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Selectmen town's only contested race

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover's town election will have just one contested race this spring, between three men vying for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Chandler Road resident Larry Bruce, a frequent critic of town government, will challenge incumbent Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Jerry Stabile Jr.

"There seems to be a disconnect between our elected and paid officials and the taxpaying public. We're in a recession, and they can't seem to understand that. We can't afford it any more. They're still giving out raises, and we're lucky to keep our jobs," said Bruce, 51. "There's no doubt in my mind that these incumbents are the problem."

School Committee Chairwoman Debra Rahmin Silberstein declared she would not run for a third term this week, after pulling papers and gathering signatures last week. That leaves incumbent Dick Collins and attorney Paula Colby-Clements able to walk into the two available School Committee seats.

Silberstein said she took out papers in the closing days because no one else had done so at the time and she was receiving pressure from supporters to run. But she believes after two terms it is time for her to take a new role. She expects to focus on both educational and other issues such as economic growth, suggesting she might become involved in the Interstate 93 interchange plan that will bring a new ramp into the Ballardvale area of town.

"I'm passionate about education and about our community staying strong," said Silberstein. "I'm not *not* running again because I don't care. I care as much as I ever did."

Silberstein's 26-year-old daughter, Allyson, pulled papers mid-afternoon Feb. 2, but did not return them with the 50 required signatures by Tuesday's 5 p.m. deadline, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone also pulled papers to run for selectmen, but was not feeling well and unable to gather signatures over the weekend, she said. Carbone, a longtime resident, is a regular attendee at selectmen meetings and often takes the microphone at Town Meeting.

"At the last minute, I went to the town clerk's office (to pull papers) because I don't believe anyone should be walking into office like that (running unopposed)," said Carbone on Monday. "The bottom line is, I'm still

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WELCOME HOME



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The SHED Kid's Club re-opened Monday on the campus of Phillips Academy after a sprinkler malfunctioned and burst a month ago, causing major damage. Colleen Shay, 6 and facing the camera, and Maddy Tutwiler, 6, both of Andover, seem happy to be back.

At PA, Kid's Club has kids again Flood damage repaired, program returns home

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Staff and children in the Shawsheen Extended Day program's Kids Club are finding truth in the famous movie line "there's no place like home" this week.

The middle- and elementary-school-age students returned to their building on the campus of Phillips Academy Feb. 1, for the first time since a sprinkler line broke on New Year's Eve, causing major water damage to two floors.

Sydney Bialo, executive director and founder of SHED Inc., called Monday a "homecoming" for the staff and 175 young children displaced by the flooding.

For the last month, the program had been operating out of Andover Public School buildings, on an emergency basis, while its facility was repaired. SHED is grateful to the schools and Superintendent Claudia Bach for their help, said Bialo, and is covering any extra costs incurred while SHED used school facilities.

Although there is still



Karen Ulbin, a teacher for 13 years at SHED's Kid's Club, helps Jessica Shay, 9, left, and Sophie Jeffery, 8, both of Andover, with a puzzle.

some work to be completed, including painting, the Kid's Club building's electrical system, some carpeting, ceiling tiles, walls and the fire alarm system have been replaced. The building has been thoroughly cleaned and supplies and furnishings have been replaced and

refurbished. "However, the most important achievement this month has been what our amazing staff has accomplished. From start to finish, they have been involved in the cleanup effort, planning, relocating,

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Light fight goes to vote

Town Meeting could reverse decision to darken 626 street lights

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A lawyer who won a unanimous Supreme Court ruling that banned gays and lesbians from marching in the South Boston St. Patrick's Day parade, defended a Woburn minister's right to whip his son with a leather belt and sued the town of Lexington for refusing to display a Nativity scene on its public green has a new, if less controversial cause. He wants to turn the street lights back on in Andover.

Chester Darling, a retired civil rights litigator, has penned a warrant article for spring Town Meeting to reverse selectmen's August decision to shut off 626 street lights.

Darling's article would provide money to light the street lights once more, correcting a situation he says is dangerous, and opens the town to possible lawsuits.

"There are people that will put up with things, but I'm not one of them," said the Mayflower Road resident. "It's annoying that selectmen arbitrarily shut them off."

Darling's article is one of four private warrant articles submitted by last week's deadline for Annual Town Meeting, set for the last week in April.

If approved by Town Meeting voters, the warrant article would transfer up to \$55,650 from free cash to the town's street light expenditure account and "take every affirmative act to ensure that the restoration of the street lights shall be permanent." The \$55,650 sum includes



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Chester Darling of Mayflower Drive is hoping his street will not be left in the dark at night much longer as he has submitted a warrant article for Town Meeting that would turn back on all 626 street lights that Andover selectmen voted to turn off last August.

\$15,650 to turn the lights back on and \$40,000 to replenish the budget for the continuing operating expenses - figures based off public works estimates, said Darling.

Selectmen voted Aug. 17 to adopt the DPW suggestion to shut off 626 lights on more than 175 streets in Andover, saving an estimated \$4,000 each month in

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State seeks cause of Sweetbriar gas rupture

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A gas main rupture that blew a six foot hole in Sweetbriar Lane last week, leaving 114 homes without gas service, remains under investigation as Andover State Rep. Barry Finegold has begun to pressure the Bay State Gas Company for answers.

Citing recent explosions in Somerset, Gloucester and Medford, said Finegold, chairman of the joint committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, wrote a Jan. 28 letter inviting Bay State Gas and area utilities to a Feb. 10 hearing "to inform the committee of why these leaks are occurring at such an alarming rate and what steps your company is taking to repair them."

The Sweetbriar Lane incident, which spewed natural gas and

debris until gas service was shut off to the neighborhood, happened around noon on Tuesday, Jan. 26. No injuries were reported.

The high-pressure underground main was repaired that day, and gas service to all 114 homes was restored no later than 9:45 p.m., said Don DiNunno, Bay State Gas spokesman.

DiNunno said Bay State Gas "will absolutely participate" in the state's Feb. 10 hearing.

There are 19,000 miles of gas mains across Massachusetts and 1.3 million service lines going into homes and businesses, wrote Finegold. "It's crucial that we make sure that these pipes are being properly monitored and cared for," he wrote. "I, like many, have concerns over the age and condition of the pipeline

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A classic twist



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

At left, Sanborn Elementary School students Wonhee Han, as Mr. Brownlow, and Iris Choo, as Rose Maylie, perform as part of the cast in "Oliver Twist" last Saturday. More photos in Education, page 4.

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SHED: Program home again

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scheduling and daily supervision of your children, all without missing a beat," Bialo and Kid's Club Director Linda Shottes-Bouchard wrote parents this week. "Coming from the wonderful situation we have at 65 Phillips St., to having to relocate, literally, overnight to the local schools, was a Herculean task. The staff made it appear effortless, smooth and easy. This is a testament to their skill and dedication."

Bialo founded SHED 25 years ago as a program for half-day kindergartners at Shawsheen School. The program quickly grew, and SHED and its Kid's Club program now serve about 300 Andover children every day, kindergarten through eighth-grade.

SHED's kindergarten building, also located on the Phillips Academy campus, was not affected by the flooding and



CARL RUSSO/ Staff photo
Gabriella Rickards, 8, of Andover, finds a cozy spot to read.

has been operating as usual this winter.

RACE: Three running

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there. I don't have to be there in an elected capacity."

Bruce, an engineer for Hewlett-Packard, has never held public office before. Years of increased taxes, fees and cuts to programs prompted him to run for selectman, he said.

The straw that broke the camel's back was the inattention by selectmen and the town manager to a Mass. Highway salt pile at Interstate 93 and Route 495 that leached into nearby Fish Brook, he said.

"I brought it to the attention of selectmen and they ignored it. I have to wonder how many other issues they ignore," Bruce said.

Last spring, Colby-Clements, a professor at the Mass School of Law in Andover, ran for School Committee and came in fourth behind then-incumbent Art Barber, taking 11 percent of votes. Colby-Clements, 41, lives on Chestnut Street with her husband, Gregg and three children Jordan, 9; Emily, 7, and Jack, 4.

Colby-Clements said she felt compelled to help and join the School Committee this year, knowing that several large tasks loom, including the Bancroft Elementary School building project, union contract renegotiations and budget creation.

Dick Collins, a retired teacher and football and track coach at Andover High School, is seeking

2010'S ONLY CONTESTED RACE

Three residents will run for two selectmen seats:

■ Alex Vispoli, 52, was elected in 2004 and is seeking a third term. He lives on Alison Way and works as sales director at a Waltham software company.

■ Jerry Stabile Jr., 50, a sales executive with a Newburyport information technology company, lives on Blueberry Hill Road. He was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 2006 and is seeking a second term.

■ Larry Bruce, an engineer with Hewlett-Packard, lives on Chandler Road with wife Pamela; daughter Ally, 18, attends the University of Rhode Island. Bruce, a Worcester State College grad, has lived in Andover since 1989.

a fifth consecutive term on the School Committee. Collins lives on Lovejoy Road and will turn 79 in August.

Town election ballots will also have uncontested races for moderator, Andover Housing Authority and Greater Lawrence Technical High School Committee. Incumbents Sheila Doherty (moderator), Francis O'Connor (housing authority) and Marilyn Fitzgerald (GLTS Committee) are unopposed.

Town election is set for Tuesday, March 23. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School Field House, Shawsheen Road, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Neil Fater contributed to this article.

Town Meeting articles

Few requests from residents

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting voters will be asked to provide money to beef up the number of Andover Youth Services workers, extend town sewer and help residents repave their street. But overall, there were few requests for town funds in a year when money is tight in both the private sector and across all levels of government.

Summer jobs, programs

Will English, Andover Youth Council member and former selectman candidate, has submitted a warrant article to appropriate \$50,000 to the Andover Youth Services seasonal staff account.

The move would compensate for years of budget cuts impacting AYS staffing and programs, said English, funding an account that provides 12 staffers for summer programs that reach more than 1,000 youths.

"If this warrant article doesn't go through, I think the summer program is in peril, with 1,000-plus kids not having a much-loved program, and that's a shame. Times are tough, but if we prioritize, I think we can find \$50,000. I think youth should be a priority in these tough times, when parents are working more and are around less," said English.

The \$50,000 would allow the summer program to continue and pay for more programming at the new AYS house on Pearson Street, he said. The money would come from taxation, borrowing or transfer of available funds.

English benefitted from AYS programs growing up in Andover, and he worked for the department while in college.

"It's bigger than just trips with kids. It's important to youth development," said English. "We can't forget that youth services was created in 1994 after the unfortunate suicides of young people. I think it's unfortunate for town to step away from support at this time."

"The town manager wants to turn AYS into a fee-based program. When dealing with teenagers, it's nearly impossible to make it work that way. They just don't have any money. The best way to provide support services is to get out and provide programming for kids," he said. "The town says, basically, that AYS staff should sit around in offices and wait for kids to come, but it doesn't work like that in reality."

Lincoln Street sewer

Resident Tim Lindblad will ask Town Meeting voters to approve a \$225,000 sewer line extension to his end of Lincoln Street.

For some reason eight houses at the end of Lincoln Street were left off the sewer line and built with septic systems when the neighborhood was built more than 80 years ago, said Lindblad. Other neighboring streets, including Cyr Circle, are all on sewer.

"We've got very small lots, and it's a health issue, the fact that we've got septic in a very small area," said Lindblad, who lives at 10 Lincoln Street.

The neighborhood lies across Shawsheen Road from Andover High and West Middle Schools. A majority of the eight homes involved are in favor of the sewer line, said Lindblad, with two or three still "on the fence."

Two-thirds of the project's \$225,000 price tag would be paid

by the eight Lincoln Street homeowners, either upfront or through betterments over a maximum of 20 years.

Loan to repave private roads

An article withdrawn from the 2009 Town Meeting warrant has returned, asking to repave the private Pomeroy and Fosters Pond Roads, with the town fronting the estimated \$54,000 cost.

The project would be repaid, divided evenly among the neighborhood's 37 landowners. That comes out to less than \$1,500 each, said James Cyrier of 21 Pomeroy Road, the article's author.

Pomeroy and Fosters Pond Roads cut through private land, so they are not public ways, he said. The town does provide snowplowing and trash collection, but does not pave or repair the roads.

"We pay the same taxes that everyone in this town pays, but we don't get the same services," said Cyrier.

Last year, the town's lawyer recommended that Andover adopt a bylaw that would require 75 percent of abutters to approve changes to a private way. On top of getting 10 signatures to submit a warrant article, a petitioner would also have to garner the 75 percent support and go before selectmen for permission.

Town leaders asked Cyrier to withdraw his article from 2009 Town Meeting, before the bylaw could be changed.

Over the last year, the bylaw has been changed and approved by the attorney general, said Cyrier.

He has submitted the article again for spring Town Meeting, and will collect signatures of 75 percent of landowners on the two roads, or 28 owners, said Cyrier.

LIGHTS: Article added to town warrant

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and increased opportunity for crime. The town could be sued, he argued, in the case that reduced visibility contributed to a traffic accident.

"It's a very dangerous situation," said Darling. "We don't really have adequate lighting to begin with on some town roads that are thickly settled."

Darling says he knows there is support for his warrant article as he collected 19 signatures in one

day to file his paperwork with the town clerk. He received phone calls from residents in support of his view after a letter he wrote on the issue ran in the Nov. 11 Andover Townsman, he said.

Town Meeting is scheduled for April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Field House at Andover High School, and May 3 and 4 if needed in the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

utility costs.

The 626 lights, roughly one-third the street lights in town, were determined to be unnecessary for safety by the Andover police.

Darling feels the opposite, that reduced visibility creates a danger to public safety, a hazardous situation for motorists, pedestrians and school children

CORRECTION

The Jan. 21 education page article "25 want to be next Andover superintendent" incorrectly stated the amount paid to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to conduct

the superintendent search.

MASC is being paid a \$8,500 fee plus an estimated \$6,500 for travel, advertising and other expenses, bringing the total estimated cost to \$15,000. "The

school department would have incurred the advertising, travel and related expenses whether the search was conducted internally or not," wrote School Committee member Dennis Fergie.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Built literally around the Hulme and Scott mansions in 1961 and containing more than 50 boutiques, business and offices, Olde Andover Village is the largest single retail complex in downtown Andover. A large addition was added to the rear of the building in the 1980s. The rooflines of the original mansions can still be seen from across the street. The Andover Bookstore occupies the former barn from the Scott mansion.



NOW: The Olde Andover Village shopping center on Main Street looks much the same today.

Zoning to change?

The town is developing a plan for what to do with an area of downtown if it moves its town yard out of this area.

The Andover Smart Growth Overlay District and accompanying Rules and Regulations have been submitted for Town Meeting 2010 approval. On Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m., in the third floor conference room, the Andover Planning Board will host a public hearing to review the Andover Smart Growth Overlay District and solicit public comment. This

meeting is open to the public and residents/businesses are encouraged to participate.

Cholesterol test Feb. 10

The Andover Board of Health will offer a cholesterol screening clinic on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only. The simple finger-stick test cost \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment call the health department at 978-623-8295.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



"IT'S AN INCONVENIENCE, WE know... We hope it's less than a year. [Our] team will be working hard to ensure the lot can reopen sooner if possible.

— Paul Nelson, a spokesman for the Department of Transportation, on closing the Dascomb Road Park & Ride commuter lot for a year to double its size. *Story in Business, Page 16.*

"IF YOU TAKE THE BILL, AND MOVE the decimal point – that makes people wake up when they see a monster bill come in. We could possibly give people that refuse a different rate because we still have to manually read their meter.

— Public Works director Jack Petkus on ways to get reluctant residents to allow the town to install new water meters in their homes. *Story, Page 6.*



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
School Budget Advisory Committee, school administration building, School Committee Room, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY FEB. 6

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

MONDAY, FEB. 8

School Committee and selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6 p.m.
Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.
School Committee screening committee and

MASC update, school administration building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

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

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

School Committee workshop, school administration building, School Committee room, 6 p.m.

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

Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, fire chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, plant and facilities conference room, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

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

School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

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

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 8 a.m.

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

Rock the House, lift up teen crisis line

Saturday, Feb. 6, the Ballard Vale United Church will present "Rock the House," a benefit concert to raise funds for the Samaritan Teen Crisis Line. Two years ago, the church made a commitment to fund the teen line which had been discontinued a decade ago after budget cuts. Knowing

that the teen years can often present high rates of suicide, the church made keeping the teen line in operation one of its primary missions.

Rock the House will feature the well known Andover band One Step Away, as well as another Andover High School band,

Left Hand Blue. Jeff Harmon, a member of Ballard Vale United Church, will act as master of ceremonies for the evening and play with his band, Johnnycab.

Rock the House is billed as a drug-free event and tickets will be \$7 at the door. The event will be from 7 to 10 p.m. and

doors will open at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will be used towards the teen crisis hotline. Refreshments will be available for purchase. The church is located at 23 Clark Road in Andover and is fully accessible. For more information, call Noni Yount at 978-470-2921.

Saints Medical opening new women's center

Saints Medical Center will open a comprehensive Women's Center for Health and Wellness in nearby North Andover.

The completely refurbished, multi-million-dollar center at 203 Turnpike St., North Andover

will expand and enhance the women's health care services now offered at the Saints Medical Center complex in Lowell. While the formal opening is expected some time in early February, Saints has scheduled a series of open houses, including one for the public on Saturday, Feb., 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tax-saving tips by Andover accountant

The Harvard Club of Andover, Inc. will offer a program of tax-saving tips and a description of IRS tax changes for 2009 in a free, public forum at the Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Andover CPA Richard Soo Hoo and Kenneth Der, a CPA and CFP of Wellesley, will focus on those who prepare their own tax returns as well as those who hire professional preparers. They will also discuss tax changes affecting businesses, Wall Street investments, retirement plans and Roth IRAs.

Full-Time Professional and Mother Down to a Size 4!



BEFORE

I have been a member of GISFW for almost 2 years. Being a member has been, and continues to be, a wonderful experience. When I joined I had some overdue baby weight to lose and was very out of shape. As someone who used to spend many hours at the gym, I was skeptical that three hours a week would be enough to get in shape, but with 2 active little boys and a full time job, that was about all I had time for. I have not only lost weight (I now wear a size 4), but have kept it off. I am in the best shape I have been in since long before I had kids, and I keep getting stronger and more fit. The trainers are fantastic and make sure that the weight workout is always very challenging and never boring. After almost two years, I still get sore after my workouts. Doing intervals on the cardio machines gives a great cardio workout in a relatively short amount of time.

It is a lot of fun working out with other women in a small group. There is a lot of laughter and encouragement. Both the GIS staff and the other women provide motivation to show up and work hard and hold you accountable when you don't. Having worked one on one with trainers before, I definitely have more fun working out in a small group with a trainer.

I really can't say enough about how great GIS is. It has definitely exceeded all of my expectations. I have so much more energy and feel so much better about myself (and look so much better) now than when I joined, and I am having so much fun getting in great shape!



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■ POLICE LOG

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ARRESTS

Tuesday, Jan. 26 – At 12:49 p.m., Katie M. Iannuzzi, 24, of 53 Skilton Lane, Burlington, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance.

Thursday, Jan. 28 – At 12:47 p.m., Joseph A. Russo, 47, of 89 Pearl St., Malden, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250, driving with a suspended license, driving an uninsured vehicle trailer and unregistered vehicle and attaching the wrong plates to a vehicle.

Friday, Jan. 29 – At 10:58 a.m., Tiago Valente, 39, of 64 Hollis St., Apt. 6, Framingham, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 2:51 p.m., Samuel E. Dempsey, 18, of 29 Lincoln St., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

At 3:05 p.m., Angel L. Rodriguez, 26, of 101 Dracut St., first-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and a miscellaneous vehicle equipment violation.

Saturday, Jan. 30 – At 11:58 a.m., William M. Robinson, 42, of 26 Beacon St., Apt. 41B, Burlington, was arrested and charged with driving with a license revoked for an operating under the influence of liquor conviction.

At 3:12 p.m., Debra A. Schnepp, 35, of 259 Lowell St., Apt. 3, Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving an unregistered vehicle.

At 11:21 p.m., Nathan J. Rivera, 18, of 25 Gage St., Apt. 2, Methuen, was arrested and charged on warrants.

Sunday, Jan. 31 – At 1:07 and 1:29 a.m., Raymond J. Proia, 20, of 12 Debbie Lane, Lawrence, and Nicholas R. Drew, 19, of 1 Warwick Circle, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Merrimack College police brought them both into the Andover police station.

At 10:08 a.m., a male juvenile was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 2:43 p.m., Edwin Leonel Lopez Lemus, 20, of 44 East Laurel St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Monday, Feb. 1 – At 3:05 p.m., Francisco I Rios, 22, of 179 Andover St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a license revoked as a habitual traffic offender.

At 8:45 p.m., police were called to Railroad Street by the railroad company for assistance with a disorderly male. At 9:03 p.m., David L. Ranlett, 47, of 107 Spring St., Stoneham, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

THEFTS

Sunday, Jan. 31 – At 5:31 a.m., a River Road hotel guest reported leaving a room to go for a walk and returning to find items missing.

At 1:18 p.m., a Lupine Road resident reported several items missing from the home.

At 3:45 p.m., a Swan Lane resident reported a handicap placard missing.

BREAKS

Monday, Feb. 1 – At 6:36 a.m., the owner of the LukOil gas station, Route 125, reported that someone popped the lock on the front door sometime overnight.

At 5:45 p.m., evidence of a past breaking and entering was reported on Jordyn Lane, with a screen removed from the back of the house.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 26 – At 1:46 p.m., Lawrence police notified Andover police they had recovered a vehicle that had been stolen from Andover.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 – At 2:06 a.m., an officer located an abandoned vehicle behind the LaQuinta hotel, River Road, with smashed windows and no license plates. The vehicle was towed.

Friday, Jan. 29 – At 8:44 a.m., a report at the police station of license plate being stolen.

At 12:59 p.m., a report at the police station of an overnight vehicle break-in on Green Meadow Lane.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 27 – At 9:28 a.m., Andover Law, Elm Square, reported spray paint on their building.

At 11:17 p.m., a motorist called 911 reporting he had hit an owl while driving on Lovejoy Road. Animal Control was called to take the bird to an animal hospital.

Some balking at new water meters

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

WHAT TO DO

- Town-hired contractor Eastern Win Water is replace water meters neighborhood by neighborhood. Residents will be notified with a letter through U.S. Mail when their area will be addressed.
- Residents can make a half-hour appointment, Monday through Saturday, by calling 1-866-983-8080.
- Contact Morris Gray Jr., water distribution and sewer collection superintendent, with questions at 978-623-8350 Ext. 518 or via email at dpw-sewer@andoverma.gov.

reading water meters manually, and we're looking at average usage, estimates."

The replacement must be done when a resident is home, and half-hour appointments can be set up weekdays, evenings and Saturdays.

The town is nearly halfway through replacing 9,000 total water meters, said Morris Gray Jr., water distribution and sewer collection superintendent.

The 300 residents who have not responded have received three letters from the water department, as well as door hangers placed on their homes explaining the program. In the case of rental properties, letters go to both the landlord and tenants, said Gray.

With the new meters, a water bill could decrease, said Gray,

as water will be read exactly and not estimated.

Petkus said he is working on several ideas to reach nonresponders, and will bring suggestions to selectmen sometime later this winter. Possibilities include fines or sending an inflated estimated bill until residents get a new meter, he said.

"If you take the bill, and move the decimal point – that makes people wake up when they see a monster bill come in," said Petkus. "We could possibly give people that refuse a different (water) rate because we still have to manually read their meter, sending someone out there, and we should be able to recoup that cost."

Selectmen, acting as water and sewer commissioners, would

have to approve any fines or other penalties.

As they age, the manually-read meters lose water revenue for the town, said Petkus.

"We're seeing some lost water out there, and we'd like to recapture that ... One of the facts of life is as water meters get old, they virtually never get old in the town's favor. They run slower, and there's more water going through the meter than is registering," he said. "Or in some cases, there may be people out there that send in cards and fudge readings."

In one case, a family of four moved into a home previously occupied by a single person, but continued to send in water estimates as if the single person were living there. When a water department employee took a final reading at the home, when the family of four was moving, they owed \$6,000 in water charges.

"This went on for years. We had no way of knowing," said Petkus. "We've even had people that firmly believe they don't have to send in their postcard because they have an outdoor meter, but it's actually an electric meter (and their water meter is inside the home)."

GAS: Cause of break unknown

■ Continued from Page 1

infrastructure across the commonwealth and have advocated for the need of safety inspections that are necessary to detect them."

Bay State Gas is working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities to investigate the Jan. 26 rupture. DiNunno said he was unsure how soon a cause might be found.

"It's very rare that something like this will happen without outside intervention, like an excavator. That's when you commonly see a natural gas incident, when an excavator is digging in the ground," he said.

DiNunno did say the gas main's capped end was near where the rupture occurred. He emphasized that the incident was a release of natural gas with no ignition.

Andover has 7,400 natural gas customers, including 6,800

residential homes, said DiNunno. All natural gas mains and service lines running to homes are buried under streets, he said.

Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus said he could not estimate how many high-pressure mains, like the one on Sweetbriar Lane, are in Andover.

"We have about 200 miles of streets, and I'd be surprised if gas covers half of that," said Petkus.

Last Tuesday, chunks of asphalt and dirt lay scattered around the street, blown several feet from the hole in Sweetbriar Lane. A slight smell of natural gas lingered through the afternoon.

Sweetbriar is a short residential street off Wild Rose Drive, behind the Korean United Methodist Church on Route 133.

Police remained on the scene through the night as Sweetbriar Lane was closed for repair. Lt. Commander James Hashem did not return a phone call seeking comment for this story.

Boy Scout food drive ongoing through Saturday

Andover Scouts and the rest of the North Essex District of the Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America collecting food this week, through Saturday, Feb. 6. The food will be distributed to those in need in Methuen, Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

During the week, hundreds of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from over 30 Packs and Troops will ask for donations at collection stations at local markets. The Scouts will also place door hangers on homes asking people to donate by hanging a plastic grocery bag with non-perishable food near your mail box or front door. The food will be collected on Saturday, Feb. 6 between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

■ SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, Feb. 8-12:

Elementary schools

Monday: Grilled chicken on whole wheat on a roll, veggie chili and nacho chips, greek salad with pita, corn, nacho chips and salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Grilled hotdog on a roll, ham-and-cheese mini wrap, goldfish, chicken caesar salad with pita bread, tomato soup, baked beans and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Rotini with meat or marinara sauce, egg salad on whole wheat bread, carrots and green beans, bread stick and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Chicken tenders basket with dips and roll, manager's choice, toasted ham and cheese, pretzels, chicken and rice soup, mashed potatoes and fresh fruit.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, garden salad and jello with topping.

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Snowboarding: Fun becomes winter sport

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Young people with dreams and a sense of adventure built the sport in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

In 1963 Tom Sims built a "Ski Board" for a class project. The eighth grade student went on to make snowboarding history, as you'll read later.

In 1965, Sherman Poppen invented a toy for his daughter called a "Snurfer." It had two skis bolted together with a rope at the front. The person using the Snurfer could hold on to the rope for the ride down the hill.

His idea caught on. Poppen sold about half a million in one year. He held Snurfer contests.

Dimitrije Milovich, a college student, liked to slide down hills on cafeteria trays. He was a surfer. He made snowboards designed like a surfboard that would work the same as skis. He started a company called Winterstick that still makes snowboards.

A young man named Jake Burton received a Snurfer as a Christmas gift in 1968. He grew up, finished college and moved to Vermont. He started Burton Snowboards. His snowboards were made from bent wood and fiberglass.

Tim Sims was Burton's major competitor. Sims borrowed skateboarding technology to design his version of a snowboard.

Burton and Sims held the first snowboarding competition in Vermont in 1982. Some said it was more a survival contest. The race took place on a steep icy kamikaze downhill run called "The Face".

Mike Olsen built his first snowboard in his high school woodshop. He worked on different board designs until he left college in 1984 to



form "Gnu."

Snowboarding has captured the attention of young people who love the adventure. It is included in the winter games in Vancouver, Canada this month.

Snowboard Terminology:

Alley-Oop: Any maneuver in the halfpipe where you rotate 180 or more degrees in the uphill direction.

Fakie: Riding with your right foot in the forward position.

Regular: Riding with your left foot in the forward position.

Backside Rodeo: Turning your back downhill when coming off a jump, flipping 540 and landing fakie or rotating 720 and landing regular.

Bonk: Hitting an object with your snowboard.

Duck Foot: A riding stance where heels are together and toes point outward away from one another.

Hammer: To ride as hard as possible.

Ollie: A hopping motion achieved by lifting first the front foot, then the rear foot before springing off the tail of the snowboard.

Nollie: A reversed Ollie, leading with the rear foot first.

Rolling down the Windows: Spinning your arms wildly in the air in an attempt to regain balance.

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Snowboarding was developed by young people who combined a dream with hard work. Write a paragraph about one of your dreams and the work needed to make it come true.

Opinion

Local government hits home

It appears Andover's next town clerk will be able to ease into the job. The soon-to-be-hired person – finalists will be interviewed this month – will oversee a March town election with only one contested race. Challenger Larry Bruce and incumbents Jerry Stabile and Alex Vispoli will face off for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. There will be no School Committee race or race for Town Meeting moderator, Andover Housing Authority or the Greater Lawrence Technical High School committee. Normally, this means a low turnout.

That might be good news for someone orchestrating their first election as town clerk, but it isn't good news for a government by the people.

So, what to make of the lack of candidates? Are people too busy in this economy to devote the time? Do they see the tasks – including union negotiations and budget cuts – as too much for them to handle? Do they not want to face the aggravation and occasional criticism tossed at public officials? Do they believe the current crop cannot be beat? Or does everyone believe Andover's leaders are doing a better job than they could do themselves?

It is a difficult time and we appreciate the willingness to serve of the incumbents. But we do encourage others to consider getting involved in future contests. Democracy needs new blood, new people who will bring in new ideas. Often, even those who do not win the election contribute something important to the town. Outgoing School Committee member Deb Silberstein seems to understand the importance of having turnover, saying she intended all along to serve only two terms so she could devote herself to new endeavors. "I'm disappointed there aren't more people running for every office," she told us. Local government makes tremendous local impact. However, it needs new local people to keep the town moving forward.

Residents caging pet projects in trying times

It's been said for years, and this year it's coming home to roost. Current revenues, including state aid, cannot sustain the pace of Andover spending, particularly in the area of health insurance and other employee benefits. The main task of town leaders this year must be to rein in budget spending by prioritizing projects and negotiating more reasonable contracts. Cuts and privatization will and should be part of the discussion.

It appears residents "get it." Only four will seek money for projects at Town Meeting. All private warrant articles this year seek less than \$300,000 combined and \$54,000 is for a project that will be paid back through betterments. In many recent years, school supporters alone have at least filed articles seeking up to \$2 million more for the school budget.

The next few months will show how well town officials respond to the great challenge, as they craft a final budget for Town Meeting.

WEB QUESTION

Why no candidates?

Last week's question: it will grow back ...

Bill Fahey has vowed to shave his head on live television (local cable access, that is) during the AYS telethon this weekend if the right amount of money is raised for youth causes. Would you ever shave your head for a cause?

- 41.18 percent of respondents said yes.
- 5.88 percent said never!
- 23.53 percent said "It would take a VERY special cause:
- 17.65 percent said "I've never thought about it."
- 11.76 percent picked none of the above.

This week's question: Why no candidates?

Andover's spring town election will have only one contested race, with three men vying for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. In contrast, last year's race had five

running for School Committee and three for selectmen. Why do you think so few people are running?

- The incumbents are too hard to beat.
- Don't have time for hundreds of meeting hours.
- Don't want home/work life to become public.
- Not sure how to run for office.
- Apathetic about town government/issues.
- Feel that serving on a town board makes no difference.
- Don't want to work with current members of government.
- Happy with incumbents.
- None of the above

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RAISING THE ROOF TO SERVE YOUTH



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover Youth Services will look to raise money for youth causes during a telethon on local cable access television Feb. 4 and 5.

Frankenstein revisited – Intensive care units

George D. LeMaitre

As a youngster I thrilled watching Dr. Frankenstein revive his monster in a musty castle in the darkened, distant hills. Strapped to an operating table and wired to complex gadgets, the monster was zapped with an incredible surge of electricity until life returned. Dials registered expanding electrical current. The mad scientist, with his hunched-back, equally mad assistant Igor, ran back and forth, panicked lest they overlook important switches to be thrown and plugs to be inserted. Timing was critical; life depended upon it.

Scholars talk of the electronic age as if the Ghost of Frankenstein were haunting us. They worry about man being swallowed by his creations. They speak of "technocrats," as if non-thinking humanoids were plotting against us.

Fear of technology is rubbish. It makes life easier, safer, longer. But there is a problem in how it intrudes on the medical scene. To see a modern Frankenstein performance, visit a tertiary hospital's intensive care unit. Observe patients wired to devices.

It is a shocking vision for the novice. Patients are silent, half-opened eyes broadcasting their thoughts. Breathing is controlled by pumps thrusting oxygen into their windpipes. With each discharge a click-click, whooshing sound erupts. The chest is thrown forward. The pump shuts, the chest collapses, click/click, whoosh and another cycle. There are many respirators, a gruesome symphony without a conductor.

There are cardiogram electrodes attached to the patient's chest – BLEEP, BLEEP. These signals represent cardiac function.

The click-whoosh of the respirators and the bleep-bleep of the cardiac monitors are a daily cacophony for the staff. They hear it but barely listen.

A hose issues from the patient's bladder, calibrating urine volume.

Tubes carry fluids into the patient's veins. They stream down from bags hung on steel rods. The patient seems caught behind prison bars.

A hose emanates from the patient's nose, one end in the stomach, the other connected to suction. A clicking sound says juices are flowing.

I have not detailed the ensemble of other stellar attractions. There are dials, wheels and buttons. Frankenstein cannot compare with the haunting reality in one of these hospitals.

The eeriest scene is the nurses, therapists and aids who scurry about like ants under siege. Nurses check flow meters, monitor cardiograms, adjust intravenous fluid rates. They transmit data to a computer, an on-going tally of the patient's condition. Therapists draw blood to determine the concentration of oxygen and carbon dioxide. Aides run errands and answer incessant phone calls.

They always have the well-being of their patients in mind. Unfortunately, they are entangled in the wires and tubes with their patients. The intrusion of technology is not some demonic concept for the social theorist to panic about, and more concrete than what the philosophers surmise.

The fear is not that machines will take over. The "gadgets" are like children, drowning out communication by their noisy need for constant attention.

The physician faces the mind-boggling task of evaluating the patient's progress and the efforts of his staff. From my three decades of intensive care experience, I can state this is a greater piece of work than any faced by Dr. Frankenstein or Igor. A human life depends on the physician's judgments, not the super-intelligence of a television doc with stethoscope glamorously dangling around his neck. He or she must analyze data sheets showing blood pressure, pulse, respirations, temperatures, venous pressure, urine output, stomach outputs, cardiac rhythms and laboratory data. He must review scans, electrocardiograms and bacteriological reports. He must allow for human and machine error, multiplied by the size of his staff and the number of gadgets. He must coordinate his efforts with consultants. If there is disagreement, he must match his judgment against his consultants. Add to this the humility engendered by his memories of past personal errors, sometimes lethal, and you sense his turmoil. He also knows the all-wise media folks and lawyers are but an arm's length away. They wait to find errors with their 20/20 retrospectives.

His eye catches a human being behind the wires, clicking and whooshing. Yes, the patient would like a minute of your time, Doctor. That time has been stolen, hence the fading doctor-

patient relationship. Take away the flow sheets, the pulse generators, the therapists, and the electrodes. Put the patient home with a house-call doctor and you have a return of humanism but, probably, a dead patient.

A paradox exists. Increasing technology means increased cures but a lessening of the bond between doctor and patient. Every high-tech refinement demands intricate machines and specialized professionals to operate them. Where once the physician and patient shared a sacred relationship, their intimacy has been shattered by an army of specialists, a boisterous clamor of devices and a stifling stack of paper work.

We demonized Frankenstein. He was the monstrous creation of electricity, a wonderful technology gone astray. This is not to suggest our care units are moving in that direction. Still, the cutting point remains, Frankenstein's dark castle lurks always in those nearby hills. We must never let technology rule. It must remain servant to the patient.

When I suffer a life-threatening illness, I will want an intensive care unit and dedicated nurses, therapists and physicians. Praise be the ICU team and their "intruding gadgets" – save the nice talk for when I am safely home.

Let's keep Frankenstein and Igor at the theater or, better, resting in peace on some distant, darkened hill.

The writer is a Sunset Rock Road resident, surgeon and clinical instructor at Tufts University School of Medicine who wrote the book "Choosing Your Doctor."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feeling shut out of town government

Editor, Townsman:

I could not agree more with the Townsman's "Wanted: Candidates for town office" editorial last week. In fact, I was so fired up that I came this close to taking out papers. But I didn't. The reason I didn't is perhaps the saddest part of the story: I feel pretty certain that, even if I (or some other brave soul) were to be elected, the chances of actually being able to effectuate meaningful change are slim. Although there are many reasons I believe this to be true, two stand out in my mind.

First, if only one member of a five-member Board of Selectman is willing to hold the town manager accountable for his job performance, then the vote of that lone member is not going to change anything. More specifically, the Townsman reported that every selectman agrees that our current town manager needs to improve his performance in the area of negotiating contracts with the town's employees. We all know that these contracts serve as the basis for the vast majority of the town's budget. Yet, the board seems poised to appoint the town manager to another five-year term, perhaps unanimously. (I can't even begin to express my ire over the fact that the board held "public" meetings to discuss this topic on the evening of Jan. 4 – the first day back

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at school and/or work for most people, and on Jan. 16 – the Saturday of a three-day weekend). I am probably not the only town resident who feels powerless to change this situation.

Second, Andover's form of town government is archaic and, for many people (especially those with young children), almost impossible to participate in outside of election days. My husband and I cannot attend Town Meeting about 90 percent of the time (good luck getting a babysitter to stay until midnight two nights in a row on school nights). As a result, I feel I have virtually no voice in my town government. More than once, I've been tempted to research how one might go about changing our

form of government. But, again, it's hard to imagine the powers that be in Andover giving it much of a chance. They'd probably hold a public meeting on Memorial Day weekend or the evening of July 3, call the issue heard, and conclude that everyone in Andover is satisfied with the current form of government.

I wish I had the time in my life to run for office. I wish like-minded others would run too. But until that happens, I wish our current Board of Selectman would recognize that no opponents does not mean no opposition.

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Time for me to move on

Editor, Townsman:

Residents:
As my second term on the School Committee winds down, I want to thank you for the privilege to be of service to you and to let you know I will not seek another term. I have served 10 years in local government, four years as a member of the Andover Finance Committee (2000-04) and six years (three years as chair) on the Andover School Committee (2004-10). It is time for me to move on. This will provide an opportunity both for reflection and for looking at the landscape with a different lens. As some of you know, in August 2009, I received a doctorate in social policy from the Heller School of Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. I

would like some time to use my new skills to compliment both my policy and political interests.

I have learned that Andover is a community rich in culture, talent, and diversity. Education is a deeply held core value. We are also a community in transition – adjusting to sustained reduction in services, slowed economic growth, demographic changes, and fast moving technological advances. This is a pivotal time for Andover's future. Three areas must command our undivided attention: safety for our citizens; economic growth for our future; and positioning our schools and students for the demands of the global marketplace and the evolving digital world. I am confident that as a community Andover citizens are up to the challenges ahead and that our town and our children will be well served.

I am proud to have contributed during a period of sustained growth, stability, and distinction for Andover Public Schools and students. I thank the incredible school staff that work with our children within a strong culture that cares about them as individuals, students, and guardians of our collective future. I thank you, the voters, for your vision of our very special New England community and ongoing commitment to preserving the best of our past while embracing the future to sustain our growth.

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TOWN TALK

Tonight (as of March 1) it's Andover's Leno

Looking glum and somewhat defeated, Jay Leno appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show last Thursday, Jan. 28, and talked about losing his 10 p.m. show and returning as host of The Tonight Show effective March 1. The move means Conan O'Brien is out of a job.



Jay Leno

asked if he was embarrassed

Leno, who grew up in Andover, insisted the move by NBC was all about numbers. Ratings were down for both his show and The Tonight Show, Leno told Oprah. When

by all the public negativity, as some believe O'Brien lost his job because of Leno, the 1968 Andover High grad said he was sort of glad that his parents and brother aren't alive to hear it. Leno, who grew up on Clark Road, is the son of the late Catherine and Angelo Leno. His only sibling, Patrick, is also deceased.

— Judy Wakefield

Wheels for Haiti

Andover resident Aileen Peters has started a charity called Wheels for Haiti (www.wheels4haiti.org) to collect or buy new, broken, or used manual wheelchairs for Haitian amputees. There are expected to be tens of thousands of amputees in Haiti. "In an impoverished, field-worker society, it is a sentence to increased poverty and abandonment. There are lots of people who want to help. I figure 'if you build it, they will come'." So I started the site, have some donation days set up, and by the middle of next week will have the donor page functioning to accept donations," Peters said in an e-mail.

The first collection dates are Sunday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 11 from 9 to 2, at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

Last spoonfuls of Colombo

Colombo Yogurt, one of Andover's greatest business success stories and at one time the fourth bestselling yogurt in America, will soon sell its last cups. General Mills will stop producing it, focusing on its more popular Yoplait line.

Colombo yogurt began in 1929 in the Andover kitchen of



ANN HERMES/Staff Photo

Robert Colombosian, founder of Colombo Yogurt, which will be discontinued by General Mills, poses with old containers of Colombo yogurt.

Rose and Sarkis Colombosian. Sales took off in the 1950s after a Readers' Digest article about the health benefits of yogurt. Son Robert Colombosian moved the company moved to Methuen and in 1977 sold it to the French firm Bongrain, which in turn sold it to General Mills in 1993. Robert Colombosian and his wife, Alice, were familiar faces on television starting in 2001 as they starred in a series of ads for their yogurt. Alice died in 2008.

"It is a big part of my life," Colombosian, now 84, told the Eagle-Tribune. "It is the oldest yogurt brand in the United States."

New leaders for AHS diamonds

With Opening Day right around the corner (well, we can dream), baseball coaching at Andover High School has new hires for both the softball and baseball dugouts. Each is an Andover High grad.

Dan Grams, who has been the junior varsity coach for the past 25 years, takes over the baseball program from Ken Maglio, who was not rehired and has filed a grievance, while Steve Tisbert will replace Stephanie Ragucci, who resigned as head softball coach to pursue adopting a child from Russia. Tisbert was a volunteer assistant in softball for the past 12 years and also helped out in baseball.

Suffice it to say that they both bleed Blue and Gold.

— Dave Willis

Sun not setting

Native Sun in Andover is staying put on Main Street after all. Owner John Darke had said he was closing all three of his Native Sun women's clothing stores — in Andover, Sudbury and Newburyport — but Andover now has been spared. He said the Andover store is the smallest of the three and there has been an outpouring of customer support since the closing was reported in the Newburyport Daily News earlier this month. Darke met with his landlord this week and was able to renegotiate his Andover lease, he said.

"I'm really excited. We're staying in Andover and that's positive news," he said.

— Judy Wakefield

Budget blog up, running

Have a question about union bargaining, your taxes, town budget or other municipal operations? A trio of board members just may be blogging the answer to your question.

The tri-board communications subcommittee, comprised of Selectman Mary Lyman, School Committee member Annie Gilbert and Finance Committee member Mary O'Donoghue have been posting answers to resident's frequently asked questions on a Web log they launched this winter.

Visit www.andoverbudgetblog.blogspot.com to read their posts or send questions via e-mail.

— Bethany Bray

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Healthy Eating in Winter Months

No matter what your age or stage of life, the key to good health and longevity is a healthy eating plan. In fact, healthy food choices along with an active lifestyle can reduce your chance of getting certain age related diseases such as osteoporosis, diabetes, and heart disease. In the summer months, there is an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables available from a variety of local markets and farm stands. The winter brings a harvest of root vegetables like turnip, squash, pumpkin and more. May of these vegetables make wonderful soups and stews, perfect for chasing away the winter chill while adding the flavors and health benefits of winter produce.

Eating healthy in the winter months is not as complicated as you might think. Here's how to begin:

- Choose whole grain products such as brown rice or whole wheat bread rather than white bread or foods made from white flour
- Try to eat a least one daily serving of raw fruits and vegetables. This preserves their nutritional value and aids in digestion
- Choose lean protein such as fish, poultry, eggs, beans, peas, nuts and tofu. Be sure to vary your choices for variety in your diet
- Make sure you get enough calcium. Choose low fat dairy product such as milk, cheese and yogurt because they maintain their calcium content
- Get your "good" fats from oils such as olive oil and canola oil. Avocados, nuts and seeds are also good choices
- Make sure you drink enough water each day. Include in your diet foods with a high water content such as melons, grapes & cucumbers

Choosing the right foods this winter will pay off in increased energy, resistance to colds and flu, improved medication effectiveness, faster recovery from illness and a better quality of life.

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Townspeople



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A hole will be left when Town Clerk Randy Hanson retires later this month. Above, Hanson answers a call as voters crowd Andover High School to cast ballots on Jan. 19, Hanson's last election.

Red, white and oh-so-blue

After 20 years, Town Clerk and resident Randy Hanson set to retire

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in two decades, Andover's town election will be overseen by a new maestro.

Fresh off a rare special state election for U.S. Senator, Pasho Street resident and town clerk Randall "Randy" Hanson is preparing for her last day on Friday, Feb. 26.

Hanson was pleased to have her last election be an election with such a high turnout, as 64 percent of Andover residents voted, including 1,100 who did so by absentee ballot. But she was even more pleased with her behind-the-scenes crew who she

37 INTERESTED IN JOB

- A search team for the next town clerk will meet tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 5, to select candidates for interviews.
- The application deadline was Jan. 22, and there are 37 applicants. The search team is now reading and assessing candidates.
- Interviews will be conducted between Feb. 8 and 12. The best three to five candidates will then be sent to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski for an interview. The range of salary for this position is high \$60,000s to mid \$80,000s, commensurate with experience. The outgoing town clerk made \$100,152 in 2008.

Source: Candace Hall, Human Resources Director

says step up to the plate – or polls in this case – at every election.

"I will miss the people, I know that," said Hanson, who is retiring.

After 20 years on the job, she got a bit teary-eyed saying goodbye to poll workers at the Jan. 19 state election.

"I'm an emotional person and wanted to say goodbye and thanks to them," she said.

"Randy has always given 120 percent to ensure that our elections and Town Meetings flow smoothly, the town clerk's office is efficient and the selectmen are well prepared for public hearings. Her continuous attention to detail has made the rest of us look pretty good," said Selectmen Brian Major, whose fellow board members each offered their own praise (see box).

But Hanson said she'll turn 64 on March 11 and believes its time for

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Killed in the line of duty

Bill Dalton



Nov. 27, 1925, 10 p.m.: Officer Robert Black is on duty in Elm Square. With him is Officer Saunders, who answers the ringing phone at the police

call box. Lawrence police say a car has been stolen. Saunders gives the plate number of the car to Black and goes home to supper.

10:15 p.m.: The police box rings again and Black answers. The Lawrence Police say there's been a holdup at the A&P in South Lawrence, and the robbers or robber is driving toward Andover. Two minutes later, Black sees an automobile with a smoking front wheel moving south through Elm Square. He signals the driver to stop, but the driver ignores him.

Black recognizes the plate number and runs after the car, which is going slow due to its mechanical troubles. The car stops in front of the Andover Savings Bank at the northwest corner of Chestnut and Main streets. The driver, who is alone, leaves the car and jogs down Chestnut Street. Harry Schofield and Joseph Rand are standing at the northeast corner of the intersection. Schofield comments that the car must be stolen.

Officer Black runs down Chestnut Street in pursuit, sees someone and draws his revolver; however he recognizes it is a local resident, Henry York, and

holsters his gun. He quickly explains the situation to York. While Black continues his search, York rushes into the Knights of Columbus building, which is behind the bank, and tells those inside what happened. Frank McBride, an off-duty policeman, is among the men who leave the building to see what's going on. All but McBride go and stand near the car. McBride pulls himself over a fence to search the area around the bank grounds.

10:30 p.m.: Black sees a man walking on the west side of Main Street and gets about six yards behind him. Black says something to the man, which is inaudible to nearby witnesses. The man turns and walks up to Black as if to speak to him. Black does not pull out his gun. It's possible he sees that the man has a gun in his hand. When the man is three feet from Black, he brings up his hand. He has a gun in it and fires two shots point blank at Black. The man turns and jogs away from Black, who falls and says, "I'm shot, I'm shot." Black pulls out his revolver and fires four shots at the fleeing criminal. There is no evidence the criminal is hit. Officer Black has been hit in the chest and neck, slicing an artery.

The shooter runs slowly toward Elm Square, then turns left toward Essex and Central streets. Men run to Black to assist him. He hands his revolver to Bernard McDonald who gives it to Officer McBride.

Black is put in a car that heads toward Lawrence General

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COURTESY PHOTO

In the back row, from left, are co-captains Garnet Hathaway and Brian Safstrom, game referee Thomas Shannon, and co-captains Lauren Glynn and Avery Stone; front row are Griffin LaMarre, in the sled, and in the chair, Mike Ciavarro, who are both part of the Northeast Passage UNH Wildcats Team.

Donation lets Passage players skate with a hockey sled

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The Phillips Academy hockey players got creamed in this game, 13-1. No one seemed to care.

The game, a charity sled hockey game, was in good fun and came as a result of student hockey players raising money to buy a sled for a sled hockey team from Northeast Passage of Durham, N.H.

Sled-hockey competitions are games where disabled athletes play hockey on sleds rather than traditional skates.

Northeast Passage, founded in

1990, is a nationally recognized leader in innovative therapeutic recreation services for the disabled. The company is based at the University of New Hampshire's Durham campus and sponsors competitions.

Representatives from Northeast Passage came to Andover to get the sled and just couldn't resist challenging the students to a friendly game before leaving.

"We didn't know we were going to play hockey," said Eric Matlin, ice rink supervisor at PA. "We just thought we were giving them the sled."

However, PA students trying out for the girls' and boys' ice hockey teams traded in their skates for sleds for the surprise charity game against the much more experienced team.

"PA hockey players wanted to get them a new sled. Donations came in and it was great," Matlin said.

The event was a joint effort between the school's athletics and community service departments.

"Yeah, they smoked us," Matlin said, "but this loss was for a good cause."

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100 Years Ago Feb. 14, 1910

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The Indian Ridge Association was organized with the purpose of preserving Indian Ridge as a natural park. The agitation in regard to preserving the ridge began in the fall of 1896 when gravel pits were opened up there for the use of the town, and the felling of many of the noble trees seemed imminent.

"Have you seen the comet" is now replaced by "Are you going to the Town Hall next Tuesday evening?" That old auditorium has witnessed many wonderful scenes, but they will all fade into insignificance before the glories of the coming pageant "Apples." There are still a few reserved seats for one dollar, the gallery and remaining sittings being fifty cents.

75 Years Ago Feb. 1, 1935

Arthur Steinert Jr., eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steinert of 1 Union street, Shawsheen Village was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when the sled on which he was coasting crashed into a Shawsheen laundry truck on Kenilworth street.

Extra precautions have been taken at the local schools to guard against the possibility of fire as the result of the discovery on Monday of a fire that had extinguished itself in a closet at John Dove, and the further discovery that most of the water had been removed from the three huge boilers in the central heating plant under the Samuel C. Jackson school. Both were believed to have been deliberate acts of a vandal.

Edward Downs, well-known local truckman and call fireman, suffered a severe fracture of the left leg last Friday afternoon when the ladder truck ran over him after he had helped free another fire truck from a snow bank on Salem street.

50 Years Ago Feb. 4, 1960

Two Andover High School students have won top honors in the national Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Robert L. Garrison, 15 Arcadia Road and Herbert E. Kempton, 55 Summer Street, were among 17 high school seniors chosen from throughout the state.

Marching Andover Mothers collected \$4,037 for the National Foundation a week ago, during an evening that featured a freezing rain and sleet storm. Mrs. Frederick Nowell of Whittier Street was announced as winner of a prize, from among the mothers who marched.

Surplus cash amounting to well over \$500,000 will be available to the town, according to Town Manager Thomas E. Duff. Duff said the surplus cash is somewhat more than last year at the same time.

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DALTON: Officer killed on duty

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Hospital. Dr. J.J. Daly, one of the men from the Knights of Columbus, is in the car aiding Black. Nevertheless, Black bleeds to death before reaching an operating table.

10:50 p.m.: At the scene of the shooting, Officer McBride commanders James Low's car, using the headlights to search the area of Essex and Central streets. Just before McBride's search, a car driven by James Toohey went through Elm Square near the top of Essex Street, and a man with a gun jumped on the running board of Toohey's car. Toohey sped up and the man either fell or jumped off the car.

All night, Andover police, assisted by 45 Lawrence officers as well as the state police, search the area. They give up after daylight comes. An expensive overcoat and cartridges thought to belong to the killer are found in a barn behind 22 Central Street. Later, the state police take a fingerprint from the side of Toohey's car. While not identifying the person to the public, the state police indicate the fingerprint belongs to a man who had lived in Salem, New Hampshire but moved to Boston. They say that the man is dangerous.

Officer Black, age 27, was a courageous, handsome man, who was a veteran of the World War. The murderer was never found. Each year, the rank and file of the Andover Police Department gives the Robert T. Black Award. It is given to a member of the Andover police department for outstanding service.

This column is derived from a one written a few years ago by Bill Dalton. He writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be contacted at bill.dalton@andovertownie.com.

Scout food drive

Andover Scouts and the rest of the North Essex District of the Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America collecting food through Saturday, Feb. 6. The food will be distributed to those in need in Methuen, Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

Scouts will ask for donations at local markets and have asked people to donate by hanging a plastic grocery bag with non-perishable food near mailboxes or front doors. The food will be collected Feb. 6 between 10 and 10:30 a.m.



Town Clerk Randy Hanson, right, fields questions as voters crowd Andover High School to cast ballots in the special election for U.S. Senate. The Jan. 19 contest was Hanson's last, as she will retire this month after nearly 20 years.

HANSON: Town clerk heads into retirement

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her to retire. A mother of two and grandmother of three she said she has no firm retirement plans because of the unusually busy election season – there was a state primary on Dec. 8, 2009, before the Jan. 19 election of Scott Brown. Her husband, Dick, won't be retiring for at least another year so she'll have some time to focus on future plans while seeing more of her young grandchildren who live out of state.

It's been business as usual for the no-nonsense Hanson who wants to make sure everything is in order for the next town clerk who will be greeted with a town election in March and Town Meeting beginning in late April.

In addition to election and Town Meeting preparation, the town clerk's office handles all town licenses: from marriage to dog to liquor. Passports and voter registration are also processed in the office. Census data is accumulated and questions about getting private articles on a Town Meeting warrant are answered there.

"I really enjoyed helping people get answers for all sorts of questions," said Hanson, herself a resident, "and getting to know new businesses and what businesses were coming to town was interesting for me."

Well-known among the state's town clerks as she

COMMENTS ON CLERK

Selectmen have worked closely with Randy Hanson over the years and their comments about her work ethic were glowingly unified. These selectmen responded in an e-mail about Hanson. Here's what each wrote:

Alex Vispoli

"Randy is recognized throughout the Merrimack Valley and the state as a leader in her field. She has been a spokesperson for town clerks statewide in pushing for process improvement and efficiencies. She has always provided sound advice to the Board of Selectmen, and has worked to help residents with licensing requests. Randy consistently looks for ways to deliver services from her office and driving down costs. We will miss Randy's presence, professionalism, intelligence and guidance. Andover has been well served with Randy as our town clerk."

Mary Lyman

"Randy has worked tirelessly to have her office represent the best practices of a Town Clerk. She works cooperatively with North Andover to offer campaign orientations, works with the League of Women Voters to ensure that voting day runs as smoothly as possible, she comes to every Board of Selectmen's meeting totally prepared for all licensing and works at the state level to represent the Town of Andover. I will miss her both professionally and personally. I know Randy is proud as she should be, to have selected a great team who will carry on her work."

Jerry Stabile

"Randy is one of those people who makes the trains run on time, all of the time. Without a doubt one of the best administrators I have worked with. She will be very hard to replace and I will miss her."

Brian Major

"Randy has always given 120 percent to ensure that our elections and Town Meetings flow smoothly, the Town Clerk's office is efficient and the selectmen are well prepared for public hearings. Her continuous attention to detail has made the rest of us look pretty good. I will definitely miss her professionalism and more importantly her friendship."

served on legislative committees, she's always promoted "continuous improvement," in her office, she said. She was wanted visits to the office to be "as efficient as possible."

"I am not a dictating manager," said Hanson who manages a staff of three. "I like to educate my staff and bring them along to learn about new things."

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

BY KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Upcoming events at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court:

Addison Gallery Revealed: Feb. 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 is a combination of the historic collection point of view and the museum's contemporary response, with a discussion of the influential works owned by the gallery and how the renovation will impact their presentation and preservation.

Art Instructional: Mondays at 1 p.m. Join working group of artists at all levels. Learn from instructor the basics of watercolor, pastels, and acrylic painting. 12 weeks, \$60 per session.

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

Fun and Games: Feb. 10, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Love Scrabble? Checkers? Or just company on a cold winter's day. Bring your friends and enjoy our array of games and an

afternoon of fun in our sunny Four Seasons Room. Snacks and drinks available ala carte for purchase before 2 p.m. Call so we can set a place at the table for you. Four-season room is available daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. Special surprise entertainment.

Cuban Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs: Men's breakfast, Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m.; \$4. Today the Cuba of yesterday, visit 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 aspects of our neighboring country Cuba. Advance registration required.

Support Groups: Pain Management, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m.; Parkinson's Support, Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m.; Bereavement Support, Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. Call for information.

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

BOOMERVENTURE

BY KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR
BOOMERVENTURE STAFF

BoomerVenture Campus will begin spring registration on March 15.

Serenity Yoga: Gentle yoga, suitable for beginners, will create strength and balance through mind/body connection; helps improve alignment and create harmony. Bring yoga mat. Wednesday, March 31 to June 30, 2:45 to 3:45 p.m., \$70 per 11-week session.

Energy with Exercise: Great basic exercise designed for 40+ bodies. Work-out hard without going to the gym. High results with low impact; floor aerobics, weight training and stretching. Mondays, March 29 to June 28, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., \$55 for 10-week session.

Boomer Zumba: Thursdays: April 1 to June 17, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., \$60 for 10-week session. Cardio fitness with a Latin flair. Dance to

Afro-Caribbean music and Latin beats, with flamenco, belly dance, rock and hip hop thrown in to mix it up. You'll party instead of working out. No class April 22 or May 27.

Boomer Bridge: Mondays: April 5 to May 17, six-week session. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., \$100 or \$25 drop in fee, no class on April 19. Each week we'll play duplicate hands that practice your bidding and strategic skills. Great hand-outs and analysis weekly. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for returning players and those who want to advance their games. Terry Kay Bargar, ACBL Accredited Bridge Instructor.

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Biology and a minor in Psychology, he graduated with honors from Adelphi University. In 1996, he received his doctorate with honors from Bridgeport College of Chiropractic. In 1998, Dr. Provenzano moved to North Andover to open Essex Chiropractic in Lawrence with his business partner Dr. Mark Messinger.

Following years of clinical practice and post-graduate seminars, Dr. Provenzano realized the obvious benefits for his patients when manual therapy was used in conjunction with physical therapy and rehabilitative exercises. Dedicated to providing the best possible care to his patients and to broaden the scope of his practice, he enrolled in the doctoral program in Physical Therapy at Simmons College, Boston, MA. In 2007, Dr. Provenzano graduated with honors with his doctorate after an extensive three and a half year curriculum with clinical rotations at Salem

Hospital, Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, Health South, Beth Israel, Leahy Clinic, Newton Wesley, Boston Medical Center and Massachusetts General.

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Obituaries

Dr. L.W. Cooper, 83



BAR HARBOR, Maine — Dr. Llewellyn Winfield Cooper, M.D., 83, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor, Maine.

He was born May 24, 1926 in Damariscotta, Maine, the son of Winfield and Kathleen (Bubar) Cooper. Dr. Cooper devoted 40-plus years to MDI Hospital, the people of Bar Harbor and the Mt. Desert Island area. He was a truly gifted physician and surgeon, with a unique sense of humor, razor-sharp wit, wisdom and a common-sense intelligence. His ability and career as a doctor of medicine became legendary and bordered on brilliance, possibly the last of a kind in this age of specialists.

Dr. Cooper's talents and knowledge as a well-rounded family practitioner, specializing in general surgery was well-known. Doctors with his complete and total knowledge and ability to care for the entire patient are rare. He truly loved his patients and gave his life to his practice. A unique man, while his humbleness would never allow himself to say or even think it...Lew Cooper was M.D.I. Hospital for many years! His magnetic personality and amazing talents, helped attract many top-notch doctors and nurses to the M.D.I Hospital area.

While his talents showed that he didn't need to take a back-seat to any other doctor or specialist, he showed a tremendous respect for his colleagues in the medical profession. He truly appreciated the nurses, by giving them credit as the ones who really knew what was going on and how a patient was doing. He was always quick to recognize someone else's talents and abilities...when in truth, he could have shown practically every "Young Gun" that came along, what a capable and talented doctor looked like! He graduated from Lincoln Academy in 1943, was a member of Bates Navy V12 during World War II, and graduated Bowdoin College 1945, Tufts Medical School 1949, and Surgical Post Graduate Maine Medical Center 1951.

Dr. Cooper was a member of the Masons, Chapter, Commandery, Shrine, Jesters, American Medical Association, Maine Medical Association, Hancock County Medical Society, Fellow American College of Surgeons, New England Society Obstetrician and

Gynecologist, Society of Gynecology and Laparoscopy, Medical Examiner State of Maine, Warrant Committee Town of Bar Harbor, Staff Mt. Desert Island Hospital, President of Staff, Chief of Surgery, Trustee MDI Hospital, President Hancock County Medical Society, Director of Bar Harbor YMCA, Director Bar Harbor Savings & Loan Association, member of Bar Harbor Police Reserves, Founder and Medical Director MDIH Oncology Service, American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, member of founding group and secretary of Bar Harbor High School Booster Club, member of founding group and secretary of MDI Child Guidance Association, Athletic team physician for Portland High School and Bar Harbor High School, initial instructor of American Red Cross First Aid Course in Bar Harbor, co-founder of Medical Associates 1965 and president. The MDI Hospital Operating Room was dedicated to Dr. Cooper in 1993, and the former Medical Associate Building was re-named the Cooper-Gleason Health Center in 1998.

Llewellyn is survived by two sons; Robert D. Cooper and his wife, Alice of Bar Harbor and James W. Cooper and his wife, Marva of Arizona; one daughter, JoAnn C. Sawyer and her husband Clifford of Yarmouth; daughter-in-law, Carlene Cooper of Cape Elizabeth, grandchildren, Brooke, Brett, Christian and Andrew Cooper; Benjamin, Brenton and Kaitlyn Sawyer and one great-granddaughter, Olivia Lorin Cooper; as well as many nieces, nephews, a beloved companion, Julie Grindle, brother-in-law, Robert F. MacMackin and Jane Youmans MacMackin and their children Susan, Betsy, and Bob MacMackin, Jr., all of Andover. Dr. Cooper was the husband of the late Pauline (MacMackin) Cooper; a long-time Andover resident. He was also predeceased by his mother-in-law, Oletha MacMackin; a son, Thomas L. Cooper, MD; and a granddaughter, Lorin Cooper.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visitation will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 at Jordan-Fernald, 48 Eden St., Bar Harbor. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 at the Bar Harbor Congregational Church. Spring interment will be at Ledgeland Cemetery, Bar Harbor. Contributions in Dr. Cooper's memory may be to the MDI Hospital Oncology or Operating Room, P.O. Box 8, Bar Harbor, ME 04609. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanferald.com.

Mary Farragher O'Connor



NORTH ANDOVER — Mary Farragher O'Connor, of Berkeley Road, North Andover, passed away on Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, of natural causes at Academy Manor, Andover. She had celebrated her 100th birthday last July 25.

The widow of patrolman Thomas F. O'Connor of the Lawrence Police Department, she was a native of Lawrence where she lived most of her life.

A graduate of Lawrence High School, Mrs. O'Connor was employed by A.B. Sutherland Company in Lawrence for several decades.

Mary had lived in North Andover for the past 27 years and was a member of St. Michael's Church. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and summers at Salisbury Beach.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. O'Connor was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph and Augustine Farragher; a sister, Catherine; and an infant son, Dennis. Surviving are her daughters, Anne Marie Samway and her husband Timothy of Hampton Falls, N.H., Maureen Roberts and her husband Alan of North Andover; two grandchildren, Kristen Gohr and her husband Greg of Reading and Jennifer Roberts of Boston; three great-grandchildren, Jack, Hannah and Kathryn Gohr of Reading; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: At Mary's request, there are no calling hours, and funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the O'Connor/Samway Scholarship Fund at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA 01845. Arrangements are under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home of North Andover. To offer online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Mary Ann Bernhard, 74



ANDOVER — The widow of Eugene C. Bernhard and Lawrence LeGros, she is survived by John Bernhard of Chicago; daughters, Catherine Daignault and her husband Joseph of Sutton, and Margaret Lyons of Socorro, N.M. She was also the mother of the late Eugene C. Bernhard Jr. and was predeceased by her brother, Dominick Morley, Jr.

She was born on June 8, 1935 to the late Dominick and Margaret (Hogan) Morley.

She graduated The Newton Country Day School and The Newton College of the Sacred Heart. Mary Ann was employed as a food broker/sales representative for 22 years with Tryangle Foods and called on numerous supermarket accounts in the North East.

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ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2010 at St. Augustine Church, Andover. Burial will take place in Bridge Street Cemetery, West Newbury, in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to: Tippet House, 920 South St., Needham MA 02492. To offer online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Leo J. Lamontagne, 85



LAWRENCE — Leo J. Lamontagne, 85, of South Lawrence, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Leo was born, raised and educated in Lawrence. He worked as a loom fixer for various mills throughout Lawrence for most of his career and most recently at Western Electric prior to his retirement. Leo was a member of the former Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family and his grandchildren and he will be dearly missed by all that had the privilege to know him.

Leo leaves his loving wife of

64 years, Irene C. (Champagne) Lamontagne of Lawrence; a son, Kenneth L. Lamontagne and his wife Donna of Andover; a daughter, Linda L. McKay and her husband Raymond of S. Glastonbury, Conn.; six grandchildren, Laura, Donna, Leo and William Lamontagne and Christopher and Benjamin McKay; a brother, Armand (Babe) Lamontagne of North Andover; a sister, Rita Dittrich of Lawrence and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 at the Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 S. Broadway, Lawrence. A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover. To make an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Thisbe Comins, 93

ANDOVER — Thisbe Comins, longtime resident of the Andovers, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 at Prescott Nursing Home. She was 93-years-old.

She was the daughter of Vito Grieco, clothing designer and co-founder of Grieco Bros. Southwick Clothes in Lawrence, and of Florence Q. Grieco, avid gardener.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Comins graduated from Pynchard High School in Andover, received an A.B. degree from Mount Holyoke College, and years later earned an M. Ed. Degree at Lesley College.

Mrs. Comins was a special education teacher and tutor for 22 years in the North Andover Public Schools. On retirement, she taught English as a Second Language to adults as a volunteer at the International Institute of Greater Lawrence, and also volunteered at the Greater Lawrence Guidance Center.

Mrs. Comins loved the arts, including literature and theater. She acted and directed plays for the former Adventurers Theater Group in Andover, and later formed a committee to present foreign films to the community in the former Pynchard H.S. auditorium.

Mrs. Comins leaves her son, Gary M. Comins of Methuen; her daughter, Claudia A. Comins of San Diego; two grandchildren, three nephews, and several cousins. A third child, Jennifer, died in infancy. Thisbe had been married to Richard C. Comins also of Andover; divorced after a marriage of 48 years.

ARRANGEMENTS: Private funeral services will be held for family members in a small chapel. Her ashes will be buried in the West Parish Church Cemetery, Andover. Contributions in her memory may be made to the public library in Andover, North Andover, or Lawrence. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglozzi.com.

Haircuts will help orphanage

Those who need a hair cut this weekend can also help a Mexican orphanage by supporting a cut-a-thon this Sunday, Feb. 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at Philip Ciampa Salon, 22 Park St., Andover.

All haircuts cost \$15 and 100 percent of proceeds go to the orphanage trip.

Maria Parreira will take a mission trip to Rancho de Los Ninos, an orphanage in Mazatlan, Mexico, from Feb. 12 to 20 with a small group of therapists and family members. The children at this orphanage all have some type of disability, according to the salon.

The therapists will evaluate and treat these children for an entire week and train the staff

at the orphanage on how to complete daily therapy activities with these children. In addition, Parreira and other family members will help by building playground equipment and making the facility accessible for children with physical disabilities.

Parreira will also use her talents and interests to cut the children's hair and sew clothing that needs repair.

"Donations and participation in the cut-a-thon will help support efforts to help these children achieve more independent and age-appropriate skills in the hopes that one day they will be adopted," according to a release.

Phillips to no longer host Andover Soccer Camp

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Soccer in the summer is a lot like ice cream. Kids love it year after year.

So, news that Andover Soccer Camp, housed at Phillips Academy for the past 33 summers, will no longer be housed there is dripping with disappointment for those involved. The upscale facilities at Phillips Academy are perfect for this program, which attracts kids from several communities, including Andover, said founder Bill Tarbox.

"I'm very disappointed," said Tarbox, who continues to manage Andover Soccer Camp. "Hundreds of kids have attended over the years."

In a press release sent out Tuesday, Feb. 2, Phillips Academy blamed the economy for its decision.

"Phillips Academy regretfully announces that it has decided to suspend the operation of the Andover Soccer Camp this summer. The decision comes in part as a response to the economic downturn, which has caused the academy to reevaluate its budgets and streamline its administrative operations while preserving its academic core," the press release reads.

"The number of lives that have been positively affected by this camp are simply too many to count," Steve Carter, PA's chief operating and financial officer, said in the press release. "In the end, this decision was made based on declining camp numbers and the larger financial climate."

A telephone call to Steve Porter, who handles academy press inquiries, was not returned

before Townsman deadline. Tarbox said last summer had 525 kids in the program, down from about 650 kids the summer before.

PA reported that the camp had more than 750 kids from 60 local communities at the height of its popularity. Andover Soccer Camp started at Phillips Academy in the summer of 1976. The one-week program serving 103 local girls and boys ballooned from there.

"To not have this program at PA will be very disappointing to many people...but we're moving on," Tarbox said.

He learned of PA's decision in December and has been working with local recreation directors to find new locations for soccer clinics this summer.

One of the first to respond was Andover Recreation Director Kim Stamas, who says soccer continues to be very popular for kids who enjoy John Smith's soccer school and a soccer clinic run by Megan Madsen, who coaches soccer for girls at Andover High School.

"We start them at age 2 and offer soccer programs all the way to high school," she said. "Interest is there."

Tarbox and Stamas have two summer soccer clinics established so far. The clinics will be held at Bancroft Elementary School from June 28 to July 1 for ages 5-7 and from July 26 to 29 for boys ages 8-12. Both soccer clinics will run from 9 to 11 a.m.

In addition, Tarbox said three soccer clinics have been set up in North Andover.

"We're not at PA but we're not gone," he said. "We're still around."



Andover Village Improvement Society trustees, from left, Andy Girdwood, Fred Snell and AVIS Land Manager David Dargie work to install a "beaver deceiver" in the Hammond Reservation.

AVIS is deceiving troublesome beavers

David Dargie, land manager for the Andover Village Improvement Society, spent the afternoon of a bitter cold, windy day recently waist-deep in water, all in the name of conservation.

Dargie, along with AVIS Trustees Andy Girdwood and David Bunting, installed a "beaver deceiver" flow-through device in a beaver dam on the Hammond Reservation.

Flooding caused by the beaver dam was threatening the septic system of a nearby home as well as the Hammond and Mary French Reservations, said Fred Snell, AVIS president.

As land owner of the Hammond Reservation, AVIS had a 10-day special permit in December from Andover's Board of Health and Conservation Commission, allowing AVIS to breach the beaver dam.

The beaver deceiver's pipe,

at 20 feet long with an 18-inch diameter, will carry water through the dam.

"Beavers are an important part of maintaining healthy wetlands in Massachusetts. Wetlands store water to help control flooding and provide water flow during droughts. They provide habitat for many birds, reptile and other animals and help filter the water to keep it clean. Recently, the beaver population has increased and has caused flooding in areas populated by humans, resulting in conflicts," wrote Snell in an email to the Townsman. "The beavers, by instinct, work to stop any water rushing through a breach in a dam, but cannot figure how to plug a pipe suspended in the water. (A beaver deceiver) provides a good compromise by controlling the water level while preserving the habitat for the beavers."

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Winter hike on Feb. 6

Residents can join the Andover Conservation Commission and Andover Trails Committee as they explore the Bald Hill/Wood Hill Reservations by foot and by snowshoe, if possible, on Saturday, Feb. 6 starting at 2 p.m.

This is a 2.25 mile trek that will start at 2 p.m. sharp. The hike should take about 90 minutes to 2 hours, including hot chocolate and snack around a camp fire provided by Andover Conservation Commission. If there is no snow on the ground, there will still be a hike, but, obviously, no opportunity for snowshoeing.

Meet at the Holmes Road parking area, by taking Lowell Street (Route 133) toward Tewksbury, then turning right on Haggets

Pond Road, passing under Route 495 then taking the first right onto Holmes Road. Go all the way to the end and park.

For questions or to express interest, contact Bob Decelle at hdecelle@hotmail.com

The Andover Trails Committee is a citizens committee including members of the Conservation Commission, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Village Improvement Society, the Bay Circuit Alliance, The Trustees of Reservations, and local people who appreciate the outdoor recreational opportunities of Andover. It was reactivated in the spring of 1991 to focus on the establishment of the Bay Circuit Trail in Andover.

Merrimack Valley has talent, Rotary Club of Andover to stage it

The Rotary Club of Andover will host a talent show this spring to raise money for its many causes.

Tryouts are March 20 or 21, the time and location will be announced at a later date, and Sunday, March 28, at 9 a.m., at the Claddagh Restaurant and Pub, 399 Canal St., Lawrence. A donation of \$20 is requested. Entrants must be 16 years or older. Selections for the finals will be made by guest and celebrity judges, according to the group.

Finals will be on Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m., at the Claddagh Restaurant and Pub, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, with prizes and cash for the winners. Tickets will be

available in mid-March.

Proceeds benefit the numerous charitable causes of the Rotary Club of Andover, including Stop Teasing Other People, a school anti-bullying program; college scholarships; support of organizations such as Lazarus House and the Merrimack Valley Trauma Intervention Program; and international programs such as Rotary's Polio Eradication project and Rotaplast missions providing reconstructive surgery and treatment of cleft lip and palate for underprivileged children worldwide. For more information: www.RotaryAndover.org or e-mail TalentShow@Rotary-Andover.org.

Zumba Master



COURTESY PHOTO

Zumba instructor Amy Fournier, center, will be one of a team of instructors at a Zumba-thon fundraiser for Haiti at Kismet Wellness on Feb. 12. She is pictured leading a master class in Zumba, a Latin-dance-based fitness form.

Learn latest craze, help Haiti

Folks can dance, sweat and groove next week at Kismet Wellness to raise money for Haitian earthquake victims.

Zumba is a popular workout form based on Latin dance. The "Zumba Hearts for Haiti" event will be Friday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Kismet Wellness Center, 204 Andover St., second

floor.

Participants are asked to pay a minimum \$10 donation at the door. One hundred percent of money raised through donations and raffles at the event will go to "Operation T.H.E.R.E." a Haitian earthquake relief effort of Shoes 2 Share, a Delaware-based Christian nonprofit.

Shoes 2 Share was founded by an American couple who, after adopting two children from Haiti, have worked to end poverty, one pair of shoes at a time. Their organization sends new and gently used shoes, and medical supplies, toiletries and other necessities around the world. The Feb. 12 Zumba-thon

master class is open to the public and will be led by a team of six Kismet Zumba instructors. For more information on the charity visit www.shoes2share.com. For information about the Zumba-thon event visit www.kismetwellness.com or call 978-289-4155.



Courtesy photo

The Andover Chamber Music Series' last concert was in intimate West Parish Church. Its Feb. 7 show will include guest musicians Adrian Daurov and Galina Zhdanova, and pianist Randall Hodgkinson.

► Valentine concert

Russian romance warms winter at Andover Chamber Music

When the calendar page turns to February, you can count on two things, chocolate hearts and Andover Chamber Music's annual Valentine concert.

This year artistic director Julie Scolnik offers "Heartstrings from Saint Petersburg," a program of all-Russian, Romantic music on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m., at the West Parish Church. There will be an additional performance on Saturday Feb. 6, in Beverly Farms.

"Our Valentine concert is one of our most popular. January can seem long and bleak after the holidays, and people are ready

to be warmed by beautiful chamber works in the midst of the long cold New England winter," said Scolnik in a release.

For this concert ACM welcomes back the well-known pianist Randall Hodgkinson, and two new faces: young string virtuosos and natives of Saint Petersburg cellist Adrian Daurov and violinist Galina Zhdanova.

Daurov and Hodgkinson will perform a beautiful, little known cello sonata by Myascovsky, and Zhdanova joins them for Rachmaninoff's Elegiac Piano Trio #1. Scolnik will play the formidable and rich Prokofiev Flute Sonata

with Hodgkinson, and clarinetist Todd Palmer and violist Dimitri Murrath return to bring the concert to an exuberant conclusion with Prokofiev's colorful Overture on Hebrew Themes.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds from CD sales will benefit Haiti, and in particular, help to rebuild The New Victorian School in Port au Prince, a music school of 600 students, destroyed by the recent earthquake, according to Andover Chamber Music.

Visit AndoverChamberMusic.org to order tickets directly, or call the office at 978-474-6222.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

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

ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES TELETHON, 6 to 9 p.m., broadcast live on local cable television, proceeds benefit Andover Youth Service programs, youth center building fund; Diane at dcoastag@hotmail.com or Andrea at lynch-zaimes@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, 978-475-0143.

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 to 9 p.m.; Shana Dumont at 978-867-9604, www.montserrat.org/galleries.

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

ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES TELETHON, 6 to 10 p.m., see Feb. 4 listing.

SATURDAY, FEB. 6

FAMILY SNOW SHOE HIKE, hosted by Andover Conservation Commission, Bald Hill-Wood Hill reservation, 2 to 4 p.m., meet at the end of Holmes Road, proceed down the Wood Hill trail at 2 p.m. sharp. The hike will be about 2.25 miles on an easy to moderate trail. If there is not enough snow then snow shoes will not be necessary. There will be complementary hot chocolate and snacks at the 1.75 mile location on the trail for as long as it lasts; Bob, camconservation@live.com.

LIVE MUSIC, "Rock the House," a benefit concert to raise funds for the Samaritan Teen Crisis Line, featuring well-known Andover band

One Step Away, and Andover High School band, Left Hand Blue, \$7, 7 to 10 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover; Noni United, 978-470-2921.

LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC, First Church Congregational of Boxford celebrates Black History Month with the New England Conservatory Gospel Choir, 7 p.m., free, First Church Congregational Church, 4 Middleton Road, Boxford, in the church's Family Life Center; www.FirstChurchBoxford.org, 978-887-5841.

LIVE MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department hosts student recital featuring Won Yong Kim, oboe, Yonwoo Kim, violin, and Jinsoo Lim, piano, performing works by Dutilleux, Poulenc, Vieuxtemps, Shostakovich and J.S. Bach, 7:30 p.m., free, open to the public, Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy campus; (978) 749-4263, music@andover.edu.

WILDLIFE PROGRAM, hosted by Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, 8 to 10 a.m., just inside the entrance to the Lowell Cemetery, off Lawrence Street (across from 1025 Lawrence St.)

PUPPET SHOW, National Marionette Theatre presents a puppet production of Hansel and Gretel, 2 p.m., \$12, Family Four-Pack: \$40, Rogers Center at Merrimack College; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers

GRECIAN BLUE HAWAII, 7 to 11 p.m., with meat and dessert buffet, cash bar featuring tropical drinks, music by Salonica Boys, adults \$15; seniors, students \$12; children under 12 \$8; under 5 free, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport; 978-465-5757. (Snow Date: Sunday, February 7)

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FAIR, noon to 2 p.m., Smith Center on the Phillips Academy campus, admission is free. The fair gives students a chance to meet with representatives from more than 80 local, national, and international summer programs as well as gap-year programs.

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, Andover Chamber Music's annual Valentine concert, "Heartstrings from Saint Petersburg," a program of Russian music, \$30 with group and student discounts available, 4 p.m., West Parish Church, Reservation Road, Andover; AndoverChamberMusic.org, 978-474-6222. NOTE: 100% of the proceeds from CD sales will benefit Haiti.

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC, The New England

Classical Singers, joined by the Girls; Ensemble of Lawrence High School, present a Cantata by Theodore Du Bois, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," 4 p.m., free, Holy Rosary (Corpus Christi) Church, 36 Essex St., Lawrence; 978-620-3621.

HIKE, Winter Discovery Hike, with Middleton Stream Team, 12:55 p.m. at North Liberty Street, Middleton; 978-777-4584, www.StreamTeam@comcast.net.

ICE FISHING DERBY, 7 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., \$10-15, Georgetown Fish and Game Club, end of Lake Avenue, Pentucket Pond, Georgetown; Bob Ohanley 978-994-0462, ss454truck@aol.com

MONDAY, FEB. 8

TAX TIPS WORKSHOP, hosted by The Harvard Club of Andover, Inc., a program of tax saving tips and a description of IRS tax changes for 2009, 7 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, with Andover CPA Richard Soo Hoo and Kenneth Der, a CPA and CFP of Wellesey, who will focus on those who prepare their own tax returns as well as those who hire professional preparers.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

FISH ON!, Stellwagen Tuna & More, 7 p.m., with Capt. Bart Waldo on 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 225-998 lbs., Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mh.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

ADULT AUDITIONS, singers and dancers for Rodgers & Hammerstein and Little Hart, North Regional Theatre Workshop, 6 p.m., First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen; Paul Webster-Greene at 978-397-1481, www.nrtwinc.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, wear appropriate footwear, hiking footwear is best, snowshoes/skis

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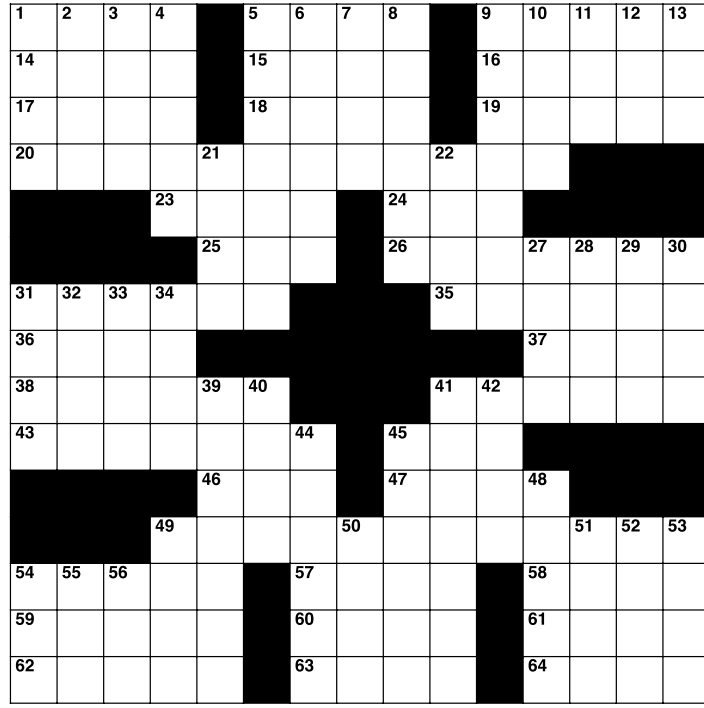
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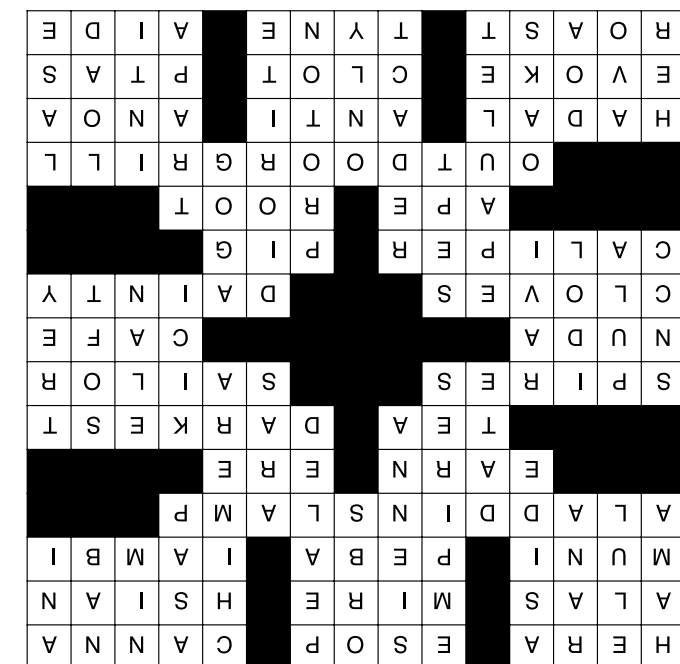
1. Ancient queen of the gods
5. Employee stock ownership plan
9. Indian shot plant
14. Expression of pity
15. Bog down
16. Central China city
17. Mountain unicycling, (abbr.)
18. Nine banded armadillo
19. Metrical feet
20. The genie's lair
23. Acquire by one's efforts
24. Before
25. Popular beverage
26. Most benighted
31. Steeples
35. A navy serviceman
36. Ctenophores lacking tentacles
37. Coffee shop
38. Parts of a garlic bulb
41. Small and delicate
43. Tool to measure thickness
45. Hog
46. Primate
47. Point where something begins
49. Patio cooker

CLUES DOWN

1. Biblical Hamath
2. 12th Jewish month
3. Bullfrog genus
4. Actor's line to the audience
5. Emperors rule them
6. Earth color pigment
7. Spheres
8. Rang
9. Daughter of Typhon
10. As fast as can be done, (abbr.)
11. Matchstick game
12. Take hold of
13. Black tropical American cuckoo
21. mm/dd/yy
22. Belongs to Coach Parsegian
27. Minn. Camp ___ Yapi

28. Ardor
29. Lacking hardness
30. A card having three spots
31. Civil rights college organization
32. Botswana monetary unit
33. A object worshipped as a god
34. Nora Jones' father
39. Uniform shoulder ornament
40. Follows Aug.
41. Type of igneous rock
42. Highly excited
44. Draw up a text
45. Particle with positive charge
48. Water chestnut genus
49. Acorn descendants
50. Sole
51. Monetary unit in Peru
52. Burden
53. Emit coherent radiation
54. Of she
55. ___cado: alligator pear
56. Arrived extinct

Solution



New England Classical Singers to perform with region's high schoolers

The New England Classical Singers, joined by the Girls Ensemble of Lawrence High School, will present a cantata by Theodore Du Bois, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m., at the Holy Rosary Christi Church, 36 Essex St. Lawrence.

The concert is an addition to the fall music series presented by the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library, and supported by the Catherine McCarthy Memorial Trust.

The concert features renowned soloists, coloratura soprano Barbara Kilduff, tenor Jason McSoots and baritone Thomas Jones. The 45-minute long cantata will be enhanced by several short organ solos played by NECS accompanist Robert Cruz.

According to Terri Kelley, director of the concert series, the Holy Rosary Church was selected for its organ and acoustics. Kelley emphasizes that

this cantata holds appeal for all who appreciate beautiful music, regardless of their beliefs.

The concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For information, call 978-620-3621.

Chicago auditions

Andover Community Theater will host auditions to join the cast of its production of Chicago on Feb. 9 and 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, 10 Church St., Bradford.

Call backs will be Feb. 11. Those interested are asked to dress in comfortable clothing and to bring a current photograph, a resume, and sheet music with a song from the show or in the style of the show.

For more information, call Charles Gracy at 978-476-1138 or email CharlesGracy@actandover.com.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 13

welcome on days with snow. Trail is of moderate difficulty. Bring water and sunscreen on sunny days.

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE MEETS, 7:30 p.m., Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette St., (Rte. 1), Salisbury, discussing the "plot to kill Abraham Lincoln," with author and historian Kate Clifford Larson, free; Tom, 978-462-8518.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

AUTHOR READING, with Anita Silvey, "Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Children's Book," 7 p.m., free. Anita will have a slide show to accompany her talk, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover: 978-475-0143.

MUSIC-FILLED PLAY OPENS, "BLACK PEARL SINGS!," celebrates Black History and Women's History months, through March 7, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell; www.MerrimackRep.org, 978.654.4MRT.

LIVE THEATER, "The Last Five Years," opens, 7:30 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors, Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly. Performances also on Feb. 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

KIDS' NIGHT OUT, for ages 6 to 10, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Haverhill Street, Andover. Swim, play games in the Mat Room, make craft projects, and make new friends. Refreshments will be served, 6:30-9 p.m., \$7 for YMCA Family Members; \$10 for General Members; and \$12 for non-members.

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES, 8 p.m., Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, \$50 (includes private reception to meet the cast) or \$20 (performance only); (978/462-7336), www.firehouse.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

WARD WINTER FUN DAY, experience the trails at Ward Reservation, parts of which reside

in Andover and North Andover. The Trustees of Reservations and Ward Reservation Property Committee, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee, Friends of North Andover Trails and Moor & Mountain of Andover, host, noon to 3 p.m., free, parking at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, Andover. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, refreshments and a warming fire will be available. Limited instruction for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will also be available; 978-682-3580, ext. 1#; cward@ttor.org.

MOONLIGHT SKI/HIKE, AVIS Goldsmith Woodlands, 6 p.m., park at 491 S. Main St., no pets, rain cancels; Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665; David Dargie, 978-996-4475.

LIVE MUSIC, a Valentine's Day concert featuring Andover singer-songwriter Camille Breeze, singing love songs written over the last 75 years exploring the themes of love, loss and hope, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

ROMANCE CELEBRATION, Whistler House Museum of Art, Lowell, 2 p.m. cocktail reception, show at 3 p.m., see Feb. 13 listing.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

PRIVATEERING & THE REVOLUTION AT SEA, hosted by the Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum, with Dr. Emily Murphy who talks on the merchants and mariners who risked their lives to take the battle to the British on the high seas during the American Revolution. 7:30 p.m., Waterline Center, 66 Main St., Essex, \$8 members, \$10 non-members; 978-768-7541 to reserve seats. Snow date, Feb. 23.

FISH ON!, Northeast Potpourri Fresh & Salt-water Fishing, 7 p.m., with Joe Welch on his favorite places, methods and gear for Merrimack Valley anglers, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

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Sports

Cronin flies into national high jump ranks

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — The achievements of Andover's Moira Cronin are still a bit hard to comprehend for her mother, Kate Miller.

"It's pretty impressive," said Miller. "I never thought I would be Googling my daughter's name and seeing thousands of results on her accomplishments."

These days, it seems like everyone on the track scene is buzzing about the work by Cronin, the budding Golden Warriors superstar.

"I feel like this kind of happened all of a sudden," said Cronin with a laugh. "I don't feel like I'm *that* good and, all of a sudden, I'm No. 1. I look at myself and ask, 'When did this happen?'"

Cronin literally jumped to the top of the track world on Jan. 20, when she recorded a stunning leap of 5 feet, 10 inches in a dual meet against Billerica.

That jump was good for a tie for the best jump in the United States this winter.

"It's not a surprise to us," said Andover coach Peter Comeau. "Moira is definitely big-time. She's the first national leader I've coached. High jumpers have to be a special breed. It requires a certain demeanor."

Cronin very nearly missed a shot at history that day.

"I wasn't confident," said Cronin. "It was a dual meet, I didn't have spikes and my foot hurt from banging it on the floor. I didn't want to be injured for the bigger meets, so I thought about stopping at 5-6 for the day. But all of a sudden it was just one big jump



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Moira Cronin flies over the bar in the high jump. Cronin currently ranks in a tie for the top high jump in the country for a high school girl in 2010 with a 5-10.

after another big jump and the height just kept getting higher. I couldn't believe it."

Once the bar hit 5-9, Cronin flew over with room to spare. So the bar was raised to 5-10, and Cronin once again was up to the task.

"I let out a little bit of a shriek," Cronin said. "I put my hands on my head and said, 'I can't believe this happened.' Then I got mobbed by everyone and got a lot of hugs. I was tied for 23rd in the country last season, and I thought that was unbelievable."

It's been a steady rise for

Cronin. After a promising freshman season (jumping 5-0), last winter she broke Cindy Surret's school record of 5-4 that had stood since 1982, and by the end of the 2009 spring season she had won All-States and set an area record with a stellar 5-9. So expectations were understandably high for this season.

"In the first meet of this year Moira jumped a 5-8, which is a huge jump in general — let alone in the beginning of the season," said Miller. "We knew it had the potential to be a great season and we were able to see

that she ranked as one of the top five high school girls."

Cronin's 5-10 places her in a tie for tops among U.S. schoolgirls with seniors Lacey Shuman (Maryvale Prep, Md.), Amina Smith (Patuxent, Md.) and Emily Kianka (Hopewell Valley, N.J.).

While she has the height — standing at 6-feet tall — and the speed to excel in the high jump, it is Cronin's mindset and tremendous personality that have drawn plenty of compliments.

"She handles this so well," said Comeau. "She says she's nervous, but she can handle

it. If I were running at that bar with everyone looking at me, I'd be terrified. But it's her makeup. She doesn't let high jump dominate her life."

Miller, a former track athlete herself, agreed with that assessment.

"Moira is pretty grounded," she said. "She seems to be taking this success in stride and not letting it go to her head. She doesn't appear to get anxious or nervous when she is jumping. She really gets in a zone. Moira puts more pressure on herself academically."

While she's just halfway

THE MOIRA CRONIN FILE

Age: 16
Height: 6-feet
Year: Junior
Record-breaker: On Jan. 20, recorded a 5-10 in the high jump, tying for the best in the nation so far in 2010. It also broke her own school and area record.
Jumping to success: Last spring, swept the high jump at the Andover Boosters, MVCs, EMass Division 1 meet and All-States. Jumped an area-best 5-9.
No one-event wonder: Is also a standout in the 50 hurdles, running a 7.2 in a win over Billerica. Tallied 37 kills and 28 blocks for volleyball team that finished 20-3-0 this season.
Overcoming adversity: Has worn hearing aids since the fifth grade due to being partially hearing impaired.

through her junior season, Cronin has already drawn interest from a number of top colleges.

"I've talked to Duke," said Comeau. "And I have e-mailed back and forth with the University of North Carolina and we have a contact at Penn State in Colleen Shannon. We're looking ACC. Hopefully after Nationals it will be narrowed down."

But has life changed for Cronin since her epic jump?

"There's a lot of pressure being first in the nation," she said. "There's expectations that you are going to do it every time. It's a *little* stressful. Now I feel like I have to hit at least 5-9 at every meet. But it gives me that little extra oomph."

Boudreau, Warriors continue Dunn Gym dominance of Central

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After being faceguarded for three quarters, Nicole Boudreau broke out for 15 of her 25 points in the final period as Andover rallied past archrival Central Catholic 60-54.

"You can't get nervous. If you get nervous then you start turning the ball over," said Boudreau, who stayed poised through an uncharacteristically quiet first three quarters. "You have to keep your head up at all times. You can't get down. The three

was about all that they would give me."

Natalie Gomez-Martinez added 11 points and Dianna Bill 10 for the winners, who have beaten the Raiders 14 straight times at home and should earn a share of the MVC title if they win out.

Nicole Boudreau continued her torrid week with 23 points as Andover downed Methuen 66-60 on Friday. Devon Caveney scored nine points and Ally Fazio chipped in with six for the winners.

Dianna Bill erupted for 14 points as Andover drubbed Billerica 71-43 last Tuesday. Alex Alois chipped in with 11 points while Nicole Boudreau continued to roll with 21 points for the winners.

Coach Jim Tildsley of the Andover High girls basketball team nominated Alicia Scarpa as last week's Baystate Financial "Player of the Fortnight" award winner.

"Alicia has done a super job for us this season. She's a very good role player. When she comes off

the bench, she works hard and she can stick her shots. She's a very good practice player, she's great with her teammates, and she always plays well when called upon. We're looking forward to her contributions the rest of the season."

BOYS TRACK

The team of Christopher McConnell, Mark Vetere, Kerrick Stevens and Andrew Osborne set a meet record with a 1:31.50 in the 4x200 relay, edging the previous record (1:31.53) set by Woburn two

years ago and leading Andover to a dominant day at the MSTCA Elite track meet on Sunday.

McConnell also flew to victory in the 55 meter dash (6.47) and Vetere added a victory in the 600 (1:23.03) while the team of Simon Voorhees, Chris Goodwin, Scott Waller and Adam Vetere won the 4x800 (8:06.97) and Voorhees placed second in the mile.

Kerrick Stevens won the 300 (34.3) and teamed with Connor O'Neill, Troy Cayon and Ahmeed Theed to take the 4x400 relay as Andover

finished the dual-meet season undefeated by dealing archrival Central Catholic its first loss of the season, 52-34 last Wednesday. Christopher McConnell took the dash, Nick Schumacher won the 2-mile and Simon Voorhees won the mile for the winners.

GIRLS TRACK

Bishop leads Andover
Eve Bishop, Emily Shields, Vanessa Singleton and Kayla Baldwin teamed to place second in the 4x200

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ROUNDUP: Swimmers, wrestlers, skiers have big week

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(1:46.46) to highlight Andover's day at the MSTCA Elite track meet on Sunday. Baldwin also placed sixth in the 55 dash and Moira Cronin was second in the high jump.

Jess Salley won the 600 (1:33.5), Eve Bishop took the 300 (38.8) and they teamed with Vanessa Singleton and Sydney Eberth to win the 4x400 as Andover topped Central Catholic 47-39 last Wednesday. It also finished off an unbeaten dual-meet season for the Golden Warriors, and was the first loss of the year for the Raiders.

GIRLS SKIING

Kearns takes first, Warriors roll

Jess Kearns placed first overall with a 22.82 as Andover cruised past North Andover 109-26 and Austin Prep 127-8 last Thursday. For the winners, Erin Christopher was third, Sara Heath was fifth and Kerry Christopher was seventh.

Jess Kearns (22.93), Erin Christopher (23.06) and Kerry Christopher (23.19) finished in spots 3-5 to lead Andover to a 70-65 victory over Masconomet last Tuesday. Rose Ganley added a 10th and Madeline Baldwin was 12th.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Oteri stays scintillating

Sarah Oteri continued to surge with her fourth hat trick of the season as Andover blasted Boston Latin 4-2 last Wednesday. Jill Manning added the other goal and Emily Appleton and Nicole Giroux each had an assist for the winners.

WRESTLING

Welch, Andover earn two big wins

Brett Welch (119), Sean MacDonald (130), Brian Martin (160) and Joe Chartier each won all three of their matches as Andover pounded Malden 51-15 and Minuteman 54-18 last Saturday. Reinaldo Brito and Rey Brito each added a pair of victories for the winners.

Mike Tiwali won his match at 125 pounds, but Andover lost to Lawrence 50-17 last Wednesday. Reinaldo Brito (140), Joe Chartier (171)



JAN SEEGER/Staff Photographer.

Andover's Nicole Boudreau draws contact as she goes up for a shot. Boudreau scored 15 of her 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Golden Warriors downed archrival Central Catholic 60-54.

and Paul Jackson (189) added wins for the Golden Warriors.

Andover fell to New England powerhouse Timberlane 58-6 on Saturday.

SWIMMING

Hunter earns four victories

Paul Hunter won the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay as Andover edged Chelmsford 94-92 last Friday. John Belanger added a win in the 100 freestyle and swam on both victorious relays for the winners.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bramanti red hot

Brian Miller notched 19 points as Andover bested upset-minded Haverhill 78-72 on Friday. Joe Bramanti tallied a team-high 24 points and Spenser Rose added 12 for the winners.

Joe Bramanti dropped in 13 of his game-high 25 points in the final eight minutes, seizing control of a 52-51 nail-biter and carrying the Warriors to a 72-66 decision over Lawrence last Tuesday. Jimmy Johnson added 13 points and Brian Miller chipped in with 11 for the winners, who were without starting point guard D.J. Fazio.

Despite 29 points for Joe Bramanti and 16 for Brian Miller,

Andover fell to O'Bryant 59-56 on Sunday.

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

"I am happy to nominate Brian for this award. This guy epitomizes selflessness over stats. He consistently steps up and does things like take a charge, sacrificing his body for the team. Brian is what the 'Player of the Fortnight' award is all about," he said.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Centrella, team bounce back

Varsity newcomer Liam Centrella scored his first career goal as Andover snapped a four-game winless streak by downing Waltham 3-2 on Saturday. Alex Driscoll and Will Maye each added a goal and Jim Burns, Matt Swett, Matt Gibson and Alex Patti each had an assist for the winners.

Despite a goal by Matt Gibson, Andover fell to Chelmsford 2-1 last Wednesday. Joe Kuta assisted on Gibson's goal, and Derek Wakefield made 26 saves.

Andover could not beat North Andover goalie Tyler Morandi and fell to the Scarlet Knights 2-0 last Monday.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Mattison, Andover victorious

Rachel Mattison earned firsts in the vault and beam, tied for first in the floor and won the all-around as Andover downed Dracut 139-126 last Thursday. Jenny Coneeny won the bars, tied for first in the floor and was second in the all-around for the winners.

Rachel Mattison placed second in every event including the all-around (36.9), but Andover fell to Central Catholic 141.1-140.95 last Wednesday. Jenny Coneeny added thirds in the beam and all-around (35.9).

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Chu excels in setbacks

Chris Chu won the all-around (39.3) and added seconds in the vault, parallel bars and pommel horse, but Andover fell to Burlington 153-141 last Thursday. Brian Manning chipped in with a first in the vault and second in the all-around.

Chris Chu won the pommel horse, took third in the parallel bars and rings and tied for second in the all-around, but Andover fell to Attleboro 132-126 last Monday. Golden Warrior Brian Manning tie Chu for second in the all-around.

Nagy, Van Doren selected for Women in Sport Day

Two Andover athletes have been chosen to participate in the Massachusetts celebration of National Girls and Women in Sport Day at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Friday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon. This ceremony, which is sponsored by New Agenda Northeast and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, honors female athletes

because they are positive, contributing members of both their teams and their school, according to the MIAA.

Participating athletes from Andover High School include Kylie Nagy who plays field hockey and lacrosse, and Molly Van Doren, who competes at cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

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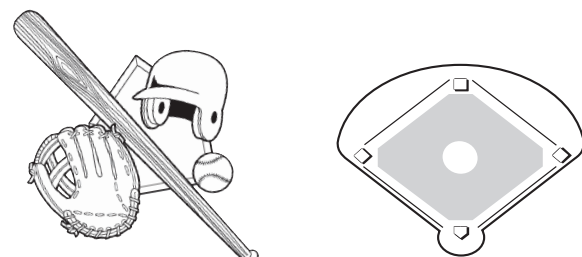
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Business



FILE PHOTO

The state is looking to add 70 spaces to the Park and Ride lot on Dascomb Road near Interstate 93.

Park & Ride to be Closed & Expanded

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

State transportation officials are pushing for more commuters to "park and ride" but that's going to be temporarily extra difficult in Andover as of Monday, Feb. 8.

That's when the Park & Ride lot on Dascomb Road at Interstate 93 closes for a year. The 70-space lot is doubling in size but needs to close down as work is set to begin Monday. State transportation officials are suggesting lot users drive to Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street (Route 28) and use that Park & Ride parking lot instead.

"It's an inconvenience, we know. But we closely evaluated the lot (at Dascomb Road) and decided we couldn't keep it open," said Paul Nelson, a spokesman for the Department

of Transportation.

DOT is also suggesting drivers use the Methuen Park & Ride on Pelham Street in Methuen, off I-93 Exit 47, Nelson said.

State officials announced the construction project last May. The parking lot is located close to Interstate 93 near the Tewksbury town line on Dascomb Road.

The parking lot will have twice as many parking spaces and a better groomed lot, Nelson said.

With its \$673,000 price tag, the parking lot makeover is extensive. The parking lot is owned by the state and its expansion is on state-owned land. The proposed work includes re-grading and resurfacing the existing parking lot. The extension of the new parking lot will be to the north of the existing lot and work includes new drainage,

a stormwater-retention basin, new pavement markings, lighting, guardrails and landscaping, according to the reconstruction plans supplied by the state.

Nelson said the project will take about a year, which means the lot will be closed until next winter.

"But, that's the worst case scenario. We hope it's less than a year," Nelson said. "DOT's team will be working hard to ensure the lot can reopen sooner if possible."

A public hearing on this Park & Ride Expansion Project was held May 18 at Memorial Hall Library in Andover. The plans for the parking lot makeover were on display.

The project received the green light to move ahead and the DOT Website reports a preconstruction meeting was held on Jan. 11 in the district office and "active work (is) to begin soon."

Danversbank collecting donations for Haiti

Danversbank, including the branch in Andover on Central Street, is now collecting donations to benefit the Partners in Health "Stand With Haiti" earthquake relief fund. Danversbank, along with Beverly National Bank, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Danvers Bancorp, Inc.

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For more information visit www.standwithhaiti.org.

In addition to the branch collections, the Danversbank Charitable Foundation Inc. has donated \$10,000 to the "Stand With Haiti" cause.

Danversbank employees also donated \$2,900 out of their own jean pockets for Haiti relief on a recent "Jeans Day" Friday.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Casey super

Andover resident and employment law specialist **Lawrence J. Casey** was selected to be listed in Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2009, published by Law & Politics. Super Lawyers is also published in a special section of the November 2009 issue of Boston Magazine.

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

with racial epithets. Rather than acknowledging the patient's demeaning, prejudiced comments, she continued to provide outstanding care while declining multiple offers of assistance from colleagues.

"I asked her why, in the face of such verbal abuse, did she continue to accept this assignment," wrote Marlene Williamson, director of inpatient nursing services at Winchester

Hospital. "She replied she was there to nurse and to nurse all her patients. It was not her job to make value judgments as to who deserved nursing care and who did not. She hoped that if she provided the highest level of compassionate and clinically expert care that in some small way, she could impact this patient's prejudicial position. She set an example for all of us."

Darfoor honored

The Kenneth B. Schwartz Center has recognized Winchester Hospital nurse **Jen Darfoor**, and the Winchester Hospital Magnet Nurses Charitable Fund with honorable mentions for its 2009 Compassionate Caregiver of the Year Award. Based in Boston, the Kenneth B. Schwartz Center supports and advances compassionate health care among caregivers, patients and their families. The award was established as a way to honor those who serve as models of commitment to compassionate care.

A resident of Andover, Darfoor is a critical care float pool nurse who joined Winchester Hospital in 2007. Her nomination letter described a recent situation in which a critically ill patient verbally abused her

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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, 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 encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A 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 Abtitt Law Offices, P.C., 304 Cambridge Road, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801, other 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, Abtitt 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 122.1503 AT - 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/10

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Late of:

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12/13/2008

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WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 22, 2010
Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate AT - 2/4/10

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