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Where will the students be while new Bancroft built?

Out-of-town sites researched, downplayed

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Would Andover send Bancroft Elementary School students to a temporary site in Haverhill while a new Bancroft is built?

School leaders say that's unlikely, but the soon-to-be vacant Bartlett School building in Haverhill is one of several the Andover School Building Committee asked the superintendent to research as part of the process to replace Bancroft Elementary School, said Mark Johnson, committee chairman.

Haverhill Superintendent of Schools Raleigh Buchanan told his School Committee last week that Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach might be interested in leasing the Haverhill building, which currently houses a Montessori school.

Andover's Bancroft Elementary School, built in 1969, has structural problems and the Massachusetts School Building Authority is willing to partner with Andover to pay to build its replacement.

Several spots – at the rear and front of the Bancroft school property, as well as atop the current Bancroft Elementary School footprint – are being considered for a new school as part of a feasibility study, said Johnson.

If a school were to be built on the current Bancroft footprint, students would have to be relocated for a minimum of two years while a new school is built. That's where the Bartlett School in Haverhill

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► Superintendent search

Town to visit finalists' systems next week

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover's search for a superintendent continues, as the School Committee will visit finalists' home districts next week, observing them on the job.

Four finalists are in the running for Andover's top school job: Susan Nicholson, assistant superintendent in Andover; Kelly Clenchy, superintendent of a regional school district in Orono, Maine; Christopher Farmer, superintendent of Gloucester schools; and Marinel McGrath, superintendent of Hamilton-Wenham regional schools and former assistant superintendent in Andover. All four have classroom teaching experience, several of them internationally.

This fall, Claudia Bach, Andover's superintendent since 1998, announced her intention to step down by the end of the school year. She was given permission to leave earlier if she finds a job before then.

The advertisement posting Bach's job listed

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Superintendent candidates will visit Andover through the first week in March:

- Monday, March 1: Susan Nicholson
- Tuesday, March 2: Kelly Clenchy
- Wednesday, March 3: Christopher Farmer
- Thursday, March 4: Marinel McGrath



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff Photos

Many residents who have benefitted from a variety of Andover Youth Services programs are trying to maintain the AYS seasonal programs. AYS has brought a number of new programs to town, including wrestling. Above, AYS Director Bill Fahey, left, points out what could be a pin as Coach Sobhan Namvar, right, looks for two more points in the closing minute of Brian Martin's semifinals win over Shawsheen's Jesse Dillion during the Division 1 sectionals Saturday.

Seeking to get AYS programs off mat

Young alumni fight to save seasonal offerings, jobs

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

More than 2,000 people have joined a "save Andover Youth services" group on Facebook.com, a social networking Web site, crusading against what they see as the repeated devastation of the AYS budget.

Andover Youth Council member Will English has taken the cause one step further, penning a warrant article for April Town Meeting to appropriate \$50,000 to the Andover Youth Services seasonal

staff account.

"If AYS were not to exist, it would completely erase a huge sense of community for the young people of the town," said Emily McLaughlin, an Elon University sophomore who thrived in AYS programs in middle and high school. "While there are other opportunities in middle and high school to be a captain of a sports team, or a leader, for someone who wasn't necessarily going to be a captain of a sports team, it was the most inviting environment when I was there."

From working in a group to

learning how to sew or write her congressman, McLaughlin, 19, says AYS made her into who she is today.

Town leaders say AYS is just feeling the pinch that every department, from the schools and library to police and elder services, is sharing during a rough economy, and has the tools to save itself, by charging fees.

"I know the good they do. Nobody supports them more than I do – I got my beard shaved," said Town

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Andover's Paul Jackson, 16, is overcome with emotion as he jumps into the arms of coach Sobhan Namvar after winning his semifinals match during the Division 1 wrestling sectionals Saturday.

Super Sunday: Pastor, family adopt Haitian orphan



COURTESY PHOTO

The Wescott family of North Andover, Beth, Andrew and 4 1/2-year-old Alison, recently welcomed Wislandie, 8, from Haiti into their family.

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andy Wescott says he will never forget Super Bowl Sunday 2010. Not because the New Orleans Saints upset the Indianapolis Colts, earning their first-ever championship, but because his family of three became a family of four that day.

Eight-year-old Wislandie, an orphan from Haiti, flew to the U.S. on an Air Force transport on Feb. 7, becoming big sister to 4 1/2-year-old Alison and daughter to Beth and Andy, a pastor at the Free Christian Church on Elm Street.

In the two weeks since Wislandie arrived, the family has discovered her panache for throwing snow balls, "High School Musical" and playing board games. She trounced her new father the first time they played the game "Sorry!"

The Wescotts applied to adopt Wislandie one year ago. The already ineffective Haitian adoption process, which can take two or three years, was disrupted after the nation was devastated and paperwork scattered and buried by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake Jan. 12.

In the month that followed, the Wescotts clung to sporadic communication with Wislandie's orphanage as they navigated the ups and downs of government red tape, lawyers and extensive paperwork to bring her to the U.S.

"We had been pushing and pushing on this process for a while. We pushed as much as we could, and were just waiting," said Andy Wescott. "I'm content as a pastor to say it's a God thing. There were a lot of other factors, but I'm content to

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Winter Fun Day

Mariana Fedele, 7, learns how to cook a hot dog over an open fire as her father, Anthony Fedele, looks on during Winter Fun Day at the Ward Reservation on Sunday. For more photos of Winter Fun Day, page 9.

KATE GLASS/Staff photo

INSIDE: Business

New approach taken at Lanam Club. Story, page 14.

BANCROFT: Out-of-town temporary home unlikely

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comes in, said Annie Gilbert, who sits on both the School Committee and School Building Committee.

Bach contacted all the superintendents in the area, compiling a list of available buildings that could be leased as a temporary school facility. Although costly, leasing modular or portable classrooms is also an option, said Gilbert.

"Claudia, as part of the process, has done her homework on what other space exists. We're a long way from considering leasing the space in Haverhill. It's just part of the process," said Gilbert. "Per the state, we have to pursue all the feasible options. The state is also very cost-conscious, and I'm not sure they would be willing to consider the extra cost of relocating kids, unless there's an extremely compelling reason to build on the site."

Bach has not discussed the Haverhill site, or any other buildings with the School Committee, said Chairwoman Debra Silberstein.

Johnson and Gilbert said they were not sure what other towns may have contacted Bach with available space. The superintendent did not return a call

seeking comment on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Johnson said its unlikely the building committee would support sending students out of town, but had to research the possibility in case the state asked for data.

"I don't think it makes financial sense, or sense to disrupt education of students to bus them to another community. We had to at least get data on some alternatives, to make the decision as to which alternative makes the most sense," said Johnson. "I think the idea of relocating students off the site is one that I don't believe will be endorsed by the committee."

The Bartlett School, at 555 Washington St., is one of several century-old school buildings closed by Haverhill in the last decade.

Built in 1907 and named for Albert Bartlett, a former mayor, state representative and school superintendent, the stately, two-story edifice that sits atop a hill served as a public school for many years. Then, in 2002, the School Committee closed it due to financial problems.

For the last several years, the Bartlett has been rented by the Hill View Montessori Charter School, which plans to vacate the building this winter.

AYS: Effort on to save program despite town budget cuts

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Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, referencing the recent AYS telethon fundraiser, where he collected pledges for a trim, live on cable access television. "The issue is that when we have tight budget years, no one is sacred. Everyone has to tighten the belt ... They have to do what people are doing within their own homes to live within a budget. I'm confident the program will survive, it just demands some fiscal creativity, coming up with funding mechanisms."

The AYS seasonal budget decreased from \$45,303 to \$1,362 between fiscal years 2009 and 2010. English says his warrant article, which would be funded by taxation, borrowing or transfer of available funds, would fill in that gap.

The seasonal budget is used year-round, said AYS Director Bill Fahey, and used to hire high school and college students as staff, run the skate park and fund summer programs. On top of the budget cut, several grants previously awarded to AYS have run out this year.

Stapeczynski's proposed budget, released this month, shows an overall increase of \$11,321 from this current fiscal year

BY THE NUMBERS: AYS BUDGET

	Total budget	Seasonal Budget
FY2008	\$262,936	\$34,500
FY2009	\$284,743	\$45,303
FY2010	\$261,206	\$1,362
FY2011	\$272,527	\$1,362

FY11 is the town manager's recommended budget. His full FY2011 budget can be found in the "what's new" box on www.andoverma.gov. The AYS budget is page 62.

(2010) to FY2011 for Andover Youth Services. The department brings in almost as much as the operating budget they're allotted by the town, \$261,206 for FY2010, through fees and other income, which goes into its revolving account, said Stapeczynski.

For the last two years, Stapeczynski has asked town departments to dip into their revolving accounts to cover budgets, becoming self-sustaining.

Fahey – and English, in defending his warrant article – say a fee-based model does not work for AYS.

"I don't know how you could make that happen. We have done fundraisers, thinking out of the

box, a million things to keep us going. But with a dramatic hit like that (\$44,000 cut last year), we feel like we're in a sinking ship. In my heart, I don't feel like that's the way to go," said Fahey. "We started in 1994, and have always created a balance between running programs for fees and programs that you can't charge fees for."

"It wasn't ever supposed to be self-sustainable. I don't want to work with only those that can afford to pay. To me that's unacceptable, and not what AYS is about," said Fahey.

To make up for reduction, AYS has raised fees as much as they can this year, sold extra trees at their annual holiday tree sale and hosted a successful telethon this winter, he said.

AYS sees teenagers from all walks of life, often counseling and finding help for those going through a mental health issue, divorce, behavior problem, an unemployed parent or other issues at home, for which Fahey says he could never charge a fee. The youth who need AYS the most are often kids unable to pay, he said.

McLaughlin says that's what angers her the most when town leaders cut the AYS budget.

"People who aren't directly involved with AYS think that it's just (trips to go skiing or Red Sox games). That's just one tiny part of the incredible organization that they are," said McLaughlin, who served on the Andover Youth Council. "Many kids start out going to Red Sox games, but then get involved in political groups (like the youth council). It's so much more than that, it's more unique than any other summer program might be."

Selectman Mary Lyman, whose three children have gone through AYS program, sees the flip side of the coin.

"We're not trying to slash AYS, we're trying to say, 'generate programs that are self-sustaining,'" said Lyman, who volunteered at the AYS telethon. "They did take a cut, as every budget took a cut. Partly what we're trying to do is save all the programs, whether you're the department of community services, the senior center or AYS."

"I've always said, I'm happy to pay extra for those who can't afford it, and that's the concept we're trying to promote. If we charge a couple of extra bucks to everybody, it will keep programs without having to give them up," she said.

ADOPT: Pastor and family welcome Haiti orphan to family

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say that."

State Rep. Barry Finegold, State Sen. Sue Tucker and U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas and Sen. John Kerry helped the family navigate government departments and post-earthquake adoption procedures, he said.

"I don't think (Wislandie) would be here without them,"

Wescott said.

Wislandie's adoption process was accelerated by a state department "humanitarian parole" program, created for American families that can provide proper documentation showing an adoption was already in progress before the earthquake, said Wescott.

Free Christian Church, where the Wescotts have been

members for 11 years, sponsors Wislandie's orphanage, Hope for the Children of Haiti. It was during a church service trip to the orphanage last February that Andy Wescott met Wislandie, and knew instantly she was meant to be adopted by his family.

Beth Wescott, who wasn't on the February trip, journeyed to Haiti in July and "bonded

terrifically with Wislandie," said Andy Wescott. From there, the Wescotts partnered with a lawyer and credentialed adoption agency.

The Wescotts live in North Andover; Beth works for Pfizer in Andover and Andy is a campus pastor and leads the adult discipleship and small groups at Free Christian.

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Free Christian's trip to Haiti postponed in earthquake aftermath

A Free Christian Church trip to Haiti, originally meant to depart Feb. 12, has been postponed because no commercial flights are going to the island after last month's massive earthquake.

The Elm Street church has a long-standing relationship with Hope for the Children of Haiti, an orphanage and school in Port-au-Prince, and members make regular trips to volunteer there.

A group of 10 FCC members had been planning a trip since June, hoping to bring much-needed supplies and hands willing to help. Four nurses had signed on for the trip, as well as George Thomson, a retired Andover firefighter.

Miraculously, Hope for the Children of Haiti's more than 200 children were unharmed by the earthquake, although several buildings were damaged.

The earthquake's aftermath leaves much to do, said FCC Pastor Andy Wescott, and church members are eager to help as soon as possible. The orphanage hopes to rebuild not only its facilities, but the surrounding neighborhood, he said.

In the meantime, FCC members have been raising money and praying for the island nation.

For more information on Hope for the Children of Haiti, visit, www.hfchaiti.org.

Bancroft bucks



COURTESY PHOTO

Bancroft Elementary School conducted a fundraiser called "Change for Haiti." The school put out a large water jug and asked the children to bring in whatever change they could. In the end, the school community collected \$1890.97 and the money will be donated to UNICEF to support its relief efforts for the children affected by the earthquake, according to parent Kim Racca. Above, Principal Francine Goldstein and first-graders, from left, Alexandra Grenon and Samantha Racca stand with the jar.

CORRECTION

An Arts story on page 14 of the Feb. 11 Townsman, "Book launch for Andover author," incorrectly stated that resident Tara Masih is a former English professor at Emerson College. Masih taught as a graduate instructor at Emerson.

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THEN: The Burtt farm was located at 35-37 Elm St., Andover. Man of Andover's farms became history as the buildings were destroyed or burned. Between 1976 and 1989 alone, historic barns were torn down at 9 Bancroft Road, 112 Main St., 87 and 237 River Road, 38 Phillips St., 362 Salem St., 62-64 Argilla Road (which burned) and 117 Elm St.



NOW: Next to the Free Christian Church was the location of the Burtt farm at 35-37 Elm St.

Tsongas wants limits on lobbying, campaigns

Fifth District Congresswoman Niki Tsongas has introduced legislation to prevent any federal funds received by corporations, private companies, or other entities from being used for lobbying or in political campaigns. The legislation, entitled the No Taxpayer Money for Corporate Campaigns Act of 2010, is in response to last month's 5-4 Supreme Court ruling, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which allowed unlimited

amounts of corporate money to be spent on influencing the outcome of elections. "An effort to completely reverse the Supreme Court's ill-conceived ruling is one that will take years. But I hope that my commonsense legislation, which will limit the scope of the decision and address one of its harmful consequences, is adopted quickly by the House of Representatives," said Tsongas in a release.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



"The work is done by old men, women and children and every inch of land is cultivated. It looks like a stage set. Everyone drinks wine here, but I think good old water has got it all over wine."
— George Napier, a World War I veteran in a letter home to Andover about France during the Great War.
Story in *Townspeople*, page 9.

"Raise your hand if you had fun doing math-a-mania!"
— Question posed to young students who participated in extra math work as part of a Shawsheen School fundraiser, by Shannon Hartnett, school reading specialist. It appeared that every student's hand shot into the air.
Story in *Education*, page 11.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

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

MONDAY, FEB. 22

Andover School Committee site visit to superintendent finalist in Rural School District #26, Hudson Road, Glenburn, Maine, 10 a.m.

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

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference

room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.

Information Technology Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 3 p.m.

Andover High School Council, AHS room 201, 3 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

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

Andover School Committee site visit to superintendent finalist in Gloucester, 6 School House Road, Gloucester, 10 a.m.

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

Joint meeting between selectmen and Finance Committee,

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

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

Andover School Committee site visit to superintendent finalist in Andover Public Schools, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

Andover School Committee site visit to superintendent finalist in Hamilton-Wenham schools, 5 School St., Hamilton, 10 a.m.

Rotary Club sending shelter to Haiti, one box at a time

The Rotary Club of Andover is raising money to help provide shelter and aid to victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

As one of dozens of clubs in their Rotary District 7980, the club is raising money to purchase shelter boxes through the nonprofit organization ShelterBox. ShelterBox instantly responds to disasters around the world by delivering boxes — shelter boxes — of aid.

Each box supplies an

extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. The contents are tailored depending on the nature and location of the disaster, according to the organization.

"Our Rotary District 7980 has done 80 shelter boxes (\$80,000) and we have been at the Rockingham Mall outside the Apple Store where we have been able to raise \$1,000 a day

to help with the disaster relief for Haiti," according to Andover Rotary President Bill Buck.

On Feb. 27, the Andover group will cover the New Hampshire mall's booth along with the high school and Merrimack College Rotary clubs known as Interact and Rotaract. Buck says the Andover Rotary has pledged a box and the Interact Club is determined to match it.

The Rotary Club's connection to ShelterBox started with one

club in 2000 and has grown to become the largest Rotary Club project in the 100 year history of the organization, accounting for half of the organization's support, according to the organization's Web site.

To donate to the Rotary Club of Andover's effort, send a check to Rotary Club of Andover, P.O. Box 1152, Andover, MA 01810 and put Haiti shelter box in the memo line.

Appointment-only flu clinics scheduled

The Andover Health Division has announced that an additional H1N1 and Seasonal Flu immunization clinic has been scheduled for Feb. 25, because so many people signed up for the by-appointment-only clinic to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Andover Town Office Building 36 Bartlet St., second floor.

The Feb. 23 clinic will be for persons age 2 years and older, and both Nasal Mist and

traditional shots will be offered at this time. Persons seeking either the first or second doses for their children are welcome. Those seeking a second dose must bring documents showing when the first dose was administered, or they will not be immunized.

The additional flu clinic for both seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations will be offered for adults over the age of 18 years, and by

appointment only at the Andover Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010.

To make an appointment, call the Health Division at 978-623-8295; the Andover Senior Center will not be make the appointment.

Residents attending the H1N1 clinic are asked to bring a photo copy of their insurance card for the Health Division records. Several insurance companies in Massachusetts are now reimbursing communities for the costs associated with the

administration of the vaccine, and the town will seek that funding.

Paperwork for this clinic may be downloaded in advance from the town Web site at <http://andoverma.gov/health/>.

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- ◆ Make sure your doctor has a current list of all medications you are taking, both prescription and over-the-counter, such as vitamins and herbal supplements.
- ◆ Always take your medications in the exact amount and at the time your doctor prescribes.
- ◆ Call your doctor if you have problems or side effects with your medications. Your doctor may be able to change or adjust your medications so they will work better for you.
- ◆ Take your medications until they are finished or your doctor tells you to stop taking them. For some medications, such as antibiotics, it may be important to take all of the pills, even after you start feeling better.
- ◆ Purchase a "pill sorter" at your local pharmacy. It can help you manage your medications.
- ◆ If possible, use the same pharmacy for all medications. The pharmacist may find incompatible medication combinations.
- ◆ Avoid mixing alcohol and medications. Some medications may not work properly or may make you sick if taken with alcohol.

If you have any questions or concerns about any medications you are taking, be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist. The more you know about medications you are taking, the better you will feel.

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CANDIDATES: Andover to visit finalists in their schools next week

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a salary range of \$180,000 to \$200,000, an increase for all of the finalists. Clenchy, superintendent for a rural Maine district, makes less than most school principals and several assistant principals in Andover.

Through the first week in March, the candidates will come to Andover, meeting with residents, students and school staff before sitting down with the School Committee for interviews. A reception to meet the public will be held for each candidate from 3 to 4 p.m. at the senior center.

The School Committee is scheduled to vote and hire a new superintendent the evening of Thursday, March 11.

Superintendent candidates

Kelly Clenchy, superintendent for regional school unit No. 26, Maine
Salary for 2009-10: \$98,522

Clenchy, 53, oversees schools in three Maine towns, Orono, Veazie and Glenburn, that were consolidated into a regional school district this summer. Before the consolidation, Clenchy was superintendent to two of the towns, overseeing two school budgets and two separate districts, each with its own school committee.

Within the last year, Clenchy has been named as a finalist in superintendent searches in North Andover and East Bridgewater. Clenchy's wife, Brooke, is the superintendent in Winchendon, Mass., a town about an hour from Andover, near the New Hampshire border.

Before becoming a superintendent in Maine in 2004, Clenchy served as a director of education, a site-based district administrator and a classroom teacher in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada.

Clenchy graduated from the University of Calgary with a bachelor of education and received his M.Ed. in administration and curriculum from Gonzaga University.

Christopher Farmer, superintendent for Gloucester Public Schools
Salary for 2009-2010: \$145,000

Farmer was at the helm of Gloucester schools as Gloucester High School was thrust into the media spotlight after a higher than usual number of students there became pregnant in the spring of 2008. The situation gained international attention after the term "pregnancy pact" was used in a Time Magazine article.

His contract with Gloucester runs through Aug. 11, 2011, provides a \$2,600 vehicle and professional development allowance and 22 vacation days for this year.

Before coming to Massachusetts in 2003, Farmer served as a middle school principal for the Saratoga Union School District in California for six years. Previous to that, he worked as superintendent of schools in Coventry, England and served the Sheffield School District in England for 11 years, first as the program director, then assistant superintendent, and finally as the deputy superintendent.

His classroom teaching

experience, all in England, includes geography, English and history. Farmer attended the University of Cambridge, England, earning both his bachelor's and masters in geography, archaeology and anthropology, as well as a post graduate certificate in education with distinction in teaching.

Marlene McGrath, superintendent of Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District

McGrath earned \$175,100 for the 2008-09 school year (a call to human resources, requesting current-year figures, was not returned)

In May 2008, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges placed Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School on warning status for concerns including the elimination of core courses, increasing class sizes, 100 percent student user fees for athletics and inadequate funding to support the school's staffing levels, course offerings, co-curricular activities and technology. The school budget that year hinged on overrides by both Hamilton and Wenham Town Meeting voters. Between 2002 and 2008, the district had eliminated 80 full-time teaching positions and phased out the French program for incoming students, offering only Spanish at the high school.

McGrath teaches as an adjunct professor at Boston University in addition to her duties in Hamilton-Wenham.

Before leaving for Hamilton-Wenham, McGrath served for seven years as assistant superintendent in Andover. From 1986-1995 she was the director of curriculum and instruction, PK-12 for the Newburyport Public Schools.

McGrath received her bachelor's in French and English from Indiana University, her masters in educational psychology from the University of Connecticut, and her Ed.D. in Education Policy from Boston University.

Susan Nicholson, assistant superintendent in Andover

2008 salary was \$128,084 (a call to human resources, requesting current-year figures, was not returned)

Nicholson has worked in Andover for two years, during which she completed her doctorate.

Before coming to Andover as an interim assistant superintendent in 2007, Nicholson was the principal of North Andover High School for eight years, and the assistant principal for two years.

Previous to that, she taught high school in Lowell, Methuen and Lawrence for 26 years.

Nicholson received her bachelor's degree in business education from Salem State College, her M.Ed. in Secondary School Administration from Northeastern University, and her Ed.D. in Leadership in Education from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Her husband, Arthur Nicholson, is the former principal of Methuen High School and now works as the superintendent's assistant for special projects, overseeing a renovation of the high school.

Power plant effort shuts down

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

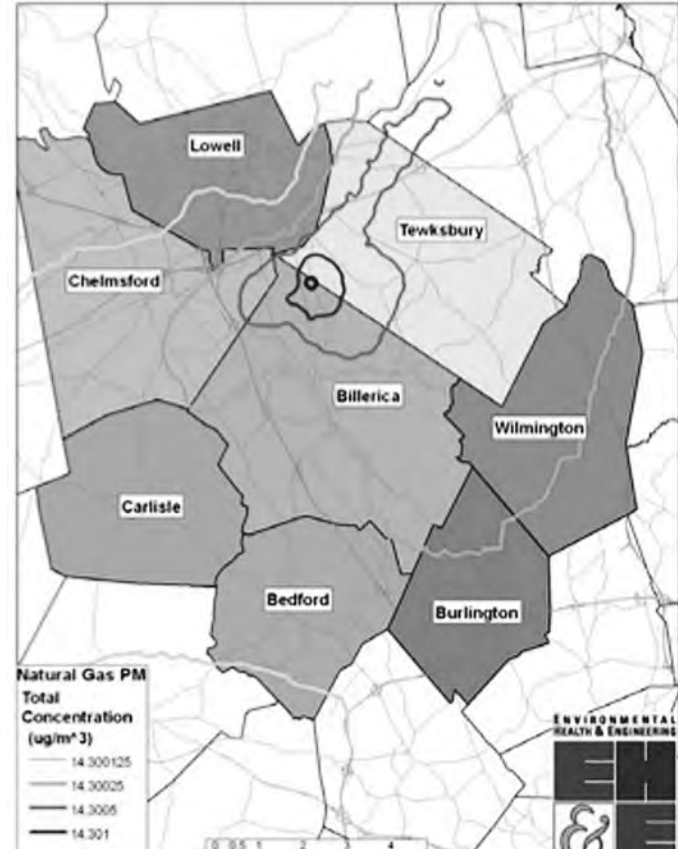
Opponents to the Billerica Energy Center, a natural gas-burning power plant proposed for the Billerica/Tewksbury town lines, are breathing easier this month after investors abandoned the project.

Prevailing winds blow northeast from the plant's proposed location in North Billerica, near Interstate 495, and environmental studies had shown that plant emissions, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter would have wafted over Tewksbury into Andover airspace.

This month, Texas-based Montgomery Power Partners, the major investor behind the plant, notified Independent System Operator-New England, a regional transmission organization that operates the power grid for New England, that they no longer want to continue with the Billerica project.

The news is especially poignant after a natural gas-fueled power plant being construction exploded in Middletown, Conn. on Feb. 7, killing five workers.

The Billerica plant, which would have operated during peak times of energy use, burning natural gas with diesel fuel as a backup, was met with strong opposition from several community groups. The 348-megawatt facility would have operated on a 13.8-acre site, with eight engine



Map showing that emissions would blow over Andover.

turbine blocks and 80-foot smoke stacks.

"It's a relief for residents, absolutely," said Paige Impink, a Tewksbury resident involved with www.billericapowerplant.org, a citizens opposition group.

"ISO New England has shown that there is sufficient (energy) supply for the demand in our

region through 2017 in their latest report ... The demand for energy will always be there, and will increase as the population increases. But the way we meet the demand has a great opportunity to be improved."

Besides the Billerica plant's pollution, residents were concerned with stress on infrastructure, local police and fire

departments and the safety of nearby homes and schools.

"The fact of the matter is (explosions) can happen, and tragically five people lost their lives ... The Billerica plant was going to be unmanned, remotely monitored from a control room in Lowell. That's even more scary, when you think of the Middletown situation (in Connecticut)," said Impink. "The closest homes in to the Billerica site were several hundred feet away. They (the plant's developer) would constantly downplay residents' concerns, it was so frustrating. People had a reason to be concerned."

The economic downturn was the main reason for the investors to leave the Billerica project, said Impink, aided by growing interest in alternative energy sources and citizen resistance to the project.

In October 2008, her organization hosted a well-attended public forum at Memorial Hall Library, answering questions from Andover residents about the proposed plant. Her organization will continue to work on informing residents about health and environmental issues, said Impink.

"We saw a wonderful partnership, a sense of community, between the different towns (surrounding the Billerica plant) - understanding that even though this wasn't within our own border, it was going to affect us," said Impink.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

ARRESTS

Saturday, Feb. 13 - At 11:17 p.m., Daniel J. Simard, 23, of 4 Pollard St., Apt. 6, Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A and class B substance.

At 11:36 p.m., Peter A. Richard Jr., 22, of 10 Patrick Ave., Billerica, was arrested and charged with failing to yield at an intersection and possession of a class A and a class B substance.

Monday, Feb. 15 - At 10:46 a.m., Stephanie Fillipon, 29, of 37 Dufton Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 5:01 p.m., several 911 calls reported a hit-and-run crash, with a green van hitting a pole by the Commons at Phillips Academy. At 5:18 p.m., Ann Marie Noonan, 49, of 80 Summer

St., was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

THEFTS

Friday, Feb. 12 - At 7:08 p.m., a Brundrett Avenue resident reported a stolen check.

Monday, Feb. 15 - At 1:30 p.m., a person reported possible theft of money from laundry machines at the Andover Housing Authority.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 9 - At 1:51 p.m., there was a report of a bunch of alpacas running loose in the area of Harold Parker Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 - At 2:09 p.m., an officer stopped a black Ford on Union Street, giving the driver a written warning for driving with an expired registration. The vehicle was towed.

Thursday, Feb. 11 - At 12:10 a.m.,

a 911 caller reported hearing loud explosion-type sounds in the area of Elm Street. A responding officer found all to be quiet.

At 2:57 a.m., an officer reported finding an intoxicated female lying in a driveway on High Street. An ambulance took the woman to the hospital.

Friday, Feb. 12 - At 2:15 a.m., an officer confiscated license plates from a vehicle with a revoked registration for no insurance at the LaQuinta Hotel, River Road.

At 9:06 a.m., vandalism was reported from Brookside Drive. A Brookside Estates resident reported a car had driven through a gate in an attempt to gain access to his property. A surveillance camera recorded the incident and the reporter gave a license plate number to police.

At 11:16 a.m., an ambulance

responded to a Bancroft Road school, transporting a faculty member with food stuck in her throat.

At 4:12 p.m., an assistant principal from Doherty Middle School reported a student was threatened on the bus.

Sunday, Feb. 14 - At 9:55 p.m., an ambulance responded to a report of a suicidal resident for a psych evaluation.

Monday, Feb. 15 - At 8:13 p.m., an Argilla Road resident reported a "howling noise" in the woods behind her house, which was scaring her children.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Saturday, Feb. 13 - At 4:20 p.m., a Greenwood Road 911 caller reported a hit-and-run crash, with a car hitting a fire hydrant. Water from the hydrant was flowing into a residents' driveway and the water department was notified.

Want to vote in town's March 23 elections? Register by March 3

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, March 23. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School Collins Field House on Shawshen Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The entrance to the polling place is in back of the Field House. Parking will be available for voters in the parking lot behind the Field House when school is in session and all parking lots after school closes.

The last day to register to vote for new registrants for the Town Election is Wednesday,

March 3. The town clerk's office at 36 Bartlet St., will be open for voter registration until 8 p.m.

Mail in voter registration forms are available at the Town Offices, Memorial Library and Post Offices and must be post marked no later than March 3 to be valid for voting in the town election. You may also register to voter at the reference desk of the library during library hours. Anyone turning 18 by March 23 is eligible to register to vote.

The ballot for the 2010

town election will include the following:

Moderator, one for one year
Selectman, two for three years

School Committee, two for three years

Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School District, one for two years

Andover Housing Authority, one for five years

If you have any questions, you may contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8259.

Blood drive

Organizers are hoping to collect more than 100 pints at a Super Blood Drive today, Thursday, Feb. 18, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the main building at Merrimack College. There will be signs directing outside donors from both entrances.

Free MBA info session

Suffolk University is hosting a free MBA Information Session on Wednesday, March 3, at 6 p.m. in the Sakowich Campus Center, second floor, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Attendees will be able to learn more about Suffolk's year round schedule of courses, accelerated programs and financing options. Classes begin in May and September in North Andover, Boston or online. Call 978-837-5143 or email northandover@suffolk.edu for more information.

February health clinics

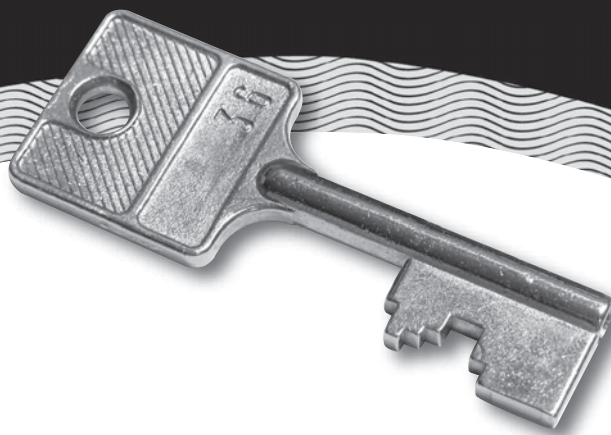
The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Feb. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including Feb. 24. No appointment is necessary.

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Arts & Entertainment

Trumpeter Greg Hopkins, big band music at PA

Big band sounds will come to Cochran Chapel for a free show next Sunday.

On Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Academy Jazz Band and ensembles under the direction of Peter Cirelli. The groups will perform music from the Count Basie Orchestra, as well as compositions by Maria Schneider and Bob Mintzer.

The concert will also feature the 2009-10 Chapin Guest Artists, the Greg Hopkins Big Band.

Performer, composer and arranger Greg Hopkins first picked up the trumpet as a boy in Detroit, and to this day it would be hard to spot him without his horn. Hopkins plays even when caught in traffic on commute to Berklee College of Music, where he's been teaching since 1974 the year the London Times called him "a real find" for the Buddy Rich Orchestra, according to Phillips Academy.

From 1969 to 1974 he toured nationally and internationally, appearing at the Newport, Monterey, and other major jazz festivals. Hopkins has performed with Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder, Joe Williams, Tony Bennett, the Supremes, Burt Bacharach, Nancy Wilson, Lou Rawls, Mitzi Gaynor, Michel Legrand, Johnny Mathis, Shirley Maclaine, Marvin Hamlisch and Lena Home, as well as with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops and the Boston Brass Ensemble.

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Greg Hopkins

CD, "Okavongo", is out on the Summit label, as is his quintet CD "Quintology", featuring Bill Pierce, Mick Goodrick and Gary Chaffee. Just released this spring was the trio CD with Tim Ray's chamber jazz group "Tre Corda," featuring Ray on piano, and Eugene Friesen on cello. Hopkins is also featured on the new Grammy-winning jazz CD by composer Joel Pallson and his Septet, on the Icelandic label. Most recently Hopkins was trumpet soloist with the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra on Arthur Welwoods composition for jazz trumpet and orchestra, on Albany Records, "Wind, Sky, and Clouds."

Hopkins continues to write and orchestrate, and is professor of jazz composition at Berkeley where the debut of his "Inner Voyage" for Herb Pomeroy's tribute was played at the Performance Center not long ago, with John Abercrombie and Abe Laboriel Sr. soloing.

The Feb. 28 concert will take place in the Cochran Chapel, which is handicapped accessible, on Chapel Avenue on the Phillips Academy campus, in Andover. This concert is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover Community Music School will team with other performers to offer a benefit concert for Haiti. From left are Charles Leinbach, Tamara Rozek, Arkady Beletsky, Peter Spolett, Don Miller, Jonathan Drury (with Elijah) and Steve Longo. Leinbach, Rozek and Beletsky are on the Music School faculty, Miller and Drury sing with Harmonic Regression and Spolett and Longo play with the Jazz Disciples.

Music to the ears of less fortunate Double dose of Sunday concerts – for Haiti, reservation

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Next weekend will be a good time to be especially grateful as residents will be surrounded by events to benefit the less fortunate.

After a successful Chocolate Extravanga fundraiser last month, kids planning a mission trip to help a poor Native American Reservation in South Dakota are hosting a jazz concert at West Parish Church. Proceeds also will go toward their trip.

An hour later, the Andover Community Music School will host a different benefit concert, with their proceeds helping a special needs children's home in Haiti. The Andover Community Music School is teaming with the Cotting School in Lexington for this concert, which will be held at South Church.

Both events happen Sunday, Feb. 28. The South Church event is at 4 p.m., while West Parish Church

starts at 3 p.m.

Charles Leinbach, executive director of the Andover Community Music School, said its concert will benefit Wings of Hope, which runs a home for special needs children in Haiti.

The facility was destroyed in the Jan. 12 earthquake, leaving its staff and children struggling to survive.

"Their need for assistance is tremendous," Leinbach said.

Leinbach said his students wanted to help and doing what they do best is a great way to achieve that goal.

The Andover Community Music School is a non-profit music school located at South Church. Leinbach said its mission is to bring music to the Andover area through music education and concerts.

The school offers instruction in cello, clarinet, flute, guitar, percussion, piano, organ, recorder,

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EXTRA HELPING OF MUSIC

ANDOVER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL'S BENEFIT CONCERT

Who: Teaming up with the Cotting School in Lexington; Performers include Soohyun Choi (violin), Arkady Beletsky (cello), Tad and Hitchcock and Valerie Walton (guitar and saxophone duo), Tamara Rozek (piano and organ), Harmonic Regression (a men's a capella group) and The Jazz Disciples (a Jazz and Dixieland Band).

When: Sunday, Feb. 28; 4 p.m.

Where: South Church, Central Street

Tickets: \$15, \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets available in advance at the South Church office and at the door.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0WUr3-fiwg>

Benefits: For Wings of Hope in Haiti

JAZZ BENEFIT CONCERT

Who: Featuring Jazz Pianist Carolyn Wilkins, John Voigt

When: Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.

Where: West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road (intersection of Route 133), Andover

More information: 978-475-3528

Cost: Free-will donation collected at the door to benefit the West Parish Church

Benefits: Youth Mission Trip to the Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB WORKSHOP, "How to Keep Your Green Thumbs In the Pink," presented by Norma Weinberg discussing hand care, 1 p.m., Helen Ann Knepper's home, 45 Clark Road, Andover.

AUTHOR READING, Kevin O'Hara reads from "A Lucky Irish Lad," 7 p.m., free, the story of his childhood in Massachusetts. He writes of his Irish immigrant family's poverty and their sense of unity in the shadow of World War II. Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

MUSICAL STYLINGS OF KEN LEPERE, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

LIVE COUNTRY-ROCK MUSIC, Poco & Prairie League, 8 p.m., \$35-40, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

LIVE A CAPPELLA, with Boston Jazz Voices and Syncopation, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-837-5000.

LIVE SOUTHERN ROCK MUSIC, BO BICE, 8 p.m., \$25-30, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury.

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students, 6:30 p.m., free and open to the public, Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. The program will include movements of chamber music by Schoenfield, Brahms, Schubert, Barber, Schumann, Mozart, Beethoven and Loeillet; (978)749-426, music@andover.edu.

LIVE FOLK MUSIC, with Atwater-Donnelly, opening act, Goli, 8 p.m., \$20, New Moon Coffeehouse, located in the UU Church, 16 Ashland

St., Haverhill; www.newmooncoffeehouse.org, 978-459-5134.

LIVE COMEDY, with Jimmy Tingle, 8 p.m., Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square in Newburyport, \$22-25; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

JUDY COLLINS, live at Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury, 7 p.m., \$35-40.

LIVE PIANO, with pianist Diane Dexter, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

LIVE BAND MUSIC, 1 p.m., the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Academy Concert Bands and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Derek Jacoby. The program will include works by Michael Sweeney, Percy Grainger, Aaron Copland and Fu ik Laurendeau, free, Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

LIVE MUSIC, "A Celebration of American Musical Theatre" concert, 2 p.m., solos, duets and trios performed by Susan Bishop, pianist; Diane Hagelstein, soprano; Lynne Johnson, alto; and Paul Johnson, tenor. Their repertoire includes musical show and operetta ranging from Gershwin through Simon, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

LIVE JAZZ, The Essex Jazz Ensemble will perform original jazz compositions by composers Tom McKinley and Michael Finegold as well as standards such as "Only Have Eyes for You," 2:30 p.m., Northern Essex Community College Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., \$5-10. The concert is a fundraiser for the Essex Chamber Music Players (ECMP) concert series; <http://www.mvarts.info>, ECMP314@comcast.net, 978-470-1584.

LECTURE ON OPEN STUDIOS, by Haverhill painter/Sculptor Jeff Grassie, 2 to 4 p.m., hosted by the Andovers Artists Guild, North Parish Church, North Andover (corner of Academy & Great Pond Roads); Nella, 978-975-0015.

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Hear music, help musicians

Musical fundraiser to benefit Essex Chamber Music Players

The Essex Jazz Ensemble will perform original jazz compositions by composers Tom McKinley and Andover resident Michael Finegold as well as standards such as "Only Have Eyes for You" on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Northern Essex Community College Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St. The jazz concert is a fundraiser for the Essex Chamber Music Players concert series.

The jazz ensemble features pianist Tom McKinley, classical composer and former composition faculty member at the New England Conservatory; Bruce Gertz, Boston Music Awards bassist and Berklee College of Music faculty member; and Bob Kaufman, well-known drummer and Berklee College of Music faculty member, Essex Community College Professor Emeritus



Tom McKinley



Mike Finegold



Bruce Gertz

of Music.

This jazz ensemble performed recently for the Live Lawrence music series as well as for the Andover Department of Community Services' summer concert series.

The Essex Chamber Music Players, celebrating its 10th anniversary, provide an annual concert series for the Greater Merrimack Valley at Northern Essex Community College where they are in residence. The chamber players' motto is "Music for

the 21st Century, Musical Treasures of the Past, New Music Premieres". ECMP is involved in a unique project Preserving Local Cultural History through Music and tours throughout Essex County. Its members are visiting the Haverhill middle schools with a related educational project called "Notes" on Haverhill History. ECMP also recently collaborated on a multimedia program presented in North Andover titled "An

Afternoon with Mistress Anne Dudley Bradstreet". Born in 1612, Bradstreet was the first published American poet.

The Feb. 21 fundraiser will support ECMP concerts and ongoing work.

The NECC Technology Center is handicap-accessible. Tickets for general admission \$10 or a donation, children \$5 or a donation, and NECC students with a college ID are admitted free or with a donation.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.mvarts.info

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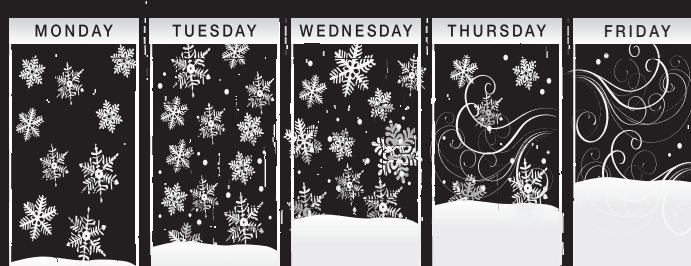
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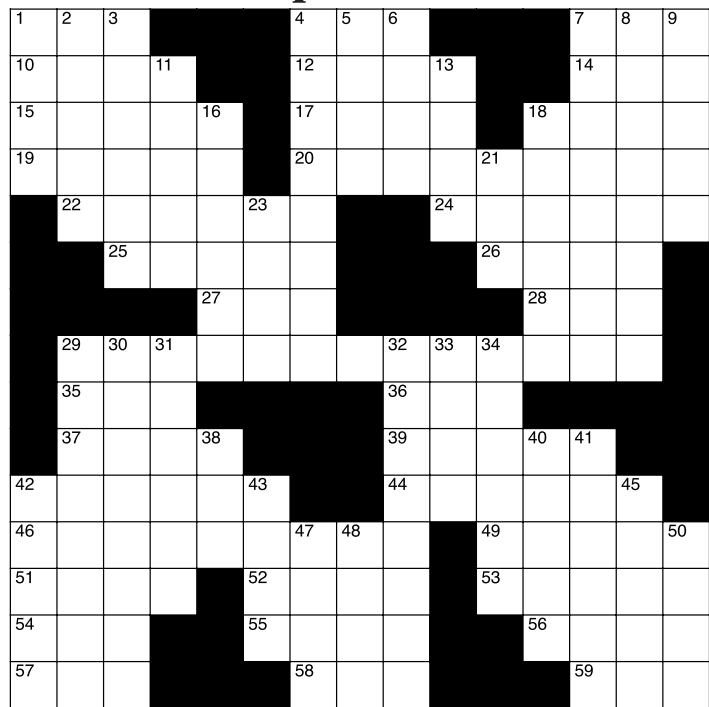
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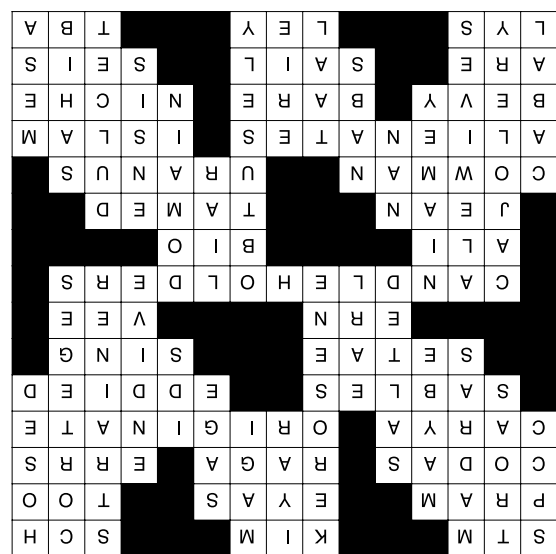
CLUES ACROSS

1. Immediate memory
4. ___ Basinger, actress
7. Austrian \$ unit (abbr.)
10. A baby carriage
12. A nestling hawk
14. Overly
15. Musical endings
17. Traditional Hindu music
18. Strays
19. Hickory tree genus
20. Bring into being
22. Fine artist's brush hairs
24. In a way, flowed
25. Stalk of a moss capsule
26. Make vocal music
27. Sea eagle
28. V
29. Taper containers
35. 4th caliph of Islam
36. Word element meaning life
37. Actress Harlow
39. Domesticated
42. Cattle person
44. 7th from the sun
46. Estranges
49. Muslim religion
51. A group of quail
52. Uncover
53. A recess in a wall
54. They ___

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents harm to young
2. Region near Troy
3. Port in SE India
4. Coal oil
5. 8th Jewish month
6. Wise Men
7. Colander or sieve
8. A funeral procession
9. In a way, watered
11. Perhaps
13. Profoundly wise
16. Meat preservation technique
18. Salad chicory
21. Multiple subconsciousness
23. A British peer
29. Blandishment
30. Clupeid fishes
31. Capital of Niger
32. In a dense way
33. Prevaricator
34. Sphere of influence
38. Term for grandmother
40. Razor clams genus
41. Tones pleasing to the ear
42. Political plot
43. Apprehends
45. Indian term of respect
47. Afrikaans
48. One of the Greats
50. High, flat tableland

Solution



Lawrence Academy freshman Jilly Thero of Andover (left) rehearses with sophomore Jenny Weil of Boxborough for this weekend's performance of Barefoot...and Late for History, an original play created by the cast.

'Barefoot' in February

Andover students help stage Groton school production

Two Andover students are participating in the Lawrence Academy theater department's original production "Barefoot...and Late for History," on Feb. 18, 19 and 20. Ninth-grader Jillian Thero, daughter of Andrea Carlin and John Thero, performs as a member of the cast, and senior Kate Gilmore, daughter of JoAnne Nowak and Paul Gilmore, is on the stage crew. Student actors collected dreams - some of their own and some from interviews with people of all ages, some fanciful and some frightening - and wove them together into this nonstop celebration of the imagination highlighted with instrumentals, vocals, and dance, according to Bev Rodrigues, communications publicist at Lawrence Academy in Groton. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center on the school's campus in Groton. The public is welcome and admission is free.

Orchestras to perform Friday night, Feb. 26

The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, in the Cochran Chapel. The free program will include works by Johann Strauss Jr., Antonin Dvorak and John

Williams. The program will also include Peter Warlock's Capriol, Suite for String Orchestra, directed by Elizabeth Aureden, and Beethoven's Quartet in C minor, Op. 18, No. 4, directed by Christina Landolt.

Also featured is clarinetist Jae Hyuk You, A '10, performing Bassi's Concert Fantasia on Themes from Verdi's Opera "Rigoletto", and Jennifer Miao, PA '10, performing Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21, both

under the direction of James Orent. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. For further information contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu

EVENTS CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

Meetings are free to members and a guest donation of \$5 is suggested. **FREE YOGA CLASSES**, 1 p.m., Kismet Wellness Center, 204 Andover St., 2nd Floor, Andover; www.KismetWellness.com, 978.289.4155.

NEW MEMBER COFFEE, hosted by Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah, 10 a.m., Panera Bread, North Andover; HadassahMV@gmail.com.

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 - no sneakers, snowshoes/skis on days with snow welcome. Trail is of moderate difficulty. Bring water and sunscreen on sunny days.

p.m., free, Northern Essex Community College's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

LIVE PIANO MUSIC, with pianist Ginny Cahill, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

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

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING, Temple Emanuel-Lowell, 101 West Forest St., Lowell, after 7 p.m. Shabbat services; 978-454-1372, www.temv.org. **LIVINGSTON TAYLOR**, 8 p.m., \$30-35, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978.462.5888, www.tupelohall.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

LIVE MUSIC, with soloist Tricia Boscho, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

MIXER FOR WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS, Mission Oak Grill, Newburyport, 7 to 8 p.m., followed by the 5 Funny Females hosted by Susan Alexander, featuring performances by Bethany

Van Delft from the Boston comedy festival, Maria Ciampa, Jessimae Peluso, and Chantal Carrere. cash bar, Mission Oak Grill, 26 Green St., Newburyport, \$25; www.drinkwaterproductions.com.

TOM RUSH, 8 p.m., \$30-35, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978.462.5888, www.tupelohall.com.

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

LIVE JAZZ, with jazz pianist and vocalist Carolyn Wilkins, 3 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road (intersection of Route 133), Andover; 978-475-3528. (A free will donation will be collected at the door for the benefit of the West Parish Church Youth Mission Trip to the Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota.)

LIVE MUSIC, Ingrid Michaelson/Greg Laswell, 7 p.m., \$25, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978.462.5888, www.tupelohall.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

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 - no sneakers, snowshoes/skis on days with snow welcome. Trail is of moderate difficulty. Bring water and sunscreen on sunny days.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



CONCERTS: Two benefits this weekend

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saxophone, voice and violin. It also offers musicianship and composition classes, and ensemble performance opportunities.

The upcoming benefit concert will feature solo musicians, a men's capella group and a jazz performance.

There will be a jazzy angle to the benefit concert at West Parish Church as its benefit concert features Carolyn Wilkins and John Voigt.

Organizers wrote in a press release that Wilkins is a jazz pianist and vocalist active in the Boston music scene for over 13 years. She has appeared in

concert at Harvard, Brandeis and Boston universities, and has also been featured four times as a part of Boston's annual First Night Celebration.

She is a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and the Eastman School of Music, and is currently a professor at Berklee College.

A free-will donation will be collected at the door to benefit the West Parish Church Youth Mission Trip to the Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota. Youth will make the trip in June.

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Opinion

Budget cuts don't hit heart of problem

They're coming through Facebook and e-mail, warrant article, phone call and typed letter. Messages from current and former Andover teenagers who benefitted from the rare experiences offered by Andover Youth Services are pouring in, calling for the town not to again slash the money that supports seasonal programs such as summer trips and leadership opportunities for teens. The money available for seasonal programs dropped from \$45,303 in FY2009 to \$1,362 this year, and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has recommended \$1,362 again for next year. The youth services department gets as much – if not more – bang for its buck than any other town department. There's no doubt it's been a positive influence on thousands of Andover youth, some who would receive the cliched "at risk" label. It's started a variety of programs, including the wrestling program that, following this past weekend's matches, will send four wrestlers to state competition. But the town manager is recommending some changes for every department because taxpayers cannot continue to afford the annual increases they've been paying for years. There is a \$2.6 million difference between the budgets he and the superintendent recommend for the schools.

One lesson that hopefully will be taken from the seasonal-budget issue is that the long-term approach to slowing budget growth cannot be to keep nipping and tucking, eliminating small-dollar-value programs each year. Taking \$44,000 from seasonal offerings for youth or \$60,000 from streetlights isn't going to change the core annual budget problems. We've beat the drum for a long time on this: the way to get true monetary savings and to therefore save important programs is to alter the unsustainable benefits and salary increases negotiated through union contracts. Even a small percentage change in this area will reap far more money than eliminating all summer programs would.

Consolidation of services would also help. Lt. Gov. Tim Murray was on the North Shore last week as part of his Municipal Affairs Coordinating Cabinet's "listening tour" of the commonwealth. He said clearly that one of the main messages he wanted to convey is that cities and towns must do more to consolidate services. And he wasn't talking about combining departments within a town, as Andover has been slow to do with its multiple technology and finance departments. He was talking about combining departments across different communities.

Those who want to save programs should ask leaders to focus on where taxpayers' money really goes.

Snow in New England? Chill out

You probably heard a lot less hype about the storm that delivered 8 inches of snow Tuesday than you did about the big nothing of a storm that breezed though last Wednesday. But let's give the weather people a break. You can't blame them for focusing on the first storm – they know what sells.

There was a time not terribly long ago when New Englanders and Andoverites were viewed as hearty people who could take a mid-range snowstorm in stride. But, more and more, at the first sign of flakes we seem to be flooding the highway to drive home, or running to Market Basket and filling shopping carts with canned goods. Many of us act as if we might be stranded for weeks without chicken noodle soup, when, in truth, there are ever-ready plows clearing the roads.

As with many other things, Americans do tend to get hysterical about the weather these days. Of course, severe weather can be life-threatening, but few storms fall into this category. It's time for us all to relax a bit when a snowstorm is forecast. Next storm, how about we wait for the roads to clear, light a fire when we get home if we can, and enjoy the scenery. Chances are, for most of us, there will be a can of soup in the cupboard if we get hungry.

WEB QUESTION

What to do with Bancroft kids?

Last week, selectmen voted to turn on 17 street lights that were previously turned off as a cost-savings measure. Over the fall, 626 street lights (out of Andover's 1,704 total lights) were shut off, saving more than \$20,000 in energy costs. The 17 were turned back on after residents complained. With 47 people voting, you said:
 "Turn them all back on" with 40.43 percent of responses
 "Turn all off the police see as reasonable," 27.66 percent
 "Turn all 1,704 off, saving energy and cash," 21.28 percent
 "I don't care," 10.64 percent
 No one voted for "Keep the 626 off, but don't turn any

more off."

This week's question: Bus kids to Haverhill?

Superintendent Claudia Bach and the School Building Committee have been researching options of where students could be sent if Bancroft Elementary School had to close, while a new school is built on its existing footprint. Erecting modular classrooms has been discussed, as well as leasing space in another district, including the Bartlett School in Haverhill. What do you think?

Go to www.andovertownsmen.com to give your opinion in our online poll.



Angelo Fedele twirls around his stick of roasted marshmallows during Winter Fun Day at the Ward Reservation on Sunday.

KATE GLASS/Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth services showed him positive options

Editor, Townsman:

Greetings, my name is Seth Krentcil, a one-time resident on Andover, Mass. I am currently a Buddhist monk in Pagoda Phat Hue in Frankfurt, Germany. Through local channels I have come to learn about the decision to cut some of the budget for Andover Youth Services.

I lived in Andover for my entire life before moving to Germany, and I really know the value of such programs. As a youth growing up in Andover I felt greatly unsupported, but I could turn to the AYS programs in the summer as a source of wholesome refuge. Bill Fahey and Glenn Wilson led us in a positive direction, more-so than the attitudes of my peers who had a great deal of influence on me as well. My schoolmates at the time had already turned to drugs and alcohol for past-time entertainment, and this was the only option I was given to pursue as well. Without understanding from teachers and parents, as a teen I felt more or less alone and stuck. It was only through AYS programs that I began going out, enjoying time with people, engaging in activities, and making true meaningful experiences that have helped strengthen me even to the present day. I began to enjoy life and let go of destructive activities that had previously occupied my time.

I do not know all of the information about the budget cuts, nor do I know the urgency of such measures, but I do know the importance of having an organization in Andover that supports the youth. I would also fear that without the programs, the youth would find themselves misguided

and without a foothold to pull themselves onto a brighter path if they wished.

The AYS organization is a great asset to the Andover community and directly results in the development of healthy hearts and minds of the children of Andover.

I request the town reconsider this decision.

May you be well, may you be happy.

BROTHER HUE CHUYEN
Pagoda Phat Hue
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60314 Frankfurt am Main

AYS is life-changing

Editor, Townsman:

I was a camper at Andover Youth Services for four years and then worked there for three. I don't know if you've ever met the people involved with this program or participated in it yourself, but words do not do it justice. Life-changing is the only way I could possibly describe it to you. I honestly don't know what type of person I would be without the morals and life lessons that I was lucky enough to learn while participating in this program.

Cutting the AYS budget would be one of the worst decisions that the town of Andover has ever made.

JOEY CARTOLANO
18 Powers Road

Vote to keep AYS summer programs, jobs

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover Youth Services seasonal staff budget has been arbitrarily slashed 96 percent, leaving a total of \$1,362 for summer, seasonal and year-round program staff. That amount cannot fund the summer program,

skate park or year-round programs, leaving AYS in the position of giving up on programs that, over the last 15 years, have provided thousands of participants with meaningful experiences and dozens of high school and college summer jobs.

The town manager has determined that AYS is to become a fee-based program and raise its fees to make up this deficit. AYS already raises over \$100,000 annually to fund two full-time positions and several part-time positions. To add another \$50,000 to that sum is unacceptable. This policy of funding positions through fees changes the focus of the program away from youth development and directs all AYS effort towards being a profit-making entity. I ask people to vote in favor of reinstating AYS' summer budget at Town Meeting on April 28.

WILL ENGLISH
25 Essex St.

Youth Council: Retain summer program with Town Meeting vote

Editor, Townsman:

As members of the Andover Youth Council, the youth leadership group of Andover Youth Services, we have seen the direct effect AYS has had on many kids, including ourselves. The summer program AYS runs is vital to the children of Andover. For many kids this is their summer camp – every day they go on a new, fun-filled trip. We all have fond memories of the trips: Hampton Beach, Cahoon's Cove, Franconia Falls, Cruising the Kennebec, Rock the Bloc and Six Flags just to name a few.

The recent cut in the Andover Youth Service's budget would force the youth services to

eliminate its summer program. This not only prohibits kids from experiencing great summer opportunities, and making new friends and memories, it also cuts jobs from the college-aged kids who staff the trips.

For many youth, the summer program is the gateway into the Youth Services. It's how they find out about all AYS has to offer. This past summer, 1,500 of Andover's youth participated in the summer program, "Gold Rush." We ask people to reinstate the budget for the summer programs by voting in support of our warrant article at Town Meeting on April 28.

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Must be better way to save than shutting off street lights

Editor, Townsman:

Surely there is a better way to reduce costs than turning off the street lights that were initially installed to protect our citizens when the traffic and the crime rate were both much lower.

Are we just going to wait until a child is killed while walking in the dark or some horrible crime is committed before we turn them back on?

For example, why not reduce simply eliminate our July 4th fireworks display that is only seen by a relatively small percent of out population. I am sure there are many similar opportunities to reduce costs.

C.A. BASSILAKIS
33 Dascomb Road

Kid's Club: Schools helped us get through flood

Editor, Townsman:

On behalf of all the Kid's Club staff, SHED Inc. administration and Board of Directors, we would like to acknowledge the support and assistance afforded us while we navigated our way through the recent flood at Kid's Club. The information in the articles recently published by the Townsman accurately portrayed our

situation and the part that the schools played in aiding our recovery. Although there is still some work to be completed (deep cleaning of carpets, replacement of floor mop boards), we were fortunate to be able to return to Kid's Club on Monday, Feb. 1, for as the saying goes, "There's no place like home."

Much has been accomplished in the month that the Kid's Club building has been closed. The electrical system, some carpeting, ceiling tiles, walls and the fire alarm system have been replaced. Cleaning crews have been hard at work. Supplies and furnishings have been replaced and refurbished. However, one of the most important results of this event has been the renewal and strengthening of our ties with the schools. We applaud their many small acts of kindness and patience and their generosity in sharing their space with us. It was a month of challenges, met brilliantly by our dedicated staff and professionals, patiently and loyally by families, and made easier by our Andover school and community friends. That our staff met all of the challenges appear effortless, smooth and seamless is a testament to their skill and dedication, and to the incredible outpouring of support from school administrators, teachers, staff and custodians at each of the elementary schools

and the West Middle School.

We acknowledge Andover School Superintendent Claudia Bach; the Andover School Committee; Lisa Campbell, Facilities Service supervisor; Mim McLaughlin, transportation coordinator; all the principals, teachers, staff and custodians at all the schools and Tewksbury Transit. Their generosity of space and spirit, flexibility, understanding, empathy and reliability were key in accomplishing the task of re-opening Kid's Club.

SYDNEY BIALO
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Kid's Club

League celebrates 90th anniversary

Editor, Townsman:

Ninety years ago, Carrie Chapman Catt first proposed a League of Women Voters to "finish the fight" for women's suffrage and work to end all discrimination against women. The League of Women Voters was founded on Valentine's Day in 1920, six months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Today we are a grassroots organization of women and men, with 850 Leagues throughout all 50

states.

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover has been active in Andover for 89 years and in North Andover for 31 years, studying the issues of the day, serving as a government observer, running candidates' forums, and encouraging healthy dialogue on issues that affect our communities. The League is strictly non-partisan, but we have always been political, advocating to effect meaningful change at the local, state and national level.

Our members join the League because they know that the League of Women Voters is the organization where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Our democracy depends on us, the people, to get involved, and this year, on our 90th anniversary, we hope you will stand with us in this work. The League always welcomes new members. Even if your time is limited, being a member helps keep you informed about issues and candidates so that you can intelligently participate in decisions that affect our towns and our schools. Go to www.lwv-andovers.org for more information.

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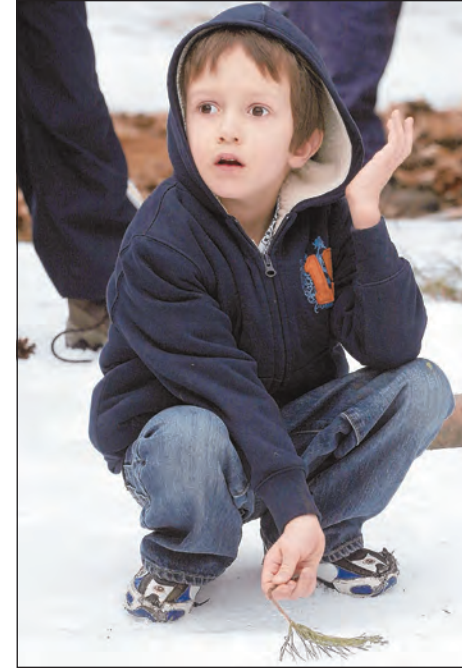
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Townspeople

No new snow, no problem



John Kimball, right, discusses the history of the Ward Reservation as he leads a hike around the property during Winter Fun Day on Sunday, held before the big snowstorm on Tuesday. Another storm forecast to arrive before the event never materialized.



Leo Ibrahim Mamouni, 5, plays with a pine branch he found in the snow while on a hike with his family during Winter Fun Day at the Ward Reservation on Sunday.

KATE GLASS PHOTOS



Caroline Schroeder roasts marshmallows on the campfire after returning from a hike as part of Winter Fun Day at the Ward Reservation on Sunday.



Zoe Irons, 13, laughs as her father, Stephen Irons, guides her across a narrow bridge during Winter Fun Day at the Ward Reservation on Feb. 14.

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100 Years Ago Feb. 18, 1910

As a result of the complaints of several residents on High street in regard to disturbances made by some unknown individual after midnight, a special night officer has been appointed to patrol the street.

On Thursday morning the fire department was called to extinguish a fire which broke out in the naphtha room of the Tyer Rubber Co. The facilities for putting it out were at hand, and all danger was passed before the engines arrived on the scene.

The merry throng of aspirants for the position of tree warden has another addition in the person of John J. Lynch, who will file papers for that office. Mr. Lynch has had some experience as a helper in the moth work.

75 Years Ago Feb. 15, 1935

One man was injured yesterday afternoon in an accident that took place on North Main street in a traffic tie-up which involved 300 cars, stretching from near the Hurley block to the Wood estate. The stretch of road was a solid glare of ice as officers Hickey and Jowett and a state officer attempted to unravel cars, trucks, and buses which had skidded into snow banks or stopped diagonally on the road.

A total of \$4,000 has been granted Andover for the next two weeks' work under the E.R.A. The E.R.A. is now working on gravelling Holt road, Wildwood road and Gould road and on improvement in the cemetery.

Andover's population has jumped up over the 10,000 mark in the past five years, according to the state census, which has just been completed.

50 Years Ago Feb. 18, 1960

A vast industrial project on more than 64 acres of Andover land in the old filter bed area of Shawshen will be considered at Town Meeting March 12. The plan, presented by the Champey Construction Co. requires special industrial zoning converting a long established industrial area along the railroad and some residential zone A areas into a single industrial zone D.

In a cheerful prediction Monday night, Finance Committee Chairman Winthrop Newcomb told the selectmen that the \$26 tax rate can be held during 1960.

Far too many youngsters are being excused from school safety patrols, according to Patrolman William Tammany, school safety officer. Both the school department and the police department strongly urge parents to see that their children cooperate in using the patrols.

TOWN TALK

Off to Charlie's House

Fr. Peter Gori of St. Augustine Church in Andover, celebrated a Send Off Mass on Sunday, Feb. 14, for those going to Jamaica this week. A St. A's team is building a house in memory of former selectman and longtime resident and parishoner Charlie Wesson. He died last September.

Wesson's widow, Mary Wesson of Andover, is on this team and packed a picture of Charlie along with all those tools. The photograph will be given to the family who will be moving into "Charlie's House." The house-building team from St. Augustine also includes Wesson's daughter, Anne-Marie Yastrzemski; Caitlin Kennedy, Bri Bickley, Greg Rickenbacker, James Kerrigan, Jack LeBlanc, Jen LeBlanc, Rosian Birmingham, Jeannie Scarpa, Tom Rickenbacker, Barry Bickley, Dana Lanio and Katie LeBlanc.

— Judy Wakefield

Different kind of island living

While the new movie "Shutter Island" opens tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 19, an Andover author already knows all about its spookiness. That's because author Christopher Klein wrote "Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands: A Guide to the City's Hidden Shores." Movie

scenes were filmed on the islands he researched.

This Martin Scorsese thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Ben Kingsley is set in the 1950s on a remote and barren island in Boston Harbor that houses an asylum for the criminally insane. Shutter Island and Ashecliffe Hospital may be fictitious, but the use of the Boston Harbor Islands to sequester Boston's unwanted is all too true.

"Reformatories, asylums, poorhouses, hospitals and prisons were situated on many of the harbor islands. Likewise, as many as four islands were the home to quarantine stations, which protected the city from outbreaks of smallpox and other deadly diseases," according to Klein.

— Judy Wakefield

Art info Feb. 21

On Sunday Feb. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m., the Andovers Artists Guild will host a lecture on Open Studios by Haverhill painter/Sculptor Jeff Grassie.

The lecture will take place at the North Parish Church, North Andover, at the corner of Academy and Great Pond Roads. For more information call Nella at 978-975-0015. Meetings are free to members and a guest donation of \$5 is suggested.

Chinese performers to offer performance, yo-yo lessons

A local Chinese folk art group will perform at the Andover High School Collins Center on March 6 at 2 p.m. to help raise scholarship money for a school for migrant worker's children in China.

The tickets cost \$8 for general admission, and \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. The performers range in age from 12 to 18 and will perform some traditional Chinese dances, a drum routine, a Chinese diablo routine, yoyo and other activities.

After the performance, the performers will demonstrate the Chinese yoyo and the kids can try them, according to Andover resident Jane Wang. Tickets are available at the door.

Wang's oldest son, Brendan, went to China and taught English at a middle school outside of Beijing, called the Dandelion Middle School, which was founded to serve the children of migrant workers in the surrounding areas, she said in a release. Because they are not full-time residents in the towns they work in migrant workers can have difficulty findin an affordable school. The Dandelion Middle School offers tuition for only \$200 US a year, but that can still be too much for some families.



The Wyndham Boston Andover gave a wedding present to Kim Blanchett and Chad Gendron - a free overnight stay in a suite, dinner in Merrimax's, champagne and strawberries delivered to their suite with breakfast for two the following morning. The gift was part of a contest called "Wedding In A Week" on radio station 104.1-FM. Deejays Karson & Kennedy realized that a lot of couples cannot afford to get married due to financial reasons, and selected a couple on Feb. 8 who agreed to get married on Friday, Feb. 12, at the radio station. They asked vendors in the wedding industry to help by donating everything for the wedding.

Letters home from Andover 'Great War' troops

Bill Dalton



Andover men fought in the First World War, and the Andover Townsman published letters home from them. The letters were thoroughly censored so the enemy would gain no important information from a lost or stolen letter. Although much information was removed,

enough remained to give us a picture of what it was like "over there" during the early months. The writers weren't allowed to give their location except to say they were "somewhere in France."

Last week, I wrote about Andover men who went into combat years before America entered the "War to End All Wars." When Congress did declare war on Germany in April 1917, America was able to mobilize and project force far quicker than the rest of the world expected, landing its first troops in Europe by June 1917.

Two million Americans were in Europe before December of that year. Andover men were among some of the first to arrive, and mail home soon followed.

Paul Cheney wrote to his mother, complaining about the constant rain and mud in France. Most all the letter writers mentioned the wet weather. Cheney said he knew less about the war than when he was home. The good news was that he spoke to a French soldier who said the Germans had no idea that America was as far into the war as it was. But Cheney added that

the Frenchman was shot through both lungs. "I guess he won't last long," Cheney said. [Cheney became a combat veteran. When he came home, he lived at 39 Maple Ave.]

George Napier, in a letter to "Madge," stated that almost all the French women wore black and were in mourning. It is recorded that 1,698,000 French died in the war, most of them young men. Napier said, "The work is done by old men, women and children and every inch of land is cultivated. It looks like a stage set. Everyone drinks wine

here, but I think good old wine has got it all over wine." [Napier became a combat veteran and a sergeant major. When he left the service, he moved back to Andover.]

J. Everett Collins said French customs seem peculiar, and are "rather a joke to us." Collins made a plea to send "smokes," because the American's didn't like French tobacco. This was a common request from the troops. [Collins became a combat veteran, eventually moving back to Andover to become one of its best known citizens. Andover's

Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School is named for him.]

George Saunders said, "France is a very queer country - looks dead and deserted. All the people are elderly." He described the town where he was staying by saying it was very clean and that the houses were all stone, not wood, and were narrow. There were villas and residences that had high stone walls with broken glass on top of them. Saunders said autos were "as rare as

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hen's teeth and the trains are so small they look like toys, and the engines are the size of a Ford." He pleaded for tobacco "for goodness sake" as well as copies of the Townsman. [Saunders became a combat veteran and moved to Arlington when he left the service.]

James Dick said that on the boat over they were on submarine watch two hours on and six hours off. "The food was awful poor and little of it at that." [He became a combat veteran and moved to Connecticut after the war.]

Herbert Auty said, "I never realized what war really was and now I don't know enough. It certainly is awful hard for the people here, and if the people in the States only knew they would be more careful at home. The New York Herald prints a paper here in English and we get little (mighty little) news at that. Since leaving the U.S. our meals have been rather poor and broken." [No information available on Mr. Auty.]

William Holden said the YMCA tent is awfully good, but everyone had their cigarettes stolen from their barracks bag. [He became a combat veteran and lived at 225 Main St. following the war.]

Sergeant George Abbot said they were allowed one letter a week. "America is the place of all places" he noted and said, "Send the Townsman. We get the N.Y. Herald but it is full of 'bull.'" He closed by saying, "Corporal Black and myself go for a hike every once in awhile." [Abbott became a first lieutenant, and lived in NY following the war. Black would later be the only Andover police officer shot and killed in the line of duty.]

James Dick sent another letter saying they had changed locations and "the conditions are hard, mud everywhere."

The American part of the war was just beginning and, for most of these troops, life would be miserable for the next several months.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman, and previous columns can be found at andovertownsm.com. He enjoys receiving your emails at billdalton@andover-townie.com.

New series: Women who made Andover special

Andover Senior Center programs are getting off a strong start this year. Auguring in a new generation programming intended to be engaging and provocative, Andover's Leading Ladies is a historic series that turns the spotlight on female luminaries of Andover society, both past and present.

Andover's Leading Ladies was developed to appeal to what the center sees as a widening range of audience. Two years ago, the center launched BoomerVenture, a program targeted at the next generation of ASC client, the baby boomers.

Its success substantiated the idea that, as people in this group entered retirement and pre-retirement age, they were willing to explore the Andover Senior Center, provided programming

could be developed to meet their needs, according to its organizers.

ASC is now pioneering the creation of next-generation senior center programming targeted at a mixed demographic of seniors and incoming baby boomers, according to Karen Payne-Taylor. Updating all its offerings for interest and relevance, ASC is in the midst of a programming renaissance dedicated to providing programming that reflects the interests and concerns of an aging population not just in the Andover community, but the country as a whole.

Reaching beyond traditional roles to assume places of distinction as activists, adventurers, pioneers and politicians, Andover's Leading Ladies have pursued courageous paths to

inspire women of all ages and backgrounds. The series focuses on four of these outstanding individuals.

Andover's Leading Ladies: Women in town who have made a difference:

March 4: Joan Patrakis, Andover historian and writer, will set the stage as she gives an overview of Andover's Women Who Made A Difference. From Abigail Faulkner to Susan C. Tucker, Patrakis will introduce women from all walks of life whose spirited efforts made a difference and inspired women of all ages.

March 11: Barbara Brown, newly appointed director of the Lawrence History Center/Immigrant City Archives, is an Andover

resident, American history scholar and archivist. She will spotlight three Andover women: Black Lucy, freed slave who lived in Ballardvale; Adelaide Bullen, archaeologist who lived at Phillips Academy and excavated Black Lucy's garden; and Eartha Dengler, a German immigrant who founded the Immigrant City Archives in the 1970s.

March 18: Watch as actress and storyteller Susan Lenoe brings to life two early Andover conservationists. In the 1890s, Alice Buck, activist and member of AVIS, spear-headed the movement to save the town's first reservation, Indian Ridge. Bessie Goldsmith, one of Andover's most colorful characters, zealously maintained her acres on Foster's Pond. Beautiful Goldsmith Woods are now under the

care of AVIS.

March 25: In 1997, Julie Scolnik drew upon her considerable talent as a world-class flutist and birthed the Andover Chamber Music series. Presenting innovative and beloved works of music with international concert artists, she has given Andover the gift of a truly professional local chamber orchestra. Join us to hear Scolnik's artistic journey and experience first-hand the creative process that will set the stage for "Impressions," Andover Chamber Music's season finale on April 11, a concert of French music for flute, harp and strings.

All programs will be held at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, Andover, and the cost is \$20 for the series. Call 978-623-8321 for more information.

Honored visitor



Gov. Deval Patrick, an A Better Chance student while at Milton Academy, met with current Andover High School students in the program during his recent visit to town. From left he poses with Camilla Ekokobe, Justene Saloman, Henrica Bresil and Felicia Reyes. The goal of the ABC program is to encourage talented students of color to develop their gifts and assume positions of civic and professional leadership. Andover is completing its 44th year with ABC and 120 ABC students have graduated from Andover High School.

► 'Celebration of Life'

Residents in cabaret help cancer center

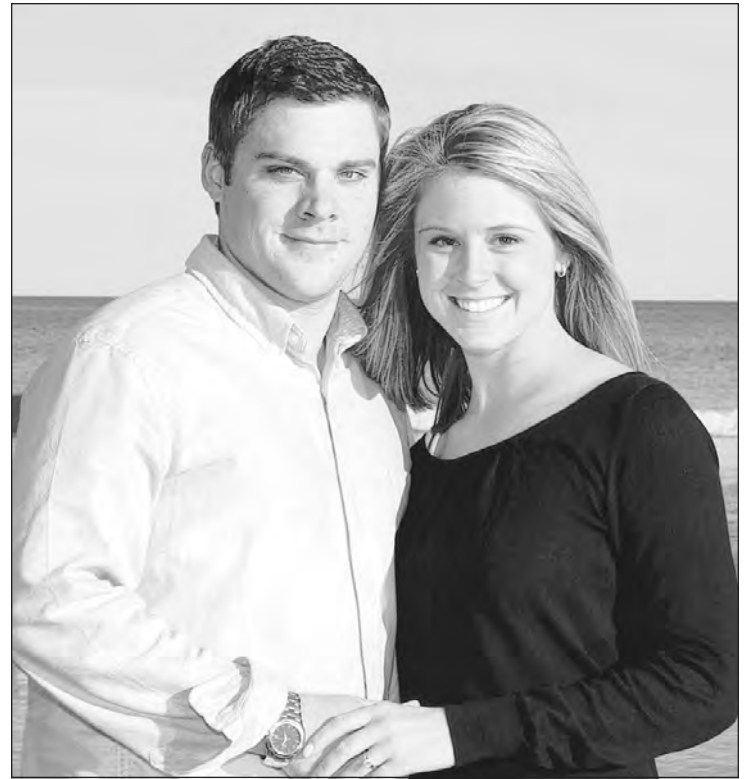
Andover residents Janet Cooper and Kim Dowell have just completed a week long cabaret called "Celebration of Life" to benefit the Winchester Hospital's Cancer Care Center. This year, the Winton Club Cabaret will reach its five-year, \$500,000 pledge to the Cancer

Center through the proceeds of this cabaret.

Cooper has been singing and dancing in the show for 55 years and Dowell for 33. This mother-and-daughter duo feel the love and accomplishment of helping others while doing something they love

dancing, said Cooper. She has been at the Pike School for almost 15 years and Dowell is a teacher at Wood Hill Middle School. Also in the show were Dr. Stephanie Bernstein of Andover and Beth Kennedy, a teacher at South Elementary School.

ENGAGEMENT



Lauren Sermos and Adam Donahue

Evan and Ann Sermos of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Sermos, to Adam Donahue, son of Joseph and Sheleagh Donahue of Lowell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Andover High School and the University of New Hampshire School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Brigham and

Women's Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lowell High School and the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics. He is employed as a global property underwriter at Liberty Mutual Global.

The couple plan an October wedding.

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For more than three decades, Donald P. MacGillivray has been providing counseling for couples, both together and individually. A licensed independent clinical social worker, Mr. MacGillivray also works with siblings, parents and their adult children and couples seeking premarital counseling, in addition to his work as a marital counselor.

When one person in a marriage wants to have counseling against the wishes of the other, coming to therapy can become an issue. Mr. MacGillivray says that the person who wants to come to counseling can feel powerless. However, he says that one person doing therapy is likely to change the dynamics of the marriage.

"Marriage is a living, breathing

thing. The quality of the relationship is what each brings to it. Those pieces that haven't been resolved in each of us get played out in relationships. When we do work on inner issues, that will shift some of the behaviors in the relationship. People can make changes in what they experience and can learn to behave and respond differently to things that happen in a way that works better for them. A lot of behavior is habitual - done without awareness. The questions for awareness are 'what and how.' What are you doing that's not working for you and how are you doing that? What follows? What is the consequence (everything has a consequence - nothing's for nothing)? And what does work and how do you do that? My job is to get you to think about yourself in



ways you haven't thought before. Increased self awareness helps people make changes in problem-solving strategies," he has said.

"When I'm asked, 'Why should I be the one who has to change?' I respond, 'For your sake - so that you have choices and feel more in charge of yourself, less dependent, and with less a sense of powerlessness.'"

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Education

► Shawsheen School

Volunteering students raise money by doing extra math

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Working on some extra math problems has added up to dollars for Shawsheen School youngsters this winter.

Students at the pre-kindergarten through second-grade choice school raised close to \$11,550 for the school's PTO-sponsored programs through a "math-a-mania" fundraiser this month.

PTO organizers created 15-page, age-specific math workbooks for each grade level, and students completed them at home, collecting pledges from family, neighbors and friends for each page they finish.

The fundraiser is optional, and completed above and beyond student's normal class work, said Karen Gaffney and Chris Peckham, Shawsheen mothers and math-a-mania co-chairwomen.

However, most of the school – close to 290 students – participated. Donations ranged from checks written by generous grandparents to loose change pledged by young siblings.

Besides math skills, youngsters learn confidence by explaining the fundraiser to family members and asking for donations. Math-a-mania is also an exercise in contributing to something bigger than yourself, said Peckham and Gaffney.



Shawsheen Primary School PTO moms (left to right) Chris Peckham and Karen Gaffney look on as reading specialist Shannon Hartnett reveals the total amount raised in the PTO's recent "math-a-mania" fundraiser.



Top fundraisers in the Shawsheen School PTO's "math-a-mania" fundraiser include (seated) William Berner, Tanner Peckham, Zack Nepomnayshy and Jack Walsh; (standing) Caroline Nault, Kate Uluatum, Ryan Gaffney, Paul Yannalfo, Sam Murray, Sophia Yannalfo, Sydney Gregory, Noah Farland, Anthony Previte, Ashley Veneto, Helina Dicovitsky, Kate Zdunczyk and Jackson Burns. Not pictured are Eric Strong, Lucca Pillage and Zachary Burns.

This year, math-a-mania workbooks dovetailed with Shawsheen's ocean theme. Students counted, added and subtracted types of marine life, like octopi. Another exercise had students compare their own body size

and weight to a manatee. PTO organizers also designed several in-class math exercises that corresponded with the workbooks.

Math-a-mania was the brainchild of Shannon Hartnett, former Shawsheen PTO president

and school reading specialist, who started the fundraiser five years ago.

Math-a-mania concluded at an all-school assembly Feb. 12, before school ended for February vacation. Students erupted in

cheers when Hartnett revealed the grand total. Every hand shot into the air as Hartnett said "Raise your hand if you had fun doing math-a-mania!"

Students who participated could pick a prize from a treasure

chest. Classrooms with the highest percentage of students participating won an extra recess period. Students who raised the most money won other prizes, including a lunch with Shawsheen Principal Moira O'Brien.

Visitor puzzled by simple issues at high school

Ken Seifert



Last school year, a visitor spent a day at Andover High School. It was a typical day, like most others. This person had visited at least 1,000 schools

over a span of 50 years. He was more than just familiar with how schools operated, school climate and the difference between business-as-usual and good schools.

He observed that most teachers and students were involved in fulfilling the purpose of education. There was much meaningful activity in the schoolhouse. As happens in any social institution, there were a few teachers and some students who were not with the program. If a student really applied himself, he could get a very good education. There could be higher expectations and increased innovations. This is not a student to teacher issue. It is a question of a climate of excellence that requires a total community effort. Andover High School has much more than its share of capable educators and students.

The visitor was perplexed by an obvious contradiction. The students are well known for their academic, artistic and athletic achievement. They are in the top 10 percent in each of those categories throughout the

state. That is on the one hand.

On the other hand, there are three areas that suggest a few possibilities that create the puzzlement. Perhaps they exist because some students have low self-esteem. Or some really may not care for the school. Some may have little or no regard for their fellow students. It might also mean they have not received proper home instruction. Here are the three areas and the major focus to the article:

Andover High School has a messy cafeteria, unhealthy bathrooms and a three-minute riot at least five times a day as the students move between classes. The visitor was told by a teacher perhaps he should wait until the students passed through the halls before going to the next class. The visitor had been bounced around earlier in the day and knew what the teacher meant. These activities are not a serious problem in an orderly high school.

The students could blame the custodial staff, poor supervision, that they don't like the food or that people "just don't understand today's teenagers." To these predictable responses the visitor says hogwash. The elementary schools have cleaner cafeterias, cleaner bathrooms and a more orderly transition between activities. You would assume the older you get the more responsible you are for your behavior. Why does the opposite occur when it comes to the progression of students

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'Grimm Legacy' a magical blend

BY HARRY WOOD
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

BOOK REVIEW

OF NOT-YET-RELEASED BOOK BY POLLY SHULMAN

This year, the librarians at my school were able to go to the annual American Library Association annual meeting. They met authors, attended talks and best of all, brought back advanced readers' copies of books that wouldn't even hit shelves for months. When they came to school the week after, the first thing they did was offer them up to students for reading and reviewing. I simply couldn't resist! I descended on the gold mine of not-yet-released books and picked up the one that sounded most interesting. That book was "The Grimm Legacy," by Polly Shulman.

The "Grimm Legacy" follows the heroine Elizabeth Rew, a young lady who slogs through day after day of boring and lonely school, hoping for something interesting to happen in her life. Something interesting finally comes along, in the form of a job suggestion from her social studies teacher. Per his request, she

applies for and receives a job as a page at the New-York Circulating Material Repository. The repository is essentially a huge library – except it gives out items instead of books. Instead of a fiction section there's a silverware section. Instead of poetry they lend out pottery.

Elizabeth spends her first month learning the ropes, and slowly becoming friends with her co-workers, until she is told an amazing secret. There's an entire level of the repository that she hasn't seen yet, and the items in it are magical. In this secret room are all the magical items from the Grimm Collection of fairy tales, from a magical beauty-enhancing mermaid's

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SOUTH LOVES A PARADE



South Elementary School students cheer as they watch the annual "float parade." Students created "floats" out of wagons and paraded them around the school on the last day of school before both school vacation and Valentine's Day.



South Elementary School third-graders Sara Earl, 9, and Reverie Nedde, 8, march through the crowd with their float "Up in the Air" during the annual Valentine's Day parade held at the school.



Christabel Preller, front, gets ready with her classmates to present their float on "Mad Science."

PHOTOS BY AMY SWEENEY



Sam Huntress from the "Cooking Rocks" float makes his way down the hallway.



Students at South Elementary School surround those pulling floats while enjoying the school's unusual tradition on Friday, Feb. 12.

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through the school years? Maybe the principal should have two areas for eating. One would be the dining room and the other would be the pig pen. For the bathrooms the custodian should call in an administrator to assess the unhealthy condition. He should then lock the door and call in the Board of Health. Maybe we should hire hall monitors to direct traffic and train young adults how to proceed from one destination to another. It would, of course, be another unnecessary education expense. Probably the easiest and quickest way to solve this problem is to call in the student leadership and give them two weeks to handle the mess and get on with what an orderly high school should

be. If this is not possible, the principal could invite some elementary students to the school and instruct the older students on responsible behavior. Bottom line, isn't it about time the student body get with it and eliminate some simple but important things that clearly detract from the really great things that happen in your schoolhouse? Is the visitor wrong? Do people even care? Why can't such an easy problem be solved? The visitor is willing to defend his observations and even discuss this further if necessary. He can be reached at townsman@andovertownsm.com by putting "for Ken Seifert" in the subject line. Please don't shoot the messenger. *Ken Seifert is a 40-year Andover resident and former superintendent of schools.*

REVIEW: Magical read earns 9 out of 10 stars

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comb to Cinderella's slippers. An avid Grimm's reader herself, Elizabeth revels in this amazing discovery until she is brought back to reality with terrible news: someone has been leaching the magic from the items in the Grimm Collection, leaving them entirely ordinary. With the help of her co-workers, her teacher, and her wits, Elizabeth must discover who has been stealing the magic and return it to its rightful place. For a pre-release book that might still receive some editing and re-working, "The Grimm Legacy" was a very entertaining and fun read. As a fairy-tale lover myself, I found the idea of bringing the items from the Grimm stories to real life a very exciting and interesting concept, and it kept me on the edge of my metaphorical seat throughout the book. The way that Shulman blended the present-day reality of New York with the fictional fantasy-world created a crazy blend that worked perfectly in the context of the plot. However, I did have some problems with the book,

specifically in the realm of character interaction. There are some romantic conquests and actual romances between Elizabeth and her co-workers throughout the book, and instead of adding another layer of intrigue to the plot it simply made it fall a little flat. The romance felt a little forced, like the author thought about taking it out, then decided on a whim to put it back in. However, while this was mildly distracting, the rest of the book more than made up for it. I give "The Grimm Legacy" a 9 out of 10. While there were a few misses in the plot, the general idea was unique and interesting, and I enjoyed the ride the whole way. While this book has some adult themes, it has very little graphic violence or inappropriateness, and can be read by anyone over the age of 12. "The Grimm Legacy" comes out in July, and I strongly suggest that people give it a read when it does. *The writer is an Andover resident and ninth grade student at Pike School who writes book reviews for young adults.*

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools, Feb. 22-26:

Elementary schools
Monday: Meatball sub, nachos topped with beef and cheese, hummus salad with feta cheese, pita bread, garden salad, steamed veggie and chilled fruit.
Tuesday: Cheese pizza bagel, crunchy fish sticks, roll, crispy chicken salad with pita bread, broccoli salad, cole slaw and fresh fruit.
Wednesday: Chicken parmesan, manager's choice, french toast and sausage, sweet potatoes and apples, green beans and juice.
Thursday: Hamburger sliders, chicken, broccoli and ziti, bread stick, ham and cheese on wheat, roasted butternut squash, chicken and wild rice soup and fresh fruit.
Friday: Cheese or vegetable pan pizza, tuna salad on wheat, greek salad, pita bread, caesar salad, ice cream sandwich

and fresh fruit.

Middle schools
Monday: Broccoli, cheese or chicken parmesan calzone, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, manager's choice, garden salad, fresh fruit and juice.
Tuesday: Tacos and toppings, french bread pizza, italian sub with the works and pretzels, spanish rice, corn and fresh fruit.
Wednesday: Spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, steak and cheese sub, fish on a whole wheat roll, green beans, sweet potato fries and pudding and topping.
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken with biscuit, manager's choice, hummus and tabouli salad, pita bread, whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and kiwi.
Friday: Buffalo, chicken or veggie pan pizza, tuna pocket with lettuce and tomato, manager's choice, garden salad and apple crisp with topping.

Andover High School
Monday: Cheese, pepperoni or veggie individual pizza, broccoli-and-cheese or pepperoni-and-cheese calzone, rotini or spaghetti with marinara sauce and a side of meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread, sausage, peppers and onions sub, chicken finger sub, steak tip sub and fresh fruit.
Tuesday: Buffalo chicken, cheese or pepperoni slice of pizza, garden salad, chicken wings, oven fries, cole slaw, seasoned veggie, dinner roll, gyro, bacon burger, eggplant sub and jello with topping.
Wednesday: Cheese, chef's special or pepperoni individual pizza, meatball or veggie calzone, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread stick, petite banana, grilled chicken teriyaki sub or wrap, latin wrap and pastrami on a bulky roll.
Thursday: Bacon, cheese or pepperoni slice of pizza, garden salad, american

chop suey, caesar salad, garlic toast, grilled hotdog, grilled fresh veggie and cheese wrap, steak and cheese and fresh melon.
Friday: Cheese, pepperoni or sausage individual pizza, buffalo chicken or spinach-and-cheese calzone, manager's choice, haddock filet sandwich and mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce. Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.
 At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.
 For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

College discussion on love and terror

The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy at Merrimack College will present the ninth annual Cassiciacum Dialogue on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.
 This year the discussion will

focus on the book "The Monks of Tibhirine: Faith, Love, and Terror in Algeria," by author John Kiser. The college says Kiser "tells the story of the monks of Tibhirine in such a way as to raise urgent questions about tolerance, acceptance, and recognition of others, especially focusing on the issue

of differences and commonalities between their experiences, beliefs and spiritualities." "Cassiciacum Dialogue" derives from the place Cassiciacum, a location near Milan in Northern Italy, where Augustine engaged in his first philosophical dialogues between his

conversion in the summer of 386 and his baptism in the spring of 387, according to a Merrimack release. The college campus includes parts of both Andover and North Andover.
 For more information call 978-837-5217 or email heffernang@merrimack.edu.

ON CAMPUS

North Shore Community College had announced that the students from Andover that achieved dean's list status for the fall 2009 semester:
Francisco A. Almonte, George J. Chongris, Amanda C. Davolio, Janae Lundstrom, Gretchen Magner, Julie E. Ouellette, Michael J. Plunkett, Jonathan S. Shapiro, Andrea Wegner.
 Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2009-10 academic year. A student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Those students from your circulation area who met this standard are:
Abigail A. Cook, daughter of Douglas and Amy Cook of Andover and a 2009 graduate of Andover High School.

Devin M. Geary, daughter of Joseph and Ann Geary of Andover, and a 2008 graduate of Andover High School.
Julie E. Ingram, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Ingram of Andover, and a 2009 graduate of Phillips Academy.
Bradley A. Yount, son of Bradley and Ann Yount of Andover, and a 2006 graduate of Andover High School.
 The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2009-10 academic year.
 Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded

degree credits in that semester. Schools or colleges typically require students to rank in the top 10 percent of their class or achieve a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher in order to receive this honor.
 Students from Andover who achieved dean's list status are: **Ryan James Beechinor,** College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; **Carly Sarah Holstein,** College of Letters and Science; **Paul Christopher Schrader,** College of Engineering.
Kathryn Blanford of Andover has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's first year of studies for outstanding scholarship during the fall 2009 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

The following Andover residents were recently named to the dean's list at the College of William and Mary for the fall 2009 semester:
Robert Bradley, Brittany Lewis and Alyssa Wallace.
 In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality-point average during the semester.
 The College of William and Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.
 University Illinois has announced that **Robert Morris** of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Presidents are people, too!

The United States of America has had 44 presidents, each with their own personality. When **George Washington** took office in 1789, things were different than they are today. The Kid found some fun facts about the men who led our country.

Our first president, **George Washington**, didn't live in the White House in Washington D.C. He loved to eat ice cream.

John Adams, our second president, was the first president to live in the White House.

Thomas Jefferson could speak six languages. He was our third tallest president at 6'2-1/2".

Our fourth president, **James Madison**, was only 5'4" tall and weighed less than 100 pounds. He was our smallest president.

Three presidents have died on the 4th of July. **John Adams** and **Thomas Jefferson** both died on July 4, 1826. **James Monroe** died on July 4, 1831.

John Quincy Adams took a nude swim in the Potomac River early each morning. His father, **John Adams**, was our second president.

Andrew Jackson was the first president to ride on a train.

Martin Van Buren was the first president to be born an American citizen. All the other presidents before him were born in the British colonies.

William Henry Harrison held his office for only 31 days. He died of pneumonia. He was the only president to study to be a medical doctor.

John Tyler holds the record for having the most children. He had 15 children.

James K. Polk was the first president to have his photograph taken. He was also the first president to serve a nation that stretched from coast to coast.

Zachary Taylor never voted for a president, but was elected to be one.

The White House got a stove and running water for **Millard Fillmore**.

Franklin Pierce had a wonderful memory. He memorized all 3,319 words in his inaugural speech.

James Buchanan was the only unmarried president. His niece assisted him as the White House hostess.

Abraham Lincoln once chopped rails for fences. He was the tallest president at 6'4".

Andrew Johnson was a tailor by trade. When he died he was buried wrapped in an American flag and a copy of the U.S. Constitution was placed with him.

Ulysses S. Grant was fined \$20 for speeding with his horse and carriage.

Over the next two weeks, the Kid will bring you more interesting facts about our presidents.



Fun Facts about Presidents

PART ONE

U.S. Presidents 1789-1877

1. George Washington	1789-1797
2. John Adams	1797-1801
3. Thomas Jefferson	1801-1809
4. James Madison	1809-1817
5. James Monroe	1817-1825
6. John Quincy Adams	1825-1829
7. Andrew Jackson	1829-1837
8. Martin Van Buren	1837-1841
9. William H. Harrison	1841
10. John Tyler	1841-1845
11. James Polk	1845-1849
12. Zachary Taylor	1849-1850
13. Millard Fillmore	1850-1853
14. Franklin Pierce	1853-1857
15. James Buchanan	1857-1861
16. Abraham Lincoln	1861-1865
17. Andrew Johnson	1865-1869
18. Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1877

Cross Five

Using logic, place these six words in the crossword grid
 Essay, Inner, Lines, Sorry, Walls, White

Chime, Facts, First, Raise, Steps, Trees



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Twelve partners at Prince Lobel Glovsky and Tye LLP have been named to the 2009 edition of Massachusetts Super Lawyers. In addition, Donald G. Tye and Joseph D. Steinfield were recognized as two of the Top 100 Attorneys in Massachusetts and Patricia M. Annino was selected as one of the Top 50 female attorneys. The partners are:
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Joseph D. Steinfield, Business Litigation
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Richard D. Glovsky, Employment Litigation Defense
Patricia M. Annino, Estate Planning and Probate
Donald G. Tye and Nancy A. Freed,

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Robert A. Bertsche and Jeffrey A. Newman, First Amendment, Media and Advertising Law
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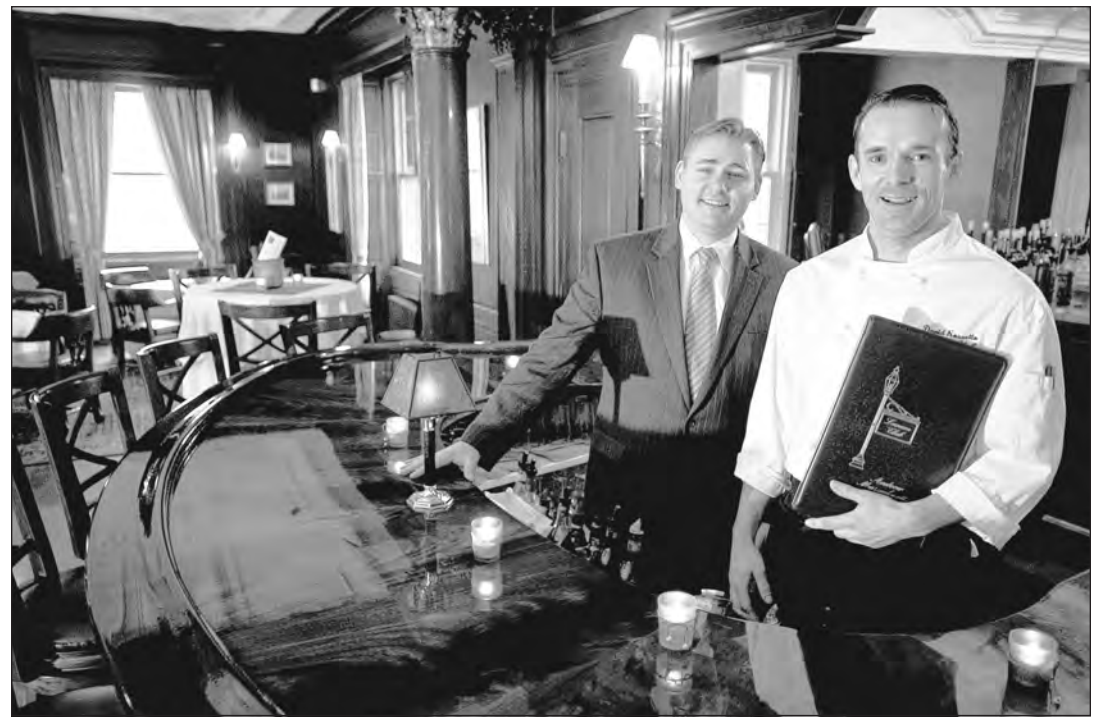
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Lanam Club General Manager Alex van den Broek along with Chef David Rosetto behind the bar at the new pub area the club added to create a more relaxing ambiance.

'Not your grandfather's club anymore'
Lanam Club takes more relaxed approach

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Feel like getting a beer and burger while watching a game on a big screen television? You can now do that someplace in town you might never have guessed.

We're talking about the Lanam Club. A whole new era is emerging, say some club insiders. They say the historic club has morphed into a hipper, new casual destination.

"It's always had the reputation as a stuffy old boys club," said Lanam Club member and vice president of the board of directors Paul Salafia of Andover. "But, it's definitely not your grandfather's club anymore."

Salafia, Andover Planning Board chairman, said these days the Lanam Club attracts people in their 30s, families, and groups of friends just stopping by for more simple offerings.

The club's traditional elegant dining among oak paneling and hand-carved garland and rosettes is still available, but as businesses have gone more casual, so has the club. A "Lanam Café" section is available for relaxed dining.

"It's not as formal as it was. There are no more jackets and ties," said Sheila Doherty of Andover, president of the Lanam Club's Board of Directors.

"It's like businesses today, more casual."

At the core of this new attitude is a new trial membership opportunity at the Lanam Club. Just like a gym membership, patrons are encouraged to



The Lanam Club in Andover added a new pub area and two big screen televisions to create a more casual atmosphere.

sign-up, check the scene out for a couple of months, then make a decision about becoming a member. Membership is open to men and women at least 21 years old. New members are sponsored by current members.

Salafia said about 100 people have tried trial memberships so far and 50 percent of them have joined.

"It's been so successful that we want to keep it open as long as we can," he said. "The food is better than ever, the casual dining experience is fun and at \$12 to \$15 for an item at the café, it's affordable. We have fresh new faces and it's great."

Executive chef is David Rosetto, who owned the former Cassis restaurant on Post Office Avenue, while Alex van den Broek is general manager.

Like many longtime residents, Doherty will always remember going to the club as a youngster for only very special family occasions. Her late father, Jim

Doherty, was a charter member at the club. She never thought it would become a convenient dinner stop for her post-work and pre-meeting time of day. She often stops by for a chicken caesar salad after work at Doherty Insurance and before meetings for her town moderator duties.

"I work, then have a meeting, but not a lot of time to go home in between," she said. "So I stop by for a quick bite."

Salafia and his wife recently enjoyed a drink and early dinner in the Lanam Cafe for about \$40, he said.

"It's affordable and comparable to other establishments," he said.

Including "quick bite and a beer" and "the Lanam Club" in the same sentence would have never happened in the old days. Doherty and Salafia said it's all about keeping up with the changing times.

"It's been 50 years," Salafia said. "And, we want a future."

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Sports

Hunter stars at North meet

SWIMMING

Paul Hunter's dominance continued over the weekend.

The Andover senior blew away the field for victories in the 100 freestyle (47:53) and 200 freestyle (1:43.99) as Andover placed seventh at the Boys North swim meet.

Hunter also teamed with Abe Iyengar, John Belanger and Peter Belanger in the 200 freestyle relay and the Belangers and brother Dave Hunter in the 400 freestyle relay, each finishing fourth. John Belanger added a fourth in the 100 backstroke.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors earn share of league crown

Natalie Gomez-Martinez tallied 17 points and Nicole Boudreau added 19 for Andover, which topped Peabody 56-50 in the St. Mary's of Lynn tournament on Sunday. Devon Caveney added eight points for the winners.



Nicole Boudreau hit four 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Andover clinched a share of the MVC Large title with a 58-50 win over Billerica last Thursday. Natalie Gomez-Martinez chipped in with 14 points for the Golden Warriors, who have won or shared five straight titles.



Natalie Gomez-Martinez netted 14 points as Andover drove past North Andover 51-31 last Monday. Nicole Boudreau added a game-high 17 points and Dianna Bill chipped in with seven points and tough defense for the winners.



Player of Fortnight

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

"Jimmy is a very deserving award winner. This young man has been through a lot the last few years. Despite all that, he's a three-sport athlete and a real sparkplug for our team. We're looking forward to strong contributions from Jimmy as we move into the post-season," said Fazio.

WRESTLING

Martin excels

Brian Martin earned a second-place finish at 160 pounds, dropping a hard-fought 1-0 decision in the final, at the Division 1 North Sectional on Saturday. Joe Chartier (171) and Paul Jackson (189) joined Martin with second-place medals and Reinaldo Brito was third at 140.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Mosquera blanks Boston Latin

Kyla Mosquera made 24 saves to lead Andover to a 3-0 win over Boston Latin on Sunday. Meagan Keefe scored one goal and assisted on another while Jill Manning and Lea Macheras each scored once for the winners.



Nicole Giroux scored two goals and assisted on two more as Andover blasted Chelmsford 8-4 last Thursday. Sarah Oteri continued to surge with a hat trick and Meaghan Leary, Meagan Keefe and Alicia Nader each scored once for the winners.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Miller, Warriors win two straight

Behind 10 points and 13 rebounds for Brian Miller, Andover edged hard-driving Lawrence 62-60 on Friday. Joe Bramanti scored a game-high 24 points and D.J. Fazio added 13 points for the winners.



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Joe Bramanti tallied a game-high 21 points as Andover downed North Andover 56-41 last Monday. Brian Miller added 10 points as the Golden Warriors snapped a three-game losing streak. They have dealt the Scarlet Knights their only two losses of the season.

"We got together and said this isn't us," said Johnson. "We had to get back on track because we know we're a better team than that."

BOYS HOCKEY

Plenty of Swett

Matt Swett tallied the first hat trick of his varsity career, and assisted on Andover's other two goals as the Golden Warriors blasted Westford Academy 5-2 last Monday. Matt Gibson and Joe Kuta each added a goal while Alex Driscoll had three helpers for the winners.



Andover's Sarah Oteri snaps off a shot in game action. It is that shot that helps make her so dangerous as a scorer, with 29 goals this season heading into this week.

File photo

THE SCORING TOUCH

Oteri tallying goals at a stunning pace this season

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

THE SARAH OTERI FILE

Grade: Senior
Sport: Hockey
Scoring machine: Heading into this week, has scored 29 goals through 19 games. In four seasons, has tallied 86 career goals.
Field view: Also a star scorer in field hockey, notching 19 goals this season, 12 as a junior and 17 goals as a sophomore.

But those stellar seasons were just a preview of what was to come this season.

"I sat down with Sarah before this season," said Rowley. "I told her what I expected of her, and that she needed to step up and lead."

But Oteri has given Rowley and the Golden Warriors more than they could have hoped for this season. And she wasted no time setting the tone, scoring a hat trick in Andover's first game of this season.

"I was a little shocked," Oteri said. "I think anyone would be if you score a hat trick in the first game of the season. It was an awesome way to start this year."

But it hasn't slowed down from there. In the second game of the season, she scored two more goals. Then she tallied two more goals in each of the next two games, and the rest has been history.

"I am a very competitive person,"

she said. "When I get the puck, I have a drive to get to the net and get a good shot off that keeps me going. If it doesn't go in, I'm going for a rebound. I am just so competitive, and I want a goal."

Very few defenses have been able to slow Oteri this season. Her 29 goals through 19 games this season give her a stellar average of 1.5 goals a game. She has notched a stunning five hat tricks and has scored multiple goals in 10 different games. She has scored five game-winning goals and her 36 total points give her an average of 1.9 points a game.

"She doesn't get a lot of her points by luck," said Rowley. "Most of her points come from outside (faceoff circles) because she shoots the puck so hard and so accurately (80 percent on net). She has an excellent shot."

Entering this season, however, Oteri did not see her shot as a strength.

"Heading into this season I felt I really needed to work on my shot," she said. "It's not like on boys hockey were a shot just comes. I think it's a worry for a lot of girls. I feel like I have gotten a lot stronger and went through a lot of drills to work on my wrist shot and my slap shot. I feel like it is much better now."

Oposing defenses and goalies

would have to agree with that assessment, but it is not the only area of her game Oteri addressed this season.

"Up until this year I didn't really consider myself a tough player," she said. "I realized this season there are times you have to get physical and rough to win games. It comes down to who wants it more."

As proud as she is of her personal achievements, Oteri is more thrilled with the work of her team. Despite a change at head coach (Bill McCarthy resigned) and graduating six key seniors, the Golden Warriors have delivered an impressive 11-5-3 record and are headed to the state tournament.

"I wasn't totally sure what to expect for this season," said Oteri. "We had lot so many good players, my expectations weren't that high. I was hoping for the best, but not expecting it. But we have done more than I could have hoped for this season."

A standout in the classroom, currently enrolled in Advanced Placement English, Oteri has not yet made a decision on college. But wherever she does, she hopes hockey is a part of it.

"Scoring a goal just feels awesome," she said. "Especially when it comes in a close game. If you can see it cross the line when you skate behind the net, it's a great feeling."



Andy Baumgartner photo

Andover's Eve Bishop outraces the field to win the 300 at the MVC Open on Saturday.

Andover runs away with MVC meet

ROXBURY — Recently locking up his future with a scholarship to run at UConn, Christopher McConnell led Andover to another big day on Friday.

The undefeated Golden Warrior boys outscored runner-up Central Catholic 107-64 and the undefeated girls bested second-place Tewksbury 104-69 at the Merrimack Valley Conference Open track meet.

"To win the conference meet in the best conference in the state is huge," said head coach Peter Comeau. "And boys and girls on the same day."

McConnell broke his own meet record with a 6.43 in the 55 meters and led the record-setting 4x200 team that ran to victory in a meet-record 1:31.89, as the Golden Warriors swept the relays.

"It feels good," said McConnell. "I never knew I had the record (55 meters from his sophomore year) before I found out today ... 6.43 felt good."

Continuing his dominance, Mark Vetere won the long jump (20-9 3/4).

For the girls, Eve Bishop led the way with a victory in the 300

(41.73), while Moira Cronin continued her record-setting season with a victory in the high jump, with Jess Salley finishing second. Bishop also ran on the winning 4x200 relay along with Kayla Baldwin, Emily Shields and Chelsea Angelosanto. Abbey Pettoruto added a first in the long jump.

MVC Open, Boys

Team scores: 1. Andover 107, 2. Central Catholic 64, 3. Lowell 59, 4. Methuen 53, 5. Billerica 40, 6. Lawrence 32, 7. Dracut 23, 8. Tewksbury 10, 9. Haverhill 9, 10. Chelmsford 6

Andover placers: 55 meters: 1. Christopher McConnell 6.43, meet record; 300: 2. Kerrick Stevens 36.46; 600: 2. Mark Vetere 1:22.74, 6. Connor O'Neill 1:26.79; 1,000: 4. Adam Vetere 2:35.96, 5. Chris Goodwin 2:38.33; Mile: 2. Simon Voorhees 4:24.52, 4. Will Ossoff 4:33.34; 2-mile: 4. Scott Waller 10:04.08; HJ: 3. Andrea Osborn 6-0, 4. Pat Morrow 6-0; LJ: 1. M. Vetere 20-9 3/4, 2. Stevens 19-11 3/4; 4x200: 1. Andover 1:31.89, meet record; 4x400: 1. Andover 3:30.07; 4x800: 1. Andover 8:04.51, meet record; 2. Methuen 8:06.36, 5. Central 8:41.57

MVC Open, Girls

Team scores: 1. Andover 104, 2. Tewksbury 69, 3. Central Catholic 67, 4. Haverhill 66, 5. Lowell 30, 6. Billerica 26, 7. Dracut 21, 8. Lawrence 10, 9. Chelmsford 9, 10. Methuen 1

Andover placers: 55 meters: 2. Kayla Baldwin 7.48, 3. Emily Shields 7.67; 300: 1. Eve Bishop 41.73, 3. Erin Conolly 42.89, 4. Vanessa Singleton 42.89; 600: 5. Rae Brokenant 1:45.01; Mile: 3. Maggie Mullens 5:25.82; 2-mile: 6. Molly Van Doren 12:14.65; 55 HJ: 3. Emily Belluche 9.15, 4. Moira Cronin 9.31, 6. Rosie Forster 9.27; HJ: 1. Cronin 5-4, 2. Jess Salley 5-2; LJ: 1. Abby Pettoruto 16-4, 3. Belluche 14-10 1/2; 4x200: 1. Andover 1:47.27; 4x400: 2. Andover 4:09.30; 4x800: 4. Andover 10:20.75

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Gagnon all-conference

Nicole Gagnon of Andover, a sophomore and a member of the Westfield State field hockey team, earned second team all-conference honors playing on a team that finished with an 8-10 record.

Brown an inspiration

Ally Brown of Andover, a member of the Westfield State women's cross country team, helped the team to capture its sixth straight Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship. Brown earned honors and was presented with the James Earley Award for Inspiration.

100 and counting for Nasta

Senior forward Maria Nasta of Andover, tallied her 100th career point with a goal to lead the University of Massachusetts Boston women's ice hockey team over visiting No. 6 nationally ranked Lake Forest College, 3-1, on Jan. 5, in the first round of the third annual Women's Codfish Bowl at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

She was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 11 to 17, the third time in Nasta's career that she had earned the honor. She was also the top player for a week during her sophomore campaign and once during her junior year. Nasta tallied six points in three games with three goals and three assists. The senior began the week with an assist at

nationally ranked number seven Middlebury College on Jan. 12 and added another helper in the Beacons' 2-1 victory over Norwich University on Jan. 15. Nasta capped the week with her third career hat trick in addition to an assist in an 8-0 win over Castleton State College on Jan. 16. With her second goal of that game, she became just the third player in school history to tally 100 career points in a UMass Boston uniform. She now has 108 career points, including seven with New England College during her freshman season, on 46 goals and 62 assists in 85 games.

More recently, Andover's Nasta netted a pair of goals on Feb. 6, including the game-winner with just 27 seconds left in the game to lead the UMass Boston women's ice hockey team over visiting Salve Regina University, 5-4, in an Eastern College Athletic Conference contest. The UMass Beacons matched a school record with their seventh straight victory and have won 13 of their last 16 to improve to 14-7-0 overall and 11-4-0 in league play. The win vaulted UMass Boston over Salve Regina in the league standings to fourth place.

A graduate of Andover High School, Nasta is enjoying a four-game point-scoring streak with eight points during the stretch. She has registered six multi-point efforts on the season, including three outings with two or more goals.

Nasta transferred to UMass Boston from New England College, prior to the 2007-08 campaign and immediately became



Courtesy photo

After earning the highest score on the vault out of 100 girls, Haley Traub (center) was at the top of the podium to receive her medal from Alicia Sacramone at the Brestyns Invitational at Tufts University.

Haley Traub sees all-around success in gymnastics

Local gymnast Haley Traub of Andover recently took home medals and ribbons after competing in the Brestyns 2010 Invitational and the 2010 Judges Cup. She won the Third Place All Around Trophy at the Judges Cup in Brentwood, N.H. There were over 300 gymnast from across the country at the Brestyns meet and over 250 gymnasts at the Judges Cup in New Hampshire. At the Brestyns 2010 Invitational, Haley placed eighth all around with a score of 34.875. She received a 9.6 on vault (earning first place), 8.875 on bars (ninth) 7.4 on beam (19th) 9.0 for her floor exercise (11th). At the Judges Cup Invitational, she earned her third-place All Around with a score of 35.325. She received a 9.0 on Vault outscoring 105 other girls to earn first place in that event. She also earned scores of 8.725 on bars (seventh) 8.6 on beam (tied for fifth) and 9.0 on floor (tied for third).

the team's best offensive threat, racking up 45 points on 20 goals and 25 assists to earn ECAC East First Team All-Conference honors and set a new school-standard in points and assists by a sophomore, according to the school. She was selected to the ECAC East Second Team last year after establishing a school record with 27 assists as part of a 38-point season. As of Feb. 6, she ranked third all-time with the Beacons in points (101), goals (41), assists (60), multi-

goal games (10) and multi-point games (31). She also stands fourth in career game-winning goals (five) and is tied for the most short-handed career goals in school annals with four.

Cairns nets Hamilton historic victory

Becky Cairns of Andover has been a notable contributor to her ice hockey team at Hamilton College.

Cairns, Hamilton class of '11 and an Andover High School graduate, scored the game-winning goal with 45 seconds remaining in the third period to lift Hamilton College to a dramatic 3-2 win against nationally ranked No. 5 Middlebury College in a New England Small College Athletic Conference game at Hamilton's Russell Sage Rink on Feb. 6. This marked the first time in 26 meetings with Middlebury that Hamilton has come out with a victory.

In earlier action, Cairns

registered one assist to help lead Hamilton College to a 3-2 win over host SUNY Cortland in a non-conference ice hockey game at Alumni Arena on Jan. 8. She helped the Continental Women's Ice Hockey to a 5-0 win against SUNY Oswego in a non-conference game at Russell Sage Rink with one goal and one assist.

Hamilton College scored four goals in the third period to come from behind and defeat host SUNY Potsdam, 6-5, in a non-conference game on Feb. 2. Cairns scored one of her team's goal during that comeback victory.

Frosh Leahy helps Bentley

Bentley University swimming team recently posted victories over Regis College and Western New England College in women's college swimming at the Regis pool. The Falcons downed Regis, 82-38, and prevailed over WNEC, 74-47. Freshman Andrea Leahy, and Andover High School graduate, was part of Bentley's winning 200 free relay team.


PA coach honored

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association has announced that the Northeast Region Coach of the Year is field hockey coach Kate Dolan, who coaches at Phillips Academy in Andover.

High-schooler Gimbel MVP

Senior Barbie Gimbel of Andover, daughter of John and Andrea Gimbel, recently received the Most Valuable Player award in Cross Country for her athletic achievement during the fall trimester at the independent, character-based Hyde School in Bath, Maine. Head of School Donald MacMillan says of the recent athletic award winners, including Gimbel, "Whether playing for a championship or learning a brand new sport, Hyde's young athletes are tested daily on their work ethic, stamina, and ability to work together as a team. These individuals are among the finest examples of athletic character at Hyde School."

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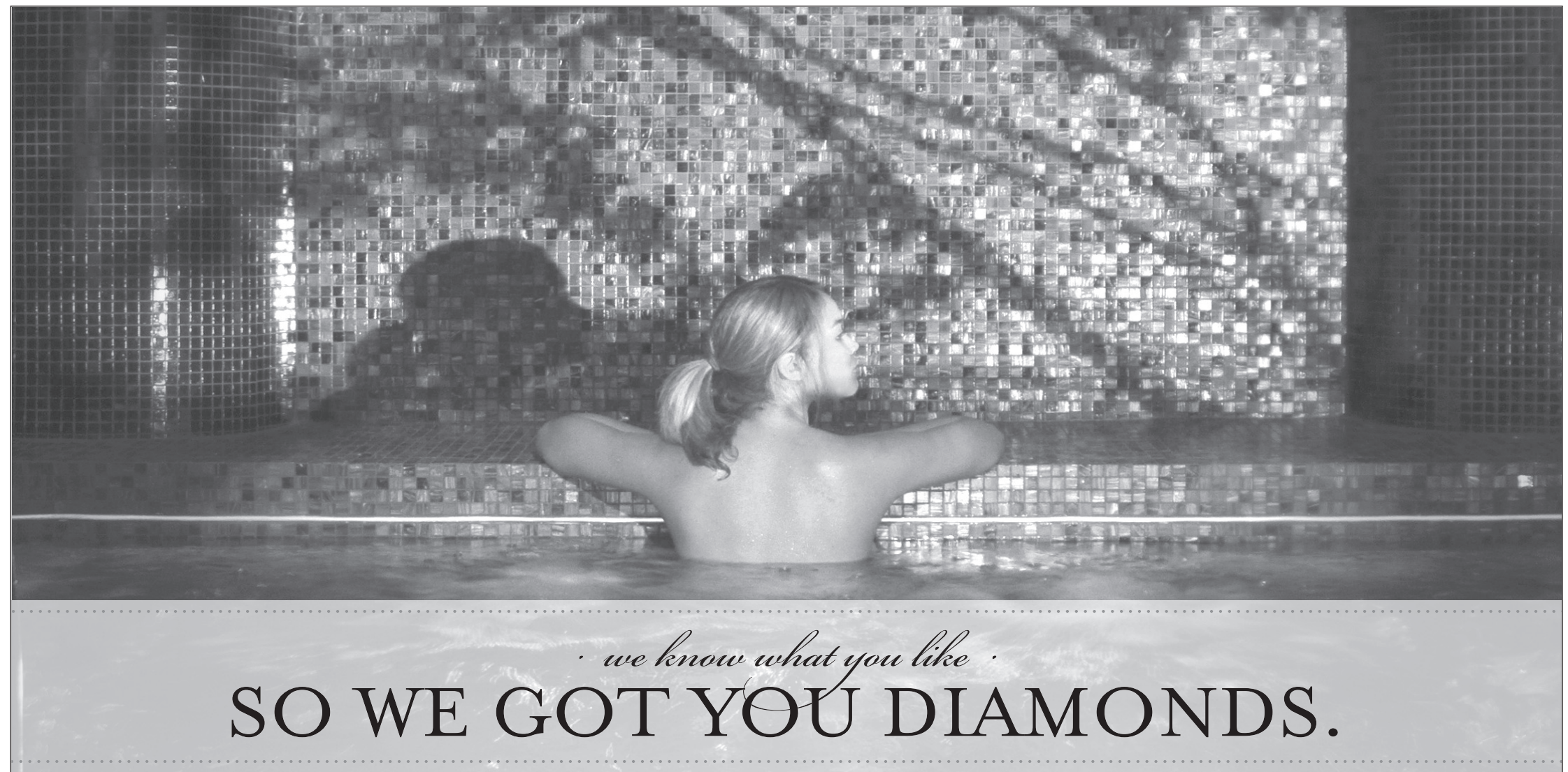
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