived in Andover seven years; in Merrimack Valley for 25 Web site: www.jamison2010.com

This week, both Tucker and L'Italien said they intend to run for re-election.

"I have been challenged every single session, and I expect a race every time. Contrary to public opinion, I've always been challenged and am able to make the case of why I'm doing a good job. I welcome the competition," said L'Italien. "The take-away from last week's election is that people are very concerned about jobs, and health care affordability – bread and butter issues.'

Tomasek, director of inter-2004, Republicans have felt like minded voter that made the differ- lenger since she beat Republican nal audit for Courier Corp. in resisted the temptation to go nega- representative, said Brad Balzer,

his campaign last summer when on all sitting incumbents, particuhe discerned a general discontent among voters.

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he said.

"The first thing that drove me to run is in going to the polls the last few times, I haven't had anyone to vote for – having to leave my ballot blank because there's no Republi-

can to vote for. I think people need

a choice, and I could be that choice,"

Unenrolled voters – registered either Republican or Democrat made the difference in the Brown election, and will in his campaign as well, said Tomasek. "The unenrolled really have had no say. They're either voting for the main party or leaving their ballot blank. Now, they realize they can make a difference against the machine," he said. "People felt motivated enough that they could make a difference. I

need not just Republican votes, but

unenrolled, to win.' "The Brown campaign strategy, as well as its execution, will serve as a template for all office-seekers," agreed Cotch. "What was so ence for Scott Brown. I believe he's Deborah Jones in a 2004 landslide. Chelmsford, began working on tive ... It's going to focus attention deputy director.

larly those in leadership."

Regionally, Sam Meas of Haverhill and Jon Golnik of Carlisle are two Republicans running to unseat Democratic 5th District U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, who represents Andover.

Tucker was first elected as senator for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex district, which includes Andover, Lawrence, Dracut and Tewksbury, voters that aren't designated as in 1999. She serves as chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Housing and vice-chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy. Tucker also served in the Massachusetts House from 1982 to 1992.

L'Italien was first elected to represent the 18th Essex District, which includes parts of Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Methuen and North Andover, in 2003. She serves as the vice-chairwoman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

This week, the office of campaign finance had no record of anyone organizing to challenge Barry delightful about his campaign is he Finegold, Andover's other state

Rhodes will talk on PTSD,

EXPLOSION: Neighborhood evacuated after gas leak

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to do that."

Courtney called the police on her cell phone, once the teens realized the explosion smelled like natural gas.

it was, so we all went outside on Tuesday, Jan. 26, in front of 2 Sweetbriar and walked up pretty close to it. There was tons of debris flying up through the hole. It really did some damage," said Courtney.

Police arrived within minutes, and soon evacuated the neighborhood. The three teens were unharmed, said Casper, although the gas fumes made them a little light-headed and one of them was a jet engine," said Andover Police hit by a small rock. They made it Lt. Commander James Hashem. to AHS on time and were able to take their finals.

"It was on our minds," said Casper. "People are driving up and down that street all day long. We kept saying 'What if we had left earlier, and we were driving when it happened?"

Before Bay State Gas Company arrived to shut off the main, the natural gas venting from the sixinch pipe sounded "like the roar of

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DETAILS

The police scanner had the harrowing details of the gas-main rupture which was first reported as "an exploding manhole cover" by safety officials arriving at the "At first we didn't know what scene. The explosion happened around noon Lane. That home is owned by Herbert and Ruth Muller, according to town records.

> Police reported that "you could smell" the gas as they waited for Bay State Gas to

Wild Rose Drive, accessible from Route

Tuesday afternoon. not to let anyone come within 150 yards of the manhole cover. By 12:10 p.m., a command post had been established and police

arrive on the scene.

133 (Lowell Street) and Lovejoy Road, was

the evacuation.

"[We said,] don't touch anything,

just go," said Hashem. "There can be an ignition source anywhere." No one was injured in the incident, and gas service was restored

"It was the best of a bad situa-

Police went door-to-door telling residents in a dozen homes to

to homes after 6 p.m.

tion," he said.

Residents living as far away as Shawsheen Road and downtown Andover called police reporting the smell of gas.

officers began knocking on doors to begin

shut down on both ends for several hours

Police were told by Bay State Gas officials

By 1 p.m., the smell had dissipated as gas was shut off in the area.

Sweetbriar Lane remained closed. Chunks of asphalt and dirt lay scattered around the street, blown several feet from the hole. A slight smell of natural gas still lingered at 2 p.m. Marked police cruisers and sport utility vehicles and Bay State Gas trucks lined Sweetbriar and Wild Rose Drive. Two fire trucks had unrolled hoses into the

street, ready in case of a fire. Sweetbriar is a short residential street off Wild Rose Drive, lined Through the afternoon, with mid-sized ranch-style homes.

It is behind the Korean United

Methodist Church on Route 133. Typically, gas mains can rupture when they are disturbed by digging or construction, but there was none in the area on Tuesday,

"It's very unusual for this to happen," he said.

said Hashem.

Members of the Red Cross were on the scene Tuesday afternoon, making sure all the evacuees had a safe place to go, prepared to set up a shelter if overnight accommodations were needed.

As service was restored to homes, gas company personnel went inside each home, checking each gas appliance to make sure it was working safely, said Bay State Gas spokeswoman Sheila Doiron.

"(Gas main ruptures) are rare, clearly not a common occurrence. But when it happens, we're equipped to handle it," said Doiron.

"I'm just relieved that it's over, we're safe, and that no one got hurt," said Anna, after returning home with her family around 6 p.m. Tuesday. "It's one heck of a

sits on the Housing Authority

Marilyn Fitzgerald, who is

finishing the term vacated by

the passing of the late Jerry Sil-

verman last July, will run for a

two-year term on the Greater

Lawrence Technical High School

In previous years some candi-

dates have waited until the last

minute to declare they would

committee.

run.

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band, Gregg and three children

Jordan, 9; Emily, 7, and Jack,

4. She is past president of the

Andona Society, the organiza-

tion that puts on ClownTown.

Silberstein and Collins confirmed

Tuesday, Jan. 26 they have

gathered signatures to run for

It's the same with Selectmen

Town Moderator Sheila

Doherty has also pulled papers,

Alex Vispoli and Jerry Stabile

another term.

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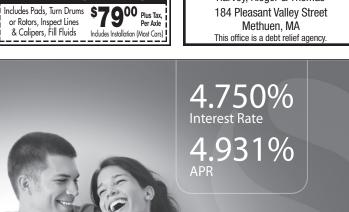
the Bancroft Elementary School building project, union contract renegotiations and balancing the budget. "I felt compelled to try and jump in and help." Colby-Clements, 41, lives on



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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This photo of Elm Square shows the horse had not been entirely replaced by 1941, as one can be seen trotting up Main Street. The street's cobblestone surface was paved over in the summers of 1949 and 1950. Notice the parked cars along the Musgrove Building and traffic boxes where police stood to direct cars and people walking.



NOW: This is what Elm Square in downtown Andover looks like now.

Tsongas: No raise for those of us in Congress

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas cosponsored legislation to prevent a scheduled pay raise for members of Congress from taking effect next calendar year, Jan. 2011. Tsongas was part of the successful effort last year to block the 2010 Congressional pay raise, which would have gone into effect Jan. 1. Because of a 1989 rule change, Congress automatically receives a pay raise unless they vote specifically to reject it.

"Families across Massachusetts and our nation are facing historically difficult economic circumstances. Many have lost their jobs, homes, and retirement savings since the beginning of this crisis. The economy has also forced our cities and towns to layoff workers and reduce essential services. This is not the time for members of Congress to receive a pay raise," said Tsongas in a release. Tsongas did not accept the Congressional pay raise in either 2008 or 2009, donating the amount to charitable organizations, according to her office.



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QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



Finally! It's been a long project, but we're happy to be able to use the steps for our annual winter concert.

- Doherty Middle School Principal Theresa McGuiness Darby on the reconstructed steps at the Memorial Building across from the Park. People attending the school's concert will be the first guests to use the stairs. Story, page 4.

We wanted to do something a little different to raise money for our youth mission trip and who wouldn't come out for chocolate on a cold winter's day?

– The Rev. Marie Lucca, associate pastor at West Parish Church, on Chocolate Extravaganza, an event to raise money to send youth to help on an American Indian reservation. Story in Arts, page 11.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

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

Superintendent search screening committee, candidate interviews, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Board of Registrars, final count of overseas ballots, Town Clerk's office, 4:30 p.m.

Superintendent search screening committee, candidate interviews, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

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

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

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6:30 p.m. (8

Committee room, 6 p.m. execu- a.m. meeting CANCELLED) tive session and regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

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

School Building Committee, School Administration Building, School

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 6

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

Opportunity for youth to do something special this summer

Although it will be a few Street. Admission is free. months before winter gives way to spring, high school and middle school students can get by attending Phillips Academy's 20th annual Summer Opportunities Fair on Sunday, Feb. 7.

This event is open only to Phillips Academy students from 11 a.m. to noon, and is then open to the general public from noon Cage on the Phillips Academy campus, which is the gymnasium building off Route 28, south of the intersection with Salem who took advantage of a summer

The fair gives students and their families a chance to meet with representatives from more a jump on their summer plans than 80 local, national and international summer programs as well as gap-year programs. Among the wide range of programs at the fair are those that focus on academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, travel, internships, until 2 p.m. It will be held in the community service, camps, arts and sports for middle and high school students.

One Phillips Academy student

opportunity last year was John some of the sights in Los Angeparticipate in a three-week film- as Dreamworks and Universal. making program sponsored by the School of Cinema and Performing Arts.

"During the day," Ingram was quoted as saying in a release, 'we had classes on filmmaking techniques, writing, learning how to use the video cameras, and editing. Although there are classes, they were fun. Each week, we wrote, shot, and edited our own movie."

He also got the chance to see

Ingram class of 2011, of Andover, les, Hollywood, and Pasadena, who traveled to Los Angeles to including visits to studios such

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to the structure by different

names, most commonly Memo-

rial Auditorium, the building

was named the Andover Memo-

rial Building by townspeople in

1935, Piantedosi said. The town

will refer to it under that name

and a new plaque with the name

is ready for use at the Memorial

"It was a big project," Piant-

edosi said. "The steps are done.

What's left is the landscaping,

the grassy area. We'll do that in

The project has been highly

visible because the steps faces

the Park at the corner of Ches-

nut and Bartlet streets in down-

town Andover. The auditorium

is to the left of Town Offices and

The project has added 12

parking spaces and grass seats

for Department of Community

Services-sponsored summer

The steps had been crumbling

for years, causing three Town

Meetings to approve money for

The auditorium's outside pil-

lars, exterior decorative trim

a safety hazard and emer-

gency repairs had to be made with money approved by Town

Now, the historical building's

entrance is safe and sturdy as

Town Meeting in 2009 approved

\$650,000 to pay for the project.

The project started just after

the school year ended last

Doherty Middle School.

concerts in the Park.

Meeting in 2008.

repairs.

Day rededication.

the spring."

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The dirt and construction equipment of the summer, as seen in this July 2009 photo, has been replaced with new stairs that return the look of Andover Memorial Building at Doherty Middle School to its original, 1930s design.

Concertgoers to climb new steps to historic building

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

People heading to Doherty Middle School's annual winter concert tonight, Thursday, Jan 28, will be the first guests to climb the refurbished steps to the school's auditorium. And they'll see a bit of town history step, too.

After months of construction and yellow tape, the steps are finished and open.

"Finally!" said DMS principal Theresa McGuiness Darby. "It's been a long project, but we're happy to be able to use the steps for our annual winter concert."

For Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi, it's been a meaningful restoration project as his team paid close attention to the history of the building.

He said the town plans to re-dedicate the steps and the auditorium, built in 1935, this Memorial Day. Piantedosi pledged to restore the steps to their 1930s' grandeur as the building is a town tribute to 20 Andover men who died in World and outdoor steps were deemed

While residents have referred

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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday Jan. 20 – At 11:18 a.m., Fred Boisvert, 29, of 91 Linden St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended registration, subsequent

At 2:42 p.m., Nelson Arroyo, 42, of 27 Abbott St., Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with attaching wrong plates to a vehicle, driving with a revoked license, and driving an uninsured vehicle trailer and unregistered vehicle.

Thursday, Jan. 21 - At 2:04 p.m., Geraldo D. Junior, 25, of 244 Kennedy Drive, Apt. 111, Malden, was arrested and charged on warrants.

Saturday, Jan. 23 - At 12:13, officers responded to a domestic dispute behind the LaQuinta hotel, River Road. A juvenile from Andover was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 12:39 p.m., Danny D. Burgos, 18, of 285 Essex St., Apt. 3-3D, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with underage possession of liquor.

At 2:26 p.m., Shaun E. Leal, 25, of 117 Newton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a sus- pull the vehicle off the tracks. pended license.

THEFTS

Thursday, Jan. 21 – At 10:46 a.m., a person walked into the police station to report check fraud.

At 11:06 a.m., a Haverhill Street resident reported two passports missing from their home.

At 7:54 p.m., the Andover YMCA, Haverhill Street, reported a guest's wallet and cell phone stolen from a locker. At 10:16 p.m., a caller also reported a cell phone theft from the

BREAKS

Wednesday, Jan. 20 – At 12:44 p.m., a 911 caller reported a breakin in progress on Topping Road, with a male breaking a window. Nine officers responded, but found the person in question to be the homeowner.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 21 – At 2:39 p.m., a person reported having a tire slashed on School Street.

Friday, Jan. 22 – At 6:51 p.m., numerous callers reported a car stuck on the train tracks on Essex Street. A responding officer cited the driver for a marked lanes violation, and called a tow truck to

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reported on River Road. A caller reported meeting a man she had been chatting with online. He left in her car four hours ago, to go get the couple something to eat, but he never returned, said the caller.

At 11:03 p.m., an officer issued a ticket to a driver for drag racing on River Road.

Monday, Jan. 25 – At 1:49 p.m., theft of equipment from a vehicle parked in the Powdermill Square parking garage was reported.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 19 – At 5:37 a.m., an ambulance responded to a reported death of a 90-year-old female.

Throughout town, calls were received reporting wires and trees down in roadways Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday, Jan. 20 – At 7:52

a.m., police put up barricades around Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., to keep people from walking under snow and ice falling from At 5:34 p.m., a summons was

six officers responded to a bomb pain. Two cars were towed.

threat at Greater Lawrence Tech-At 9:48 p.m., vehicle theft was nical High School, River Road. Officer Brian Blouin stayed to investigate, and school resumed

normal operation. At 11:44 a.m., a 911 caller reported llamas in the road on

Harold Parker Road. Friday, Jan. 22 – At 2:37 p.m., a motorist called 911 to report that a suitcase was tied to a tree on Greenwood Road. A responding officer found the suitcase had been discarded by a homeowner and put out for the trash.

Saturday, Jan. 23 – At 11:30 p.m., three officers responded to a possible house party on Brundrett Avenue at River Road. Parents were called to pick up some of the kids at the gathering.

Monday, Jan. 25 – At 7:17 p.m., a summons was served to two Heather Drive residents.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 19 - At 2:53 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported from Essex Street, with a gray Infinity striking a car's mirror and leaving the scene.

Thursday, Jan. 21 - At 9:12 a.m., served to a person on High a two-car crash was reported on Minuteman Road, with one person Thursday, Jan. 21 – At 6:21 a.m., complaining of neck and shoulder

Ballardvale home gets court approval

By Bethany Bray STAFF WRITER

The Superior Court has ruled in favor of High Vale Lane resident William Johnson, upholding the Ballardvale Historic District Commission's approval of his plans to build a four-bedroom

For years, Johnson's neighbors, James and Bernadette Lyons and James and Julie McLeod have been against Johnson's building plans. This month's court case was the third appeal they have filed against the proposed

"It's been a very long road, and has been contested on just about every step of the way," said Johnson's attorney, Donald Borenstein. "We're happy but not surprised

that the superior court sided Planning Board to built a four- court case, facing charges of idenwith Mr. Johnson and the town, bedroom, single-family home off tity fraud, conspiracy, reporting a approving Mr. Johnson's house design as being consistent with nature of the historic district."

Johnson first received approval from the Ballardvale Historic District Commission in December 2007, which the Lyonses and McLeods appealed locally, and later through the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission.

"Overall, the architectural design, style and rhythm of the residence and out buildings bear similarities to other homes, garages and barns located in the (Ballardvale) district," wrote Superior Court Justice Thomas Murtagh in his Jan. 7 finding.

Reynolds Street, a private way off Andover Street. The location of the proposed home is near but separate from the Johnson's existing home and property at High Vale Lane. "It was very much designed in

cooperation with the Historic District Commission, and what they see as important architectural elements of the Ballardvale Historic District," said Borenstein. "He's going to continue, and see it out to the point where he's able to get a building permit."

Johnson's building plans were on the agenda for the Jan. 26

Johnson has applied with the are in the middle of a separate

frivolous case of child abuse and criminal harassment against the family of James and Bernadette Lyons, who live down the street at 12 High Vale Lane.

Jim and Bernadette Lyons said they could not comment on the Superior Court appeal. 'Bill and Gail Johnson were

arrested for criminal conspiracy. The charges involve activity that took place immediately after we filed the appeal with the Superior Court. Due to the pending criminal trial we are unable to comment at this time," wrote listed as an item for discussion the couple in an e-mail to the Townsman.

Gail Johnson also declined to comment when reached at home

Planning Board meeting. "The residence, although large, Bill Johnson and his wife, Gail, is suitable for the site."

Donate your old prom dress for teens who need them

The high price of a prom dress Ball prom-dress collection drive dresses to girls who need them, has long kept some girls from going to one of the most important social events of the school year. And because of these tough times, prom night may now seem an even more

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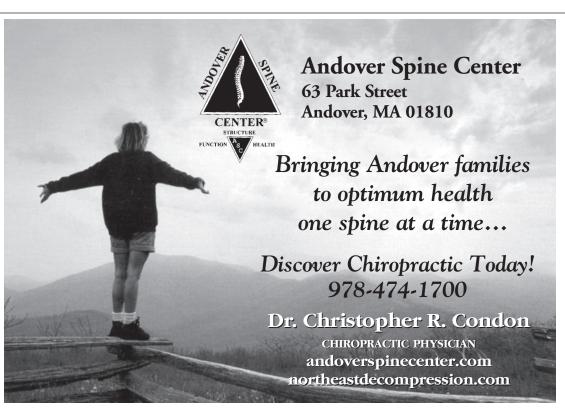
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your physician is crucial. No one wants to think that their symptoms are caused by emotional trouble, but we can't solve a problem until its true cause is discovered and addressed. And many accomplished and very logical people have difficulty recognizing their own emotional struggles, because feelings are not logical. The "smartest people" might not have the same level "emotional intelligence" and may need help understanding their inner workings; IQs and EQs are sometimes

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ROBOT: Eighth-graders engineer mechanical devices

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Roomba vacuums, visited Cogger's classroom to talk about engineering and see the eighthgrader's robots in action. Wheels and motors for the robot project were donated by iRobot.

Motors whirred as teens drove one-of-a-kind robots around the classroom floor. One robot with a hammering arm knocked down pieces of wood as another tossed a ball with a catapult.

'There is a lot of creativity," said eighth-grader Dylan King, looking around the classroom. "What people thought they could do is actually happening. That's cool to see."

Dylan and his classmate Jonathan Tetreault designed and built a robot that lowered a wooden drawbridge and then drove over it. The design process was not without its frustrations, they agreed, but they learned to focus on priorities and persevere.

'We tried to think of the most out-of-the box design, something we thought someone could actually use," said Dylan.

'We didn't think you could really lay out a bridge with a robot. But we're eating our words now," said Jonathan.

For the project, Cogger breaks his class into teams of two, and gives each team a motor and two wheels. The assignment is to build a robot that can be driven via remote-control and does some other type of task.

From there, the sky's the limit. Teams have built robots that

ANN HERMES/Staff photo

Kristen Stubbs, left, and Andrea Okerholm, right, off iRobot, talk with engineering teacher Steve Cogger about his eighth-grade robot construction project at Doherty Middle School in Andover. IRobot donated wheels and batteries for the kids to experiment with robot design and construction.

team installed an electromagnet because it's their idea," said on their robot, built from instructions they found online, said Cogger. Another installed a digital ers will demonstrate their robots camera that shot photos as the robot drove.

After a few weeks, once students have designed a chassis and attached the motor, Cogger has them drive their robots through a slalom course. Robots that have problems maneuvering the course are tweaked or rebuilt before extra design elements are

"It's good to see students come up with an idea, and stick with shovel, lift or push things. One it until it works. It's meaningful

Several Doherty eighth-gradduring a School Committee meeting, said Cogger.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighthgraders at all three of Andover's middle schools have engineering lab for a trimester as part of their integrated arts rotation.

Partially funded by grants and donations, Andover's engineering labs teach concepts tested on the eighth-grade science MCAS test. Andover middle-schoolers take engineering in addition to other

Each eighth-grader at Doherty Middle gets a chance to build a robot in engineering classes. At West Middle School, eighthgraders build radio-controlled airplanes. Wood Hill Middle School's engineering program is in its second year, so airplanes, robots or another building project will be added to curriculum in the future.

Cogger formed a relationship with iRobot through a Cornell University alumni event, introducing himself to the company's chief engineer, a fellow Cornell

From there, Cogger and Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson visited iRobot's STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) outreach initiative. Using Roomba parts he'd bought online, Cogger had built a prototype robot to show the company what he'd have students doing. iRobot agreed to donate parts for the project, and sends engineers every nine weeks to speak to students about the field of engineering.

Last week, Andrea Okerholm and Kristen Stubbs visited Doherty Middle eighthgraders, speaking about what it's like to work at iRobot and how they became interested in

They showed video clips of robots that climb stairs, drive through water, climb hills, over rocks and even through snow and ice. One video showed a remotecontrolled robot used by the military, sent in ahead of soldiers, which shot video of a unsecured area and checked for bombs.

High School to say 'hola' to foreign language lab

Much sooner than it expected, the Andover Coalition for Edulab, the group's most ambitious funding project to date.

It is expected that the new lab will replace its current, antiquated counterpart during according to a release from ACE. "Once language teachers have been trained, over 1,400 students will begin reaping the benefits of this state-of-the-art digital equipment," according to the group.

Andover High School students will now have the opportunity to work by themselves, with their teacher, or as a group. With the teacher at a central station, students will have more time to practice speaking the language and even engage in real-time conversations with students from around the world.

ACE plans to host a public language lab open house with Andover High School Principal Jonathan Harris, and the High School PAC sometime in early

ACE was able to fund the lab through the support of cation has announced that it is Andover citizens. To encourready to give Andover High age that support, ACE's most School a new foreign language recent annual appeal featured a matching gift opportunity: every donor's contribution was doubled. In addition, the project was supported by a donation from the High School PAC the February school vacation, and a significant grant from the Horne Family Foundation, it reported.

> 'The people of Andover continue to demonstrate that our schools are a priority, that quality education does matter, and that even in bleak economic times, we need to and can find ways to improve curriculum and to help our students prepare for the 21st century," said ACE President Tina Girdwood

According to a recent article in "Education Week" about high-tech language labs compatibility with the system's current software and teacher training on the new equipment are paramount to success.

For more information about ACE, log on to www.aceanodver.org.

Ski to fight cancer Feb. 6

Hit the slopes at Nashoba Val-snowboarders who don't want ley Ski Area to help the Jimmy Fund in the fight against cancer

Put on your boots and goggles. Grab your skis or snowboard. It is time to hit the slopes for the 15th annual CSC Jimmy Fund Snow Challenge. Skiers and snowboarders of all abilities are invited to Nashoba Valley Ski Area on Saturday, Feb. 6, for team and individual racing to support cancer research and care for adults and children at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. The day-long event includes an outdoor barbecue lunch, après ski party and auction.

The entry fee for a four-person race team is \$240 and for individual racers, \$60. For every \$150 raised above the registration fee, one second is deducted from the final race time, so everyone snow, or call Didier Putzevs at has a chance to win. Skiers and 781-290-1447 or jfski@csc.com.

to race have the option to buy a lift ticket with lunch for \$60 to benefit the Jimmy Fund. Registration is at the mountain the day of the event beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m., racing at noon, and awards get underway at 3 p.m. There will also be a silent auction featuring some great prizes in the lodge all day.

The CSC Jimmy Fund Snow Challenge is Nashoba Valley's only charity race at the mountain. Nashoba Valley is in Westford, just 45 minutes from Boston, featuring 100 percent snowmaking and wide-open, tree-lined trails. For directions, go to www.skinashoba.com.

For more information on the CSC Jimmy Fund Snow Challenge, visit www.jimmvfund.org/

BEARDS: Fundraiser for Andover youth center

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wing-eating competition and lots

"It's been a great response. Kids really look forward to this. They come up with the ideas," said organizer Diane Costagliola copresident of the parents' group at Andover High School.

Fahey said there's been talk of turning his department into a fee-based department like the Department of Community Services where people pay for all AYS programs. Currently, AYS only charges for some programs.

The change would save the town money, but Fahey said it simply

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"Look, as kids grow up in town, the choices to do stuff outside school when they get to middle school and then high school narrows. Some come here to just supposed to do, start charging (money)?" he asked. Fahey said research shows teen

trouble starts for most "when they are not connected." "It's been proven. That's when

risky behavior starts," Fahey

"People forget why Bill was hired in the first place," Costagliola added, referring to the public outcry following three youth suicides in one year's time. Youth Services was formed shortly thereafter, in 1994, with Fahey hired as its director.

So, if he has to be bald for the rest of the winter, Fahey will wear

talk and hang out...What am I lots of hats and focus on what's been accomplished during his

> 'There's lacrosse at the high school, which we started, wrestling now, which we also started. And the skate park. We're adding another ramp next spring," he

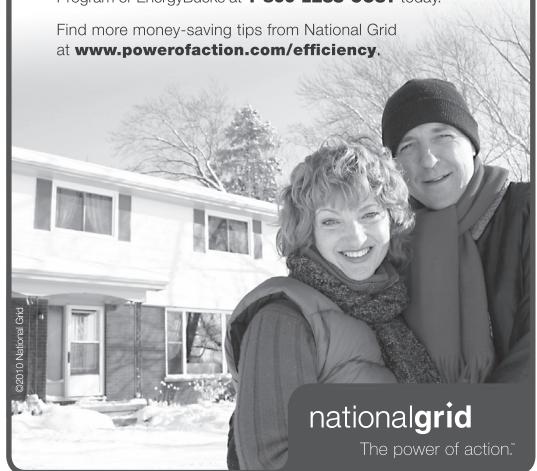
> There's also the long-talked about youth venter.

> "No, it's not dead in the water," Fahey said of the center. "Telethon proceeds will also be used for that account." He said there remains over \$2 million in the Youth Center account.

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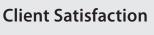


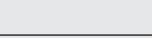












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Sports Mat Warrior: Chartier a star for Andover wrestling

By David Willis dwillis@eagletribune.com

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What most would view as tremendous pressure. Joe Chartier sees as excitement.

The Andover senior has no interest in passing the blame of a loss off on a teammate. He is not only willing to accept all of the fault, he embraces it.

"The biggest element that draws me to wrestling is that it is a sport where the outcome is solely on your shoulders," he said. "You can't put it on the rest of the team. It's just you against the opponent. That's where my hard work shows most, and at the end of the match — win or lose — I have no one to look at but myself."

That approach to the sport has served Chartier well on the mat so far this season, as he has excelled at 171 pounds for the impressive Andover High wrestling team. He has surged to a 18-4 record on the season going into this week.

"He has had a great season," said Golden Warriors head coach Sobhan Namvar. "He's very, very dedicated and is an extremely smart wrestler."

Youth Wrestling program opened its doors. But the then-eighth grader didn't initially click with

Andover's Joe Chartier may be all alone on the wrestling mat, but he loves the challenge. He has excelled for the Golden Warriors this

the sport.

said. "I probably won one match the entire season. It's easy to like something when you're winning, but hard when you're struggling. Chartier's wrestling career But, over time. I learned to like it began the same year the Andover more and more. Then I started putting more time into it, and started loving it."

into high school, wrestling for the "The first year was tough," he Golden Warriors during their club year in 2006-07, going 18-0 against JV competition at 160 pounds, and the Warriors' primarily JV schedule in 2007-08, finishing 13-3 mark with all of his losses coming on the varsity level.

With Andover going to a full varsity schedule for the first time Chartier following the sport in the program's young history first two victories of the season.

last season, Chartier continued Chartier continued his success not made a decision on college, to elevate his performance. Now at 171 pounds, the then-junior finished with an impressive 20-6

"I wrestled well last year," he said. "I wanted to make the state tournament, but my only losses were to wrestlers that at least placed at States. I felt very confident I could be a serious competitor this season."

But Chartier wasn't resting on confidence. Heading into his final high school wrestling campaign, he also set out on the toughest training schedule of his life.

"I wrestled all year at Brickhouse Wrestling in Lowell," said Chartier, who also traveled to Fargo, North Dakota for a tournament.

There weren't many people (at Brickhouse), but the level of competition was high. We had Division 1 college wrestlers working out with us. I took my lumps and had a few injuries, but the (high school) season is short, so you need to be ready right away.'

Ready he was. In Andover's first dual meet of this season, Chartier scored a victory by pin in just 52 seconds against archrival Central Catholic. One meet later he won both of his matches handily as the Golden Warriors beat Bev-

erly and Greater Lowell for their

by placing third at the ultra-elite Lowell Holiday Tournament. "Placing at the Lowell Holi-

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day is a real accomplishment," said Namvar. "He was 8-1 and beat ranked guys from New Hampshire. He is so comfortable wrestling anywhere, on top or on the mat. He has built a lot on his strengths and is a dedicated wrestler, hard worker and smart kid. He can definitely wrestle in

college." With three victories at his latest meet on Sunday, Golden Warrior wins over Malden, Josiah Quincy and Minuteman, Chartier now holds a stellar 18-4 mark for this season.

of blink-or-you'll-miss-it victories by pin in his career, Chartier said he isn't always out for the rapid

While he has authored plenty

"A quick pin is fun," he said. "I had a win against Billerica in like 10 seconds, and it pumps up the team and gives you momentum.

"But sometimes it's wins you really have to work for that you remember most. They can be more rewarding. I had a match at the Lowell Holiday Tournament that lasted the full six minutes. It was two good wrestlers battling."

Chartier plans to continued his wrestling career once high school has ended. While he has

■ THE WEEK AHEAD

he has been accepted to the likes of Roger Williams, the University of Rhode Island and Southern Maine, and has discussed wres-

tling at every school. Wherever he does go, he will bring his impressive skills and

mindset for wrestling with him. "I don't like to think a lot ahead of time," he said. "And I'm not an angry person. I'm pretty calm. I'm not someone that has to go onto the mat mad. Wrestling is like a chess game. I look for opportunities to open up, and when they do I take them.'

WRESTLING

2008-09 season: 12-14 with nonleague schedule, placed 11th in Divi-

Returning starters (7): Brian Martin, Sr., 160; Joe Chartier, Sr., 171; Mike Tiwali, Jr., 119; Brett Welch, Jr., 125; Tito Brito, Jr., 130/135; Caleb Lynch, Jr., 140; David Ortiz,

Returning lettermen: Andy Klempa, Sr., 285; Michael Olivieri, Sr., 119 Promising newcomers: Matt Barker, Jr., 112; Zach Johnson, Frosh., 112; James Kelly, Jr., 189; Evan Mecheras, Soph., 285; James Bourque, Frosh., 103; Rey Brito, Frosh., 135

Returning Division 1 North placers: Tito

Co-head coaches: Sobhan Namvar and Kevin Cote

Candidates in all grades: 40

Andover dominates state relays, Cronin sets new record

BOSTON — If the state's best wasn't already aware of Andover track this season, the Golden Warriors delivered a statement in a big way over the weekend.

Behind a simply dominant did." performance, the Andover boys cruised to victory at the Division 1 state relays with a whopping 52 points, well ahead of second place Lowell (23) on Sunday at the Reggie Lewis Center.

The girls were nearly as good, taking second with 41 points, trailing just Newton North (50) and far ahead of third-place Lincoln-Sudbury (28).

Warriors coach Peter Comeau. Voorhees, Chris Goodwin, Will "The boys are just amazing, and Ossiff) in 8:11.04 and the 1,600 the girls were excellent too. I was especially proud of what they

Well known for their relay dominance, the Andover boys scored four first-place finishes. The Golden Warriors won the 4x200 relay (Christopher McConnell, Mark Vetere, Kerrick Stevens, Troy Cayon) in 1:31.84 and the 4x400 relay (Adam Vetere, M. Vetere, Stevens, Connor O'Neill)

They also cruised to victory in (4-11) who placed first, third and

"It was unbelievable," said the 4x800 relay (A. Vetere, Simon spring medley (A. Vetere, McConnell, Cayon, O'Neill).

> Andrew Osborne also tied for second overall in the high jump (6-0 3/4) and Mark Vetere was second in the long jump (19-7). Both of those relays finished in third.

> The girls were led by a firstplace finish in the high jump relay thanks to the performances of Moira Cronin (5-8 3/4), Jess Salley (5-1) and Rosie Forster

sixth respectively.

The Golden Warriors added seconds in the 4x400 relay (Kayla Baldwin, Vanessa Singleton, Emily Shields, Eve Bishop), 4x400 relay (Sydney Eberth, Rae Bronenkant, Salley, Singleton) and 4x50 shuttle hurdles (Cronin, Emily Belluche, Jordane Smith, Forster). They also chipped in with a third in the 1,600 spring medley and a sixth in the long jump.

"This was great," said Comeau. "We can't wait for the rest of this

RECORD DAY FOR CRONIN

Andover's Moira Cronin continues to reach record heights.

The Golden Warrior junior smashed her own school record in the high jump with a 5-10 as Andover cruised past Billerica 63-22 last Wednesday. Cronin had previously set the mark with a | Feb.1 Chelmsford 5-9 in the spring.

For good measure, Cronin won the hurdles and ran on the winning 4x400 relay.

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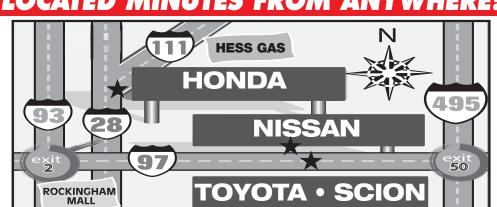
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Opinion

Wanted: Candidates for town office

Every town needs new blood. Every democracy needs competition in the so-called marketplace of ideas. It remains to be seen if that will happen in Andover this

With nomination papers due Tuesday, Feb. 2, no challengers have announced plans to run for two seats on the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting moderator, Andover Housing Authority or the Greater Lawrence Technical High School Committee. The incumbents for each position have indicated they will seek reelection.

We encourage people with time and expertise to offer their services. This is a difficult time, but a time when much will be decided and the long-term future shaped.

Selectmen will help plan the new Interstate-93 interchange that will open up 700 acres, representing Andover's biggest development project in decades. The town is expected to vote this year on moving the town yard, which would change the look and use of an important section of the downtown. A decision will also be made on a new school and new Ballardvale fire station in the next three years, all of which will require specific overrides of Propo-

sition 2 1/2 known as debt exclusions.

The last two major races in town have shown

Andover residents are any-

thing but apathetic toward

voting. They thirst for and

respond to competitive

races with real choices. In

the presidential election

between Barack Obama

and John McCain, Andover

cast a town record number

of ballots, nearly 80 percent

of the vote. In this month's

special election, 64 percent

of voters turned out for a

one-race contest during a

cold, snowy day, creating

Last year, five candi-

dates, including four chal-

lengers, fought for a spot

on the School Committee.

It made for a great race and

gave voters a choice among

intelligent people with

some different ideas. One

of these candidates, law-

ver Paula Colby-Clements

is running again this year,

facing incumbents Debra

Silberstein and Dick Col-

lins. That's great news for

traffic back-ups.

Feb. 2 is last day to run for town office

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday March 23. Nomination papers are available at the town clerk's office Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m. and are due back to the town clerk's office by no later than Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m.

Elected offices on the ballot are the following:

- Town Meeting moderator, for one year;
- Two seats on the Board of Selectmen, for three years
- Two seats on the School Committee, for three years each;
- One seat on the Andover Housing Authority, for five years; and
- One seat on the Greater Lawrence Technical School District Committee, for two

People who have any questions concerning the elected office nomination process can contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8259.

Andover voters.

But in every other race, there will be no choice, unless people who are quietly on the fence bravely decide to make the commitment to run. Those interested only need to talk to the town clerk and collect 50 signatures.

WEB QUESTION

What would you do for a cause?

Last week's question: Democrat" and "I vote for the

Andover's two polling stations buzzed with activity all day Tuesday, Jan. 19 as 14,324 other reasons," received 3.12 residents turned out to vote percent; and for a replacement for the late nedy. Republican Scott Brown and across the state, besting Democrat Martha Coakley Here is why our respondents said they voted:

"I voted for Brown, to effect the upcoming vote on healthcare reform," received 25 percent

"I voted for Coakley, to next week if the right amount effect the upcoming vote of money is raised for youth on health-care reform" and causes. Would you ever shave "None of the above" received | your head for a cause? 12.5 percent each

"I was disappointed in Coakley's campaign," "After 46 years, it's time for a Republican in that senate seat" and "I voted for Brown | it. because his daughter, Ayla, was on 'American Idol'" all received 9.38 percent

"I voted for Brown, for and scroll all the way to the other reasons," "I always vote | bottom of the page.

candidate, not the party" all received 6.25 percent

"I voted for Coakley, for

"I was disappointed in Senator Edward "Ted" Ken- Brown's campaign," "I always vote Republican" and "I did was the favorite in Andover | not vote" did not receive any

> This week's question: Would you buzz for a cause? Bill Fahey has vowed to shave his head on live television (local cable access, that is) during the AYS telethon

- Yes. ■ Never!
- It would take a VERY special cause.
- I've never thought about
- None of the above To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsman.com

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No Stranger to Winter



COURTESY PHOTO/Rob Dennis

Believed to be the town's oldest house, the 1673 Abbot House on Andover Street has seen many New England winters. The photo was taken by resident Bob Dennis. If you have a photo you'd like considered for publication, send it as a jpg attachment to an e-mail to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stick with proven manager Stapczynski

Editor, Towmsman:

Regarding extending the town manager for another five years: I say, do it! The guy has gotten the job done, and better than anyone else who has sat in that chair over the past 35 years.

I have to smile when one of our current crop of selectmen is quoted as saying, "We really need to put on paper what our expectations of the town manager are." What happened to the boldly heralded job description of the Larry Larsen era? Have the job requirements changed that dramatically? I don't think so – it's the same old daily routine of communications, planning, budget, labor negotiations and 35 other things. Having read the latest version of the town manager's job description, I only found one requirement missing; i.e., must walk on water.

For my money, our manager has represented the town well in all areas. Would I like to see Superman or Superwoman million there? Get real, that only happens in the comics!

Besides, he and his staff have fought mightily to improve our bond rating and, where we have lost ground. I attribute it largely to the antics of union negotiators who seem more motivated by factors that I, as a guy who spent the better part of his life as a member of the military, will never understand. Get on the bandwagon called America folks and start thinking of a greater purpose than lining your pockets with every budget-busting argument you can come up with. With that kind of thinking sitting across the table, even Superman doesn't stand a chance. So we can delete the requirement from his job description "must walk on water." Even that guy wouldn't have success at the table.

So, I say, if he was good enough for 18 years, he certainly is good enough for another five. Or do some of our Town Hall hot shots really believe there is someone that truly walks on water. Not for \$134,000 and not for any amount of money – just look at the clowns coming and going every night on the Wall Street merry-go-round. If you have somebody who knows his way around and has the experience and has demonstrated his ability to do the job for a long period of time, then stick with him as long as he's willing to put up with this circus. We don't need to spend money we don't have and endless time looking for the perfect fit only to find that he/she, too, is only human.

JOE MADDEN 82 Porter Road

Family values and Andover voters

Editor, Townsman:

I find it fascinating that 58 percent of the Andover votes for U.S. Senator went to a man who posed nude in Cosmo and then, upon winning, used his acceptance stage to announce the "availability" of his daughters to the audience. Do you think, perhaps, that there is an opportunity for the Townsman to capitalize on this trend and spice up its content with more salacious material? I would say that 58 percent of the residents would agree.

AMNA GREAVES Suncrest Road

Manager's failure shows need for new government

Editor, Townsman:

On Jan. 16 I attended the Andover selectmen's workshop regarding the contract renewal of our town manager. As one of the three residents, I requested to give public comment and was initially told that this would be within the acceptable format.

As I began to question and voice my concerns I was quickly muzzled by the board, though this was not done to the participant immediately previous to me, who presented support of our manager.

When I asked why the town manager was given a bonus if our bond rating improved but was not held responsible when it dropped, a selectman explained there were other factors involved. It is only logical that if our manager can take credit for the improvement he must accept responsibility for its decline – or perhaps it was just the economy too freely given?

and save us a million here and a responsible for the contamination of Fish Brook by the Mass Highway salt pile at Interstate 93 and Route 495. Before there was contamination, I had contacted him and requested the salt pile be covered, rather than exposed to the rain and snow. So bad was the leaching of salt, the ground had turned white and the soil had been denuded of all vegetation. I presented aerial photographs of this calamity.

The manager, who was in attendance, apparently could not recall my requests and demands for his interaction. Instead he explained how our school children had worked hard on this issue. His defense is that our children are working on this? He never denied I had complained to him directly ahead of this disaster-to-be, because it's true. The facts are that I had contacted the manager, the Andover Highway Department superintendent, the Andover Conservation Commission, and others. I blew the whistle long and loud.

I would note that the salt pile is now properly covered and should not be moved as is the current "feel good" plan explained by our manager. That plan would bring the salt pile off the highway and within our town, have state trucks on our town roads to load salt, and add to our traffic problems.

Since my public accusation voiced at a proper forum and directly to our selectmen, I have received no phone calls to verify my accusation. There has been no indication that our selectmen are investigating my claims. Why? If true, wouldn't this be a proof of a horrible failure to act responsibly by our manager? Wouldn't this be proof of a horrendous event that affects all of us that was preventable by the person they are considering for a new contact?

There is no investigation because it is true and the selectmen choose not to seek out the tremendous talent now available in a recession. It's true and our selectmen have failed us too.

It is clear to me that our selectmen are not acting in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Andover. The failure of our manager to investigate and act upon my repeated warnings directly lead to the contamination problem and the associated

petence is swept aside speaks of the failure of our present form of

There is no doubt in my mind these appalling performances will continue until Andover revises its form of town government. A charter review is the best answer. It's time for Andover to elect a single responsible person that must take the praise or blame alone.

LARRY BRUCE 254 Chandler Road

Higher standards needed in campaigns

Editor, Townsman:

I'm so glad that I live in a country where we are free to might 'subvert a quality vote freely for our elected officials. It makes me happy to see people getting passionate about supporting their candidates, but I feel like it is getting too far out I see the Martha Coakley ads

Brown, then in the same com-Coakley is telling lies and running a smear campaign. This is followed by Scott Brown trying to mar Coakley's character. I don't believe that campaigns should be run like this. I feel like we only get to choose the lesser of two evils, instead of the best possible person.

Today while I was exiting West Parish Church, I was horrified to discover that someone had vandalized the front step of the church during worship and had written, "Vote Coakley" in large chalk print. This is too much.

I hope that future candidates will raise the standards for their campaigns and the expectations they have for their supporters. JAKE SHEPPARD

143 Lovejoy Road

Political parties don't control all members

Editor, Townsman:

I found the logic of Kevin Cuff's letter to the editor last week ("Union decision highlights what's wrong with Mass. leadership") a little puzzling. He seemed to be saying he can't be a Democrat because the Andover teachers union blocked "Race to the Top" funds for Andover and teacher unions tend to support the Democratic party. But the same logic could lead me to say I can't be a Republican because greedy Wall Street executives have gravely hurt our economy and Wall Street executives tend to support the Republican party. The fact is that no political party can control the actions of its supporters.

If Mr. Cuff is really concerned about the state of our public schools, he should be aware of a few facts.

First of all, the decision of the Andover teachers union is purely local. I just read that the Melrose teachers union has accepted the rules and regulations of the "Race to the Top" program for Melrose.

Second, the "Race to the Top" program is part of a federal law (the 2009 stimulus bill) that was passed by a Democratic U.S. Congress and signed by a Democratic president. Third, the Massachusetts

Education Reform Bill of 2009 allowed Massachusetts to qualify for funding for the "Race to the Top" program. This state teacher at Andover High.

costs we have paid with our tax law was passed by a Democratic dollars. That this act of incom-state legislature and signed by a Democratic governor.

There is little doubt in my mind that the Democratic party has been and continues to be a huge supporter of the public schools. In fact, I am sure that if the public school system in this country did not already exist and someone today proposed creating a free educational system run by the government and funded by taxes, the modern-day Republican party would quickly condemn it as socialism and fiercely fight its very creation.

ANDREW ROUSE 5 Cattle Crossing

Teacher: Grant plan education system'

Editor, Townsman:

One might think that the typical Andover public school teacher would buy into the Race to the Top Memorandum all along and the bonuses were that just talk trash about Scott of Understanding. Connecting teacher compensation to student I then in detail accused our mercial break I see a retaliation test scores in Andover, where descend upon these noble hills manager of being directly ad from Scott Brown that says MCAS scores are in the top tier of Massachusetts schools, would provide teachers with bonuses not common in public education. However, the Andover Education Association Executive Board voted unanimously to reject the proposed grant application. On the surface, this seems inconsistent; could the teachers have an ulterior motive not connected with their compensation?

One possibility is that teachers

take the pedagogical part of their job seriously, and the memorandum in question is not so pedagogically sound. Hypothetically, teachers may think matching compensation with student test scores creates an incentive to avoid special needs classes, or to separate students who have difficulty with testing from students who excel (on tests). One deductive leap later may have teachers imagining a situation in which the faculty races to teach only top students in advanced classes, while needier students are pulled out into remediated test-taking classes. Maybe these classes have struggling test-takers, but also begin filling up with students that have behavioral problems. If students succeed in these classes do they return to the sequence of regular-education classes, or have they fallen too far behind? With money tied to scores, would teachers be entrepreneurs, unlikely to invest in classes with unknown variables? Maybe teachers working in this environment would not share ideas or best practices if it meant giving a competitor a leg up in the race for the top test-takers.

School Committee member David Birnbach states that "We all have a responsibility..." to win some of this grant money. I wonder if it's responsible to subvert a quality education system and send diversity, creativity, and rich lesson-planning down the drain for a few extra bucks. I wish I could think of an example in which a few members of a professional community take bonus pay at the cost of an entire system so I could envision the potential consequences more clearly.

MATTHEW BACH

The writer is a social studies

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TOWN TALK

Remembering **Spenser author**

When crime writer Robert Parker, 77, of Cambridge died last week, his connection to Andover came to mind. His book-turnedtelevision-show "Spenser: For Hire," brought the late Hollywood actor Robert Urich to town.

Urich starred as Spenser and moved his family to Phillips Street (near Phillips Academy) because the show was filmed in Boston.

Parker himself was seen in Andover from time to time during the last few years. A few years back he was here with his wife, Joan Parker, a fan of Coco Collection clothes. While his wife shopped at Coco Collection in Olde Andover Village, he opened his sportscoat and showed a Townsman reporter that he also had a favorite clothes store in Andover.

He said the couple started out their married life living in a Chestnut Street apartment, because Robert Parker worked at Raytheon in Andover as a younger man. — Judy Wakefield

Tax-hike votes coming

For years, Andover has been planning to move its town yard and build a new elementary school and fire station. Now, residents are getting a better idea of the price tags and their timing. Residents will be asked to pay for each through temporary tax hikes – called debt exclusion overrides that usually raise taxes for 20 years to pay for one specific project each – within the next 15 months.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczyn-His sportcoat label was from the ski said the first of these, to build

Andover Shop on South Main a new town yard at a cost of at Phillips Academy Andover were least \$10 million, will come before Annual Town Meeting this spring. If approved there, residents will need to vote in favor again at a special ballot-box election shortly after Town Meeting.

Currently, the town yard is located downtown, on Lewis Street, near the police station and Andover commuter rail. The town yard is where Andover repairs many of its vehicles and stores road salt and sand.

A task force is considering whether it would be better to move the yard to 5 Campanelli Drive, near the Interstate 93 River Road exit, or 146 Dascomb Road, near the I-93 Dascomb Road exit.

– Brian Messenger

Presidential donation

Vanity Fair is reporting this month that the cold winters and elite intellectual atmosphere of

a jarring change for President George W. Bush. He flunked his first English paper and stuck with fellow southerners and Texan classmates, it says. But Bush eventually grew to appreciate Andover, becoming head cheerleader, earning the nickname "the Lip" for his sharp tongue, and coming in second for the title of "Big Man on Campus," Vanity Fair reports.

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Now Bush is giving back to Andover. The magazine reports that Bush gave somewhere in the range of \$5,000 to \$9,999 to his alma mater between the years 2005 and 2009, taking the info from a PA alumni donation list. Some others gave more money, but Vanity Fair says "nothing stands out quite like a president's name tucked inconspicuously into a long list of donors."

— Judy Wakefield



The Andover Boys Squirt 1 Hockey Team traveled to Lake Placid, N.Y. this month and came home with a slew of memories. The boys not only won their hockey tournament, but went skating on the Olympic speed skating ice and went bobsledding down the Olympic bobsled run, shown above.

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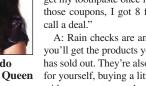
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Why Coupon Shoppers Love Rainy Days

Q: "In a previous column, you mentioned shopping Sunday through Wednesday, or the days the sales cycles overlap at the store. A disadvantage is the stores may be out of sale items by the last day or two, but you can get rain

checks and then purchase when needed or when you get a coupon. Just this past week toothpaste was on sale for \$1.50 a tube, but my store had sold out. I had four coupons for \$3 off two tubes of toothpaste, so I got a rain check and went back to get my toothpaste once it was back in stock. With those coupons, I got 8 free tubes! That's what I A: Rain checks are an excellent way to ensure



By Jill Cataldo

you'll get the products you want, even if the store has sold out. They're also a way to extend the sale **The Coupon Queen** for yourself, buying a little more time to come up with coupons to match to a good sale price. In a previous column, I discussed a promotion at my store in which dog food

went on sale for \$3.99 a bag ... and there were \$3 coupons for the dog food in the newspaper inserts. Clearly, dog food for 99 cents is already a steal. But during that sale, after I purchased my bags of dog food with the coupons I had in hand, I also got a rain check for the same brand of dog food. Why? Because in doing so, I bought myself another 30 days worth of time to pur-

chase that dog food at \$3.99 a bag. And over the next few weeks, I got in touch with friends and family members who don't own dogs and asked if I could have their \$3 dog food coupons. About three weeks after the sale ended I went to the store, where the shelves were fully stocked, and I brought home even more 99cent bags of dog food.

Any time I find bare shelves, I make sure to get a rain check for the items I'm looking for - but for a particularly good sale, it never hurts to get a rain check just to extend that sale a little longer for you, too. Even if you don't have anyone to trade coupons with, you might find coupons online or in upcoming newspaper inserts, weeks after the sale ended – and then you can match them to the rain check and continue to stock up on that item at a great price.

Q: "What happens to the thousands and thousands of coupons that are printed for inserts to the newspapers that never get sold? I would like to find a way to have these sent to me. I am an avid coupon person and it makes me sick to think these go to waste."

A: You're probably not going to like this answer: inserts are typically recycled along with the unsold newspapers. (The horror! I'm also appalled at the thought of so many wonderful coupons going to waste. It's not time- or costeffective for any newspaper to go through every single unsold newspaper, pull the coupon inserts and then find a way to get them into the hands of people who might want them. And, the coupon inserts are intended to be sold as part of the newspaper, not separately. Legally, coupons cannot be sold at all. (Read the fine print on any coupon for further information on this.)

But all is not lost. Avid couponers have found creative ways to get their hands on those extra coupons. Many gas stations and convenience stores will simply give you the unsold papers the next morning, especially if they're going to throw them out anyway. Ask the staff if you can stop in each week to pick them up! I know quite a few coupon enthusiasts who have also made arrangements with their newspaper delivery person to receive their surplus of undelivered newspapers. I know a woman who leaves a shopping bag filled with free and cheap groceries on her front porch for her paper carrier each Monday morning – and the carrier, in turn, leaves her a stack of his extra papers! In short, it never hurts to ask.

Jill Cataldo, a coupon-workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site, www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.





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Townspeople

Thrilled to be shot

Bill Dalton



Night For Police," said the front page headline in the Andover Townsman 90 years ago.

"Thrilling" seems an unusual word for what happened. Dictionaries say it means a sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure. Perhaps the word was different 90 years ago, meaning something fraught with violence. If "thrilling" was the word to use, then Officer David May must have been most thrilled, since he was shot.

It was a time of violence and death: a World War had just ended, and the Spanish Flu pandemic was killing 50 million people, including several in Andover. Reading the 1919 news, a person ought to conclude that violent crime was too common, even in Andover. On top of all that were the deaths and injury caused by automobile drivers, far more common than I'd thought.

But let's return to the story of the officer being shot. After dark, on Jan. 15, 1919, Raymond Buchan, on his way home from a wedding, decided to check his Main Street garage business. As he approached in his automobile, he spotted a man running away. Buchan looked at the garage door and saw that the man had sought forced entry but failed.

Buchan called the police station (located in the back of the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St,) and Officer May answered. Buchan picked up May and they drove around town looking for the unsuccessful thief. At Punchard and Bartlet streets they saw two men. One was a victim: James McKee of High Street, who had been held up at gunpoint by the man Buchan had seen running from the garage. The other was the gun holder, William Lawrence,

who lived in the home of Edward McCabe on Elm Street. However, for the last 30 days, Lawrence, age 21, had lived in jail for stealing an auto from another Andover garage. He liked autos; in his home state of Minnesota, he'd been jailed for stealing one.

Officer May arrested Lawrence and walked him to the police station; Buchan soon followed in his automobile. When he got there he heard a gunshot and saw May and Lawrence scuffling at police station door. Although May had been shot, "he had pulled out his night-stick and was using it freely," according to the Townsman.

Buchan jumped from his auto to assist May. Buchan was a brave man since he knew a gun was involved. Soon, Lawrence had his head bashed against a wheel of Buchan's car, and his head profusely bled. The fight was over.

The shot Buchan heard was the second of two. One shot had hit Officer May above his left hip. The other shot would have been killed May but it hit a brass button on his uniform, bending the button, deflecting the bullet. "Most miraculous," said the Townsman of the shooting and deflected bullet.

You might ask about the gun. No answer was provided in the news. Either Lawrence had not been disarmed of his revolver, or somehow he had regained

Police Chief Smith was called to the scene as was Dr. Look. The chief took Lawrence to the Lawrence City Jail, while the doctor cared for May's wound, which was serious but not disabling.

May was nursed back to health at his home on Washington Avenue. Within a month, he was healthy enough to be a witness against his shooter. Judge Webster Thayer presided at the trial. (Months later, Thayer would be locally famous for presiding over

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the lengthy murder trial of

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Jan. 28, 1910

The scene at Pomp's Pond last week when the Andover Ice Co. began its work of cutting ice preparatory to the summer trade was a varied and attractive one and to many people no doubt would be unusual.

The Bradlee Hall was packed to the doors on Monday evening, the occasion being the first grand minstrel show of the Ballardvale Drum Corps.

The three weeks of evangelistic meetings came to an end on Sunday evening at the West Church and a very successful end it was, coming as it did after what must have been, for the evangelists, days of severe mental and physical strain.

75 Years Ago Jan. 25, 1935

At least one candidate has filed for each position on the ballot including Moderator, Frederick Butler; Town Clerk, George H. Winslow; Treasurer, Thaxter Eaton; Collector of Taxes, William Cheever.

The Natural History Society and the Andover Historical Society are uniting for a February meeting which will be held on Monday evening, February 4, at 8:00 o'clock at the Historical House, 97 Main St.

heaviest blanket of snow that had been recorded in almost

forty years, a snowfall which found the most modern of snow-fighting equipment almost useless.

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The entire Rogers Brook appropriation of some \$195,000 will be acted on again at the Town Meeting in March even though voters thought they disposed of the question over three years ago. There was an error in the method of appropriating the funds discovered by bonding counsel in Boston.

Editorial: The serious proposal by the Raytheon Co. that a Bailey Bridge be installed over the Shawsheen river at Kenilworth Street warrants close study by town officials. The company has pointed out that installation of the bridge is actually suggested as a means of solving part of the town's traffic problem.

Advertisement: Andover Value Days offer big bargains to shoppers including girls' lined corduroy slacks for \$2.19 at Sutherlands, Jumping Jack children's strap shoes for \$4.99 Andover and the whole coun- at Reinhold's; Wear Ever alutry woke up Thursday morning minum kitchen utensils for 88 to find itself buried under the cents at Hill Hardware; bath mat sets by Martex for \$4.99 at Simeone Pharmacy.

Take a hike — in town



At right, Helen Palmer, from the Appalachian Mountain Club -Andover Committee, leads a group of local residents on a snowshoe/hike in the Goldsmith Reservation Sunday afternoon. The next AMC trip in Andover is Sunday, Jan. 31 and will be a cross-country ski/snowshoe hike that meets at 10 am. at the Rafton Reservation on High Plain Road, Andover.

Fun Fridays at Family to Family

By Eric Bryden WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

When teacher Dianne Caraviello first visited the Memorial Circle public housing complex in Andover, she planned only to tell parents about a state education test. What has resulted is a broad program that provides fun activities for Andover youth of all economic means.

Almost eight years since its start, the Family to Family program offers children at Memorial Circle access to scouting. sports, summertime and other programs for kids at Memorial Circle. At its core, the Family to Family mission is to promote equity among youth in Andover.

The neighborhood known as Memorial Circle consists of a 54-unit low income housing complex. Within the Bancroft Elementary district, the complex is surrounded by primarily affluent single family homes. Caraviello lives just one street over from Memorial Circle and is a kindergarten teacher at Bancroft Elementary.

She first strengthened her acquaintance with the neighborhood while doing a community project at New Horizons for Youth in Memorial Circle. She wanted to increase parent involvement by informing families of the MCAS testing dates, and by giving out pamphlets with test-taking hints, she said.

Her assistance to this community continued in the fall of 2002 when her son, Van, in fourth grade at the time, told her about a girl at Bancroft who stunned everyone with her basketball abilities. Caraviello arranged for the girl to join her son's YMCA basketball team. Natalie Gomez-Martinez, starting pointguard of the Andover High girl's basketball team, has been playing avidly ever since.

Since then, the Family to Family program has developed, helping all Andover youths receive similar opportunities. The YMCA Basketball League, the Andover Junior Football League, Andover Youth Soccer, and Andover Little League Baseball have all willingly waived registration fees for children who could not afford them. As a result, about five new kids participated in town sports every season. Family to Family also receives donations for athletic equipment.

Caraviello noted that Andover High boys basketball coach David Fazio is "more than happy to waive the fees so these kids can attend Hooptown."

"We had the kids make signs for the AHS football team, and

Group makes activities available for kids



Andover High School sophomore Alyssa Wall (center) brought Scrabble and snacks to the table with, from left, Niziah and "Boo Boo" Taveras, Sabrina and Sarah Mackey, Nicole Maldonado, Liam Sotherland and Nimzay Vasquez.

the athletic director gave the kids free tickets to attend and cheer for Andover," she said. Even the Merrimack Junior Theatre and the Andover Drama Guild have given us free tickets for the kids to attend their shows."

Additionally, as not every family owns a vehicle, the program organizes carpools, so that no child is unable to attend an event.

The program not only makes it possible for kids to participate in town activities, but has installed regular activities for the children living in Memorial Circle and surrounding neighborhoods. One such event is called "Fun Friday," and it takes place one Friday every month.

Jan. 15 was such a Friday and at least 20 kids varying in age from 6 to 11 piled into the Stowe Court Community room, the basement of the Andover Housing Authority. As each child entered, he or she seemed delighted to see the many friends formed through the Family to Family program. Many of them were sporting pajamas because "it was pajama day at Bancroft," said Claire Stahley. Stahley was the master chef while the kids made vanilla cupcakes, and she is an active member of Family to Family.

Among the children showing off their cooking skills was Austin Holland, 8, who attends Bancroft Elementary. Austin said

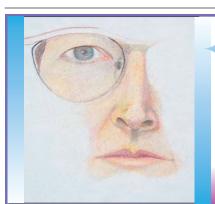
Please see **FAMILY,** Page 10



Family to Family creator Dianne Caraviello plays a puzzle game with youth from Memorial Circle and the surrounding neighborhood, Joshua Ramos, Rachel Souza and Sarah Mackey.



A crowd of Andover youth enjoyed a Family to Family event at the Andover Housing Authority on Jan 15.



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■ JANUARY FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Keaghan Marie Murphy

Keaghan Marie Murphy turned 1 on Jan. 19. She is the daughter of Dan and Beth (Everett) Murphy. Grandparents are Bob and Eleanor Everett of Andover and Diane Murphy of Springfield. Keaghan enjoys listening to music and playing with her big brother, Garrison, 2 1/2.

The Townsman typically prints first birthday messages for babies in the last issue of the month they were born. First birthday messages for babies born during February 2009 are due Friday, Feb. 19 for inclusion in the Feb. 25 Townsman.

FAMILY: Program has no economic boundaries

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he could not choose a favorite Family to Family event, because he "likes them all the same." Archie Lopez, 10, another

student at Bancroft, said that he has been going to these events for a "long time," and that he also "likes them all the same." Nimzay Vasquez, 7, also attending Bancroft said she has "made friends" through these Family to Family events. After Nimzay's move to Andover from Lawrence not long ago, the programs provided her with opportunities to feel welcomed in Andover.

A voice declaring that the cupcakes were finished was almost drowned out by the laughter and playing of young kids. Caraviello looked around at the fun scene and smiled, saying that the Family to Family program is given such a name because it does "what families used to do for each other.'

There are more than 80

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an Andover nurse, Bessie Mae

Skeels. Later, the judge became

internationally famous for his

role in the Sacco and Vanzetti

cent; Sacco and Vanzetti were

William (also called Wilfred)

Lawrence was sentenced to 10

to 12 years in prison, not much

for shooting and almost killing

case. Skeels was found inno-

executed.)

DALTON: Officer's 1919 shooter

was given 10 to 12 years in prison

volunteers in Andover for the Family to Family program. With so many volunteers, and programs and events available, "if [kids] need anything, they have a place to ask, and people who will find a way. There will always be someone in Andover to call."

The Family to Family program continues to grow, and Caraviello believes its goal of dissolving the economic barrier within Andover has been further realized in the past eight years. Family to Family has been sponsored by: The Andover Rotary Club, The Andona Society, The Service Club of Andover, Hooptown Basketball, Andover Soccer Association, Andover Junior Football League, Andover Youth Baseball, The Boy Scouts, St. Vincent DePaul, and many individual family donations.

To become involved, contact Caraviello at deevaraviello@ comcast.net.

a policeman. Judge Thayer

solitary confinement.

fired at him. He died.

ordered that the sentence be at

hard labor except for one day of

Less than five years later,

Robert Black, had two shots

Bill Dalton (billdalton@

your comments and e-mails.

andovertownie.com) writes a

weekly column for the Andover

Townsman and enjoys receiving

another Andover police officer,



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Andover Sister Towns Association members who toured the Massachusetts Statehouse were, front row, from left: Marjorie Snell, Nan James, Diane Huster, Jane Vondell, Barbara Mc Govern; and back row: Frank Hopkins, Bob James, Fred Snell and Marcia O'Donnell.

Sister Towns group visits Statehouse

Andover Sister Towns Association of Andover and North Andover, traveled to the Massachusetts Statehouse in Boston as the guests of Andover state Rep. Barbara A. L'Italien and her staff.

During the visit, members had an opportunity to learn

more about the governing process and some of the bills pending before the Commonwealth. Then the ASTA group received a comprehensive tour of the House and Senate chambers, including architectural detail, artifacts, and paintings as well as their historic

significance, according to the group.

This Statehouse visit was included among the varied monthly program activities of the ASTA organization. At this time, the group is finalizing its plans to host an official visit of a group of citizens from

Andover, England in June. The group reports that

arrangements are being made for the English visitors to tour the Massachusetts Statehouse to better understand our constitutional process during their visit to Andover and New England.

■ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

By Karen Payne-Taylor SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Witches Among Us in Andover: Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; \$15. Revealing probe into Andover's involvement in the witch hunt frenzy which 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, 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 preserva-Senior Center.

Jan. 12 - Mar. 9 from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., \$32 Registration has begun for this class.

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

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

Fun and Games: Feb. 10, 1:30 to 3 p.m., \$1 Donation. Love Scrabble? Checkers? Or just company on a cold winter's day. Bring your friends and games of choice for an afternoon of fun in our sunny Four Seasons Room. tion. Series to be held at Andover Hot cocoa, cookies and a bit of friendly competition. Call so we

New, Beginner's Tai Chi: Tuesdays, can set a place at the table for Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. Call for you. Four-season room is availinformation. able daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy games, or just a quiet spot

> to relax and read. Stop by. 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 Academy Manor. Free forum, pre-registration appreciated. Light refreshments.

Valentine's Brunch: Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; advance tickets only, \$9. Fabulous Valentine's Day brunch will feature hot entrees, omelets made to order, waffles, dessert station and more. Special surprise entertainment.

Cuban Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs: Men's Breakfast, Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m.; \$4. Visit the Cuba of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Local Spanish language teacher, Anita Adams, will give us insight through photos and her family's unique story, into the "frozen in time" unique tap and yoga sessions. Groups aspects of our neighboring coun- available in wood carving, art try Cuba. Advance registration instruction, quilting, knitting, necessary for this talk and gen- crafting and more. All classes erous breakfast.

ment, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m.; Parkinson's Support, Feb. 11 at 1:30 Or drop by for a tour. p.m.; Bereavement Support,

Lunch Box Café: Our deli-style café is open for lunch Monday through Friday for reasonably priced wraps, hot Panini, freshly made salads, and daily specials. All priced under \$5. Call ahead and we'll have it ready. Daily full lunch by reservation to all 60+ residents, \$2.75 suggested. Stop

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

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

Registration will begin Feb. 15 for aerobic, strength- training, may be audited first time, pend-Support Groups: Pain Manage- ing available space. Call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321.

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■ BOOMERVENTURE

By Karen Payne-Taylor

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Boomer Bridge: Calling all bridge hands that enhance your bridge skills. Great handouts & analysis

weekly. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for beginners and more experienced players. ACBL accredited bridge instructor Terry Kay Bargar. Mondays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., to March 22, Drop in fee \$25 per

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

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

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Arts & Entertainment

Calories for a cause

Church uses sinful treats to help reservation

By Judy Wakefield STAFF WRITER

A local church group has set out to make the world a sweeter

It will use a buffet overflowing with Boston cream pie, éclairs, brownies, chocolate donuts, candies, whoopie pies and fudge to bring relief to one of the poorest areas of the United States.

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA!

When: Sunday, Jan. 31, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Where: West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road (just off Route 133), Andover What: Buffet of chocolate treats, chocolate fountain

Cost: \$8 advance, \$10 door, free for children under 4

More info: 978-475-3528

Reason: Proceeds benefit West Parish Youth mission trip to Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota.

The upcoming Chocolate Church in Andover is a fund- taste buds no matter how cold it Extravaganza at West Parish raiser sure to stimulate your is outside.

"We wanted to do something a little different to raise money for our youth mission trip and who wouldn't come out for chocolate on a cold winter's day?" asked Rev. Marie J. Lucca, associate pastor at West Parish.

There' should be no guilt with this chocolate splurge, Lucca said because the delicious deserts and all their calories are for a good cause.

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Youth involved with West Parish Church hope to sell chocolate to pay for their mission. They are, from left: Joanna Fischer, Ford Fischer, Geena Denny, Morgan Muggia, Grace Leslie, Amy Lowe, Michaela Olson, Joanna Olson and Samantha Vano.

Hike up Weir Hill by moonlight this Saturday

Experience nature under the release. stars with a moonlight hike, with the opportunity for snowshoeing, at Weir Hill on Saturday, Jan. 30, weather permitting. The hike tions in Essex County includis sponsored by the Trustees of Reservations and will take place from 8 to 9:30 p.m. It begins at reservation on Stevens Street in North Andover. More directions are available at the Trustees Web site, www.thetrustees.org.

The Trustees of Reservations describe Weir Hill as a special place. "It's the striking vistas of both scenic Lake Cochichewick and of the broader landscape of the Merrimack Valley that will charge your imaginawander the property's eastern border along the lake shoreline or ascend to an overlook for a westward panorama, Weir Hill Reservation will replenish body and soul," the group says in a

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CHAMPAGNE TOAST, with Don Tardiff, 3 p.m.,

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

COCKTAIL HOUR, with Ginny Cahill, 2:30 p.m.,

SATURDAY. JAN. 30

FLAMENCO DANCE PROJECT, 8 p.m., Mis-

sion Oak Grill, 26 Green St., Newburyport, \$25;

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Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; a.m., park on High Plain Road near leaf com-

LIVE MUSIC, The Marshall Tucker Band, 8 cancels; Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665; David

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February Tuesdays spawn Fish On! at library



Local anglers can learn from fishing experts at the annual February series called Fish On! at Memorial Hall Library.

ALSO AT THE LIBRARY

Other February events at Memorial Hall Library include:

in the series will feature soprano Jayne West, In Love" concert on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. Enjoy a clarinetist Thomas Hill, and pianist Randall. CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA, 2-4:30 Valentine's Day concert featuring Andover singer-songwriter Camille Breeze. This performance will include love songs n m West Parish Church 129 Reservation Road (Route 133), Andover. Buffet of Delicious written over the last 75 years exploring the themes of love, chocolate treats including cakes, pies, cookies, loss and hope. From her roots in a cappella and musical Candies and a chocolate fountain, \$8 advance, theater, Breeze emerged on the Boston-area music scene as a frank storyteller who uses song to explore timeless **LIVE MUSIC,** with Abi Tapia, 8 p.m., \$14, \$12 \$10 door, children under 4 - free; 978-475-3528 (Proceeds for West Parish Youth Mission Trip emotions. She has been called the "sultress of song" and

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"a local treasure." Several fellow musicians including Steve Rapson and David Jackson will join her in this performance. Camille's CD, "In Love" will be available for sale and signing.

■ "A Celebration of American Musical Theatre" concert on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. Journey through "A Celebration of American Musical Theatre" with solos, duets, and trios performed by Susan Bishov, pianist; Diane Hagelstein, soprano; Lynne Johnson, alto; and Paul Johnson, tenor. Their repertoire includes musical show and operetta ranging from Gershwin through Simon.

Memorial Hall Library and the Friends of the Library will kick off their 11th annual monthlong series of fishing programs in February. Fish On! Andover 2010 runs on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. The programs begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Each week features fishing movies at 6 p.m., door prizes, and a room filled with free fishing catalogs, magazines, and maps. Fish On! Tuesdays will feature presentations by the following fishing experts:

Crane Beach Estuaries & Ocean Top Water Fishing: Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

Brian O'Connor will share how and when to fish Crane Beach estuaries and ocean front with a spinning reel and top water plugs. O'Connor, who has fished Crane Beach for 14 years, will cover the fishery, the fish, and the angling techniques for fishing all summer long at Crane's.

At the beginning of the program, Capt. Chuck Casella will speak about the new required Saltwater Fishing License in Massachusetts. Casella is a past president of the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association, the state's oldest and largest saltwater fishing club. He sits on various advisory panels for the New **England Fisheries Management** Council, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistical Program. He is also member of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Commission.

Stellwagen Tuna & More: Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

Capt. Bart Waldo will share his experiences fishing bluefins on Stellwagen Bank, including a description of the gear that worked (and didn't) and the fight to catch bluefin tuna ranging from 225 to 998 pounds.

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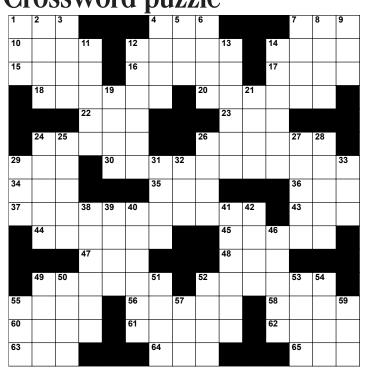
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- 15. Teenage skin disease 16. Asian nation 17. B___me - crone or hag
- 18. Unorthodoxy 20. Dank
- 22. Computer-aided mfg. 23. Marsh elder 24. A sudden flood
- 26. Sleeping noises 29. Kansas City airport
- 30. "Cujo" author 34. Grand ____, vintage 35. ___s - SE Asian country 36. Arrived extinct
- 37. Book by 30 across 43. The outward flow of the tide Solution

44. Put ashore on a desolate island 45. Volcanic craters 47. Floor cleaner 48. Top part of an

apron

49. Strikes a heavy blow 52. A musical composition 55. Sci-Fi & Fantasy publisher 56. Zen Buddhist riddles

58. C C C 60. Hillside (Scot.) 61. Operatic songs 62. Swiss river 63. 12th C Spanish 64. Pavroll

processing Co. 65. Extinct Kiwi relative

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fiddler crabs 2. Speed of sound 3. Set "Rule Britania" to music
- 4. Declare untrue 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. Impressive in scope 7. Tranquil 8. ____ 500, car race
- 9. Licenses drugs 11. Perch genus 12. Fate
- 13. Containing salt 14. Comment 19. Ingests 21. River in England
- 24. Transparent theater 25. Oldest Span. city in Peru

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 - 28. Arrogant people 29. Thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
 - 31. Ardor 32. Golf score
 - 33. Talk
 - 40. Kansas capital 41. Raise in a reief
 - 42. Precipitation
 - 49. Pakistani frock 50. Fermented honey
 - 52. Take a photograph
 - 55. English radio & TV
 - 57. Furnish with help 59. A large body of water

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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 kwalton@ecga.org.

GIZMOS & GADGETS TALK, with Northern Essex Community College Professor Ethel Schuster of Andover, 2 p.m., free, Newburyport Library. A computer scientist, Schuster's goal is to inspire everyone to become familiar with the new technology and learn how to incorporate it into their everyday lives; Beth Pendak, 978 465-2323 or ependak@mvlc.org.

GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES. 1-2:30 p.m., for families with children ages 4-10, Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield, \$9/adults, \$7/ children. Discount for Mass Audubon members. Advance registration is required, 978-887-9264.

MONDAY, FEB. 1

SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS, 1 p.m., Tactician Corp., 305 No. Main St., Andover, guest is "Dish," the local Andover company that prepares meals for everyday or

FISH ON

16, 7 p.m.

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Northeast Potpourri Fresh

Joe Welch will discuss his

favorite places, methods and

gear for spring and summer

fishing for Merrimack Val-

ley anglers. Pursuing spring

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TUESDAY, FEB. 2

FISH ON! OPENS, discussion on Crane Beach Estuaries & Ocean Top Water Fishing. 7 p.m., with Brian O'Connor, who has fished Crane Beach for 14 years, Memorial Hall Library, Andover: www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

EXHIBIT OPENS, Body & Soul, Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 2nd floor of the A-Mill, 122 Western Ave., Lowell, through Feb. 28, reception is Friday, Feb. 5, 6:30 to 9 p.m. for the artists; 978-349-8069.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 4

LEARN ABOUT SHAWSHEEN SCHOOL. Prospective Kindergarten Parent Tea, 6:30 p.m.; RSVP to 978-623-8856 or mkpoe@aps1.net.

ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES TELETHON, 6-9 p.m., broadcast live on local cable television, proceeds benefit Andover Youth Service programs, youth center building fund.; Diane

at dcostag@hotmail.com or Andrea at lynchzaimes@comcast.net. AUTHOR READING, Dani Shapiro will be reading from her new book Devotion, a memoir about her son began to ask the difficult questions about God, mortality, and the after

life, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main Street, 987-475-0143. FRIDAY, FEB. 5

LIVE THEATER, Spotlight Playhouse presents Neil Simon's, "Rumors!," a hilarious farce when party guests arrive to an empty house where the food is uncooked, the host has been shot, and his wife is missing, 8 p.m., Haverhill High School, Haverhill, \$15 adults, \$12 students, seniors; 978-380-8509, rachel@spotlightplayhouse.org. Also being performed Feb. 6, 12, 13 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

EXHIBIT OPENS, "America Now," Montserrat College of Art Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly, through April 10, with reception 7-9 p.m.; Shana Dumont at 978-867-9604, www.montserrat.edu/ galleries.

LEARN ABOUT SHAWSHEEN SCHOOL, 9:30 a.m., see Feb. 4 listing

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ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias

23, 7 p.m.



CHOCOLATE:

Sweet event to benefit S.D. poor

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The money raised from the Chocolate Extravaganza will pay for the church's youth group summer mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Lucca will take high school youth and adults to Pine Ridge for a week this summer to build and repair homes for impoverished Lakota Sioux Native Americans who live on the reservation.

"Enjoy this delicious buffet of chocolate treats because all proceeds will benefit the mission. We are hoping to make the world a sweeter place for those living at Pine Ridge," Rev. Lucca said.

Besides the buffet of chocolate desserts and beverages that will be available for sampling, the Chocolate Extravaganza will feature a raffle of gift baskets and other items, and the sale of takehome fudge Valentine hearts from Winfrey's Chocolates of Rowley.

"We think that kids will especially love the chocolate fountain where they can have fun dipping pretzels, marshmallows, strawberries and banana slices," said Bernadette Baird, a coordinator of the event.

For more information about the event, contact Rev. Marie J. Lucca at 978-887-0103.

ABOUT PINE RIDGE

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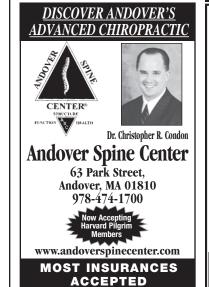
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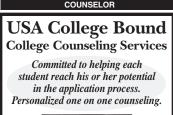
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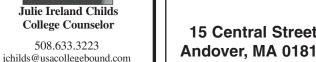
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BOOK REVIEW

Epic poem an essential read

By Mari Miyachi WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

While a number of books remain popular from decade to decade, there are far fewer that stand the test of time beyond a century. Such pieces of literature – Shakespeare's plays and sonnets come to

value is immeasurable. The book in question today is the fabled epic poem, the Iliad by Homer. According to lore, the warrior Alexander the Great slept with an annotated copy of the Iliad under his pillow, further sealing the book's nearly 3,000-year legacy.

mind – are true classics, whose

The Iliad is an ageless story, much of which is so ingrained in Western culture that the tales will sound immediately familiar. Not quite as well circulated as its brother, the Odyssey, the Iliad is undoubtedly made of the same quality and thought. Yet each subplot of the Iliad maintains the same sense of humor, suspense, or poignancy even after the words are reread and the pages frayed with wear. The story of the Trojan War, and of the beautiful Helen of Troy who began the entire ordeal, is made real through images

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'THE ILIAD' BY HOMER

and lyrical words, especially in Robert Fagles' translation.

More than a currency of entertainment value, the Iliad makes complex statements on the relationship between men and women, the nature of war, and the fate of mankind. The delicate interaction between Hector and his wife, as he prepares for battle, reveals both the tenderness of a father and the bittersweet destiny of Trojan men. The familiar rise and fall of Ajax, one of the greatest warriors of all time, acquaints the reader with the meddling of the Gods and oftentimesfutile nature of fate.

I would give the Iliad a 10 out of 10. The beauty of this book lies in its versatility: a younger reader could break the Iliad into parts, reading isolated sections at a time, while an older reader could take on the whole poem at once. For all, this is an essential book.

The writer is an Andover resident and Phillips Academy high school student who writes reviews for young adults.

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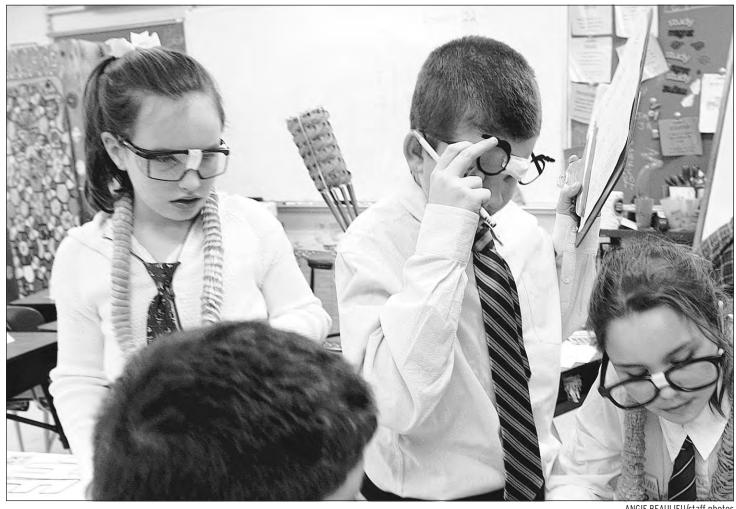
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The Geeky Graphs team members, from left, Catherine Cox, Charlie Ziegenbein and Jenna Manning, all 11, work on math problems during a schoolwide "Survivor" game at the Sanborn Elementary School Friday morning.

Added to math: Survivor challenges

Parents cook up reality-TV-themed offering

By Bethany Bray

Math lessons at Sanborn Elementary School went a little wild on Jan. 22. The entire school participated in "Math Survivor," a math challenge fashioned after the TV reality show "Survivor."

Classrooms in kindergarten through fifth grade broke into "tribes," as contestants on the show do, to complete Survivorthemed math problems and challenges last Friday morning. In between math problems, tribes could try a surprise bugeating challenge - like true contestants scrounging for food in remote locales - but the bugs at Sanborn were gummi worms.

Each tribe came up with a name and designed a tribal flag, which students brought to schoolwide "tribal council" ceremonies to begin and end the game. Sanborn staff got into the excitement, wearing tropical attire for the day.

In the end, every classroom received a prize, picking an extra recess, an ice-cream party or a movie with popcorn.

"The enthusiasm was phenomenal. The kids were so excited to work on math, and work together with their classmates on math challenges. There was a great energy," said Principal Patricia Barrett. "One of the things we always strive for is working collaboratively. When you're looking at the jobs these kids will have, the skill they'll need, besides academics, is to work collaboratively."



Sanborn School second-graders from left, Madison Ros, Abby Maines, Sarah Park, Will Granger and Maddie Kessel all chew on gummie bugs candy for a "bug eating challenge" during a schoolwide "Survivor" game.

Math Survivor was the brainchild of two Sanborn mothers, Mina Patel and Jodi MacDonald, who enlisted the help of 55 parent volunteers to run the event.

"The true moral and story behind Math Survivor is that math is fun and you can achieve a lot together with teamwork," said Patel. "Kids learn more when they're engaged ... They're learning and they're not even realizing

Math Survivor makes the subject fun, agreed Barrett, while fostering creativity,

team building and good sportsmanship. MacDonald is an engineer

and Patel has a background in finance. The woman organized Sanborn Elementary's first Math Survivor challenge three years ago, as a way to prepare students for the MCAS but also meet a void they saw in curriculum enrichment.

Schools have science fairs and art shows, but never events centered around math, said Patel.

"We wanted to put an not such a frightening thought. Math Survivor.

We wanted to bring in something that made math fun and more approachable," said Patel.

As the idea got rolling, teams of parents and teachers created age-specific math challenges for each classroom. Finding parent volunteers was not a problem, said Patel.

"We at Sanborn are a really strong and tight community," she said. "Parents are eager to help out."

Barrett agreed, noting that some moms and dads took a emphasis on math, and make it day off from work to help with

Turning on WAHS Radio still a good idea

Ken Seifert

sheen School at Prospective Andover districts.

sheen School is a kindergarten mkpoe@aps1.net.



It was 1973 or '74. Al Greenberg, chairman of the Finance Committee, and I had just finished our monthly review of the school budget. We both had something in common. He attended a Boys Club in New York City. I attended the Babcock Boys Club of Buffalo.

I told him we had a radio station that was piped into the three floors of the clubhouse. It was run completely by the boys. Al said he was an avid ham radio operator. Within minutes we had formu-

lated an idea: Station WAHS.

He could obtain the radio license and Mr. Wormwood, the principal of the high school, and I could

construct a general plan. I called Mr. Wormwood and he said, sounds good to me!

Al and I estimated it would cost \$5,000 for the license and equipment. We had the space and the labor. I always had a category in the budget, New Initiatives. It was the early '70s and the econ-

omy was not doing well. The tone

of the town was essential services, just balance the budget and nothing new. Al and I showed the trade-offs for the proposal. WAHS never made it to Town Meeting. In my judgment there were a few basic reasons for this. I did not sell the idea as well as I should have. There was not sufficient time to involve the com-

munity, faculty and students to gain

their support. I should have waited until the next year's Town Meeting and followed the steps I knew should have been done. I should have followed through on the idea, but I did not.

Andover High School still could have its own radio station WAHS.

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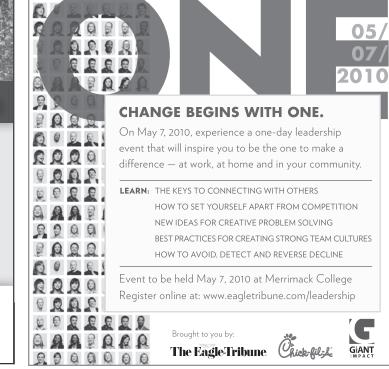


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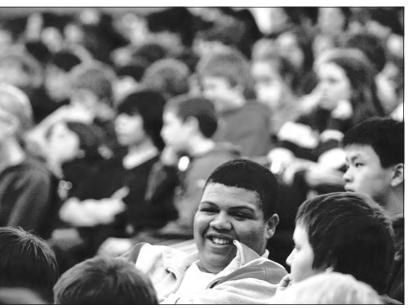


14 Thursday, January 28, 2010 THE TOWNSMAN

Engaging: Speaker shares Olympic memories



Olympic fencer Molly Sullivan Sliney speaks to students at the Doherty Middle School Wednesday morning, Jan. 20.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos Doherty Middle School seventh-grader Ommel Bonilla smiles to a friend during a presentation by Olympic fencer Molly Sullivan Sliney in the school auditorium last week.

SEIFERT: School station could broadcast throughout town

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We could broadcast throughout the town. It would not be a WBZ. But it would serve the youth and be quite an educational innovation.

It would be coordinated by a communications director. We could pay a faculty member to be an advisor. Maybe someone would volunteer. How about a community volunteer? Ninetyfive percent of the ideas could come from the students. It would be student-run with necessary oversight. The English Department could help with necessary skills. We could have writers, announcers and critics. The Athletic Department could be a source of much for a cohesive school spirit.

information and activity. The Social Studies Department could be the base of the news programs. The Music Department would give us more material than we could handle. The **Business Department would** run it like a business. The talents of individual students would provide necessary topics of interest. We could offer teenage perspective on issues of the day. We could have talent shows and student debates. Other high schools could con-

be self-supporting. The radio station was intended to be a focal point

tribute, as well as the rest of

the Andover schools. It would

school, but you need a vehicle for togetherness. This remains a problem for every high school in the country.

I still think a radio station has a place in a high school. On the other hand, Andover High has a well equipped TV studio. We are fortunate to have Joe Spanos, whose vision of possibilities is very refreshing. We have some of the most gifted students in the country.

I would divide the programming into two segments. One is community TV and the other is to establish the finest student TV studio in this country with standards and programming that is better than what we get

There is much activity in a high on commercial TV. No studentinitiated program will be shown until it represents what the students believe to be in good taste and relevant to the world they live in. If the community does not like what is produced, residents should give the students feedback. That is the best way to learn.

Just a little food for thought. Oh yes – for a few years after our idea faded, Al and I both agreed it was a good idea, with a bad plan and bad timing. Sorry Al, I know you could have obtained the license.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover Public Schools.

■ SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the and fresh fruit. Andover public schools next week, Feb. 1-5:

Elementary schools

Monday: Beef or bean tacos, grilled cheese on whole wheat, pretzels, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, spanish rice, corn and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Hamburger, veggie burger or cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun with toppings, egg salad on wheat bun, sesame noodle salad, greek salad and pita bread, baked sweet potato fries and blueberry crisp with topping.

Wednesday: American chop suey, chef salad, pita bread, turkey mini wrap. cape cod chips, garlic bread, minestrone soup, carrots and fruit.

Thursday: Pineapple sweet and sour chicken, tuna salad on wheat bread, pretzels, hummus salad with feta cheese, pita bread, fried rice, broccoli

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni french bread pizza, ,arden salad and pudding with topping.

Middle schools

Monday: Crispy chicken tenders and dips, macaroni and cheese, roast beef sub with the works, goldfish, side of macaroni and cheese, sweet potato fries and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Cheese or veggie individual pan pizza, nachos with beef, cheese and salsa, greek salad, pita bread, caesar salad, corn and pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday: Rotini with meat or marinara sauce, veggie chili and nachos, crispy chicken on a roll, pretzels, minestrone soup, garlic bread and jello with topping.

Thursday: Pizza burger on a roll, braised beef tip sub. tuna salad pocket, oven roasted fries, veggies and dip and fresh fruit.

Friday: Pan pizza, toasted cheese panini, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, chicken and wild rice soup, marinated bean salad and fresh fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: Cheese, veggie or pepperoni individual pizza, broccoli-and-cheese or pepperoni-and-cheese calzone, ziti with meatballs, salad, burger on a wheat roll, breaded chicken fillet, grilled chicken fajita and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Beef tips, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, dinner roll, jumbo hot dog, meatball sub, steak-and-cheese sub and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Eggplant parmesan, roasted butternut squash, bread stick, chicken parmesan sub, veggie chili in bread bowl topped with cheese, toasted italian panini and fruit cup.

Thursday: Oven-roasted turkey

dinner, brown sugar yams, corn, cranberry sauce, stuffing, bacon burger, grilled teriyaki sub or wrap, grilled cheese panini and apple.

Friday: Ziti or spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, cutlet, seasoned veggie, haddock-filet sandwich, grilled lemon pepper chicken-breast panini, manager's choice and blueberry crisp.

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.

■ LOCAL SCHOLARS

Four top students from Andover have distinguished themselves through special testing as among the most academically gifted young students in the country and were recognized by John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth at a recent ceremony. The students receiving high honors in Grades 2-6 were Yeji Lee of West Elementary School, Allen Zhou of the Pike School, William Pannos of Bancroft Elementary School, and Prashasti Upadhyay. Yeji Lee was also awarded a first place state award for quantitative testing results in the fifth grade. Allen Zhou was awarded a Second Place State and ninth-graders Sarah Bresette, award for quantitative testing results in the sixth grade.

A special academic award ceremony took place at Worcester State College in Worcester, which honored elementary- and middle school students from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. These exceptional children earned their opportunity for recognition by participating in the academic Talent Search organized by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, www.cty.jhu.edu. Since 1979, CTY has sought the

most academically able elementary and middle school students each year and encouraged their enrollment in CTY's annual Talent Search. Students enrolled in the Talent Search go on to test through the fall and spring. The results of these tests give families a better idea of a child's academic talents, earn children possible recognition through CTY's awards ceremonies, and possibly qualify a student for CTY's summer programs or distance education courses.

"With our annual award ceremonies, we're committed to giving these exceptional young people a stage on which to recognize their academic achievements, just as we celebrate achievements in athletics or the performing arts," said CTY executive director, Lea Ybarra.

The following students from Andover were named to the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2009-10 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

Distinction: William Green, grade 12 Honors: Christopher Arrigg, grade 10 Brendan Burke, grade 12 Nysa Casha, grade 11 Emily Cross, grade 7 **Christopher Dona**, grade 10 Matthew Dona, grade 6 Anne Green, grade 9 Maura Green, grade 10 **Heather Lacourse**, grade 9 **Shannon McCarthy**, grade 11 Michelle Menezes, grade 11

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Lawrence Academy has announced the names of Andover students who were named to the academic honor roll for the fall trimester.

High honors were awarded to seniors Jessica DeVito, Kate Gilmore and Frances Hamilton, and junior Jamie Newsome.

Honors were awarded to seniors Caroline Leed and Eric McKnight, juniors Jennifer Caron, Samuel Gilboard, Alison Pouliot, and Bryce Stocks, sophomore Brett McQuaide, Sarah Casey, Brian Finn, Madelaine Gray, Bess Muggia, Julia Savely, Gregory Stern, and Jillian Thero.

St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2009-10 school year. Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above in all courses, students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the headmaster's list: Timothy Lynch, John McKeon, Sejong

The following students were named to the principal's list:

W. Carter Durland, Eric Struhl, Varun Vadlapatla

The following students were named to the honor roll:

Alexander Cain, John Chahraban, Michael Cirbee, Zachary Costello, Michael DeLuca, James Doherty, Daniel Hyszczak, Matthew Hyszczak, Eric O'Connor, Joseph Thibodeau.

Brookwood School in

Manchester recently announced its final term honor rolls. Achieving status on the high honor roll, which recognizes students averaging 90 with no grade below 85, was sixth-grader Hannah Cregg of Andover.

The following Andover residents have been named to the academic honor roll for the fall term at Northfield Mount Hermon School:

Thomas Kavanagh, Christopher Johst, Svetlana Kobtsevawho.

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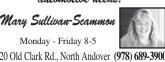
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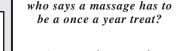
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Obituaries

Tina M. Vitale, 38



ANDOVER - Mrs. Tina M. (Coufas) Vitale, 38, loving wife of John A. Vitale, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010 in the Brigham &

Women's Hospital in Boston following a courageous battle with stage-four breast cancer.

Born in Lynn, she was the daughter of Nick and Jean (Vemis) Coufas of North Andover. Tina was raised and educated in North Andover and earned her bachelor's degree from Merrimack College, Class of 1994. Tina had been employed as a design center consultant for the Ashwood Development Companies in Hudson, N.H.

A resident of Andover, she was a member of the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox

children, a daughter, sister and friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by her two sons, Jason and Zachary; her brother, Nicholas G. Coufas and his wife Melissa of Bradford. She is also survived by several brothers and sisters-in-law, aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and the countless friends she touched throughout her life.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover. Burial will follow in the West Parish Cemetery, Andover, In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Tina's memory to St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover. Tina was a **Church. For directions and condolences,** loving wife, a caring and nur- please visit our website and online turing mother who lived for her questbook at www.cataudellaFH.com.

Gina E. Guidoboni, 53

Elizabeth Guidoboni, 53, died Sebago Shoe Factory for many suddenly Monday, Jan. 11 at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

Born in Middleboro, Mass. on Nov. 13, 1956 she was the daughter of Donald and Mary (Eldridge) Guidoboni. She had lived in Denmark with her beloved partner, Edward Toomey for 25 years, who predeceased her by three days. They are survived by their loving daughter, Mary Florence.

Gina had recently graduated with an associate degree in Applied Science from Central Maine Community College. She also had training in nursing that allowed her to care for Eddy at home over the last year throughout his courageous struggle with cancer. Gina was a loving and kind person who accepted people from all walks of life. She was an avid swimmer, reader, and loved walking outdoors especially with her daughter. After graduating from Middleboro High School.in 1974, Gina attended Lock Haven. State College in Pennsylvania. She worked in Middleboro for Education Fund at: Andover Fedseveral years before moving eral Credit Union, 19-C Lupine Road,

DENMARK, Maine - Gina Bridgton, she worked at the years before attending nursing school. Gina loved Maine for its natural beauty, and was a nature and animal lover all of her life. Gina had spent time in the past as a volunteer at the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter in Fryeburg. Gina was a lifetime member of The Soule Homestead in Middleboro. She loved the farm and cherished her time there when she was in the area visiting her parents.

> Survivors include her daughter, Mary Toomey of Denmark; her parents, Donald and Mary Guidoboni of Plymouth; her brother, Donald Guidoboni and his wife, Jo, of Andover; her sister, Lisa Guidoboni and her husband Tom Adie, also of Andover; and her sister, Mila Galloni and her husband Ray of Littleton. Gina was also survived by nine nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial and graveside service will be held in Maine in the spring. In lieu of flowers, people may contribute to: The Mary Toomey to Bridgton, Maine in 1983. In Andover, MA 01810.

Agnes Gallagher, 94

ANDOVER — Agnes Gallagher, 94, of Force. Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010 at her home.

Agnes was born in Glasgow, Scotland and had lived in Andover for over 80 years. She was a graduate Phi Beta Kappa of Tufts University and Simmons College.

For many years, Agnes worked as a librarian at Harvard University and as Pearson St., Andover. To send an online condolence a librarian with the United States Air please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Her family members include her two nephews, Owen Gallagher and Alan Gallagher.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours. Services will be private and interment will be in West Parish Cemetery, Andover. Arrangements are by The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33

■ RELIGION

MV Chapter of Hadassah hosts new members meeting

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah new member coffee: Meet some chapter representatives and learn about Hadassah at a new member coffee to be held on Wednesday Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread in North Andover. For more information or to RSVP send an email to HadassahMV@gmail.com.

■ 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.

Chronic disease

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

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Down syndrome

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents and children of all ages are welcome. Call group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

HIV/AIDS

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

Lyme disease

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

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading. Call Dottie at 978-851-7655.

Multiple sclerosis

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

New mothers

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

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.

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-

Brooms and stones won't break your bones

Throwing stones on frozen lakes, rivers or ponds led to a wonderful winter sport that will be played in Vancouver in just a few days.

in the early 1500s.

formed by nature. Each stone was unique. The rocks would curl or curve as they were slid down the ice. The name "curling" was given to the game.

British troops brought the sport to North America during the Revolutionary War in the 1700s.

durance.

The match is played on an

stone weights between 38 to 44 pounds. A handle is bolted

take turns sliding the stone toward the button, which is lo-

cated 126 feet from where the shooter starts.

The shooter pushes off from a foothold that provides traction, called a "hack," at the end of the sheet. The shooter releases the stone with a twist of the wrist, allowing the stone to curl.

As the stone slides along the ice, the other three team members sweep the ice with brooms. This sweeping causes the stone to speed up or The polished granite curling change directions. The captain of the team is called "skip." The skip shouts out sweeping instructions.

> The team tries to position its stones so that the other team can't knock the stones



out of the house.

Players must read the ice and know what will happen as the stone slides down the ice.

Each round is called an "end." Each team member shoots twice in the end, so there are 16 shots.

The score for that end is figured after all stones are shot. The team with the stone closest to the button gets one point for each of its stones that is closer than the opponent's closest stone. A stone must be in the house to score.

A match consists of 8 to 10 ends. The team with the most points wins the game.

Newspaper in Education activity

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Curling started in Scotland Early curling stones were

Curling is a non-contact sport. It requires sportsmanship, teamwork, skill, and en-

indoor ice surface called a "sheet." It is about 150 feet long and 16 feet 5 inches wide. At each end of the sheet is a 12-foot bull's eye target. The target is called the "house." The center of the target is called the "tee" or "button."

to the stone. Two teams of four players

> Maze Find your way through the maze to the button in the center.



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Business

NECC: Train to be an entrepreneur

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The ETP is designed to assist students to prepare and implement a specific, comprehensive business plan tailored for their business and to provide the skills and knowledge with which to successfully implement that

This intensive, comprefirst on your list of New Year's hensive, non-credit, 20-week program covers all aspects of starting and operating a busilege Entrepreneurial Training ness. The curriculum includes Program information session sessions on market research, marketing tools, product/service differentiation, networking, sales techniques, presentation skills, financial management, as well as legal and insurance issues, human resources and time management.

Instructor Paul Jermain of Jermain and Co., combines rate and Community Education intensive classroom work and guest presenters, as well as one-on-one consulting to assist each entrepreneur during the start-up phase of the business, according to the school. Classroom training is followed by business plan presentations, independent work and 1-to-1 consulting to assist in implementing the business plan.

The next session will begin March 9 with classes at the Northern Essex Corporate and Community Education Center in North Andover. All interested individuals must attend an information session, complete an application and interview for acceptance into the program.

This program is Mass. Section 30 approved. Some dislocated workers and others may qualify for tuition assistance.

Call Diane Zold-Gross at 978-659-1221 or e-mail her at dzoldgross@necc.mass.edu, or Dianne Lahaye at 978-659-1222 or e-mail dlahaye@necc.mass. edu for details, directions and to reserve a seat. People may also call Workforce Development and Community Education about this program and other noncredit courses and programs at 978-659-1200, or visit www.necc. mass.edu/noncredit/index.php

Whole Foods offers chocolate sampling Feb. 4

Day, Whole Foods market will to 7 p.m. in the store at 40 Railhost a Feb. 4 event featuring demonstrations and offering free samples of all things chocolate. Whole Foods "Chocolate Fest"

road St.

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In preparation for Valentine's will be Thursday, Feb. 4, from 5 cookies, ice cream, drinks and candies to sauces with fresh fruit, according to the market.

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December. Boston Blazers' Gary Bining and Daryl Veltman of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England, to unload the toys.

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Forster on council

Wolcott Avenue resident Raymond R. Forster II, a registered moving vans filled with gifts principal and financial advisor

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Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, (96.2058)(1/28/2010)

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Signed, Ron Abraham, Owner

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Irene P. Santos to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated February 6, 2003 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 7523, Page 249, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2010, on the

Unit B1-7 ("the Unit") located at Colonial Drive in Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium (the "Condominium") in the Town of Andover, Essex County Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a condominium established by Master Deed, dated as of June 16, 1987, and recorded with the Essex North Registry of

For Title see Deed of Mortgagor recorded at Book 4205, Page 317. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4205, Page 317.

ses will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable. having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such re easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.

Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500

AT - 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/2010

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mort-gage given by Ronald A. Morgese to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated Sep-tember 20, 2006 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10405, Page 268, of which mortgage JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA (the "Savings Bank") from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting as receiver for the Savings Bank and pursuant to its authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. section 1821(d) is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on February 19, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 39 Stinson Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and singular the premises described in said mortgage

TO WIT: The land together with the buildings thereon in Andover, situated on the Westerly side of Andover By-pass in said Andover and on the southerly side of Stinson Road, on a plan of land in Andover, Massachusetts owned by H. Bradford Lewis Estate, February 1959, L.R. Stowers, Reg. Sur., Methuen, Mass, Plan No. 3814: said premises are more particularly bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY in two courses by a stone wall and Stinson Road, measuring eighty-nine and 00/100 (89.00) feet respectively; WESTERLY one hundred and ninety-five and 00/100 (195.00) feet by land now or formerly of H. Bradford Lewis Estate; SOUTHERLY two hundred fifty-eight and 00/100 (258.00) feet on

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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

Premises affected are located at 12 Walnut Ave., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown VIN# on Assessor's Map 20 as Lot 56. STEPHEN D.

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mortgaged premises located at 1 Colonial Drive, Unit B1-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, Unit B1-7, Colonial Drive Condominium, Andover, Massachusetts 01810. All that certain premises and proportionate interest in Colonial Drive Con-dominium situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts more particularly described as follows:

Deeds in Book 2522, Page 105, as amended, (the "Master Deed") and Declar ration of Trust of Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium Trust (the "Condominium Trust') dated July 16, 1987, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 2522, Page 137, as amended, together with an .4429 undivided percentage interest appertaining to said unit in the common areas and facilities of the condominium as set forth in the Master Deed and together with the rights and easements

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610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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ANDOVER on THURS-DAY, FEBRUARY 4. 2010 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Thomas P. Loosigian, 8 Foreman Lane, Pelham, NH for a variance from Article VIII, §4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5.a to convert an existing breezeway into additional garage space that does not meet the setback

District as shown on Assessor's Map 89 as STEPHEN D. CHAIRMAN

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of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance. If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said attorney must file a writ-Court at: Salem on or before 02/22/2010, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost

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Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 13,

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frances A. Fantasia to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgageit, Inc., dated December 27, 2006 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 9965, Page 49, of which mortgage OneWest Bank, FSB is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Pub-lic Auction at 9:00 AM on February 19, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 200H Brookside Drive, Unit 200H of the Brookside at Andover Condominium, ANDOVER, MA 01810, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The Unit ("Unit") Known as Unit 200H in Building 200 (the "Building") at the Brookside at Andover Condominium (the "Condominium"), a condominium situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated October 14,2004 and recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds on October 14.2004 at Book 9121 Page 89 (the "Master Deed"), as amended. The Unit is shown on the floor plans (the "Plans") recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and on tae copy of the portion of the Plans, shown said Unit attached to the Mortgage and Security Agreement and Financing Statement from Brookside Estates United Partnership to Eastern Bank and Eastern Bank as agent from Cambridge Savings Bank, dated October 14,2004 recorded with said Deeds on October 14, 2004 at Book 9121. Page 147, to which Is affixed the verified statement required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A. The post office address of the

Unit is 200H Brookside Drive, Andover, Massachu-For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 9965, Page 45. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encum brances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE deposit of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10.000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Ablitt Law Offices, P.C., 304 Cam bridge Road, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801, othe terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE. Present holder of said mortgage, OneWest Bank, FSB By its Attorneys Ablitt Law Offices, 304 Cambridge Road, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 Telephone: 781-246-8995 Fax: 781-246-8994 1/28/2010 2/4/2010 2/11/2010 AT - 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/10

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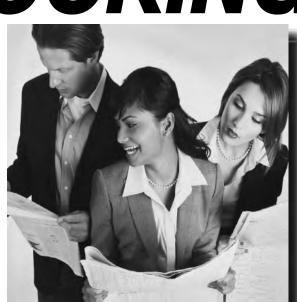


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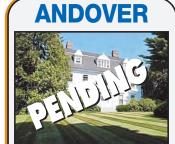
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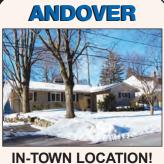
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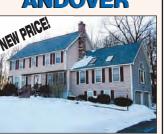
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Pajamas for Haiti

Students and staff at Sanborn Elementary School wore pajamas to school on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Not because they were sleepy or lazy, but to be active in helping Haiti earthquake relief efforts. Every youngster who wore PJs donated \$2 to the Red Cross.

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The "Help Haiti Have Hope" fundraiser was the brainchild of a group of Sanborn Elementary fifth-graders, said Nancy DiSalvo, Sanborn learning specialist. The group set up a meeting with Principal Patty Barrett, showing her a power point presentation on their cause and ideas to raise money for Haiti earthquake victims.

The children have also organized a concession stand for the Sanborn play this weekend.

— Bethany Bray

Eighty for Haiti

Charlotte Reeves, a West Elementary fifth-grader, raised \$405.31 for the Red Cross' Haiti earthquake relief, collecting donations for three hours in front of Old Town Hall on Main Street Saturday, Jan. 23.

"She wanted to do something for the people of Haiti and came up with the idea of an 'Eighty for Haiti' campaign with the goal of raising \$80 for Haiti. With permission from the town, Charlotte set up a table in front of the Town Hall on Saturday," wrote her mother, Lindsey Reeves, in an e-mail to the Townsman.

— Bethany Bray

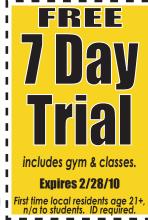


Charlotte Reeves raised more than her goal by setting up a table downtown.

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